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THE NEARING OUR LAUNCH ISSUE

Realtors target small homes for redevelopment

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Santa Monicans are being targeted by real estate agents representing developers looking to turn small homes in desirable neighborhoods into mini-mansions that can be sold for double the original asking price.

The agents tend to single out older homes, often taking up a relatively small portion of the parcel on which they sit, offering a cash purchase and a promise by the buyer to take care of normal closing costs, provided the homeowner does not broadcast their intent to sell.

Residents report notes left on their doors, direct mail bearing a picture of their own home and even direct phone calls soliciting sales.

That practice is called by many names, including off-market listing, pocket listing or quiet listing, and while it is completely legal, it often is a bad deal for sellers in hot markets like Santa Monica, said Don Faught, president of the California Association of

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Senate passes bill letting states tax online sales

STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Senate sided with traditional retailers and financially strapped state and local governments Monday by passing a bill that would widely subject online shopping — for many a largely tax-free frontier — to state sales taxes.

The Senate passed the bill by a vote of 69 to 27, getting support from Republicans and Democrats alike. But opposition from some conservatives who view it as a tax increase will make it a tougher sell in the House. President Barack Obama has conveyed his support for the measure.

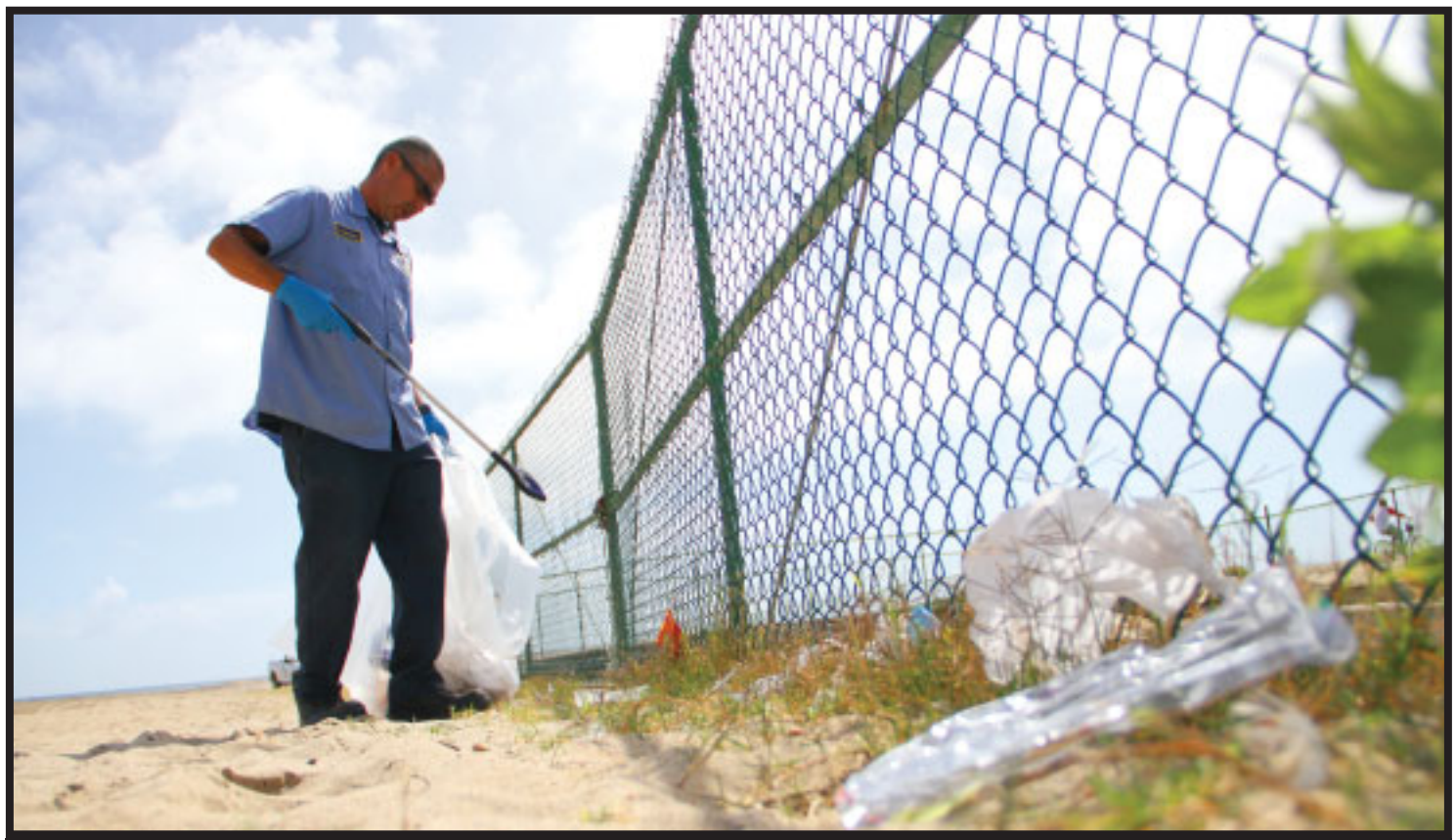
Under current law, states can only require retailers to collect sales taxes if the store has a physical presence in the state.

That means big retailers with stores all over the country like Wal-Mart, Best Buy and Target collect sales taxes when they sell goods over the Internet. But online retailers like eBay and Amazon don't have to collect sales taxes, except in states where they have offices or distribution centers.

As a result, many online sales are tax-free, giving Internet retailers an advantage over brick-and-mortar stores.

"We ought to have a structure in place in the states that treats all retail the same," said Matthew Shay, president and CEO of the National Retail Federation. "Small retailers are collecting (sales tax) on the first dollar of any sale they make, and it's only fair that other retailers who are selling to those same customers the same product have those

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CIVIC PRIDE

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

City worker Bill Herrera cleans up debris Monday following the most recent downpour. Herrera, who is a Santa Monica native, is normally responsible for beach bathroom maintenance, but took it upon him self to pick up a little trash while he had a chance and the time.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Crossroads, Samohi host v-ball playoffs

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE The CIF-Southern Section Division 3 boys' volleyball playoffs have a Santa Monica flavor.

Both Crossroads and Santa Monica have earned home matches in the first round on Tuesday night.

Samohi will host Whittier Christian, entering the game as the winner of the Ocean League with a 13-14 overall record. Whittier Christian is an at-large entry from the Olympic League.

Crossroads has drawn Mark Keppel in the first round. Winners of the Alpha League,

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

Stories for babies
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Puppet time
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St.,
3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Join Mr. Jesse and his gang of puppets for heartfelt stories and songs. Intended for children ages 3-7. For more information, call (310)458-8683.

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

Stories in Español
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
10:30 a.m. — 11 a.m.
There will be a Spanish-language story session for children. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org or call (310) 458-8681.

Tween driving
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:45 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Learn safety tips when riding with older teen drivers and the Santa Monica Police Department. Workshop is for grades 5 through 8 and will be held in the Children's Activity Room. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Historical flick
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Filmmaker Elaina Archer screens and discusses the film "The New World," a romantic, historical drama about Pocahontas and Capt. John Smith, starring Colin Farrell and Christian Bale. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Live green
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
A Sustainable Works workshop on green living will be held in the second-floor Multipurpose Room. Attendees will learn about reducing water and energy usage, saving money on utilities, cutting landfill waste, and more. Free resource-saving tools will be given out. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Thursday, May 9, 2013

Watch and discuss
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
2 p.m. — 4:15 p.m.
The film "The Bitter Tea of General Yen," starring Barbara Stanwyck, will be screened and discussed afterward. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Nail Mother's Day
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Decorate your nails with Cha Cha Covers for Mother's Day. There is limited space and the event will be ticketed one hour before program. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Life documentary
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Documentary "Lost in Living" will be screened with a Q&A session by director Mary Trunk following the film. The movie will be shown in the Humanities and Social Sciences Building, room 263. Admission is free. For more information, visit maandpafilms.com/lostinliving.

