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## PLAYING AROUND

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Players from the Salty Shakespeare theatre company perform one of a series of mini-plays at the Annenberg Community Beach House on Thursday. The company is the beach house's artists in residence this summer. They have held workshops and rehearsed their work.

## Seniors get cheap day at the beach

Annual parking pass costs less than the sticker it's printed on

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**CITY HALL** Being a senior citizen has its perks — reduced prices on movie tickets, cheaper coffee at McDonald's and a claim to choice seats on public buses.

Add to that a lesser-known benefit: parking in Santa Monica.

Finding a place to put your motor vehicle in the city by the sea can be pricey, especially near the beach, but it's a lot easier on the over-65 crowd who have been receiving steep discounts from City Hall for decades.

Seniors who live anywhere in California — yes, anywhere in the state — can purchase a year-round parking pass for the beach parking lots for a measly \$2.20, roughly 18 percent of the summer rate accepted by the City Council for the central beach lot on Tuesday.

It's a long-standing practice, and one that's well known within the senior community, said Don Patterson, assistant director of the Finance Department at City Hall.

Maybe, but it was a shock to most of the people listening to a conversation about increased parking rates at a City Council meeting on Tuesday night.

"It surprised everyone except the parking people," said City Councilmember Bob Holbrook, who qualifies for the discount but didn't realize he could take advantage of it.

If the word's out, Santa Monica has a large population of abstemious seniors.

According to the 2010 census data, there are 13,416 people aged 65 and older in Santa Monica, and 4,246,514 statewide, all of whom technically qualify for the beach parking discount.

City Hall has issued only 3,000 passes for the current year, Patterson told council

## Details released in teacher's harassment case

Parent went to court to fight for documents detailing reprimand

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD  
Daily Press Staff Writer

**SMMUSD HDQTRS** After over a year and a half in court, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has turned over materials relating to an investigation and punishment of a Santa Monica High School math teacher who sexually harassed a female student in 2008.

The two documents — a report by a private investigator who looked into the allegations and an official reprimand — reveal that Samohi geometry teacher Ari Marken was inappropriate with a 13-year-old stu-

dent, going so far as to send personal e-mails calling the girl his "favorite" and touching her hair in class.

School administration investigated the incident, reprimanded Marken and forwarded the results of the investigation to the Santa Monica Police Department.

No criminal charges were filed, and Marken is still an active teacher at Samohi.

The documents in question have been the subject of a court battle initiated by district parent Michael Chwe after the district refused to turn over the information after Chwe filed a California Public Records request for the documents in December

2010.

The district delayed nearly two months before denying Chwe's request, giving Marken enough time to file a third-party lawsuit arguing that his right to privacy outweighed Chwe's ability to request public records under the First Amendment.

A Los Angeles Superior Court ruled against Marken in March 2011, and an appeals court upheld that ruling in January 2012.

Marken will not appeal the matter to the state Supreme Court, said Richard Schwab,

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### CIVIC CENTER 10 life-changing books

Instead of reading the latest paranormal teen romance novel or the tawdry "50 Shades of Grey," why not dive into something more substantial this summer?

If that sounds appealing then the Pardee RAND Graduate School has some suggestions for you – 10 to be exact. The school on Thursday released a list of books that can change the way people look at the world.

The selected books consist of several different genres, such as political science, politics, psychology and more.

The books are also diverse date-wise. The newest, "It's Even Worse Than It Looks," was published in 2012, and the oldest, "Democracy in America," was published in 1835.

The books on the list are:

- "Thinking, Fast and Slow," by Daniel Kahnman – psychology
- "Bureaucracy," by James Q. Wilson – political science
- "How to Solve It," by George Pólya – mathematics
- "How to Lie with Statistics," by Darrell Huff – statistics
- "The Visual Display of Quantitative Information," by Edward R. Tufte – analytic design
- "Everything is Obvious\* Once You Know the Answer: How Common Sense Fails Us," by Duncan J. Watts – sociology
- "It's Even Worse Than It Looks," by Thomas E. Mann and Norman J. Ornstein – politics
- "Democracy in America," by Alexis de Tocqueville – political science
- "Representations of the Intellectual," by Edward W. Said – cultural studies
- "Smart Choices," by John S. Hammond, Ralph L. Keeney and Howard Raiffa – leadership

Professor David Kennedy, who selected "Everything is Obvious\* Once You Know The Answer: How Common Sense Fails Us," notes, "It's a great look at how historical events often have common sense explanations that are useless for public policy development."

AMANCAI BIRABEN

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## NEW APPROACH

Cones mark off new pull-in parking spots on 12th Street on Thursday. The change of layout allows for more cars to park along the street while parking on Colorado Avenue is taken out of commission during construction of the Expo Light Rail line.

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## Father and daughter cops go on patrol in L.A.

**RAQUEL MARIA DILLON**

*Associated Press*

LOS ANGELES It's a tradition at the Los Angeles Police Department — when the child of a veteran officer joins the force, father and child pull a shift on patrol together. Usually it's a proud dad and his son.

On Wednesday, Officer Jamie Carganilla, 29, joined her father, Officer Pat Cronin, to cruise a quiet corner of the San Fernando Valley for a father-daughter reunion.

"I need a car seat for my daughter," he said, as they checked out rifles together after roll call.

As they checked the police cruiser's lights, sirens and computers, Carganilla laughed at her father's jokes like a dutiful daughter.

She recently finished her year of probationary service in the Topanga Division and will be reassigned to a permanent position soon. She's not the first female officer to pull a shift with her father, but it's unusual because the police force is still mostly male.

Before her shift on the streets of Reseda, Carganilla has to admire photos of her dad at the beginning of his law enforcement career, pose for the captain's photos and endure some razzing from her dad's colleagues.

"This is so weird," he said as they pulled out of the station parking lot together.

Cronin, 60, has trained new officers at the West Valley station for 10 years.

"I try to instill in them that this job really is special, it really is interesting and that no two days are exactly the same," he said. "It's just different having my daughter here. Because I scold her all the time."

