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THE LETTERS ISSUE

BBB accidents down in 2014

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Big Blue Bus accidents are down in Santa Monica this fiscal year, according to Edwards King, director of Transit Services for City Hall.

In the 2011-12 fiscal year, BBB recorded an average of 12.7 accidents, and nearly two preventable accidents, for every 100,000 miles driven.

From July 1 of last year through the end of March, that rate is down to 9.31 accidents per 100,000 miles, a 20 percent decline in total accidents.

Preventable accidents are down since fiscal year 2011-12 but up slightly from last fiscal year. The preventable accident rate was 1.51 per 100,000 in 2012-13 and 1.6 so far this fiscal year.

"These numbers are more consistent with the industry norm," King said.

According to a 2013 report from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Metro buses averaged 3.62 accidents per 100,000 miles in 2012. There was no available rate for preventable accidents. Metro's highest rates were on the Westside, averaging 4.31 crashes per 100,000 miles - the increase resulting partially from the area's traffic congestion.

There were 666 BBB accidents last fiscal year, 80 of which were deemed preventable.

BBB spokesperson Suja Lowenthal said that the rate is higher than they'd like but only because they have an impossible goal: zero crashes.

"There are so many factors that can contribute to an accident," she said "We're really proud of our (drivers) and the decrease in the number of accidents really shows were headed in the right direction."

Before the start of the 2011 fiscal year, the data that BBB kept "did not accurately reflect the overall safety record," King said in a report, "and additionally, reporting inconsistencies required the re-creation of many reports."

BBB was also lacking a specific safety program that is required by the Federal Transit Administration.

"As such, industry best practices were not codified in a safety plan or training program to be deployed or followed by the department," King said. "Although basic required

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POSTER CHILD

Courtesy of Sustainable Works

The 6th annual Sustainable Santa Monica Student Poster Contest came to a close this week. This year's theme focused on water awareness, efficiency and conservation. Winners were: A. Santiago Arroyo, B. Mark Lopez, C.Hajoon Kim, D. Sabine Ganezer



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TOURISTS: Santa Monica's beaches are a popular destination.

Tourism 2013: More spending, slightly fewer visitors

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Despite a slight decline in visitors in 2013, tourists stayed longer and spent more, according to the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB).

On Friday, the CVB hosted its fifth annual Travel and Tourism Summit, releasing loads of data about tourism in 2013.

Last year, 7,298,857 tourists spent $1.63 billion in the city by the sea. It was 12,000 fewer tourists than in 2012, a marginal decline, but spending increased 6.8 percent.

The decline was largely due to a 6.2 percent drop in international visitors. The 3.9 million international tourists who did come made up for the loss: They spent nearly 8 percent more than the international tourists the year before.

This is all in keeping with one of the major goals of the CVB, which is to "drive balanced demand."

"We're not about bringing more people here," said CVB President and CEO Misti Kerns. "We're about getting people to stay longer that are here, and getting day visitors to stay overnight."

All the lengths of stay were up from 2012. The average overall time spent in the city by the over 7 million visitors was more than a day and a half. Hotel guests spent and average of four nights in the city.

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A hands-on pitching workshop to help writers with managing expectations, catering to your strength, making elevator pitches and developing purpose-driven conversations. Cost is $45 with at $5 discount for junction members. Visit: talking101for writers.eventbrite.com to register or for more information.

Free theater for moms
Santa Monica Playhouse
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1211 4th St.
The Playhouse's acclaimed "Alice" has toured world wide, with a sell-out run at the Playhouse in December of last year, and now she's back for Mother's Day Weekend by audience demand to bring you a pun-derful afternoon of theatre magic. Birthday and Tea Parties (of course), hosted by a favorite fairy tale character from the show, are available with every performance. And all moms are free May 10-11 only. Come in costume and receive a two-for-one coupon for any future Family Theatre performance. Call (310) 394-9779 or visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com for more information.

Sunday, May 11, 2014

Free photos and Ferris wheel rides for moms
Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier
380 Santa Monica Pier,
11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Pacific Park will provide a free family photo and Ferris wheel ride to the first 1,000 mothers visiting the park on May 11. Moms should go to the Pacific Park ticket booth adjacent to the Pacific Ferris wheel entrance and notify ticket booth employees. A photo and coupon for a free ride will be provided.

Monday, May 12, 2014

Auditions for young musicians
John Adams Middle School
2425 16th St, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.
Elemental Strings and Band invites all interested musicians currently in 2nd, 3rd or 4th grade to come audition for the upcoming season of Elemental Strings, Santa Monica's oldest youth orchestra and band programs specifically for elementary school-aged students. Over 500 students in the community have been part of Elemental Strings since its inception in 2004. Auditions will take place at John Adams Middle School after school on Monday, May 12 for Elemental Band, and Thursday, May 15 for Elemental Strings. For more information, please visit www.elemental-strings.com/auditions.

May 12-18

SMC annual symposium
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd
The Santa Monica College Public Policy Institute (PPI) will present its 3rd Annual Spring Symposium titled "Arts and Citizenship: Affecting Public Policy through Personal Narrative." The symposium features speakers, panel discussions, storytelling for audiences ranging from fifth graders to adults, dance performances, and a campus art walk. All symposium events are open to the public, and most events are free. Seating is on a first-arrival basis if reservations are not required. Visit www.smc.edu/ppi or call (310) 434-3541 for more information.

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Alibaba's rise: Success and setbacks

JOE MCDONALD
AP Business Writer

BEIJING Even before Alibaba went online, its founder talked about making the fledgling e-commerce company a global player.

At Alibaba Group's first staff meeting in 1999, a video shot by an employee shows Jack Ma rallying a workforce of 17 of his friends. They met in a cement-floored apartment in Hangzhou, a city southwest of Shanghai, at a time when few Chinese were online. Ma was an English teacher with no training in business or computers.

"Our competitors are not in China but in Silicon Valley," says Ma in the video, which is included in a documentary about the company, "Crocodile in the Yangtze," made by a former Alibaba vice president, Porter Erisman. "We can beat government agencies and big, famous companies because of our innovative spirit."

Such Silicon Valley-style bluster was new to China, but Ma delivered. Over the next 15 years, he helped propel Alibaba through technical and financial challenges and a battle with eBay Inc. to become the world's biggest online bazaar. The company is now planning to list in the U.S. and analysts say its initial public offering this year may raise up to $20 billion.

Last year, 231 million customers spent $248 billion with merchants on Alibaba's platforms, more than Amazon.com Inc. and eBay combined.

Along the way, Alibaba had to develop e-commerce infrastructure its Western counterparts took for granted. Few Chinese used credit cards, so it created Alipay, a payments system that helped online sales win acceptance by allowing wary customers to receive goods before releasing money to sellers. The company worked with shippers to improve their reliability and held trade shows to persuade entrepreneurs to go online.

"Alibaba really created the e-commerce market in China," said Edward Yu, president of research firm Analysys International.

Today, the company's main platforms are its original business-to-business service Alibaba.com, consumer-to-consumer site Taobao and TMall for brands to sell to consumers.

Alibaba has expanded into personal finance, games, video and other services. In March, it was one of 10 companies picked by Beijing to set up China's first privately financed banks since the 1949 communist revolution. It is dipping a toe abroad, with a $215 million investment in March in Tango, a California-based mobile message service, and plans to launch a U.S. e-commerce site.

Alibaba's IPO paperwork says revenue, mostly fees from merchants, rose 57 percent in the final nine months of last year. Alibaba kept more than 43 cents of each dollar as net income.