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



Privacy rights groups want details on license plate readers

TAMI ABDOLLAH
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Two privacy rights groups questioning law enforcement's use of automated license plate readers asked a judge Monday to order the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to provide more details on how they use the technology.

The American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California and the Electronic Frontier Foundation filed a writ against the city, county and its law enforcement departments after waiting more than eight months for a complete response to public records requests.

The groups are seeking one week of data collected by the readers, which are usually mounted on police cars and scan thousands of license plates per officer shift. The readers — which collect the license plate scanned, the time, date, GPS location and a photo — alert law enforcement to stolen and wanted vehicles.

Privacy advocates say the readers create a database that tracks movements of innocent people.

Neither department responded to requests for more details on the program. Representatives for the LAPD and the Sheriff's Department said they do not comment on ongoing litigation.

In the LAPD's response to the public records request, the department said the records could not be provided because they contain "official information" and referred to them as "investigatory files" that need to remain confidential.

The Sheriff's Department's also wrote in its response that it would not provide the data out of a concern for protecting "investi-

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

MAIN LIBRARY

Saving the Civic

Santa Monicans will get a first look at the possible future of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium at a presentation held Friday, May 10 by members of the Urban Institute.

Institute members will come to the Main Library's Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to conduct interviews and present findings in the first of what promises to be several meetings analyzing possible ways to resurrect the historic building, which is scheduled to close at the end of June.

The City Council voted to close the auditorium when a deal to renovate the aging facility fell through. Funding for the improvements, which included seismic repairs and technological modernization, was lost to the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency, which would have invested $50 million into the project.

That caused the Nederlander Group, which manages other famous facilities like the Pantages Theatre, to back out of a deal to promote the auditorium.

With the money and the manager gone, the Civic Center Auditorium represented a $2 million carrying cost to City Hall at a time of budget cuts. Mothballing it, on the other hand, came at a $185,000 per year price tag.

Activists who want to save the Civic have been rallying the community for help on social media site Facebook. They have almost 500 supporters.

– ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

MALIBU CITY HALL

Malibu school district advocates meet

The Advocates for Malibu Public Schools, AMPS, will hold a meeting today at 7 p.m. to gain support for their efforts to separate the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Karen Farrer, founding member of AMPS, is calling to arms families and communities from Malibu and Santa Monica in order to help spread AMPS' message.

"The schools in both Malibu and Santa Monica would be financially better off if we separate," Farrer said in an e-mail. "Malibu would have substantially more funds and the ability to control the direction of our kids' education. Santa Monica would have more funding as well. Malibu would be able to create an exceptional school district based upon Malibu values. Santa Monica would be able to focus on its own agenda and goals without the distraction of Malibu."

With a separate school district, AMPS wants to create smaller class sizes, bring in new technologies to the classroom, have more resources for academically-struggling students, and more.

Within the past week, AMPS has funded studies, to be conducted by research consultant WestEd, to work out the details of separation.

The meeting will be held at Malibu City Hall, which is located at 23825 Stuart Ranch Road.

– ALEX VEJAR

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Truly blessed

Editor:

Reinhard Kargl is questioning my motives.

In his response to my letter on why I choose to live in Santa Monica, I take umbrage at Kargl's insinuations that I am in the pocket of commercial developers and that the letter to the editor was actually concocted by commercial developers with ulterior motives ("Questioning motives," Letters to the Editor, May 2).

I will figuratively put my hand on the Bible and say that my views are not "tainted" or even "dictated by professional interests." What a crock!

Yes, I'm a publicist. I'm also a TV producer, among other things, as is Mr. Kargl. In the spirit of full disclosure, he is the owner of Reinhard Kargl Media Services with offices on Sawtelle, not in Santa Monica, and works closely with a variety of corporate accounts as a consultant, technical and speech writer and marketing and public relations specialist. What are your motives for questioning mine?

I think I am entitled to voice my opinions without unwarranted scrutiny. I'll say it again, with my atheistic hand on the imaginative Bible, I'm tired of all the negativity being spewed in the editorial column. I believe we live in one of the greatest locations in the world and millions every year agree with me, visiting our fair city from as far away as Austria (and some even settle here, Mr. Reinhard Kargl). As a travel writer in my other life, I always enjoy coming back here, even from Salzburg, Austria, which is one of my destinations this summer. I love this city, and I look forward to the park development, the completion of the Metro, the new Frank Gehry building, I enjoy the beautification projects, the various parks, the diversity of the airport, the film festival, the temperate and dry weather, the people who I meet weekly at the Farmers' Markets and on the streets of Ocean Park.

I was born and raised in Boston and left for California when I was 25 to get out of the cold. This is my home for over 30 years and I don't want to live anywhere else.

And the passage my hand is resting on in this figurative Bible, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

That is my honest feeling, Mr. Reinhard. We are blessed.

John Blanchette
Santa Monica

Nativity celebrated Santa Monica's diversity

Editor:

I lived in Santa Monica for over 25 years before moving to Mar Vista, Calif. Despite the comments of Kathryn Dodge, I never felt threatened or hostile to public religious displays in Santa Monica ("Spare us your preaching," Letters to the Editor, May 1). I too am a taxpayer, but I felt that the manger scenes celebrated the diversity of our community.

Ms. Dodge makes some points about the public religious displays being in violation of our Constitution. Really? Let's see, the First Amendment prohibits the establishment of a state religion. Were the displays year round? Were citizens compelled to spend time praying at these displays? Were citizens who did admire them given preferential treatment or benefits by the government?

Ms. Dodge is free to admire or ignore the displays, what is the big deal?

The First Amendment also provides for the free exercise of religion. In Ms. Dodge's constitutional view, religious people must observe inside their churches or in the basements of their homes or within the closets of their apartments. No public display of religion in this community, right Ms. Dodge?

I am curious if Ms. Dodge has any opinion on the crosses that have been on display every weekend just north of the Santa Monica Pier. This is a weekend anit-war/memorial display to show how many people have died in Iraq. Maybe the City Council should ban those crosses and have them replaced by peace signs.

Jason Meisler
Mar Vista, Calif.



What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Money for movie magic

SERENDIPITY MEANS A "HAPPY accident" or "pleasant surprise." It's an accident of finding something good or useful while not specifically searching for it. That happens a great deal to me.

I had one of those experiences this past week. But I need to back up. I've been told I should turn my book "What About Wally?" into a movie. It's a great idea and since I'm a writer I thought I'd explore what it takes to write a script. A quick trip to the library and two weeks in Mexico poolside, and I have screenwriting's technical format down at least, if not story structure.

About a month ago it occurred to me that a weekend seminar must exist for filmmaking, this is Los Angeles after all, and I found Dov S-S Simens' 2-Day Film School. I signed right up and promptly put it out of my mind.

Last week my friend Robert Rusler and I were chatting over coffee when the conversation turned to the movie he is making, "Black Asylum." He's a well-known actor in the horror genre for his roles in "Vamp," "A Nightmare on Elm Street 2: Freddy's Revenge," and "Sometimes They Come Back," among others.

I started to ask him about the movie world, which is all abuzz with the new funding model that is proving to be so successful for people like Zach Braff on Kickstarter. Braff raised millions of dollars in a few days from the general public who want to see him succeed.

This new way of raising money is called "crowd funding" and it's a great way for artists to find support for their ideas and projects. In my movie course this past weekend the professor, Dov, had also raised funds online and we discussed it in class.

This is entrepreneurial spunk at its finest. It is designed for people like Rusler who have a vision and take it directly to the marketplace to see what the reaction will be. Not everyone will have the support that Robert does, after all, he has the faith of Robert Downey Jr., who said, "Robert and I go way back. I can't wait to see 'Black Asylum' come together." The two were in "Weird Science" together and became great friends.