Carganilla wasn't one of those kids who dream of being a cop. She had stage dreams, and eventually performed in musicals and sang for Disney for four years.

When it came time to plot a new career course, her father suggested that she become a police officer.

"He just kind of threw the idea out there. At first I was like, 'What? No way! I could never.' But the more I thought about it, the better it sounded. And I just decided to go for it," she said.

Her mother, Cronin's wife, was not thrilled with the idea.

"I don't think she'll ever be as comfortable with it as Jamie and I are," Cronin said. "Because she's a mom."

"She's a worrier," his daughter added.

An only child, she was born while her

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## Stating the reasons why

## Editor:

Regarding the article “Chain Reaction’ gets landmark status,” July 11: The article has a few serious omissions. When the Landmarks Commission conducts a public hearing for landmarks consideration there are several factors that are considered. There is a staff report, an independent consultant’s report and there is the public response during the public hearing. There are six criteria that the commission considers for landmarks designation.

The article fails to mention that the consultant’s analysis concluded that Paul Conrad’s “Chain Reaction” met four and perhaps five of the criteria. Only one is required for designation. There were about 10 public speakers and all but one supported designation; one seemed to be rather neutral.

The consultant and the commission concluded that the sculpture met these criteria: 1) It exemplifies, symbolizes and manifests elements of the cultural, social, political history of the city; 2) It has aesthetic and artistic value; 3) It is identified with historic personages and events in local, state or national history; 4) It is a significant example of the work of a notable designer; 5) It has a unique location and is an established visual feature of the neighborhood, community and city.

To sum up these findings the Landmarks Commission concluded that the sculpture by Pulitzer Prize-winning artist Paul Conrad is an important political statement and is his most significant sculpture. The placement in the Civic Center, adjacent to the City Hall where government debates, the court house where judgements are made and RAND Corp. where policy about war and peace are contemplated, was a unique location.

The city of Santa Monica has long been associated with the nuclear freeze and other progressive political causes. The sculpture symbolizes that perspective.

“Chain Reaction” has been controversial from its inception some 23 years ago. Now it is called “iconic” but it is no less controversial. The speakers spoke eloquently about the statement this sculpture makes about the dangers of nuclear war. Twenty-three years ago we were in a nuclear dance with the Soviet Union playing with 50,000 nuclear warheads. Today, thankfully, we are down perhaps to only 10,000 or 12,000. Now India and Pakistan are having the same dance. The major issue of the day is nuclear proliferation in Korea, and Iran. Where will it stop? The genie can’t be put back in the bottle.

The statement at the base of “Chain Reaction” sculpture reads: “This is a statement of peace, may it never be an epitaph.”

Roger Genser

Member, Landmarks Commission



## Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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## Falling on hard times

BEING FRIDAY THE 13TH, TODAY MIGHT BE a good day to avoid: walking under a ladder, black cats or opening an umbrella indoors. (Though, if you’re opening an umbrella in July I think you have other issues.)

I’m not very superstitious, but I do have a haunting Friday the 13th tale from exactly 22 years ago. It began with a message on my answering machine from a “detective” way too young to be from the Santa Monica Police Department.

A practical joker myself, I assumed it was a friend getting even. But as I left my apartment I saw yellow police tape cordoning off the front of the building. Apparently a woman had jumped from the seventh floor. I immediately went back upstairs.

The message wasn’t a prank. Sam Luke, a rather eccentric 50-something neighbor, had been arrested for attempted murder. Saying I was his best friend, he gave the cops my number. And now they insisted I come to the station. Oh, brother.

Sam had lived at the Shores for 25 years but never worked. (There was speculation about a family trust.) All he did was jog and chase girls. (Not a bad job if you can get it.) But poor Sam suffered from some sort of post-traumatic stress disorder and often what he said made no sense. Yet, I liked him. Go figure.

Actually, the basis of our relationship consisted of whenever either of us needed our car serviced, the other would pick him up from the mechanic’s. On one drive home, however, twice Sam almost plowed into the car in front of us at a red light.

Explaining his odd behavior, Sam showed me a photo of his beautiful ex-girlfriend who had spurned his marriage proposal. “I haven’t been myself since,” he said despondently. (Turns out he asked her four years ago!)

Sam added rather ominously, “If she doesn’t marry me, she won’t marry anyone.” At that juncture I almost said, “Thanks, Sam, I think I can walk the rest of the way.” The point is, the girl who fell from the seventh floor (or was pushed) and who was in a hospital battling for her life was Sam’s “almost” fiancée. Gulp.

“How do I get into these messes?” I muttered on the way to the police station. (Similar to what I say the night before these columns are due.) Worse, the detective said they were convinced the girl jumped and they would be releasing Sam into my custody.

Releasing Sam? What about “If she doesn’t marry me, she won’t marry anyone?” But the detective insisted that having landed on her heels proved that she had jumped. Silently, I was convinced he pushed her. (Some best friend I was.)

But, to the detective and Sam’s credit, when the ex-girlfriend came out of surgery,

she admitted that she had set Sam up. Wanting to commit suicide and knowing that he jogged in Palisades Park, she met him there and asked if she could come over for lunch.

When Sam and I walked slowly from the police station to my car he was trembling uncontrollably. He asked me to drive him to St. Monica where he prayed for about an hour while I waited in the car. (Never thinking that 22 years later I’d be writing a column about it.) On the way home Sam told me the whole story.

## ‘I WAS MAKING HER LUNCH,’ HE SAID, STILL IN SHOCK, ‘AND WHEN I LOOKED UP SHE WAS STANDING ON THE BALCONY RAILING AND THEN SHE JUST JUMPED!’

“I was making her lunch,” he said, still in shock, “and when I looked up she was standing on the balcony railing and then she just jumped!” I’m embarrassed to admit this but, frustrated comedian that I am, I actually asked, “Sam, exactly what we’re you making for lunch?” (Fortunately, poor Sam didn’t notice my insensitive humor, which is more luck than I have with some of my readers.)