In a Silicon Valley-style innovation, Alibaba cultivated a hardworking but playful corporate culture that was a novelty in China's state-dominated economy. An annual employee talent show grew into Alifest, a raucous event held in a soccer stadium before an audience of thousands. Ma takes part by singing Chinese pop songs.

"Alibaba allowed people to shape their own destiny instead of working for a state-owned company or the government bureaucracy," said Erisman.

The early years were a roller-coaster of successes and setbacks. In 1999, Alibaba raised $5 million from investors including Goldman Sachs and then $20 million from Japan's Softbank. Plans called for raising more through a stock market offering, but the Internet bubble burst in 2000 and interest in tech shares evaporated.

"We suffered much more than any other Internet company," Ma told the BBC in 2001.

The next year, Alibaba faced its biggest threat when eBay acquired EachNet, a company that had 80 percent of China's small consumer e-commerce market.

Ma fought back by launching consumer site Taobao and Alipay. He promised Taobao would be free for three years, undercutting eBay's fee-based model. In a guerrilla move to offset eBay's bigger advertising budget, Alibaba employees posted thousands of messages on Internet bulletin boards directing users to Taobao.

In 2004, then-CEO Meg Whitman said eBay expected China to be its biggest market in 10 to 15 years. In 2006, eBay gave up and turned over its China operation to a local partner.

Taobao has given tens of thousands of small Chinese entrepreneurs their first foothold in e-commerce, trading used furniture, hand-knitted sweaters and other goods.

In the northwestern city of Urumqi, Jin Junhui started a business on Taobao in 2005 selling dates and raisins for which the region is famous. Sales in 2008 hit 500,000 yuan ($80,000) and doubled the next year.

"Taobao has changed my life," said Jin, 32. "Now I have two employees and more free time to do what I like."

Alibaba's rise has been marked by Ma's emphasis on the company's long-term interests, even when that clashed with shareholders.

That strained ties with Yahoo Inc., which provided much-needed cash when it paid $1 billion for 40 percent of Alibaba in 2005. The

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CHECKING IN: **Visitors who came to Santa Monica last year spent a little more than last year.**

TOURISM

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"Congratulations to the hotels because that is not an easy feat to do while you're increasing your rates," Kerns said.

The transient occupancy tax, or hotel bed tax, generated $42.3 million for City Hall, a 6.9 percent increase from last year.

Shopping made up more than a third of all the spending - totaling more than half a billion dollars. That category increased by 7.6 percent in 2013.

"I'm sure Santa Monica Place had a bit to do with that," Kerns said.

Spas made the largest gain, bringing in $61.8 million, up by 51 percent.

Visitors' average household income dropped by $4,300 to $86,500 in 2013 but they spent, on average, about $1.50 more: $143.32.

Employment generated by tourism is up 5.8 percent.

"That's 12,908 jobs that can not be exported," Kerns said.

The CVB also reviewed areas that they plan to improve. One member of the Santa Monica tourism community asked for more connections to the beach.

"Our beach is terribly underutilized," they said, according to CVB's report. "We need CVB to lead the discussion to ensure that Santa Monica is a top destination."

Focus groups in 17 different international markets found that some potential visitors want shuttles to take them around Santa Monica and to different communities, said Kim Baker, vice president of marketing at the CVB.

Others want better connectivity with the Los Angeles International Airport.

In September, Santa Monica is scheduled to get a Flyaway Bus, which will take residents and visitors between the Civic Center and their LAX terminal.

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BBB

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training was provided to (drivers) and new students, there was minimal, if any, accident re-training, coaching and counseling of (drivers) post-accident and accidents were not thoroughly investigated."

Over the last two years, BBB has been reviewing accident data to determine if any patterns emerge - be it the route, time of day, or driver's behavior.

In November, BBB hired a new safety training manager, Ray Lopez, with more than 20 years of experience. BBB now has quarterly maintenance safety meetings and annual driver training programs. BBB officials developed a new process for hiring drivers.

BBB officials say the drop in the overall accident rate is a result of these changes. They also claim there's been a reduction the number of claims and injury payouts by BBB.

In November, BBB officials told the Daily Press there'd been 12 BBB accident-related lawsuits filed against City Hall in the past year. There had also been six lawsuits from riders falling on the bus, unrelated to accidents.

Since November, City Hall has paid out more than $1 million in settlements related to bus accidents. In one case, settled in March, a bus accident left two people seriously injured. City Hall paid $800,000 to settle that case.

In another case, City Hall paid $150,000 to a cyclist who was struck by a bus.

The family of Patrick O'Dell, who was riding on Sunset Boulevard in 2012 when he was struck and killed by a Route 9 bus, filed a lawsuit against City Hall last year.

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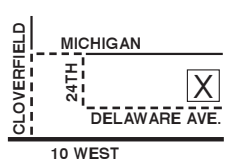


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Losing my vote

Editor:

Really, Mr. Kronovet? Every American has an "obligation to the nation to work hard, become wealthy and own a home"?

Listen up, buddy boy. You will never get my vote with hyperbole like that.

Work hard? Sure. I have a full-time job and have been working solidly since I was 15 years old. Become wealthy? That has never been a goal of mine nor do I see it as a prerequisite for my happiness. Own a home? I don't want to own a home. I like renting. Renting allows me freedom that home ownership would not.

Now, on to affordable housing. There is plenty of housing in Santa Monica for low-income folks. However, for the rest of us, making between $30,000 and $60,000, Santa Monica is hardly affordable at all. We make too much to qualify for newly built low-income apartments with modern amenities. We make too little to affordable Class B+ or Class A units. So, what do we rent? Post-WWII apartments in buildings with little to no amenities (dishwasher, washer/dryer in unit, air conditioning, properly functioning heaters, etc.). I pay over $2,000 for my apartment, which is no great shakes and has NO amenities. Fortunately, I have a partner who pays halfsies or I would not be able to afford to live in Santa Monica at all. Even at $1,000, that is almost one paycheck. Is that affordable? No, it isn't. Keep in mind, I have a job, it pays decently, and I am a productive member of society (even if I do not satisfy your definition of a responsible American). And I can barely afford to live here.

So, what I am saying to you, Mr. Kronovet, is that you are wrong. 99 percent of housing in Santa Monica is not affordable. And, again, you so do not have my vote in November.

Stacy Westly
Santa Monica

Save the oceans

Editor:

I am a physician. 70 percent of the oxygen the humans breathe is from the plankton in the ocean. If we do not stop our addiction to oil and protect our environment, all studies show that the humans will likely be extinct in 100-200 years, also likely the time before those 100 years are up will see a lot of suffering. Difficult access to food and water, are just some of the troubles ahead. We need to protect the oceans. Be vegetarian. Open windows, we need to limit carbon emissions.

Dr. Leslie Klein
Los Angeles

Kronovet is misinformed

Editor:

In response to Robert Kronovet's misinformation about affordable housing being a gimmick and that becoming wealthy is a god send ...

Upward mobility and wealth happens, Robert, but primarily for the 1 percent.

The rest of us have not grown in wealth or mobility in decades.

This is a reason for government: to try to level the playing field and provide fairness for the rest of us. To establish a fair minimum wage and make it possible for more to secure real affordable housing are only two methods to try to establish an equal society.

The business of making an exorbitant profit off of survival, what the real estate has become for many, is not what America is about. It's primarily about equality and fairness. Not about profit before people.

You're misinformed.

Andrew K. Liberman
Santa Monica

Unfair criticism of pony rides

Editor:

While Jennifer O'Conner's intentions are a noble cause, the litany described in the response to the "Pony ride operator lacking permits" reads more like an indictment against people in general: "can, may" are used repeatedly inferring since this particular operator was not in conformance, you make a sweeping generalization that none of the animals anywhere ridden as Ponies are being treated humanely.