Rusler is well connected in the entertainment world. He did his first commercial with George Clooney for Pioneer CB radios. His Santa Monica-based Hollywood Playground acting school regularly has guest appearances by entertainment professionals such as Downey Jr., John Ortiz, Taylor Handley, Chad Lowe, Keith David, Josh Brolin, Alana Stewart, Scott Caan, Mike Binder, Stephen Gaghan and Matthew Perry, to name just a few.

The Kickstarter.com campaign for Rusler's directorial debut opened Monday. He's looking to raise over a million dollars, and with his connections to the horror world and the movie industry I expect he'll make that easily. I'd love to see him reach $3 million and start a new franchise in the horror world. His artistic goal is to bring back the 1980s classic horror style for the fans.

Rusler says that "Black Asylum is a performance based horror movie, not a slasher, graphic blood and guts movie with unbelievable supernatural elements, but rather a window into the human condition and family dynamics that lead to dysfunctional people like murderers."

THIS NEW WAY OF RAISING MONEY IS CALLED 'CROWD FUNDING' AND IT'S A GREAT WAY FOR ARTISTS TO FIND SUPPORT FOR THEIR IDEAS AND PROJECTS.

I'm not a horror fan. I saw one when I was 16 and I was done. But in speaking with Rusler about the appeal of horror films, his eloquent exposition of how people can identify with the leads made me rethink the whole genre. He described the main characters like Jason from "Friday the 13th" (the only horror film I've ever seen) and Michael Meyers in "Halloween," with such a compassionate heart, as people who never learned to love, that I was very moved.

So, where's the serendipity? Dov's film school this past weekend. One of the first things he said was, "take eight people to a warehouse and chop them up. It's the ideal first feature film. It's one location, and horror movies have a great track record as money makers." I spent the weekend listening to Dov teach me how to make a movie. I spent last week talking to Rusler about his experience making movies for the past 30 years.

It's been fun learning about the movie industry and I don't know if I'll be a filmmaker, but I know Robert Rusler is, and you can help him make his directorial debut by going to Kickstarter.com and donating.

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By Holly Sklar

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Small businesses say raise the minimum wage now

DO YOU THINK A NATIONAL POLL OF small business owners would show majority support for increasing the minimum wage? How about a poll in which the small business owners were predominately Republican?

Well, 67 percent of small business owners support increasing the federal minimum wage and adjusting it yearly to keep up with the cost of living, a new poll shows. Forty-six percent of respondents identified themselves as Republican, 35 percent as Democrat and 11 percent as independent. The nationally representative opinion survey of small business owners was conducted by Greenberg Quinlan Rosner Research and released by Small Business Majority.

Oft-heard claims that most small business owners oppose a minimum wage increase are wrong. Small business owners across the political spectrum believe a minimum wage increase would boost business and help the economy. They think it will help job growth, not hurt it.

Sixty-five percent of small business owners agree that "increasing the minimum wage will help the economy because the people with the lowest incomes are the most likely to spend any pay increases buying necessities they could not afford before, which will boost sales at businesses. This will increase the customer demand that businesses need to retain or hire more employees."

Greater New York Chamber of Commerce CEO Mark Jaffe was not surprised the national poll found strong business support for increasing the minimum wage. "That's what our members have told us," he said. "It makes good economic sense. A minimum wage increase will boost the consumer demand that spurs businesses to hire and grow."

Workers are also consumers. The minimum wage sets the floor under worker paychecks. Minimum wage increases have been so little and so late in recent decades that there's been heavy erosion in the buying power of the minimum wage, and in worker wages up the ladder.

The federal minimum wage was last increased in 2009 to $7.25 an hour — just $15,080 a year for full-time workers. Today's minimum wage workers are paid much less than their counterparts decades ago.

Adjusted for inflation to 2013 dollars, the minimum wage was $8.56 an hour way back in 1956. At its inflation-adjusted high point in 1968, the minimum wage was worth $10.70.

Contrary to conventional portrayal, the overwhelming majority of small businesses don't have any employees earning minimum wage. The poll found that 85 percent of small business owners pay all their employees more than the minimum wage.

Minimum wage workers are more likely to work for big chains than small businesses.

Sixty-five percent of small business owners agree that "increasing the minimum wage would allow people to afford basic necessities and decrease the pressure on taxpayer-financed government assistance to make up for the low wages paid by some employers."

Lew Prince, owner of Vintage Vinyl in St. Louis, Mo., made similar points in testimony to a U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee hearing on minimum wage in March. Prince spotlighted the irresponsibility of big corporations paying wages so low that workers qualify for food stamps and Medicaid.

Citing the Missouri Healthnet Employer Report, Prince said, "In the first quarter of 2011 (the latest data available) Wal-Mart alone cost Missouri taxpayers $6,506,254 in Medicaid costs. McDonald's cost $3,781,373."

"It hurts our economy when big chain stores pay workers so little they have to work two jobs or rely on public assistance to scrape by," says Melanie Beam, president of Capital District Local First, an independent business alliance in New York. "Full-time workers should be able to afford the basic necessities businesses are eager to sell and no business owner who pays a living wage should be undercut by competitors who do not. A higher minimum wage would level the playing field for small businesses and keep more dollars circulating in our local economy and our tax base."

We can't build a strong economy on a falling wage floor. The minimum wage would be over $10 if it had kept up with the rising cost of living since the 1960s instead of falling behind.

Most small business owners, like most Americans, want a minimum wage increase. Let's get it done.

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The Q Line

Scene of the crime

It seems as if you can't own anything nice these days in Santa Monica. This past week the office building where the Daily Press is located was burglarized, the thief or thieves making off with a bicycle and bicycle tire. Both were locked in what was thought to be a secured garage, demonstrating that you can never take enough precautions to protect your property.

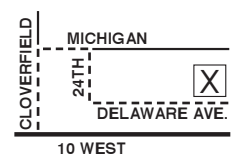
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Have you ever been a victim in Santa Monica of a robbery or burglary? If so, what was stolen and where? Do you feel like you can leave your property locked up, but in public? Or is nothing safe?

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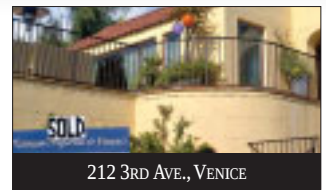

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YouTube said to launch new pay channels soon

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LOS ANGELES YouTube is set to announce within a few weeks a series of channels that will require payment, a person familiar with the matter said Monday.

The content on the new pay channels will be in addition to the millions of videos viewers watch for free on YouTube. It's not clear whether the paid videos will come with advertising.

The person was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Financial Times reported earlier that viewers would be charged as little as $1.99 a month for subscriptions.

In a statement, YouTube said it is looking into creating a "subscription platform" that provides its partners with a way to generate revenue beyond video rentals and placing ads in and around content. It said, however, that it had "nothing to announce at this time."

Executives hinted at the coming pay channels at a preview event in March ahead of a meeting in New York with advertisers.

Such a model could help video producers make money from niche audiences. That's different from how YouTube works now, where the most popular videos, like PSY's "Gangnam Style" music video, make the most money from advertising.

One example given by executives was of video lessons by a computer science teacher.

"For people who create great value but for only a narrow interest group, I think that the potential for pay channels unlocks opportunities for creating revenue streams," said Lucas Watson, YouTube's vice president of sales and marketing, at the time.

Introducing pay channels would also accustom fans of YouTube to paying for content, something the site is not known for, although it has sold and rented movies and TV shows from major studios since late 2008.

"It's a whole new skill set to develop: to convince people to actually take out their credit card, even for one cent," said Robert Kyncl, YouTube's vice president and global head of content partnerships, told reporters at the March event.