Amazingly, the girl was eventually able to walk normally though it took six surgeries and a few years. But Sam went downhill fast. He stopped jogging and began drinking. Totally polluted, he’d often ever so slowly stagger to the Shores from Surf Liquor on Main Street, like a cross between the “Night of the Living Dead” and Frankenstein. (The sight of Sam didn’t exactly enhance the Shores leasing agent’s sales pitch when showing prospective tenants a \$5,000-a-month apartment.)

This past January, poor Sam, well into his 70s, was committed to a convalescent facility. Sadly, on March 20, the day before he was to return home, he passed away. I volunteered to write his obituary in our tenant newsletter.

I admit there really isn’t a moral to this story. (Unless you count, “If you live in a high-rise and your ex-girlfriend invites herself over for lunch, just say no.”) I only hope I’ve been kind to Sam. Strange as he was, it’s likely that every Friday the 13th, instead of ladders and black cats, I’ll be thinking about him.

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# Watching the train wreck

AS MOST CALIFORNIANS KNOW BY NOW, the California Legislature has just approved spending billions of dollars on what will surely prove to be the most costly boondoggle in American history. So much has been written about high speed rail in the last three days — much of it very, very good — that one would think that there is little to add.

Nonetheless, from the perspective of taxpayer advocates, a number of points need to be made.

First, the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association ran the unsuccessful campaign against the original Prop 1A in 2008, the same election that put Barack Obama in the White House. As usual, grassroots taxpayers were woefully outspent in that effort. Nonetheless, the vote was surprisingly close given the decidedly liberal tilt of that election cycle.

Second, the ballot materials presented to the voters in 2008 were a fraud. Indeed, in a lawsuit brought by HJTA, the Court of Appeal ruled that the fact that the Legislature, by statute, dictated the contents of the so-called “objective” analysis in the ballot pamphlet was a violation of California’s Political Reform Act. While we’re proud of that legal win, it was a Pyrrhic victory at best. You see, while the deceptive practice of the Legislature’s manipulation of the ballot material was enjoined, we could not overturn the results of the close election.

As we now know through multiple polls, had California voters been told the truth about high speed rail, it would have failed.

Third, although the debate on Friday in the California Senate was sharply divided on party lines — Republicans against, Democrats mostly for — we at HJTA were struck by the compelling arguments made by the three Democrat senators who spoke against the measure. As a non-partisan organization — about a third of our 200,000 members are Democrats — we nonetheless recognize that, on fiscal issues, the Republicans are usually head and shoulders above their colleagues on the other side of the aisle. (In the debate, they covered all the flaws in the current rail plan with typical proficiency).

Nonetheless, these three surprised us by bucking their party’s leadership and taking a stance against powerful special interests. If anyone in America doubts that appropriating a single dollar to high speed rail in California is an abject waste of money, we commend for your viewing the floor speeches by the Senate democrats who eviscerated the high speed rail plan. Even more notable is that most had previously been staunch supporters of high speed rail. While it can be

argued that their new-found fiscal restraint is based more on politics — two are in tough election fights in November — the points they made were logical and persuasive.

Fourth is the issue of debt. Even if the high speed rail project were never built, our current budget is a train wreck in its own right. Massive debt, overspending and lack of reforms have rendered California virtually ungovernable. How any legislator who supported this massive expenditure of taxpayer funds can look their children or grandchildren in the eye is beyond us. We have just handed future generations a bill that, in all likelihood, they will be unable to pay.

Fifth, there has been a great deal of discussion surrounding the impact that approval of high speed rail would have on Gov. Brown’s proposed tax hike in November. Indeed, the Field Poll itself last week noted that “support for the governor’s initiative would be adversely affected if the Legislature funds the high-speed rail project.”

In theory, those of us who will be leading the campaign against Brown’s tax hike should be glad that he and his tax-and-spend liberal allies have just handed us Exhibit A in our argument that Sacramento’s perverse spending priorities provide more than sufficient justification to reject higher taxes. But the truth is different. Those of us who love California and want our children to stay here instead of moving to states where there are more bountiful opportunities were hoping against hope that our elected leadership would not waste billions of dollars in such a cavalier manner as they did on Friday.

Yes, we will use the monumental waste of precious taxpayer dollars on high speed rail as part of our campaign against the tax hikes. But talk about your Pyrrhic victory. Even assuming — as we all do — that Californians will reject the tax hikes (after all, they’ve rejected the last eight successive tax increase proposals) we’ll still be wasting billions on a train that, even if it were built, few people will ride.

To conclude, the best observation regarding Friday’s infamous vote on the floor of the California Senate came from a Twitter commentator who simply said “high speed rail is California’s rejoinder to people who think we couldn’t possibly be governed more incompetently.”

**JON COUPAL** is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association -- California’s largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers’ rights.

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The Q-Line

In the air

The City Council is being asked to consider a ban on smoking in multi-unit residential units.

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Contact [qline@smdp.com](mailto:qline@smdp.com) before Friday at 5 p.m. and we’ll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.



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## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

**TIME/DATE:** 7:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, July 25, 2012

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

A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following issues:

**TEXT AMENDMENT 12-001**, CM Main Street Commercial and C4 Highway Commercial Districts. Amendments to Santa Monica Municipal Code Sections 9.04.02.030, 9.04.08.22.030, 9.04.08.28.030 and Subchapter 9.04.12 to permit off-street food truck venues in the CM Main Street Commercial District and C4 Highway Commercial District by Performance Standards Permit. [Planner: Paul Foley] **APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica.**

**Kick-off of 2013-2021 Housing Element Preparation:** Staff will present an outline of the City's initialization of a State-mandated project to produce an updated General Plan Housing Element by the October 2013 deadline. The Housing Element will include goals and programs that are consistent with the General Plan Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) and other housing policy documents adopted by the City, looking ahead toward potential based on available and future resources for development of affordable and market-rate housing.

The Planning Commission will also hold a study session [continued from July 18, 2012] on how uses and districts may be regulated in the revised Zoning Ordinance, with presentation by consultant Vivian Kahn from Dyett & Bhatia. [Staff: Jory Phillips, Consultant: Vivian Kahn]

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P. O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. For more information, please contact the Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center.



## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT:** 12APP-004 (Appeal of Denial of Landmark Designation 12LM-003)  
1550 5th Street, 1554-1558 5th Street, 417 Colorado Avenue

APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission

APPELLANT: Mike Salazar, Edith Garcia, et al

PROPERTY OWNER: 1550 5th Street, LLC

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

Appeal of Landmarks Commission Denial of the Designation of the Commercial Building Located at 1550 5th Street, 1554-1558 5th Street, 417 Colorado Avenue as a City Landmark.

**DATE/TIME:** TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012, AT 6:45 p.m.

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

### HOW TO COMMENT

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk  
Re: 12APP-004  
1685 Main Street, Room 102  
Santa Monica, CA 90401

### MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at scott.albright@smgov.net. The Landmark Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at [www.santa-monica.org](http://www.santa-monica.org).

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and the Tide Ride serve City Hall.

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

### ESPAÑOL

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

# Tube wear detailed at nuke plant

**MICHAEL R. BLOOD**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Federal regulators Thursday disclosed the most detailed information to date on damage at California's idled San Onofre nuclear power plant, where thousands of tubes that carry radioactive water have eroded at an alarming rate.

The detailed data, posted obscurely on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission website, has implications for the future of the seaside plant that has been offline since a tube break in January released traces of radiation.

The records provide the first detailed portrait of how heavily damaged some tubes have become in a short time, and hint at the challenge faced by operator Southern California Edison to get the reactors running again.

The generator tubes represent a critical safety barrier — if a tube breaks, there is the potential that radioactivity can escape into the atmosphere. Also, serious leaks can drain protective cooling water from a reactor.

Tubes have to be retired if 35 percent — roughly a third — of the alloy wall wears away, and each of the four generators at the plant is designed to operate with a maximum of 778 retired tubes, out of nearly 10,000.

In one troubled generator in Unit 3, 420 tubes have been retired. The records show another 197 tubes in that generator have between 20 percent and 34 percent wear, meaning they are close to reaching the point when they would be at risk of breaking. More than 500 others have between 10 percent and 19 percent wear in the tube wall.

"The new data reveal that there are thousands of damaged tubes in both Units 2 and 3, raising serious questions whether either unit should ever be restarted," said Daniel Hirsch, a lecturer on nuclear policy at the University of California, Santa Cruz, who is a critic of the industry. "The problem is vastly larger than has been disclosed to date."

Overall, the records show investigators have found wear from friction and vibration in 15,000 places, in varying degrees, in 3,401 tubes.

In about 280 spots — virtually all in the Unit 3 reactor — more than 50 percent of the tube wall was worn away.

The company has said previously that 1,300 tubes will be taken out of service at the plant, either because of heavy wear or as a precaution, although the number is well within the margin to allow the generators to keep operating.

Gradual wear is common in such tubing, but the rate of erosion at San Onofre startled officials since the equipment is relatively new. The generators were replaced in 2009 and 2010 in a \$670 million overhaul.

The generators function something like a car radiator, which controls heat in a vehicle's engine. The generator tubes circulate hot, radioactive water from the reactors, which heat non-radioactive water surrounding them. That makes steam, which is used to turn turbines to make electricity.

The trouble began to unfold in January, when the Unit 3 reactor was shut down as a precaution after a tube break released traces of radiation. That began a spiral of events that led to a months-long federal probe.

Last month the NRC blamed a botched computer analysis for creating excessive vibration inside the generators that damaged tubes, with agency officials saying last month it's not known how the generators can be fixed.

The NRC left open the possibility that one or more of the huge machines might have to be replaced.

Decaying generator tubes helped push San Onofre's Unit 1 reactor into retirement in 1992, even though it was designed to run until 2004. The following year, the Trojan nuclear plant, near Portland, Ore., was shuttered because of microscopic cracks in steam generator tubes, cutting years off its expected lifespan.

Also on Thursday, Friends of the Earth, a group critical of the nuclear industry, released a report saying the tube damage at San Onofre far exceeded anything witnessed in the industry. The report, written by Vermont-based nuclear consultants Fairewinds Associates, said the plant has retired four times as many tubes as the combined total at other U.S. nuclear power plants where generators have been replaced.

Regulators and plant owners say the reactors won't be restarted until all safety issues are addressed, but costs continue to mount and scrutiny has intensified.

The state Public Utilities Commission plans to vote on an order next month requiring plant owners to disclose the potential economic hit for ratepayers, ranging from a relatively quick restart to a permanent shutdown of the twin reactors.

About 7.4 million Californians live within 50 miles of San Onofre, which can power 1.4 million homes.

The plant is owned by SCE, San Diego Gas & Electric and the city of Riverside. The Unit 1 reactor operated from 1968 to 1992, when it was shut down and dismantled.

# Ex-mayor to plead guilty in bribery case

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

LOS ANGELES The former mayor and the one-time city manager of the Southern California city of Cudahy have agreed to plead guilty to bribery charges for supporting the opening of a medical marijuana dispensary, authorities said.

Ex-Mayor David Silva and former City Manager Angel Perales will each plead guilty to one count of bribery and extortion, according to plea agreements filed Thursday. They each face up to 30 years in prison.

The two men, along with Councilman Osvaldo Conde, were arrested last month as part of an investigation into an alleged plan to approve a pot collective. In exchange, prosecutors say the three men solicited and accepted \$17,000.

The case is the latest in a series of corruption scandals plaguing small cities south of Los Angeles. Most notable were the 2010 arrests of the former city manager and several other officials from neighboring Bell, who are accused of misappropriating funds to overpay themselves.

Federal authorities said in court documents that after weeks of soliciting bribes, Conde, Perales and Silva accepted \$15,000 in February from an FBI informant who formerly owned a medical marijuana shop in a nearby city.

Conde later met with the informant and received \$2,000, court documents show. The informant estimated the dispensary could generate up to \$2.5 million within a year.

Both Silva and Perales will appear in court July 19. Conde remains free on \$100,000 bail.