Hoof aliments, saddle sores, mouth and teeth problems from ill fitting/carelessly rigged tackle, working in scotching heat and water being withheld ... all of that can happen anywhere on farms across the world, not just a local pony ride. You may also ask the operator who could be in a job with little or no options under a scorching sun (like immigrants picking the lettuce you eat), what's their feedback on their "ethical treatment."

Yes, it may be 2014 ... but we know someone right now is hoarding 150 cats in their house because they have issues ... but I don't believe every cat-owner mistreats their cats.

Ervin Raab
Walnut, California

A choice without a choice

Editor:

I attended the Bergamot Art Center meeting on May 6 and I have the following comments:

1. The existing Bergamot Arts Center is extremely fragile. It can only exist if it has on-site parking, easy access and lower rent rates. Without these three legs it will collapse.

2. The proposed hotel and commercial office space would eliminate at least one if not two of these legs. Therefore the proposed hotel and commercial office space with the traffic and congestion it would cause cannot co-exist with the existing Bergamot Arts Center. Also it's planned that the proposed hotel and commercial office space would subsidize the existing Bergamot Arts Center and a bigger Santa Monica Arts Museum building. But having the proposed hotel and commercial office space would kill the existing Bergamot Arts Center. We can't have both. We can have either the existing Bergamot Arts Center or the proposed hotel and commercial office space but not both. We have to decide which of the two is more important to us.

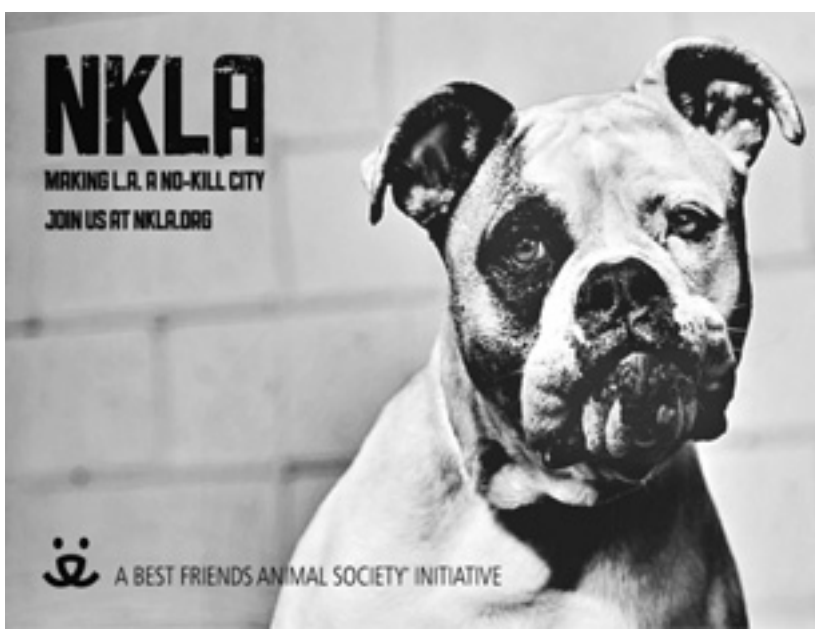
3. For me as a resident of Santa Monica the choice is simple. But we residents really haven't been given a choice. At this May 6 meeting the City Planning Dept wanted us to choose which of the three contractors we preferred. This is like asking a condemned man which he prefers-being shot, hung or electrocuted.

4. I stated the above comments on the forms provided by the City Planning Dept at the meeting but we know this is an exercise if futility. The City Planning Dept goes through the motions, checks the boxes and then ignores the wishes of residents as happened with the Hines Project across the street. The whole City Planning Dept public review process is a facade and sham. They have no intention of doing what the residents want. Only what the pro-developer City Council majority wants them to do. The decision has already been made regarding the existing Bergamot Arts Center. If you want to see what the end result will be go look at the Quonset Hut at Broadway and 9th St. That will be your new Bergamot Arts Center with all the traffic and congestion that the proposed hotel and commercial office space will create in an area already suffering from traffic congestion and gridlock.

Sincerely,

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It's awesome here

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor in Chief

As a newspaper editor, you meet a lot of people. As a new editor, in a new town, you meet a heck of a lot of people and my past two weeks have been a blur of back to back to back discussions about Santa Monica.

The scope has been as broad as I could have hoped for. I've spoken to individuals on every level of the political, income and sanity spectrum (FYI: your place on the sanity scale is entirely independent of your income or politics). It's been great and there are some easy themes that have come through: people care about development, people don't like traffic, the airport is controversial.

It's easy to see that people are deeply passionate about living here, so much so that it's almost pathological for some folks. They care so much about their issue that almost everything else is lost and that's kind of a concern because while I've seen a great deal of passion for this City, I haven't seen a huge amount of enthusiasm. What I'm hearing is this place is complicated, divided, in transition, being over-developed, over-regulated and evolving. What I thought I'd hear is "This place is awesome, you'll love it."

Now after two short weeks, I know it's awesome. In my brief time here, I've watched the Ferris wheel cycle through its evening light show while the sun set over the mountains, seen dolphins playing in the surf (two jumped clear out of the water, Free Willy style), enjoyed frozen yogurt, ice cream, custard and gelato, and seen more street performances here in 14 days than I did in eight years in Sonoma County. It's a great place to be.

To be clear, I'm not expecting people to run up to me and shout a precise greeting, but I'm a little surprised that locals are more interested in talking about what's wrong than taking pride in what's right.

I've been in the newspaper business for a while so I'm well aware that folks want to influence coverage their way and for some, painting a picture of a problem plagued situation is a tactic to hopefully make the paper more sympathetic to their cause. I can filter that out of the discussion but even so, it seems like cynicism is more popular than cycling.

What makes a city a community isn't the infrastructure. Communities aren't built of concrete, steel and asphalt. Communities are built of emotion, devotion, a desire to be of and from a place. People turn cities into communities and the character of its residents defines the character of a community. I don't know what that character is yet or where it will go but there's more to this place than just its conflicts.

My calendar continues to fill for the coming weeks and I hope I'll probably meet many more people before I settle into any kind of routine here. I stand by what I've said in the past, I want to hear from everyone, from the homeless guy on Third Street to the mansion owner north of Montana. The only way to do my job well is to hear from the community and no one should shy away from delivering warnings, harsh judgments or concerns about the City. We will write about whatever needs to be said in order to serve Santa Monicans.

However, next time you've been worked into dyspepsia over development, a panic over parking or anger over the airport, perhaps you can take some advice from someone who's new to town. Take a breath and look around the city for a moment. It's awesome here. You're going to love it.

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relationship soured in squabbles over strategy but Yahoo profited. Alibaba bought back half for $7.1 billion in 2011 and Yahoo stands to make billions more in the IPO.

Alibaba also faced criticism in 2011 when it spun off Alipay but failed to tell Yahoo and other shareholders immediately. Ma said the move was necessary because Beijing would only license an electronic payment service wholly owned by Chinese citizens.

Ma stepped down as CEO in May 2013, but stayed on as executive chairman and also announced an overhaul to make Alibaba more responsive.

The changes come as Alibaba faces a challenge to its dominance amid upheaval in China's Internet market, where users are shifting to going online via smartphone and tablet.

In e-commerce, Alibaba faces competition from Jingdong.com, which has one-tenth of its market share but a strong reputation for service. Jingdong.com received a $215 million investment in March from games portal Tencent Holdings Ltd., which also owns a stake in an operator of logistics centers.

"Two years ago, I think Alibaba was quite successful. It had no competitor," said Yu of Analysys International. "But today things are quite different. Tencent definitely is a formidable power to challenge Alibaba's business."