Google Inc. bought YouTube for $1.76 billion in 2006 when the video site had an estimated 50 million users worldwide. Today, the site boasts more than 1 billion visitors a month.

STATE BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Bill would allow faster HIV testing for infants

Infants in California's child welfare system could be tested and treated sooner for HIV under a bill that has passed the state Assembly.

A measure from Democratic Assemblywoman Holly Mitchell of Los Angeles would allow social workers to request an HIV test for a child who is under court guardianship and is less than 1 year old.

Social workers now must get permission from a court to have an HIV test administered. Supporters of AB506 say gaining that permission can take months, delaying medical treatment.

Under the bill, a social worker could give consent for an HIV test after providing information on the child's risk of exposure. A doctor must determine that testing is necessary.

The bill passed the Assembly Monday on a 77-0 vote and goes to the Senate.

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Disney teams with EA on 'Star Wars' video games

Disney is not giving up on "Star Wars" video games after all.

A month after shutting down game production at Lucasfilm subsidiary LucasArts, The Walt Disney Co. said Monday that it had entered multi-year deal with Electronic Arts Inc. to develop new "Star Wars" video games.

According to a statement, EA will develop games for a "core gaming audience" while Disney will retain the right to develop titles for mobile devices, social platforms and online.

Terms were not disclosed.

Disney is aiming to make its money-losing interactive unit profitable this year and shifting some game development costs elsewhere should help.

Disney bought Lucasfilm for $4.06 billion in December. The company said last month that it will release a new "Star Wars" movie every year starting in 2015.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Toy company co-owner sentenced in drug-money plot

The co-owner of a Los Angeles County toy company was sentenced to eight months in prison for her role in a money laundering scheme that prosecutors say involved millions of dollars in Colombian and Mexican drug money.

Forty-four year old Dan "Daisy" Xin Li of Diamond Bar was also sentenced in U.S. District Court Monday to six months of home detention.

She and her husband — 44-year-old Jia "Gary" Hui Zhou — pleaded guilty last year to structuring money transactions at their toy wholesaler — Woody Toys — to avoid federal reporting requirements.

Her husband's sentencing was postponed until January.

Prosecutors say the scheme used cash deposits in the U.S. to launder illicit proceeds from drug traffickers based in Mexico and Colombia.

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In California, some ships plug in to fill up tanks

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. In less than a year, many of the towering cargo ships loading and unloading goods at California ports won't just tie up at dock — they'll also plug in.

In January, the state will become the first government body in the world to require container fleets docking at its major ports to shut off their diesel engines and use electricity for 50 percent of their visits — or face crippling fines. The requirements also include slashing fleet emissions by half, and those requirements rise to 80 percent in 2020.

The regulations by the California Air Resources Board mark a sea change in the industry that has ports, shippers and terminal owners who do business in some of the busiest port complexes in the U.S. scrambling to meet the deadline and navigate new technological challenges.

It also comes at a time when California's bustling ports are under increasing pressure to remain competitive while at the same time reducing pollution with initiatives that have, in some cases, been met with harsh opposition from the truckers and shippers that are their life blood.

East Coast ports have been racing to deepen their harbors to accept the super-sized cargo vessels that are expected to start arriving after the Panama Canal finishes a major expansion in 2015, gigantic deep-water vessels from Asia that have so far been primarily West Coast customers.

The Port of Long Beach, which showed off its shore power terminals Monday at a summit on the topic, began installing electricity at a handful of berths several years ago and has offered shippers new "green" lease terms since that included plugging in while at dock. It already has power flowing to four berths and has 12 more under construction in an overall plan to pour $200 million into the transition.

For its part, the twin Port of Los Angeles was the first in the world to offer a plug-in dock in 2004 and now has 10 berths with shore power capability — more than any other port in the world. By January, the port plans to have 24 berths online for electric power. The two ports together are the eighth-busiest port complex in the world, as measured by container volume.

The ports are not responsible, however, for retrofitting the ships or for the electricity used at dock — sizeable costs that have some shippers grumbling about upgrading their entire fleets to do business in one state. Early estimates show that retrofitting ships will cost between $500,000 and $1 million per vessel, said Renee Moilanen, an environmental specialist associate with the Port of Long Beach.

One shipper at Monday's event, Matson Inc., said it has already spent $14 million retrofitting its fleet at an average cost of $1.7 million per vessel. The novelty of the project meant the company, which mainly serves Hawaii and Guam, took two years to figure out how to customize the technology for the five different kinds of diesel ships in its fleet.

The company had to install 10- and 25-ton air conditioning units on board to cool the transformers required, said Lee Lampland, manager of new construction for Matson.

"A lot of this equipment, especially the transformer, has a 12-month lead time," he said. "You're not going to go down to Home Depot and pick this stuff up."

Terminals where the ships dock have also had a learning curve: The cables required to deliver electricity to ships of that size are three inches in diameter and weigh 20 pounds a foot, said Paul Gagnon, vice president of SSA Marine, which operates cargo terminals.

"You don't go over like you do at your home and plug it into a power strip," he said. "The safety of personnel is critical."

Shipping fleets must file quarterly reports with the state and if they miss a goal, they can face fines of $10,000 to $100,000 per hour for each hour the fleet is out of compliance.

That's also created concerns among shippers who worry that if they can't plug in for a visit or two because of technical issues, they'll miss their quota and be assessed a huge fine, said T.L. Garrett, vice president of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, which represents international shipping companies and terminal operators directly affected by the rule change.

A pending state Senate bill would address that issue, he said.

"The controversy that exists is over the expense and over the benefits of that expense," said Garrett. "It's the capital cost and it's very hard over the life of the equipment to pay back that cost."

Still, ports have largely embraced the opportunity to clean up their emissions and say it's the latest in a line of changes to improve air quality, from requiring cleaner-running trucks to asking ships to reduce their speed into port to creating a zone around the shore within which vessels must use less polluting fuel.

In Long Beach, the second-busiest port in the U.S., pollution from massive cargo ships makes up 60 percent of all port emissions and 40 percent of those come from diesel ships that are docked and running their engines to power on-board systems and refrigeration, said Moilanen.

The port has already reduced its overall pollution by 75 percent since 2005 through a combination of voluntary and mandatory programs and shore power is a key part of further reducing those emissions, she said, comparing a diesel ship at berth to a car idling in a driveway for three days.

Hooking up just one of the huge container ships to electricity instead is like taking 33,000 cars off the road, she said.

"Ships by far are the biggest challenge and they're the hardest to get at because they're flagged in foreign countries and deployed all over the world. We don't have a lot of tools to get at them," she said. "That's why shore power is critical to us."

The new regulations would apply to ports in San Diego, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Port Hueneme, San Francisco and Oakland.

Some other locations, such as the Port of Tacoma, allow vessels to plug in while at dock, but it's voluntary and primarily used by ships that return hundreds of times to the same berth. The technology is also attractive for cruise ships, which dock repeatedly at the same location but use lots of power.

Ports in Japan, Hong Kong, Rotterdam and Antwerp have all expressed interest in shore power, said J. Christopher Lytle, executive director of the Port of Long Beach.

"I think the shipping lines understand that this is an idea whose time has come," he said. "This is the start and I think you'll see this spreading. It just makes sense."

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A Sheriff's Department PowerPoint presentation, which was provided in response to the public records request, seems to indicate that individuals searching their database for a specific license plate can also link over and search the servers of more than a dozen other law enforcement jurisdictions.

Investigators can check the whereabouts of a vehicle after a crime has occurred to determine where it has been, essentially mapping its location over time. They can also identify witnesses in the area where a crime has occurred.

The automated reader can scan more than 14,000 license plates during an officer's shift, reading a plate coming in the opposite direction at up to 160 mph even in poor lighting, according to the PowerPoint presentation.

Peter Bibring, a senior staff attorney for the ACLU of Southern California said the legal action is an effort to determine how many plates are being collected in a week and also whether the databases, likely taken from areas with higher policing rates, may be more skewed to blacks and Latinos.