# Bills, few options mean bankruptcy for SoCal city

**AMY TAXIN &  
DAVID R. MARTIN**  
Associated Press

**SAN BERNARDINO, Calif.** They cut spending, sold assets and even asked public employees to take a financial hit.

But budget woes still mounted for San Bernardino city officials. And by the beginning of this week, vendors hadn't been paid and cash was running out to make payroll, threatening to shut down the city.

That prompted elected officials in the city of 210,000 people to make the sudden move of authorizing the city attorney to seek federal bankruptcy protection, becoming the third California city poised to do so in less than two weeks.

"This city is in a dire financial situation," Interim City Manager Andrea Travis-Miller said in a statement Thursday. "While many measures have been instituted over the last four years to balance the city's budget, our financial situation has continued to decline and that has brought us to a critical point."

The contentious vote Tuesday night took many by surprise and set the city apart from other California municipalities where such an action came only after months of consideration.

Bankruptcy experts say the decision in San Bernardino — some 60 miles east of Los Angeles — could sound an alarm to cities across the state and country that are grappling with weak property and sales tax revenues as their pension obligations continue to rise.

"People are waiting to see whether these are the exceptions to the rule or whether we have a new trend," said Jim Spiotto, a Chicago attorney who tracks municipal bankruptcies. "I do think it may be something of a wake-up call."

San Bernardino is facing a budget shortfall of about \$45 million and annual deficits over the next five years. That's even after the city slashed the workforce by 20 percent over the past four years and negotiated \$10 million in annual concessions from employees in each of the past three years.

The problems stem from weak property and sales tax revenues combined with escalating pension costs and a loss of state redevelopment funds, city officials said.

On Tuesday night, City Attorney James Penman told the City Council that budget officials had presented falsified documents for 13 of the past 16 years, masking the city's deficit.

He told reporters a day later that he believed an outside investigation was needed in February but had not realized the scope of the problem until this month.

Evidence of financial mismanagement had been given to "appropriate government agencies," he said, declining to provide further details while citing the pending bankruptcy proceedings.

"The information was discovered in probably the last 60 days, and the elected officials became aware of it very recently," Penman said.

Jim Morris, the mayor's chief of staff, said some inaccuracies in past budget reporting diminished the size of the problem, but he did not believe officials deliberately misrepresented the data.

Four council members voted for the

bankruptcy authorization, two opposed it, and one abstained.

Penman said the city is likely to declare a financial emergency on Monday. That could exempt San Bernardino from a 60-day mediation period required under state law prior to a Chapter 9 bankruptcy filing.

In the meantime, city officials are preparing a short-term budget to continue operations until the filing. Penman could file for bankruptcy within the next 30 days, the city's statement said.

Marcus Nelson, owner of a local barber shop, wasn't surprised by the announcement, noting there are only three businesses on his block.

"It is kinda scary, knowing that the city doesn't have money," the 40-year-old said. "Small businesses know we can't make money."

On Thursday, the city's police chief and acting fire chief said they were confident they could continue to handle emergencies despite potential staffing cuts.

"You'll continue to see police officers and firefighters responding to calls day and night," Police Chief Robert Hardy said, despite an expected hiring freeze and the loss of some veterans through retirement.

The 458-member Police Department will need to alter some community-based policing programs adopted during more prosperous times, he said.

San Bernardino, which soared economically during the housing boom and suffered since the bust, could become the second largest city in the nation ever to file for bankruptcy. Stockton, the Northern California city of nearly 300,000, became the biggest when it filed for Chapter 9 on June 28. The much smaller city of Mammoth Lakes voted for bankruptcy July 3.

Those two cities used a new state mediation process to contemplate bankruptcy over a period of several months — a stark contrast to San Bernardino's quick-fire decision under a dire cash crunch.

Before Stockton, a California city had not filed for bankruptcy since Vallejo in 2008.

Jerry Newfarmer, president of government consulting firm Management Partners, said some of California's most financially stressed cities are inland, where housing prices plummeted. But he said many municipalities made tough cuts ahead of time, and he doesn't foresee a flood of new bankruptcies.

In the counties that are home to Stockton and San Bernardino, the share of homes in some stage of foreclosure was more than three times the national average in 2011, according to foreclosure listing firm RealtyTrac.

Since Congress added Chapter 9 to the bankruptcy code in 1937 to allow municipalities to seek protection, about 640 government entities have filed. About half of states allow cities to seek bankruptcy protection, which is considered a measure of last resort because it can raise cities' borrowing costs, Spiotto said.

For many years, municipalities muddled through tough financial times with support from states, and in places such as Michigan, some are still doing so.

"I think this cries out for the need for increased oversight and the ability to provide forms of bridge financing to work through it," Spiotto said.

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SATURDAY, 10 A.M. — 5 P.M.

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## CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



### He asked for it

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

FRIDAY, JULY 6, AT 9:20 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers reported to the 1000 block of 18th Street to check on someone requesting help from inside a silver van. When officers arrived, they found a silver Dodge Caravan parked along the curb. As they approached the vehicle, they saw a man sitting in the back seat. The man said he wanted the police because he had a nightmare. Officers asked if they could search the van and the man agreed. During the search, officers said they found cocaine and a glass pipe used to smoke the drug. The man was placed under arrest for possession. While being booked at the Santa Monica Jail, officers said they also found cocaine in one of the suspect's socks. He was eventually booked for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. He was identified as Thorne Radel, 54, of Ventura, Calif. His bail was set at \$10,000.

SUNDAY, JULY 8, AT 10:45 P.M.,

Officers assigned to patrol the Santa Monica Pier received a radio call about a woman chasing a man through the Newcomb Parking Lot yelling that he had put something in her drink. When officers arrived, they detained the two and learned that they were dating and had just gotten into a spat over a cell phone. During the investigation, the woman allegedly admitted that she was in possession of methamphetamines and that she was carrying it for her boyfriend. Officers searched her and found two bags containing the drug. The boyfriend had a narcotics warrant for his arrest. Officers placed the two under arrest. Johanna Jimenez, 32, of Los Angeles was booked for possession of a controlled substance. Her bail was set at \$10,000. Robert Martinez, 24, a transient, was booked for the warrant. His bail was set at \$30,000.