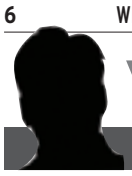
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By Joe Bates

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Fantasy versus reality

IN HIS MAY 8TH COLUMN "MAGIC OF Flight for who?", Peter Donald concocts a fantasy of flight involving pilots, passengers and small planes. The only part of his description of flight that isn't fantasy is his acknowledgement that "aviators master their skill with such focus and discipline". He calls the work the pilots do "precise adjustments and mysterious interactions". Perhaps his sense of wonder comes from his near total lack of experience with flying and with airport operations. Like the other members of the Airport Commission, Mr. Donald is not a pilot, does not have any experience with operating an airport business of any kind and was placed on the commission by city council members intent on filling the Airport Commission with nearby residents who have expressed a desire to close the airport.

Santa Monica's other commissions try to fairly carry out their individual mandates. The Architecture Commission has experienced architects who review and discuss projects and attempt to best represent the interests of all Santa Monicans. The same is true for the Disabilities Commission, the Housing Commission and the many other commissions where citizen volunteers give freely of their time and talents to serve their city. Only on the Airport Commission is this not true. The commissioners represent only a narrow slice of airport hating neighbors and not the vast majority of Santa Monica citizens. They spend their time crafting ways to make the airport less profitable by demanding that the council raise landing fees, stop fuel sales and discourage leases with airport businesses that bring rent and tax money to the city and employ hundreds of workers. Then, they complain that the airport is not profitable.

Mr. Donald references "local blogger" Frank Gruber (failing to note that Gruber is a leader in the Airport to Park movement) as if Gruber was an authority on airport matters. According to Donald, Gruber cavalierly dismisses Angel Flight and the UCLA and USC transplant program's need to use Santa Monica Airport for their medical missions of mercy. All three organizations have explicitly stated that their programs would be severely impacted by the loss of the airport. Donald, knowing nothing, backs up his opinions with those of another man with a hidden agenda, who also knows little or nothing about the subject. I'll take the medical experts opinions over the agenda driven opinions of Donald and Gruber any day.

Gruber also trumpets the "age of the police drone" soon to replace the helicopter as a means of spying on the populace. Oh joy, Frank, won't that be a wonderfully intrusive replacement. Thanks for promoting the end of privacy and the loss of civil rights as an equitable trade-off for closing the airport.

In the event of a major earthquake, tsunami or other disaster, it won't be spots for police helicopters to land that we need, it will be a long and well-maintained runway for medium sized transport planes – like the DC-3s that were once made here.

Since the end of WWII, the FAA has included Santa Monica Airport as an integral part of the national airspace system. It is a valuable reliever airport for Southern California. The city paid for and vetted the study that showed the value of the airport and its businesses to the local economy. They accepted it without objection and its conclusions still stand. The only lack of credibility is in Peter Donald's rejection of it.

The Airport Commission so hated the city funded studies that showed how valuable the airport is to the local economy, that they ran their own "visioning process" attended mainly by local anti-airporters and backed by a thoroughly unscientific poll by CASMAT that asked only anti-airport questions and was sent only to CASMAT members and friends. Much like asking a cat to give an opinion about dogs, as anyone could guess, the conclusions were that the airport was bad. It's noteworthy that the city refused to take any part in this charade and openly rejected the "findings".

Our airport, with its tower and its jet and prop operations projects an FAA mandated protective veil over the Santa Monica area. Currently, over 300 jets a day going to LAX are forced to fly at a minimum of 5000 feet above our airport. In order to descend for landing, the planes fly a long downwind leg that takes them out toward the valley and then turn and come back to land. If the airport is closed, that traffic will be able to shorten the landing pattern considerably and will pass over our airport at heights as low as 2500 feet. The noise heard now from local takeoffs and landings will pale in comparison to what those jets will generate. Several airlines have already petitioned the FAA for route changes and lower altitudes over Santa Monica in anticipation of our airport closing.

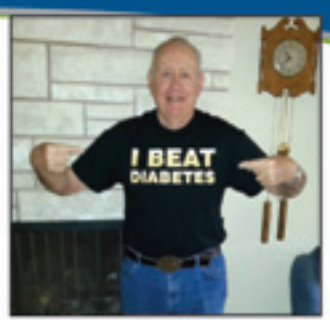
The jets and prop planes that now land at Santa Monica Airport will not disappear. They will still fly over us as they head toward LAX, Hawthorne and other airports. In fact, without the airport, our airspace will be controlled by LAX and will be more congested and much noisier. Just think, no airport, no curfew. Flights to LAX and other airports will cross Santa Monica at 2500 feet all through the day and night. Planes and helicopters not on the landing path to LAX will be able to fly over the city as low as 1000 feet above ground level. If you want to experience the future, spend some time down by USC as the planes roar in for landing at LAX. You'll have a new appreciation for how quiet Santa Monica Airport really is.

The startled and vehement reaction of Councilmembers O'Conner and McKeown to the topic of airport development would seem to give the lie to their denials. The city staff has already noted that the property is too big to turn into a park and would need potentially hundreds of millions of dollars in pollution remediation to turn a long time manufacturing site into a safe playground. The city staff has already stated unequivocally that there would never be funds to make and maintain a park. Parks are money losers. Big parks are big money losers. Why would Santa Monica make a regional park that would be available for free for all Los Angeles residents? Why would Santa Monica voters ok the huge bond issues necessary to make and forever maintain a park used more

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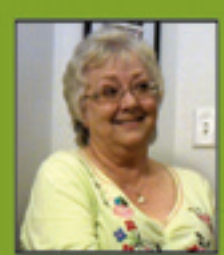
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Affordable Housing: What's that?

AS A GRADUATE STUDENT AT ONE OF THE most prestigious academic institutions in the country, I embody the poor graduate student stereotype: I eat ramen for dinner five out of seven nights a week and dream of the day I will be free from loan debt. When I first decided to get away from the suburbs and move downtown, I was so excited to finally live in the financial district, in a beautiful loft with gorgeous architecture and history and still be only a jump, skip, and hop from school. Boy, was I wrong! After only a day of apartment hunting, I quickly learned about our state's growing, unspoken crisis: affordable housing.

Housing and rental rates in Southern California are at their pinnacle. As we attempt to rebuild our economy and suffer the residual effects of 2008's Great Recession, affordable housing is a growing demand for California residents. While housing rates have dramatically increased, wages have not. The federal government defines housing as "affordable" if a resident spends less than 30% of his or her income on rent. While the suggested amount is based on individual incomes, Los Angeles County's annual median income for a family of four is only $55,100. And then what about me, the poor little graduate student? Depending solely on loans as my source of income, how was I supposed to afford a safe apartment in a reasonable neighborhood when I could just barely afford my textbooks?

As the third most expensive city in the United States, Los Angeles residents often resort to uncomfortable and overcrowded living situations - sometimes with more than one family - in an effort to just keep a roof over their heads. This growing gap between prices and wages has created an overwhelming demand for affordable housing and one that California is yet to satiate. While prices continue to increase, more and more Californians are forced to take on a second or third job just to be able to make ends meet. Some even end up on the streets. And for what? Because California isn't meeting the needs of its residents by developing more apartments and homes at affordable prices.

The California Homes and Jobs Act of 2013, also known as SB 391, is the solution to our housing crisis. SB 391 would establish permanent, continuous funding specifically for the development of affordable housing across California. SB 391 would create affordable apartments and single-family homes for California residents, including seniors and veterans, by imposing a $75 surcharge for all real estate transactions. These funds would then create the California Homes and Jobs Trust Fund. SB 391 would also develop funding for various housing programs that would assess the needs of residents and provide them with support services, such as childcare and employment help. According to the California Homes and Jobs Act, the $75 fee would revenue approximately $500 million annually for state investment in affordable housing production and an additional $2.78 billion in federal, local, and bank investment in homes and jobs for Californians. With approximately 29,000 jobs annually, SB 391 would be meeting California's housing needs while also reducing our unemployment rate.