Though there is a limit to how long the departments retain the information, there are no clear legal guidelines limiting how the information is used, Bibring said.

"Our concern is they've got this technology that collects information on law abiding residents, and they're saying they can't disclose even a narrow slice of it," Bibring said. But providing such information "would help the public gauge how intrusive it is."









HOMES
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Realtors.

It has its uses, particularly when the seller is a celebrity or other high-profile individual who wants to keep the sale of their home on the down-low, but average homeowners tend to get more for their properties when they advertise them widely, Faught said.

Home prices across Southern California hit a 56-month high in March, rising 23.4 percent from March 2012, according to DataQuick, a real estate news site. Despite rising prices, the unsold inventory index — the number of months it would take to sell the current supply of homes on the market at the current sales pace — is 2.7 months for Los Angeles County.

Six to seven months is considered "normal," said Lotus Lou, media relations manager for the California Association of Realtors.

In Santa Monica alone, the assessed value of residential real estate jumped by $1.121 billion in 2011, according to a report released in September by the Los Angeles County Assessor's Office.

Even multi-million dollar homes are flying off the shelves, with the sale rate of homes priced at $1 million or more at its highest level since 2007, according to DataQuick.

That's partially a result of the recovering economy, rising home prices and record number of cash purchases as well-capitalized buyers negotiate a market in which it's difficult to get a mortgage, according to the site.

Thomas Magiar, a realtor with the WSA Partnership-Coldwell Banker on Montana Avenue, represents several such buyers — developers promising cash for homes in the north of Montana neighborhood.

Magiar dropped off letters at homes in the area that were "under-improved for the extreme value" of their location, usually one-story houses on a property that could accommodate a larger structure.

He believes that quiet listings offer some benefit to the seller like avoiding the circus of promoting their homes to outside buyers. It's not right for all sellers, but for the small homes north of Montana Avenue, they could get a better deal than they would if they put money into their homes to fix any existing problems and then went out on the open market, he said.

"There it's very clear because there are a lot of people who want to move to the neighborhood, have money and want to build," he said.

Developers can buy up an old property for a couple million dollars, demolish the existing home and build a two-story luxury home where an old Craftsman once was. Those can sell for $4 to $5 million, even higher if it's near the beach, Magiar said.

That's not much of a selling point for Doris Sosin, one of the founders of the North of Montana Neighborhood Association, who lives on 12th Street.

Sosin received one of Magiar's flyers, and she's also received phone calls and mail, all of which have picked up since the economy began to improve.

At least one Sunset Park resident has also received a request for a sale which appeared to be a handwritten note that turned out to be a computer-generated form on closer inspection.

Sosin led the charge in the late 1990s against "McMansions," homes built to the margins of their property lines. They overshadowed neighboring properties, and led to the death of many mature trees that had to be removed so that the home could be built out.

Her work resulted in new rules around single-family homes, requiring set backs and imposing controls over how much of a parcel can be covered.

The attempts to build to even those restricted maximums are unwelcome, she said, because they only succeed in making neighborhoods more expensive to move in to and replace quaint, well-loved homes with larger versions.

You don't need six bathrooms for two people, she said.

"My goal is to make the quality of life that I'm living right now, the quality for me and my neighbors, better," Sosin said. "That's what I care about."

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ROUNDUP
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Crossroads brings an impressive 17-2 record into the match. Mark Keppel is the third place finisher from the Almont League.

Neither Crossroads nor Samohi are seeded entrants. Camarillo is the No. 1 seed in the division, with South Pasadena, Warren and Hemet rounding out the top four spots.

South Torrance defeated Warren last season to earn the division title.

ST. MONICA'S HARRIS MAKES ALL-STATE

St. Monica's Briana Harris has been named to the Cal-Hi Sports All-State Girls' Basketball Division IV second team, it was announced on Saturday.

The senior guard/forward led St. Monica to its first ever CIF-SS title this past year and an appearance in the state playoffs.

Harris, who was named the CIF-SS Division 4A Player of the Year and the Camino Real League Most Valuable Player, averaged 24 points, 9 rebounds, 4.5 assists and 2 steals a game during her senior campaign.

Harris will play her college ball at Hawaii.

Cal-Hi Sports has been considered one of the top prep sports news sources in the state for the past three decades. Its all-state rankings have long been accepted as one of the primary benchmarks for tracking high school teams.

STAGE SET FOR SAMOHI, CULVER CITY SHOWDOWN

The Ocean League baseball crown comes down to a pair of games between arch rivals Culver City and Samohi this week.

Both teams enter with perfect 8-0 records in league play, tied for first place. The first game will be played at Culver City on Tuesday at 3:15 p.m.

Samohi will host Culver City in the season finale on Thursday. That game also begins at 3:15 p.m.

If the teams end the season in a flat-footed tie, the league title will come down to tiebreakers.

Culver City won last season's league title.

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TAX
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same obligations."

The bill would empower states to require businesses to collect taxes for products they sell on the Internet, in catalogs and through radio and TV ads. Under the legislation, the sales taxes would be sent to the state where the shopper lives.

Supporters say the current tax disparity is turning some traditional stores into showrooms, where shoppers pick out items they like, then buy them on the Internet to avoid sales taxes.

"It's about the way commerce has changed in America," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "Bookstores, stores that sell running shoes, bicycles and appliances are at a distinct disadvantage. They've become showrooms."

Internet giant eBay is leading the fight against the bill, along with lawmakers from states with no sales tax and several prominent anti-tax groups. The bill's opponents say it would put an expensive obligation on small businesses because they are not as equipped as national merchandisers to collect and remit sales taxes at the multitude of state rates.

"Giant retailers have a requirement to collect sales taxes nationwide because they have physical presence nationwide," eBay president John Donahoe wrote in an online column over the weekend. "Likewise, today small retail stores and online retailers collect sales taxes for the one state where they are located. That's a fair requirement."

"If the bill passes, small online businesses would have the same tax compliance obligations and face the same enforcement risks as giant retailers, despite the fact that they are usually located in just one state."

Businesses with less than $1 million in online sales would be exempt. EBay wants to exempt businesses with up to $10 million in sales or fewer than 50 employees.

Some states have sales taxes as high as 7 percent, plus city and county taxes that can push the combined rate even higher. For example, the combined state and local sales tax is 9 percent in Los Angeles and 9.25 percent in Chicago. In New York City, it's 8.5 percent and in Richmond, Va., 5 percent. In many states, shoppers are already required to pay unpaid sales tax when they file their state income tax returns. However, states complain that few taxpayers comply.

Many governors — Republicans and Democrats — have been lobbying the federal government for years for the authority to collect sales taxes from online sales.

The issue is getting bigger for states as more people make purchases online. Last year, Internet sales in the U.S. totaled $226 billion, up nearly 16 percent from the previous year, according to government estimates.

States lost a total of $23 billion last year because they couldn't collect taxes on out-of-state sales, according to a study done for the National Conference of State Legislatures, which has lobbied for the bill. About half of that was lost from Internet sales; half from purchases made through catalogs, mail orders and telephone orders, the study said.

Supporters say the bill makes it relatively easy for Internet retailers to comply. States must provide free computer software to help retailers calculate sales taxes, based on where shoppers live. States must also establish a single entity to receive Internet sales tax revenue, so retailers don't have to send it to individual counties or cities.

Opponents worry the bill would give states too much power to reach across state lines to enforce their tax laws. States could audit out-of-state businesses, impose liens on their property and, ultimately, sue them in state court.

In the Senate, lawmakers from three states without sales taxes are leading the opposition: Montana, New Hampshire and Oregon. They argue that businesses based in their states should not have to collect taxes for other states.

Delaware also has no sales tax, though Delaware's two senators support the bill.