SUNDAY, JULY 8, AT 11:01 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1800 block of 12th Street on the report of a residential burglary that had just occurred. When officers arrived, they spoke with the victim who said she was asleep in her bedroom when she was woken up to the sound of her dog barking. She got up and went into her living room where she said she saw her front door open and the suspect standing just outside. The victim asked the suspect how she opened the door. The suspect allegedly told her that she used a key that was hidden under the doormat. The victim told the suspect that she was calling the police, at which point the suspect ran. Officers caught up to her a short time later and placed her under arrest. The suspect was in possession of the victim's keys and purse, police said. She was booked for burglary and violation of probation. She was identified as Carri Sue Johnson, 43, a transient. No bail was set.

SATURDAY, JULY 7, AT 12:26 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 2200 block of 27th Street regarding a prowler. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who said she was asleep when she heard a loud noise coming from her kitchen. She walked into the kitchen and said she saw a man standing in her patio with one of her window screens in his hand. She yelled out and the suspect ran. The woman called police and gave a description to officers. Police in the area found two men, one of whom matched the description of the suspect. Officers detained them and the victim was able to identify one of the two as the one who tried to get into her home. Officers said both were in on the crime and placed them under arrest for conspiracy and attempted burglary. The suspects were identified as Joaquin Alvarez, 20, of Los Angeles, and Marco Ramirez, 27, of Santa Monica. Bail was set at \$52,500 for Alvarez and \$50,000 for Ramirez.

THURSDAY, JULY 5, AT 10:41 P.M.,

Officers were on patrol in the 1500 block of Michigan Avenue when they saw a cyclist traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes of traffic in violation of the California Vehicle Code. Officers stopped the cyclist and struck up a conversation with her. She identified herself as Taylor Panasiti and said she did not have any identification on her. Officers asked if they could search her bag and she agreed. Officers said they found a California driver's license in another woman's name with the suspect's photo affixed to it. Officers also found two checks with the same name on the license. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for possession of bad checks, forgery and possession of blank checks for the purpose of fraud. She was identified as Taylor Renee Panasiti, 24, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at \$20,000.

TUESDAY, JULY 3, AT 11:54 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1900 block of 12th Street regarding a suspicious person sneaking around homes with a flashlight. When officers arrived, they searched a specific address which contained both a single-family home and several apartments in the back. While doing so, officers said they saw the suspect trying to force open a window to one of the first level apartments. When the suspect saw the police, he allegedly started to run south on 12th Street toward Pico Boulevard. Officers lost sight of the suspect and called in air support. An LAPD helicopter came to assist and spotted the suspect hiding on a rooftop. When the helicopter shined a light on the suspect, he jumped from the roof and tried hiding underneath a patio cover. Officers found the suspect and a short struggle ensued. Officers eventually placed him in handcuffs and transported him to jail where he was booked for attempted burglary, resisting arrest and a probation violation. Officers said the suspect had in his possession a pair of gloves and binoculars. The suspect was identified as Terrance Sadler, 19, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

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## PARKING

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members.

If the deal sounds sweet, it's actually a downgrade from what City Hall offered just two years ago when the same fee would buy you a lifetime parking pass for the beach lots.

"If this gets out, 100,000 people will buy them, and that's great," Holbrook said. By his reasoning, most people who buy the pass will come to Santa Monica only once in awhile, meaning a flood of income and relatively low usage.

While it sounds good on paper, it actually wouldn't pencil out, Patterson said.

"It doesn't even cover the cost of the sticker," Patterson said.

If requests start pouring in for the passes, the Finance Department may have to reexamine the amount it charges if only to keep from running further into the red, he said.

### FREE PARKING FOR EMERITUS STUDENTS

Under the new parking plan, Santa Monica seniors would also get a break when they visit Santa Monica College's Emeritus College on Second Street.

While the amount of free parking in the Downtown parking structure is set to drop from two hours to 90 minutes, the City Council gave the Finance Department the

go-ahead to negotiate with the college to install a validation machine that would get seniors a full two hours free when they take a class.

It's important for the college's elderly clientele, said Ron Furuyama, an associate dean at SMC.

"Our program really helps with all aspects of students' health and well-being," Furuyama said. "We are trying to make sure the city considers how Emeritus provides for the well-being of program participants."

Seniors benefit from activity, both mental and physical. A lack of either can negatively impact their health, and result in isolation in their homes. If parking costs are a barrier to seniors getting out of their homes, it can negatively impact the quality of an elderly person's life, wrote Grace Cheng Braun, president and CEO of WISE & Healthy Aging, a nonprofit that helps seniors in Santa Monica, in an e-mail.

"It's the isolation that so often creates other problems that otherwise can be prevented," Cheng Braun said.

City Hall has acknowledged that fact, and the parking rates are part of a citywide policy to help seniors stay healthy and active.

"So many of our seniors are struggling with limited financial means," Cheng Braun wrote. "It's great when the city recognizes the special needs of our seniors."

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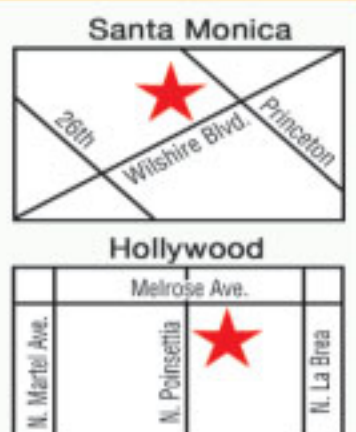


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FAMILY  
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father was a cadet at the police Academy.  
“The last thought I had then was that someday she would grow up to be a police officer. But I tell you, life has a way of surprising you,” her father said.  
She’s not fresh out of the Police Academy. She has already been under fire in a gang incident in her home division.  
The two didn’t get much time to enjoy

DOCUMENTS  
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Marken’s attorney.