Unfortunately, the ongoing corruption investigation on Senator Leland Yee and other senators in favor of the bill has hindered advocacy efforts. The bill's status is currently up for discussion as it sits in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, although one of the bill's co-sponsors says it is unlikely the bill will pass this year. While organizations such as Housing California and the California Housing Consortium are turning their efforts towards supporting other funding sources, it is imperative that we continue to educate Californians on the importance of SB 391.

Instead of getting the beautiful loft I had been dreaming about, I was forced to get a full-time job and max out my loans so I could afford an apartment close to school, where I'm spending well over the suggested 30% of my income. If you're interested in learning more about SB 391, the future of affordable housing in California, or want to sign the SB 391 petition, please go to: http://petitions.moveon.org/sign/california-legislators.fb40?source=s.fb.ty&r_by=10292883.

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by residents of Los Angeles than by themselves?

Even if the airport property were never developed, the surrounding area in Santa Monica and Los Angeles is ripe for redevelopment. The only thing holding developers back is the flight path to the runway and the reduced building height requirements mandated by the FAA to provide clearance for approaches and takeoffs. No runway, no height limits. No

height limits, gridlock everywhere! Look at the airport area on a 3-D Google Earth map and you'll see the height trough created by the nearly 5 mile long airport approach paths. Judging from the rate of commercial development in Santa Monica, it wouldn't take long for developers to inundate the surrounding area with taller buildings and Santa Monica could do nothing to stop it. If you hate traffic, pollution and noise now, you'll really hate it after the airport closes.

I'm certain that Peter Donald and the other Airport Commission members believe in their hearts that they are acting in the best interests of the voters of Santa Monica and the residents of the surrounding area. Unfortunately, they don't have the background to competently make decisions about the future of the airport. They depend on outside anti- airport factions for their information and accept unquestionably the pseudo-science, warped facts and half-baked conclusions they are fed. The result is bad advice to the council and an embarrassment for all Santa Monicans.

It is time that the city council act to replace the majority of the Airport Commission with Santa Monicans who have expertise in airport operations. There is no lack of highly qualified applicants. To mirror their goals for all other aspects of the city, Santa Monica's goals for the airport should be to make it the greenest airport in the nation, if not the world. Instead, driven by the desires of a few nearby residents and the hopes of a lot of developers, they are on a path to increased noise, air pollution, and density and 24 hour gridlock.



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Tech mogul will testify in beach access dispute

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HALF MOON BAY A judge required a billionaire technology mogul to testify at a trial underway over public access to a popular Northern California beach.

Sun Microsystems co-founder Vinod Khosla bought the 53-acre Martin's Beach property about 35 miles south of San Francisco in 2008 for $37.5 million and closed the only road to the site, prompting a lawsuit.

San Mateo County Judge Barbara Mallach denied a motion on the first day of the trial on May 8 that sought to spare Khosla from testifying, the San Francisco Chronicle reported. Khosla is scheduled to testify on May 12.

Khosla is opposed by The Surfrider Foundation, which argues that he is violating the California Coastal Act by blocking the road that leads to the beach. Under state law, the beach is open to the public, but without the road access, it can only be reached from the ocean.

Khosla's attorney, Jeffrey Essner, says the public was previously allowed to access the beach for a fee, so there was no right of public access.

"This lawsuit represents a clash between the constitutional right of a property owner to exclude (the public) from his private property and the cause of a political and activist organization to gain access," Essner said in court on Thursday. Essner is representing Martin's Beach LLC, the company Khosla evidently established to purchase the beachfront land.

"Surfrider, in this lawsuit, is asking to protect an access right that simply doesn't exist," Essner said.

Martin's Beach LLC painted over a billboard welcoming people to the beach, put up a locked gate and hired armed guards to keep people out, according to The Surfrider Foundation's lawsuit.

Those steps constituted development and required a permit from the California Coastal Commission, the lawsuit says.

"This case is about compliance with the coastal act," said Eric Buescher, who is co-counsel for Surfrider. "It's about ensuring that violations are punished."

California has seen other battles over public access to the coast.

In the most famous example, film and music mogul David Geffen fought for decades to block public access to the beach in front of his Malibu compound. In 2007, he finally changed course and a public easement was added to his property.

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Record day for stocks despite some unrest

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NEW YORK The Dow Jones industrial average hit a record on Friday, but without much conviction after a choppy day of trading during which investors couldn't make up their minds whether to buy or sell.

The blue-chip index flitted between small gains and losses at least a dozen times, and ended up beating its old record set last week by less than 2.5 points, or just 0.02 percent.

"The market is having trouble finding direction here," said David Kelley, JPMorgan Funds' chief global strategist. But he added, "I believe for the rest of the year, a warming economy ... will push the market up."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index also eked out a gain, but is no higher than it was in early March, after waffling between weekly gains and losses most of that time.

On Friday, stocks fell broadly from the open as investors took in the latest corporate earnings reports. It was an odd day in which winners became losers, and vice versa.

Stocks of utilities have been in favor lately because of their stable earnings and fat dividends, but investors dumped them Friday, and they closed 1.4 percent lower. That was the biggest drop of the S&P 500's ten sectors.

By contrast, a few big-name Internet stocks that had been crushed in a recent sell-off in that industry managed healthy gains.

Netflix announced it was raising prices for new subscribers of its streaming video service and investors cheered, lifting its stock 2 percent. Tesla Motors and LinkedIn, both down more than 10 percent since April, rose 2 percent and 2.5 percent, respectively.

The Dow edged up 32.37 points for the day, or 0.2 percent, to 16,583.34. That narrowly beat its previous record high of 16,580.84 set on April 30.

The S&P 500 index rose 2.85 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,878.48. The Nasdaq composite rose 20.37 points, or 0.5 percent, to 4,071.87.

Mixed messages from earnings reports left investors without clear direction.

CBS fell $1.27, or 2 percent, to $56.74 after reporting late Thursday that its first-quarter revenue had fallen short of analysts' projections. Sales from advertising slumped 12 percent.

Ralph Lauren dropped $3.18, or 2 percent, to $148.81 after its forecast for sales for the current quarter disappointed investors.

Hilton Worldwide Holdings rose 43 cents, or 2 percent, to $23.07 after exceeding analysts' expectation for earnings. And Gap rose $1.28, or 3 percent, $40.52. The clothes store chain reported strong sales for April and issued a forecast for the current quarter that was better than investors were expecting.

With most companies out with their results, first-quarter earnings for the S&P 500 are expected to rise 3.4 percent, according to S&P Capital IQ. That's a respectable performance but still down from a nearly 8 percent gain in the fourth quarter.

Companies reporting earnings next week include Macy's, Deere & Co., Cisco Systems and Wal-Mart and Nordstrom.

Investors were also watching the situation in Ukraine. On Friday, fierce fighting in eastern Ukraine left at least seven dead. Pro-Russian militants are pressing ahead with plans for an independence referendum this weekend despite objections from Moscow.

Erik Davidson, deputy chief investment officer of Wells Fargo Private Bank, said investors are still jittery five years after the financial crisis sent stocks tumbling to 12-year lows.

"There is always this worry about what is the next shoe to drop," he said. "So places we only learned about before in geography class become important: Crimea, Ukraine."