Grover Norquist, an anti-tax advocate, and the conservative Heritage Foundation oppose the bill, and many Republicans have been wary of crossing them.

Even so, the issue has a bipartisan flavor. The main sponsor, Sen. Mike Enzi, is a conservative Republican from Wyoming. He has worked closely with Durbin, a liberal Democrat.

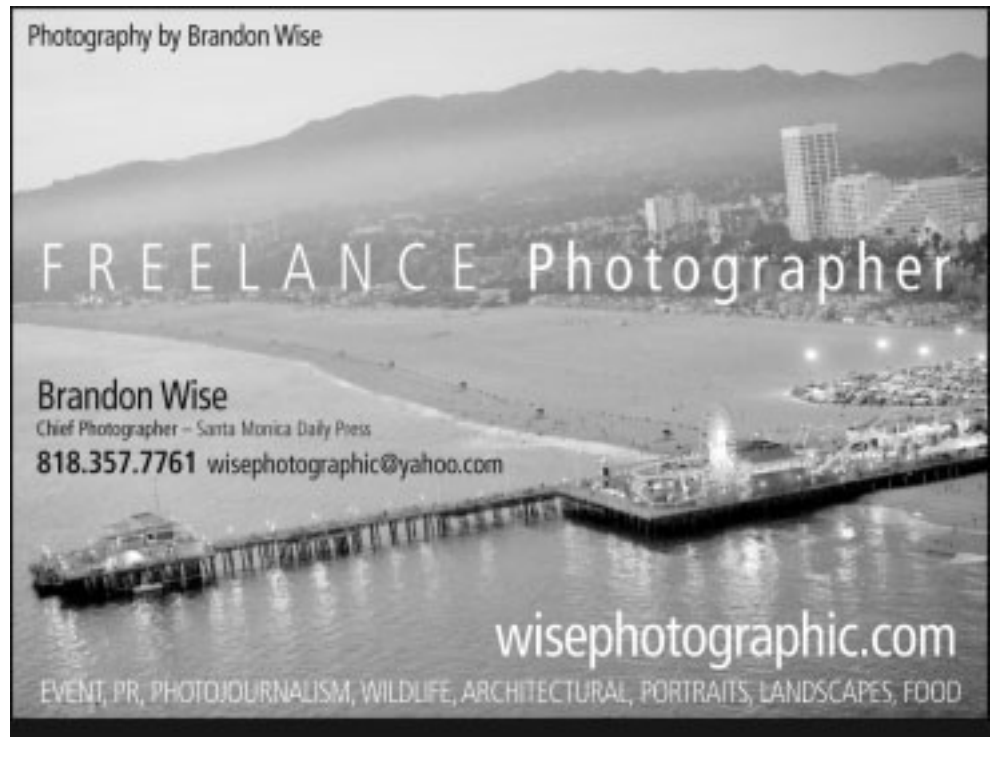
In the House, Republican Speaker John Boehner has not commented publicly about the bill, giving supporters hope that he could be won over.

Rep. Bob Goodlatte, R-Va., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, which would have jurisdiction over the bill, has cited problems with the legislation but has not rejected it outright.

"While it attempts to make tax collection simpler, it still has a long way to go," Goodlatte said in a statement. Without more uniformity in the bill, he said, "businesses would still be forced to wade through potentially hundreds of tax rates and a host of different tax codes and definitions."

Goodlatte said he's "open to considering legislation concerning this topic but these issues, along with others, would certainly have to be addressed."

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BofA leads banks upward; S&P 500 index ekes out gain

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NEW YORK Bank of America led a rally in big-bank stocks in mostly quiet trading on Monday. Stock indexes ended little changed following a record-setting run last week.

News that Bank of America and MBIA, a bond-insurance company, had reached a settlement over a long-running dispute propelled both companies' stocks up. BofA will pay $1.7 billion to MBIA and extend the troubled company a credit line.

MBIA soared 45 percent, or $4.46, to $14.29. Bank of America gained 5 percent, or 64 cents, to $12.88, making it the leading company in the Dow Jones industrial average.

The Dow slipped 5.07 points to close at 14,968.89. The Standard & Poor's 500 index crept up 3.08 points to 1,617.50, a gain of 0.2 percent.

Six of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 rose, with financial companies in the lead.

No major economic reports came out Monday, but a handful of companies reported their quarterly results. Tyson Foods, the nation's largest meat-processing company, fell 3 percent, the biggest drop in the Standard & Poor's 500 index, after saying its net income sank as costs for chicken feed rose. Tyson's stock lost 83 cents to $24.10.

Companies have reported solid quarterly profits so far this earnings season. Seven of every 10 big companies in the S&P 500 have beat the earnings estimates of financial analysts, according to S&P Capital IQ. But revenue has looked weak: six of 10 have missed revenue forecasts.

"Yet again, corporations continue to do more with less," said Dan Veru, the chief investment officer of Palisade Capital Management.

Veru said the trend is likely to lead to more mergers in the coming months, as cash-rich companies look for ways to raise their revenue. A wave of mergers could shift the stock market's rally into a higher gear, he said.

The stock market cleared new milestones Friday after the government reported that employers added more workers to their payrolls in recent months. The unemployment rate fell to 7.5 percent, the lowest level in four years.

That news sent the Dow through the 15,000 mark for the first time, while the S&P 500 closed above 1,600, another first.

In Monday trading, the Nasdaq composite rose 14.34 points to 3,392.97, an increase of 0.4 percent. The price of crude oil edged up 55 cents to $96.16 and gold rose $3.80 to $1,468.10 an ounce.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year note inched up to 1.76 percent from 1.74 percent late Friday.

Berkshire Hathaway rose 1.3 percent, or $1.36, to $110. Warren Buffett's company turned in earnings late Friday that trumped analysts' estimates for both profit and revenue. Berkshire reported strong gains from its insurance units, Geico and General Reinsurance, its BNSF Railway company and other investments.

In a round of television interviews on Monday, Buffett said that the stock market still appears reasonably priced even though major indexes are at all-time highs. By contrast, bonds are "a terrible investment right now," he said. Buffett explained that with interest rates at historic lows, a buyer of long-term bonds is bound to take a loss when rates eventually rise.

Among other stocks in the news:

• Sysco dropped 1 percent, or 33 cents, to $34.33, after the food distributor posted net income and revenue that fell short of analysts' estimates. Sysco's CEO said the company's sales were held back by bad weather that made people less willing to spend on meals away from home. Sysco's

• Monster Beverage sank 2 percent after San Francisco's city attorney sued the company for allegedly marketing its caffeinated drinks to children. Last week, Monster Beverage filed a suit against the same city attorney over demands that the energy drink maker reduce the caffeine in its drinks and change its marketing practices. Monster lost $1.26 to $56.18.





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

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

LEGEND

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

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Spring a vital step for Pac-12's new batch of football coaches

JOHN MARSHALL
AP College Football Writer

PHOENIX When it comes to first head coaching jobs, Oregon's Mark Helfrich could not have asked for a much better situation.

There's no rebuilding, no picking up the pieces after the previous coach was fired, no learning curve as the players adjust to new systems and a new style.

As the offensive coordinator in Chip Kelly's go-all-the-time attack, Helfrich simply had to take the keys and keep the car running after his former boss left Eugene for the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles.

"This is a place where succession and continuity has been very successful and obviously we hope for that to continue for a long time," Helfrich said Monday during a teleconference with the Pac-12's coaches.

The Pac-12's two other new coaches, Colorado's Mike MacIntyre and California's Sonny Dykes, will likely have a bit tougher climb, taking over programs that have fallen on hard times.

MacIntyre has had some success turning a program around.

The son of former Vanderbilt coach George MacIntyre, he took over a San Jose State team that was still reeling from limited scholarships and NCAA sanctions from before previous coach Dick Tomey's tenure.