THE DOCUMENTS

The investigation adds details to a story that in the past was only painted in broad brush strokes.  
According to the investigation, conducted by Robin Oaks, an attorney specializing in investigations in academic settings, Marken repeatedly contacted the student through his personal e-mail account, attended her tennis matches and once played tennis with her shirtless.  
In those e-mails he inquired about her matches, and told her that she was his favorite student, asking her not to spread it around.  
“Don’t tell others that you’re my favorite,” the report quotes. “I’m not supposed to have those.”  
Marken also went to her English class during “nutrition time” between second and third period and brought her a granola bar because she said she hadn’t eaten breakfast that morning.  
While there, Marken asked her whether or not she had a “crush” on anyone in the room.  
The allegations came to light on Oct. 20, 2008 when the student’s mother went to Samohi House Principal Larry Boone with concerns that her daughter had been sexually harassed by Marken.  
According to the report, the girl’s grades had begun to slip, and she was acting down-trodden and unwilling to go to school. Her mother believed that Marken’s behavior was the cause of her distress.  
Marken defended himself to the district. He said that he called many students “his favorite” as a way to bolster their self-esteem and make them feel special. He also said that he kept a stash of granola bars in his classroom specifically for hungry students.  
Although it was determined that Marken had violated the district’s sexual harassment policy, the matter never got further than a reprimand.  
The findings were considered “inconclusive” because neither the victim nor other students were interviewed at the request of

their shift together Wednesday in the San Fernando Valley. They responded to a call about a man who appeared to be trying to set fire to his own car.  
The man, who had been taken to a hospital for a psychiatric evaluation the day before, was frantic and his eyes bulged.  
Father and daughter split up to work the scene like partners who’ve known each other for years. Cronin handcuffed the man and put him in the backseat of the cruiser, while Carganilla talked to the man’s worried wife.

parents.  
In the reprimand, Michael Matthews, the assistant superintendent at the time, wrote that Marken had created “an intimidating, hostile or offensive educational environment.”

THE AFTERMATH

Now that he has the documents, Chwe intends to make them available on his website, [www.smmusdsafety.org](http://www.smmusdsafety.org), so that parents can review the information and come to their own conclusions about the incident, how the district handled it and whether or not they want their children in Marken’s class.  
People can’t make decisions without basic information, he said.  
“It’s very important for all of us to feel like when a student is harassed, the district investigates it properly, that there are consequences and that we can be confident in the district’s ability to do so,” Chwe said.  
Attorneys on both sides of the matter take opposing views on what the release means for future cases.  
Marken’s attorney, Schwab, counted the ruling as a win even though the documents were made public because the court allowed Marken to sue to protect his information.  
That suit was unsuccessful, but opened the door for teachers and other officials to try and protect their information from records requests.  
“When we set out to protect Mr. Marken, we were protecting not only his interests but the rights of others who are victimized by individuals who use public records requests as menacing tools rather than a way to acquire knowledge,” Schwab said.  
Jeff Glasser, an attorney with San Francisco law firm Davis Wright Tremaine, dismissed that characterization. Glasser represented Chwe.  
“To read that decision as supporting teachers’ privacy rights is to pervert what the decision says,” Glasser said.  
The final result of the case, that disciplinary records of public school teachers that violate sexual harassment policies must be turned over on request, stands.  
“That was the important policy that we wanted reaffirmed,” Glasser said.

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# Lawmakers furious over China-made Olympic uniform

**DONNA CASSATA**  
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON Uniforms for U.S. Olympic athletes are American red, white and blue — but made in China. That has members of Congress fuming.

Republicans and Democrats railed Thursday about the U.S. Olympic Committee's decision to dress the U.S. team in Chinese manufactured berets, blazers and pants while the American textile industry struggles economically with many U.S. workers desperate for jobs.

"I am so upset. I think the Olympic committee should be ashamed of themselves. I think they should be embarrassed. I think they should take all the uniforms, put them in a big pile and burn them and start all over again," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., told reporters at a Capitol Hill news conference on taxes.

"If they have to wear nothing but a singlet that says USA on it, painted by hand, then that's what they should wear," he said, referring to an athletic jersey.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi told reporters at her weekly news conference that she's proud of the nation's Olympic athletes, but "they should be wearing uniforms that are made in America."

House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, said simply of the USOC, "You'd think they'd know better."

In a statement, the U.S. Olympic Committee defended the choice of designer Ralph Lauren for the clothing at the London Games, which begin later this month.

"Unlike most Olympic teams around the world, the U.S. Olympic Team is privately funded and we're grateful for the support of our sponsors," USOC spokesman Patrick Sandusky said in a statement. "We're proud of our partnership with Ralph Lauren, an iconic American company, and excited to watch America's finest athletes compete at the upcoming Games in London."

Ralph Lauren also is dressing the Olympic and Paralympic teams for the closing ceremony and providing casual clothes to be worn around the Olympic Village. Nike has made many of the competition uniforms for the U.S. and outfits for the medal stand.

On Twitter, Sandusky called the outrage over the made-in-China uniforms nonsense. The designer, Sandusky wrote, "financially supports our team. An American company that supports American athletes."

Ralph Lauren's company declined to comment on the criticism.

In fact, this is not the first time that Ralph Lauren has designed the Olympic uniforms. Yet that did little to quell the anger on Capitol Hill.

"It is not just a label, it's an economic solution," said Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y. "Today there are 600,000 vacant manufacturing jobs in this country and the Olympic committee is outsourcing the manufacturing of uniforms to China? That is not just outrageous, it's just plain dumb. It is self-defeating."

Israel urged the USOC to reverse the decision and ensure U.S. athletes wear uniforms that are made in America.

Sens. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, and Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., sent letters to Lawrence Probst III, chairman of the USOC, complaining about the made-in-China uniforms. Brown suggested that the USOC find a manufacturer with a facility in the United States, suggesting the Hugo Boss plant in Cleveland.

"There is no compelling reason why all of the uniforms cannot be made here on U.S. soil at the same price, at better quality," Gillibrand and Israel wrote.

In a tweet, U.S. track and field Olympian Nick Symmonds, who will compete in the 800-meter run at the London Games, wrote: "Our Ralph Lauren outfits for the Olympic opening ceremonies were made in China. So, um, thanks China."