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.62 percent from 2.61 percent on Thursday. The price of oil fell 27 cents, or 0.3 percent, to $99.99 a barrel.

Among other stocks making big moves:

- Symantec rose 66 cents, or 3 percent, to $20.79. The security software maker said cost cuts helped boost its fourth-quarter profit margins and net income.

- News Corp. rose 89 cents, 5 percent, to $18. The publishing company, which owns The Wall Street Journal, reported net income fell in its fiscal third quarter, but still beat analysts' expectations due to better book publishing. That unit thrived thanks to of the "Divergent" series, which was launched as a movie in March.





NBA picks Dick Parsons as interim Clippers CEO

BY BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK Dick Parsons is hoping for a short stint running the Los Angeles Clippers, though ready to stay on as long as it takes.

Moving the franchise away from Donald Sterling and to new ownership might require a lengthy fight, but it's one Parsons thinks is worthwhile.

"This is an issue that's actually bigger than just the Clippers, bigger than just the NBA in my judgment," Parsons said. "The whole world is kind of watching how, frankly, we as a country navigate our way through this crisis. So if I can help, I'm happy to try."

The NBA chose Parsons, a former Citigroup chairman and former Time Warner chairman and CEO, as interim CEO of the Clippers on Friday.

Parsons will oversee the management of the franchise and represent it at owners meetings while the league tries to force Sterling to sell following his lifetime ban for making racist remarks.

With Sterling barred from anything to do with the team or league, and team President Andy Roeser on an indefinite leave of absence, the league and Clippers worked together to find someone to lead the organization along with coach Doc Rivers.

Parsons, who is black, met with Commissioner Adam Silver on Monday and accepted the position Thursday. He had gotten to know Silver, then the deputy commissioner, when Time Warner owned the Atlanta Hawks, and he supports what Silver is trying to do now in his first crisis since replacing David Stern in February.

"He's a good man and he's trying to do the right thing and he's trying to do it in the right way, and he could use some help," Parsons said during a phone interview.

Parsons is currently a senior adviser at Providence Equity Partners and sits on the board of directors for the Commission on Presidential Debates. He has also been on President Barack Obama's economic advisory team.

A graduate of the University of Hawaii, where he played basketball, Parsons earned a law degree from Albany Law School in 1971 and became a staff lawyer for New York Governor Nelson Rockefeller. He moved to Washington when Rockefeller was appointed vice president, and also worked closely with President Gerald Ford.

Parsons left the legal field in 1988 to become president, then chairman and CEO of Dime Bancorp, Inc. He was Time Warner chairman and CEO from 2002-08, then chairman of Citigroup from 2009-12.

Silver said in a statement that Parsons "will bring extraordinary leadership and immediate stability to the Clippers organization."

"Dick's credentials as a proven chief executive speak for themselves and I am extremely grateful he accepted this responsibility," Silver added.

The owners' advisory/finance committee has already held two conference calls since Silver banned Sterling, fined him $2.5 million and said he would urge owners to force Sterling to sell the franchise he has owned since 1981.

That would require Sterling to be charged with violating the league's constitution and bylaws, followed by a three-fourths vote of owners after a hearing. Sterling's estranged wife, Shelly, wants to keep her 50 percent ownership stake in the team, her lawyer said Thursday, and Silver said so far the ban only applies to Donald Sterling.

While that potential fight goes on, the Clippers are trying to stay focused on the playoffs following their most successful regular season ever. They are tied with the Oklahoma City Thunder entering Game 3 of their Western Conference semifinal series.

Parsons said he wouldn't be involved in an ownership fight and hopes one won't even be necessary, that "cooler heads and rationality" would allow the NBA and the Clippers to work through the turmoil without a legal battle. He doesn't know how long that could take.

"I know the NBA would love to get this done before the next season begins, but who knows what's going to happen? It's open ended," Parsons said.

"We're here until sort of we can work our way through the point of transition."

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SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
S/SSE swell fills in further - standouts see larger sets at times;
NW windswell continues; most size off the combo out west in the region

MONDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
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TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
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Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
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Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 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.	B	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.	F	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 DBW 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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SATURDAY, MAY 10
BATMAN (1989) / BATMAN RETURNS
7:30 p.m.
THE 39 STEPS / THE LADY VANISHES
7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 11
THE WIZARD OF OZ
4 p.m.
THE SOUND OF MUSIC
5pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

SATURDAY, MAY 10
Amazing Spider-Man 2 in 3D
3:45pm, 10:10pm

Amazing Spider-Man 2
10:45am, 6:55pm

Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return
11:30am, 4:30pm, 9:45pm

Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return 3D
2:00pm, 7:10pm

Heaven Is for Real
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Grand Budapest Hotel
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11:50pm, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8pm 10:30pm

Grand Budapest Hotel
11:40pm, 2:15pm 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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SATURDAY, MAY 10
Amazing Spider-Man 2 in 3D (NR)
10:40am, 12:50pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:50pm

Amazing Spider-Man 2 (NR)
11:15am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Captain America: The Winter Soldier (NR)
10:35am, 1:00pm, 4:15pm, 10:40pm

Rio 2 (NR)
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Other Woman (NR)
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Million Dollar Arm (PG)
7:00pm

Neighbors (R)
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Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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SATURDAY, MAY 10
Cycling With Moliere (Alceste a bicyclette) (NR) 1hr 44min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Railway Man (NR) 1hr 56min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

German Doctor (Wakolda) (PG-13) 1hr 32min
10:45am, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Only Lovers Left Alive (NR) 2hrs 03min
4:00pm, 9:40pm

Fading Gigolo (NR) 1hr 38min
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BE FRISKY TONIGHT, TAURUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Work with someone directly. Opportunities come through this person, so be receptive to what he or she has to say. If shopping for a large item, you'll need to do some price comparison. Tonight: Dinner out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Be more forthright in how you express concern to a loved one. This person has been relatively distant and appears to be opening up. You don't want to challenge him or her, so just listen and let him or her talk. Tonight: Time to be frisky.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Convey more than intellectual feelings to a loved one or child. You might be more comfortable keeping the conversation light and easy. Get into a project, but be ready to stop if you become tired and overburdened. Tonight: Do what you think is fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Examine an alternative with care, but know that it might not be as appealing if you do. You could feel as if you can't make a difference to a loved one, as this person appears to be closed off. Tonight: Go to your favorite haunt.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be in the mood to stay home. Invite friends over for a fun dinner. You naturally seem to have a wonderful time at home, as do your visitors. You even might decide to invite a friend you have not spoken to in a while. Tonight: Get into a flirtatious moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive or a need to have matters fall as you would like. Control could be more of an issue than you might have thought. Your upbeat attitude and personality will melt someone else's resistance. Tonight: Hang out.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Consider letting a friend come in closer. This person has been unusually difficult and stern. Do not make a comment about this recent tendency, but help him or her feel as safe as possible in your company. A call from someone at a distance might be important. Tonight: The lead actor.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Visualize more of what you want from a situation. You might be in the mood to be quiet. Let a loved one open up, as this person seems to have a lot on his or her mind. You might need some additional time to reconsider your response to a serious matter. Tonight: Play it easy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Friends surround you. As a result, your sense of humor will emerge. You could be a little down and not ready to share some of your thoughts at first. Later in the day, when you are more relaxed, you might choose to express your thoughts. Tonight: Only where you have fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Make a point of calling a parent or older friend before you make plans. Once you have a discussion, you might want to do something totally different. A friend could be disappointed if you cancel plans. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ If you want to take off at the last minute, do. You might enjoy your weekend away from the grind much more than you thought possible. Honor a child's request. You will be able to do something that often isn't even an option. Tonight: Surround yourself with music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You'll see a situation far differently from how you have in a substantial amount of time. It might be necessary to have a conversation with the person who has the opposing view. Tonight: Be with a favorite friend.