After going 1-12 in MacIntyre's first season in 2010, the Spartans had one of the best seasons in program history last year, finishing 11-2 for their first 11-win season since 1940. San Jose State finished the season with a seven-game winning streak, including a victory over Bowling Green in the Military Bowl, and in the rankings (No. 21) for the first time since 1975.

But MacIntyre may face an even bigger challenge in Boulder.

Colorado has been on a downward slide since the Gary Barnett era ended in 2005.

The Buffaloes have not had a winning season since and had their worst record in the program's 123-year history in 2012, finishing 1-11 to cost coach Jon Embree his job after two seasons.

MacIntyre gave his new players a pep talk when he first arrived at Colorado and spent spring practice trying to build their confidence while getting them accustomed to a new way of doing things.

"We've been improving daily and I feel good about the team," MacIntyre, a former secondary coach for the Dallas Cowboys and New York Jets.

"But it's all relative until you get out there in a Pac-12 football game and see exactly where you stack up. I feel like we have some talent and just need to utilize it correctly and make the most of it."

Dykes' rebuilding project at Cal shouldn't be on quite the same scale as MacIntyre's.

Previous coach Jeff Tedford won a school-record 82 games after taking over a one-win team in 2001, but the program had faded the past few years, missing bowl games two of the past three seasons.

The Bears had their worst season under Tedford in 2012, losing their final five games to finish 2-9, and he was fired after it was over.

Dykes arrives in the Bay Area after a successful run at Louisiana Tech.

The Bulldogs improved their record each season under him and became one of college football's most prolific offenses, leading the nation with 51.5 points per game and ranking second with 577.9 yards per game.

Cal has a decent talent base despite losing receiver Keenan Allen and cornerback Steve Williams to the NFL. It also has superb facilities after a $321 million remodeling of Memorial Stadium this past season and the new $150 million on-campus High Performance Center adjacent to it.

One of Dykes' top priorities as he heads into the fall will be finding a replacement for quarterback Zach Maynard, who used up his eligibility.

Zach Kline, Austin Hiner and Jared Goff are the front-runners to land the job, but it's a tight competition, one that didn't come any closer to a resolution after spring practices.

"We had a chance to go back and review everything and really felt similar after reviewing as spring ball ramped up, that we have three guys we thought were very different in what they brought to table, but all three of them are good players," Dykes said. "We felt like they were good leaders, competitive guys who could handle being the starting quarterback at Cal and all the stuff that goes with that."

Helfrich will have a well-stocked offense with quarterback Marcus Mariota coming back, but will have some holes to fill on defense with players such as Dion Jordan, Kiko Alonso and Michael Clay gone.

What should help Helfrich is the foundation Oregon has in place.

The Ducks have a philosophy of "Next Man In" and it's carried over to the coaching staff, with Helfrich following Kelly and Mike Bellotti in being promoted from within the program to the top spot.

The hire-our-own philosophy has helped give Oregon stability like few places in the country — and Helfrich a head start over other coaches.

"When your strength coach has been here a quarter of a century and almost everyone who touches our guys' lives has been here for more than a decade, that's continuity," Helfrich said. "We'll do everything we can to make this a little better here, a little better there, make things more efficient, whether we're talking about the training table or second and 10, we're all pulling in the same direction."

Oregon has been doing it that way successfully for years, playing in BCS bowls three of the past four years, including the 2011 national championship game.

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

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QUIET NIGHT AT HOME, CAPPY

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Optimism beams through your day, but you might wonder where to start. Just dive right in, and you are likely to accomplish a lot. Your ability to home in on a problem and make an adjustment is a prominent feature of your present success. Tonight: As you wish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Deferring to others is difficult and somewhat frustrating for you. Give up on the impossible, and recognize that your energy is better placed elsewhere. Tonight: Get as much sleep as possible. You will need it soon!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You know your priorities. Move quickly in order to secure a long-term desire. Your ability to read between the lines proves to be very important. Use care in how you reveal a strategic insight. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to consider taking a different path. You know what you want, but your current approach is not working. A meeting reveals support, but also a level of frustration. Use your intuitive abilities to move through a problem. Tonight: Where people are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You see the value of getting others' insight and support in order to help you achieve your long-term goals. Detach and brainstorm more often with people who have controversial views. You will open up many new paths as a result. Tonight: Where the music is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter involving your finances and/or a partnership. You could feel as if many opportunities are possible, and you might be right. In fact, a pay raise or promotion could be in the offing. Tonight: Have a long-overdue talk with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance whom you care a lot about. The response is likely to be positive. Stay focused on what is happening around you. A few difficult comments are likely to be shared in a discussion with a partner. Tonight: Go along with someone else's idea.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to reach out to someone who is very different from you. This person is confident in his or her self-expression, which is nearly the opposite of how you are. Tonight: On a roll.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Everyone likes to be popular, but it could get to be too much for you to handle. Know when to say "enough." You will be happier, as will they. Live in the moment. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be focused on a personal matter right now, but remember that you need to handle other issues as well. Recognize your limits and prioritize. Your demands are only going to become heavier in the next few days. Tonight: Try a quiet night at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your words bring positive responses, especially from a child or a fun person in your life. You could get bogged down by a domestic situation. Open up to change and more diversity. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could want to head in a new direction, despite what is happening around you. You know what is workable. Share your plan with someone. Though the receiver of this information initially might be upset, he or she will appreciate it later. Tonight: Treat yourself.

Tuesday, May 7, 2013

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

This year you have many opportunities to increase your financial stability. You will see more money come in, but you also could see more money go out. Don't spend money before you have it. If you are single, you have a lot to offer. Any time from summer on, you could meet a fun person who is easy to relate to. If you are attached, schedule a summer vacation for just the two of you. ARIES reads you cold.