Weekend Edition, May 10-11, 2014

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

This year you will attempt to be as understanding as possible, yet often people do not get your intensity and caring. Pace yourself, as you have a lot to say and do this year. Learn to say "no" more often, and try not to take on additional responsibilities. You need time for yourself, too. If you are single, you could meet someone at work or at the gym. You do not need to push yourself or put yourself in a position to meet someone immediately -- it will happen on its own. If you are attached, your feelings will help loosen up your significant other. Remain nurturing, and eventually that attitude will be returned. LIBRA often seems frivolous.

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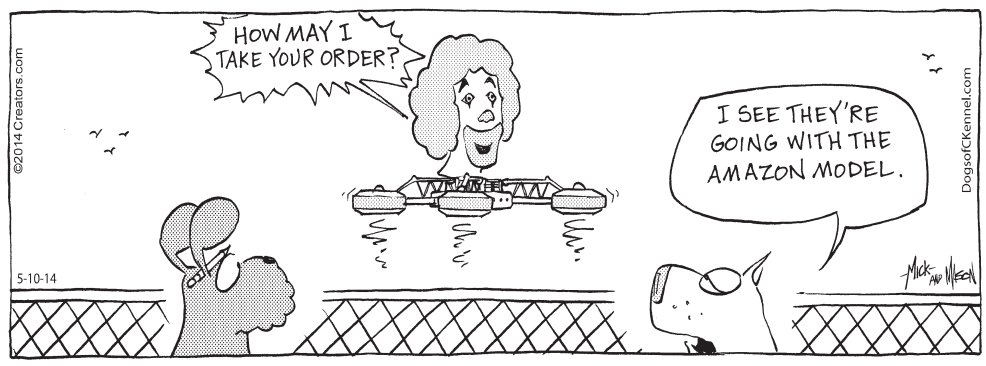
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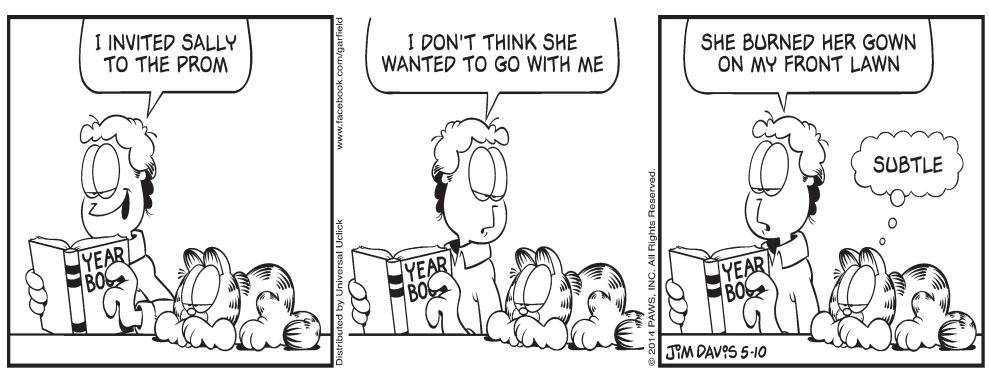
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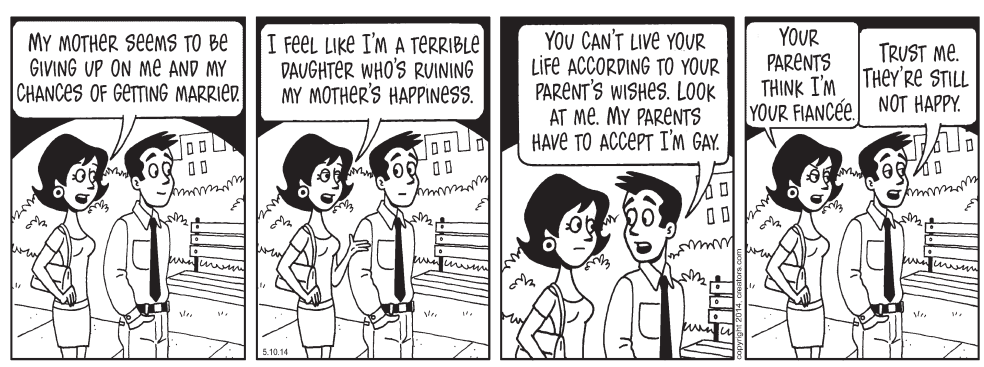
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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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.

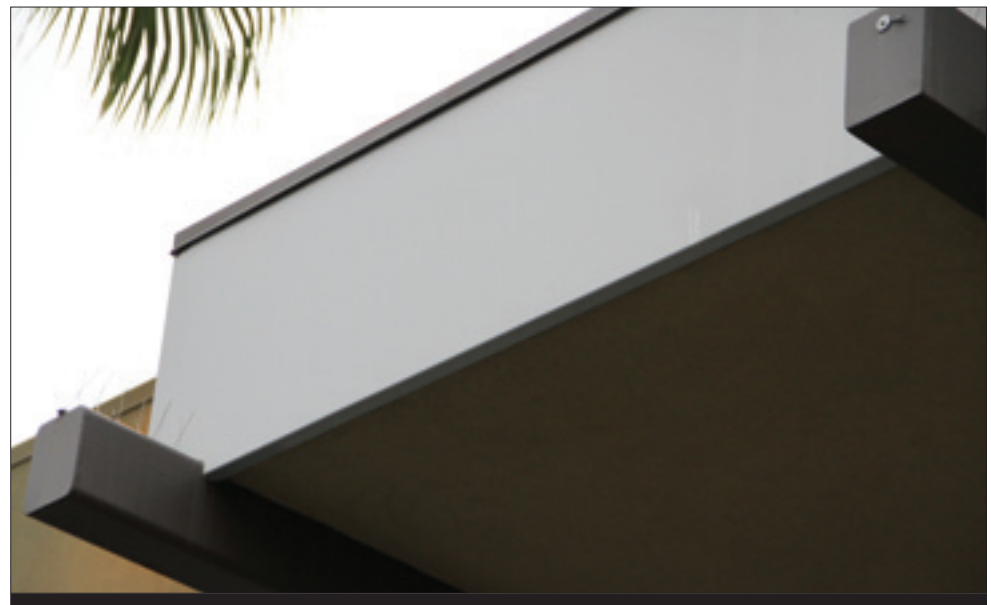
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2	5	3	1	7	4	8	6	9
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Thick slices
6 Phoned copies
11 Pink shade
12 Tara family name
13 Wonderland visitor
14 Court rapper
15 Put on the line
17 Road hazard
18 Had lunch
19 Sugar servings
22 Outlaw
23 Electricians, at times
24 Braves legend
25 Country singer Mel
27 Yank's foe
30 "Robocop" and "Total Recall"
31 Punk rock offshoot
32 Mont Blanc, for one
33 Turn
35 Trumpet sound
38 Turn aside
39 Hold, at sea
40 T-shirt choice
41 Fuming
42 Kicked, in a way