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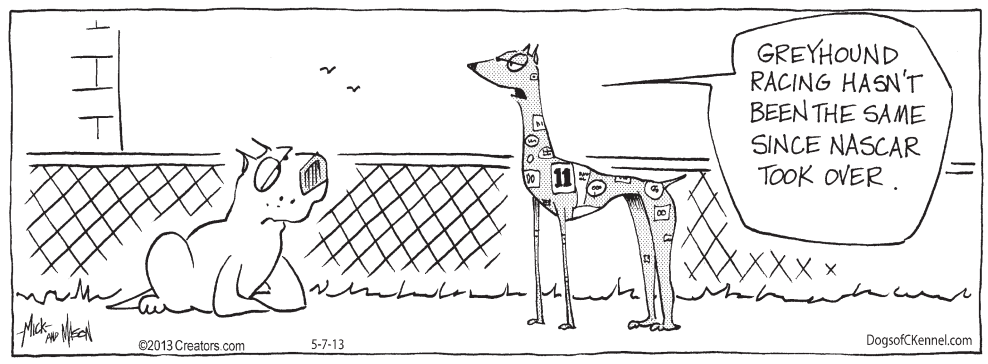
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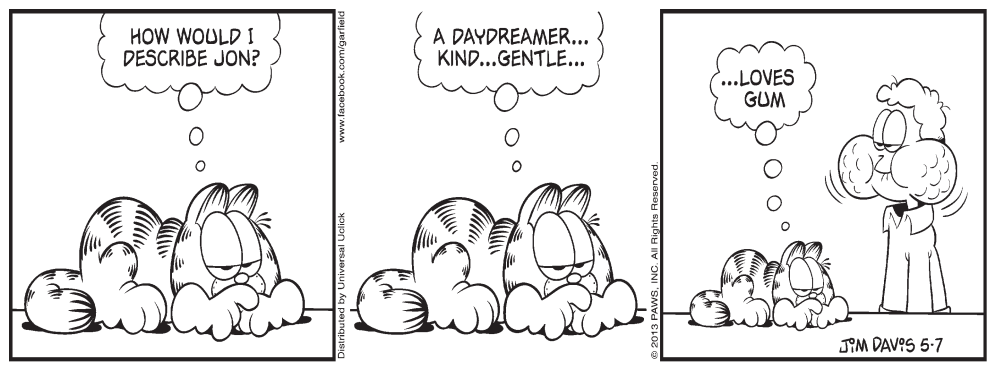
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Cincinnati team
5 VCR inserts
10 Hilo hello
12 News item
13 "Oz the Great and Powerful" co-star
15 — standstill
16 Pewter component
17 Farm female
18 Young farm female
20 Kingly address
21 Sleep sound
22 Beseeched
23 Tennis star Agassi
25 Pack full
28 Marsh plants
31 Skirt edges
32 Certainly
34 Unclose, to poets
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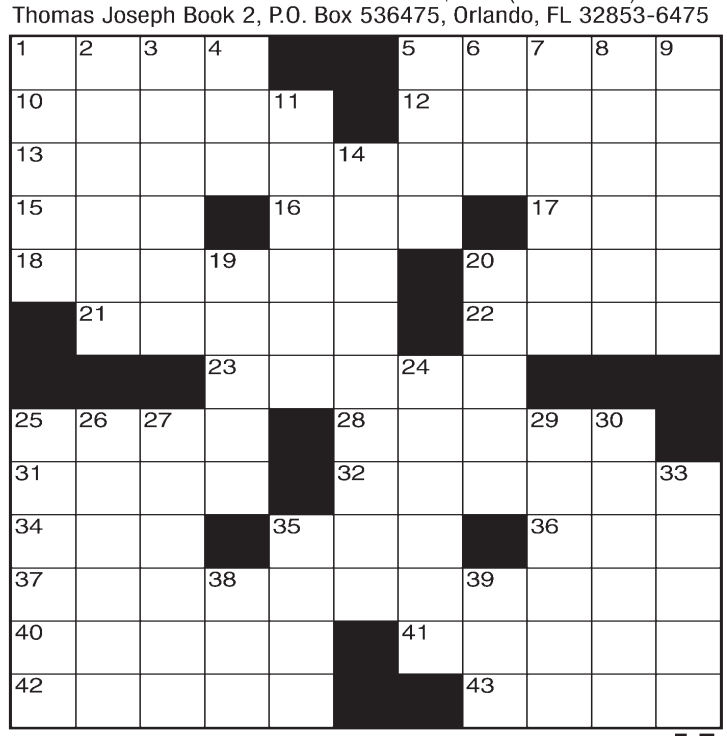
DOWN

1 Indian prince
2 Gladdens
3 Realm
4 That lady
5 Shore flier
6 Gardner of movies
7 Puzzle-solving choice
8 Concert bonus
9 Put away
11 Toward the wake
14 Safety exercise
19 Lathers
20 Velocity
24 Makes fresh
25 Musical group
26 Meal
27 Don of "Cocoon"
29 Refutation
30 Takes care of
33 Caught some z's
35 Flying: Prefix
38 Farm female
39 List-ending abbr.

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Fantasy 5
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Norwegian Wood: A 12-hour TV miniseries shown this winter on Norway's government channel NRK, "National Firewood Night," was conceived as a full series, then cut to "only" 12 hours, eight of which focused entirely on a live fireplace. Nearly a million people tuned in to the series, and at one point 60 text messages came in complaining about whether the wood in the fireplace should have been placed with bark up or bark down. "(F)irewood," said the show's host, "is the foundation of our lives." A New York Times dispatch noted that a best-selling book, "Solid Wood," sold almost as many copies in Norway, proportional to the population, as a book's selling 10 million copies in the U.S.

■ Imagine the Person Who First Suggested This: The newest beauty-treatment rage in China, according to Chinese media quoted on the Inquisitr.com website in March, is the "fire facial," in which alcohol and a "secret elixir" are daubed on the face and set ablaze for a few seconds, then extinguished. According to "ancient Chinese medicine," this will burn off "dull" skin -- and also alleviate the common cold and reduce obesity.

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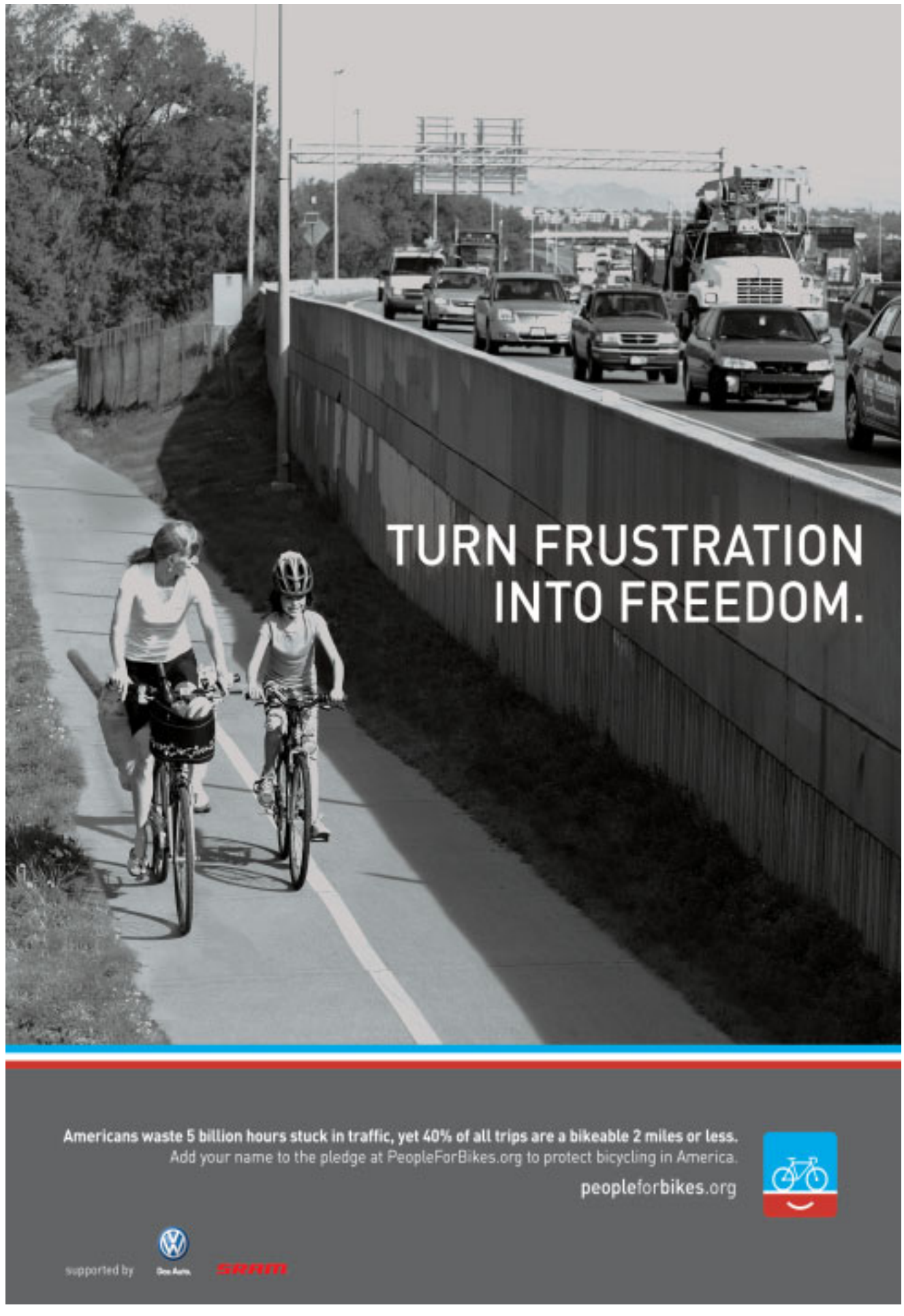
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