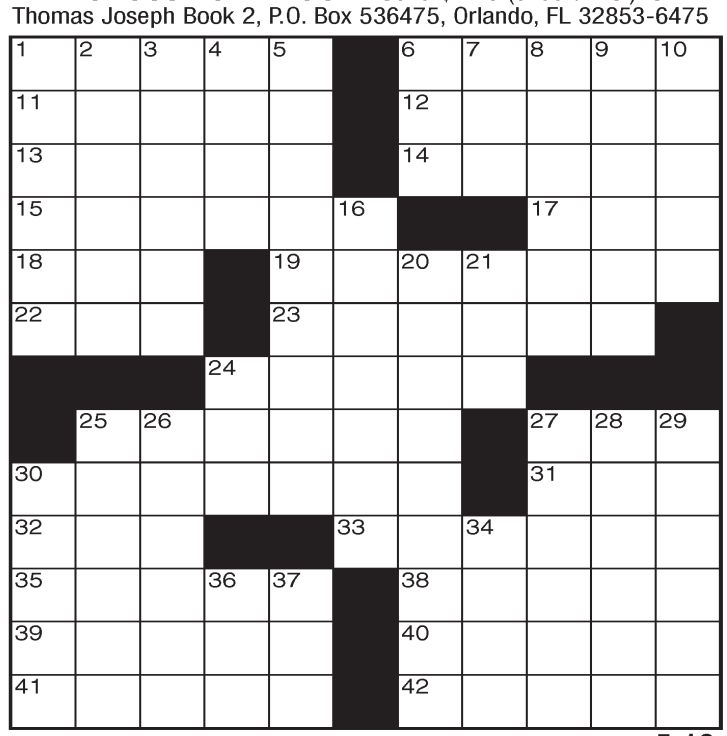
DOWN

1 Sacred beetle
2 Nabokov book
3 Out of bed
4 Fund
5 Somnambulate
6 Sailing hazard
7 Cry of insight
8 Last name of an "X-Men" professor
9 Puts up
10 Company division
16 Some farms
20 Intersection sight
21 Writer Kesey
24 Copying
25 Bank worker
26 Gazelle's cousin
27 Idolize
28 Come into view
29 Ran off
30 Bar mitzvah figure
34 Infamous czar
36 Scoundrel
37 Iris setting

F	A	C	E	T	■	N	O	W	A	Y
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Canadian Radio-television & Telecommunications Commission in March reprimanded three pornography broadcast stations -- not for excessively erotic fare, but for violating Canada's protectionist, patriotic rules requiring that at least 35 percent of all content be of Canadian origin. According to its notice, the 24-hour AOV Adult Movie Channel, XXX Action Clips and Maleflixxx were falling short of the 8 1/2 hours a day of north-of-the-border sex action (and, in an additional charge, were failing to provide enough closed captioning to accompany the "Yeah's" and "Oh, baby's").

■ Efren Carrillo, a member of the board of supervisors of California's Sonoma County, was charged with misdemeanor "peeking" last year in Santa Rosa after he, returning home from a club late at night, saw his female neighbor's light on and decided to drop in on her (though he did not even know her name). He had knocked at her back patio door, carrying beers, but was dressed awkwardly, leading the woman to call 911. "In retrospect," the county supervisor told police afterward, "I should have had my pants on" (instead of just his socks and underwear). (His trial was underway at press time.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

2002 - F.B.I. agent Robert Hanssen is sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole for selling United States secrets to Moscow for $1.4 million in cash and diamonds.

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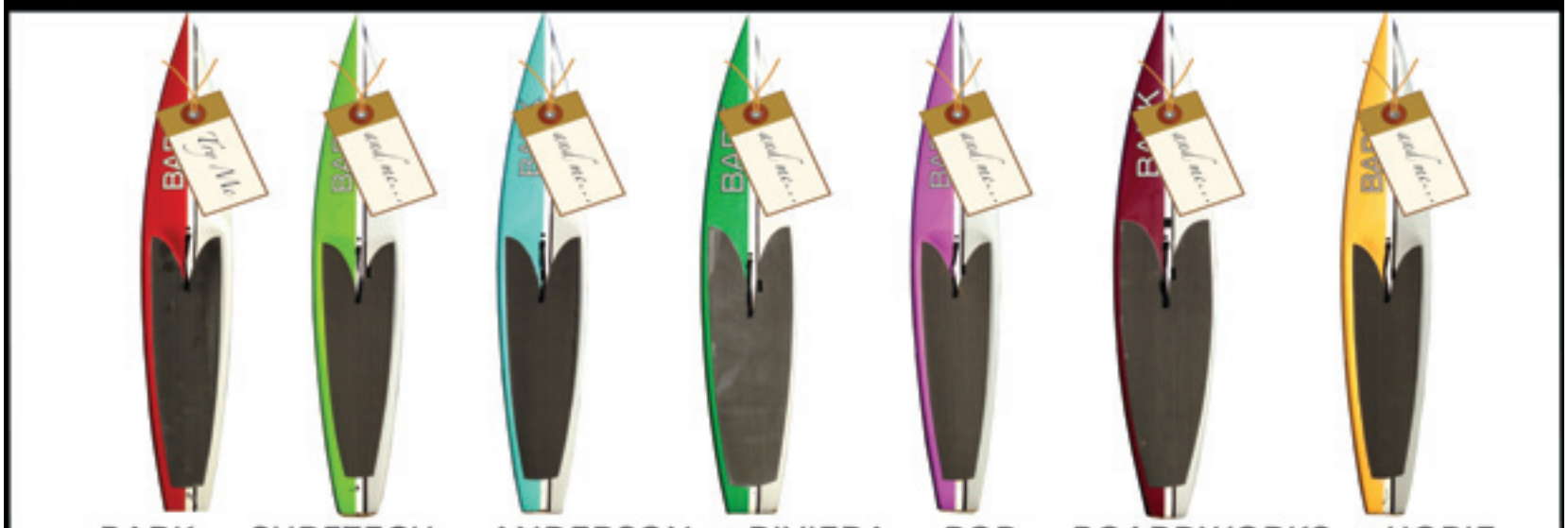
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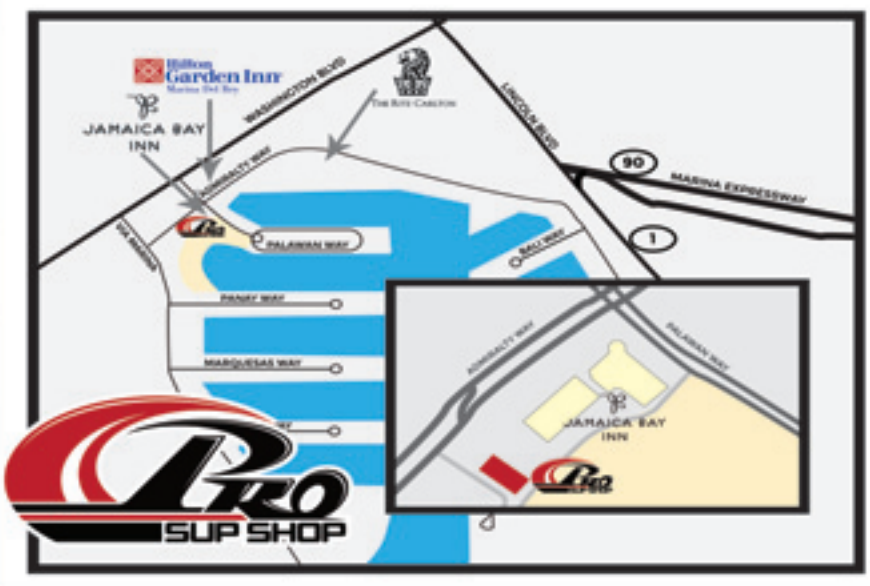
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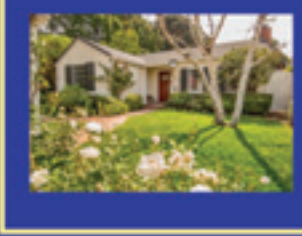




- Built in 2000
- 4 Bedrooms
- 4.5 Bathrooms
- Approx. 4,000 Sq Ft
- Detached Guest House
- Oasis Pool & Spa

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