This is hardly the first time patriotism has been discussed when it comes to Olympic clothing. The must-have souvenir of the 2002 Salt Lake Games was a fleece beret, something that athletes wore in the opening ceremony and prompted countless people to spend hours on lines waiting to purchase during those Olympics.

Those berets were made by Roots, a Canadian company that was the official U.S. team outfitter for that opening ceremony. ABC World News reported Wednesday night that the uniforms were made in China.

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# Stocks slide on Wall Street for sixth straight day

**DANIEL WAGNER**  
AP Business Writer

U.S. stocks slid for a sixth day Thursday as concern spread that weaker global economic growth and the European debt crisis will hurt U.S. corporate earnings. The Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index had their longest losing streaks since mid-May.

Billionaire investment guru Warren Buffett set a gloomy tone before the market opened, telling CNBC that weak demand is hurting his retail, jewelry, carpet and other businesses. He said business in Europe has dropped off quickly in the past two months.

Other companies appear to be struggling as well. Aluminum maker Alcoa, which kicked off the second-quarter earnings season on Monday, reported very weak revenue because of the faltering global economy. Fastenal, a U.S. industrial distributor, reported revenue Thursday that was weaker than analysts were expecting.

Hotel operator Marriott and Progressive, an insurance company, both plunged after reporting weak financial results.

Traders also sweated about Europe's debt crisis and new Chinese economic data due out Friday.

The Dow fell as much as 112 points in early trading. It recovered to turn briefly positive in the afternoon before closing with a loss of 31.26 points, or 0.3 percent, at 12,573.27. Dow component 3M fell \$1.44, or 2 percent, to \$86.41. Demand for the manufacturing conglomerate's products would weaken if the global economy faltered.

The S&P 500 fell 6.69 points, or 0.5 percent, at 1,334.76. The Nasdaq composite index fell 21.79, or 0.8 percent, to 2,866.19.

Supermarket operator Supervalu plunged by nearly half after the company reported a sharp drop in net income late Tuesday and suspended its dividend. Supervalu, which owns Albertsons, Jewel-Osco and Save-A-Lot, lost \$2.60 to close at \$2.69.

Supervalu's losses dragged on rival grocery chain Safeway, which fell \$2.25, or 13 percent, to \$15.73. Safeway's was the biggest percentage decline in the S&P 500 index.

The weak corporate results will likely prompt analysts to lower their quarterly earnings forecasts for the entire S&P 500, said John Fox, co-manager of the FAM Value Fund, which specializes in small and medium-sized companies.

"There will be more disappointments than surprises," Fox said. "It's a global world,

and many of the small companies we invest in do business all over the world," he said, adding that his firm already is using estimates that are below Wall Street's consensus.

Fox said Buffett sounded far more negative than he has over the past year. At Berkshire's last annual meeting, which Fox attended, Buffett declared that all but a handful of the conglomerate's companies were doing better.

"The tone of his comments has definitely changed, which I think is a fair reflection of the environment," Fox said.

In Europe, Spain's borrowing costs crept higher, a sign that investors fear the country might default. Spain's neighbors are rescuing the country's banks, but the government itself was not bailed out and bond investors are not satisfied. Spain's main stock index closed down 2.6 percent.

Greece continues to struggle. Its government said unemployment there continues to rise and hit 22.5 percent in April.

The euro fell to a two-year low as fed-up investors questioned the region's ability to solve its debt crisis conclusively. It fell as low as \$1.2165 and is down about five cents already this month.

A stronger dollar is another threat to U.S. corporate earnings, Fox said, because it makes U.S. goods more expensive to overseas buyers. Later, when companies convert those sales back into dollars, the unfavorable exchange rate shrinks the value of revenue earned overseas.

Traders also are concerned that China's economy is growing more slowly and might deprive the world of a crucial economic engine. New numbers due out on Friday are expected to show that growth in the second quarter fell to 7.3 percent from the previous quarter's 8.1 percent, which is already a three-year low. Revenue from the construction, shipbuilding and export manufacturing industries might have been cut in half since last year.

Among the companies making big moves:

- Marriott International dropped 6 percent. The hotel operator reported revenue late Wednesday that fell short of analysts' expectations. The company also cut its prediction for fees it would make from in-room services like wireless Internet. The stock fell \$2.45 to \$35.58.

- Progressive, an auto insurance company, fell 5 percent after reporting a 52 percent drop in second-quarter income, partly due to an investment loss. The results were far weaker than analysts had expected. Progressive fell \$1.02 to \$19.53.

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**SUBJECT:**

### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

**Development Agreement Amendment 12-002**

1776 Main Street

Rand Corporation

**APPLICANT:**

**PROPERTY OWNER:**

Rand Corporation

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

RAND proposes to amend their 2000 Development Agreement with the City to permit the conversion of approximately 17,300 square feet of area within Parking Level P1, which contains 56 parking spaces, into primarily offices, one additional space would be eliminated on level P2. The offices would house publications production, warehousing and distribution, a call center, and research offices.

**DATE/TIME:** TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012, AT 6:45 p.m.

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

#### HOW TO COMMENT

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

Address your letters to:

City Clerk

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1685 Main Street, Room 102

Santa Monica, CA 90401

#### MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact **Paul Foley, Principal Planner** at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at [paul.foley@smgov.net](mailto:paul.foley@smgov.net). The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at [www.santa-monica.org](http://www.santa-monica.org).

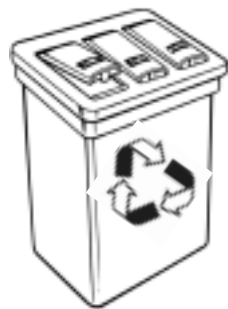
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#### ESPAÑOL

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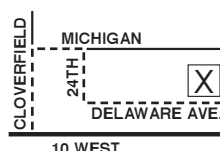


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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

**DATE/TIME:** July 16, 2012, 7:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)  
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

**PROPERTIES:**  
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## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT:** Development Agreement 07-005 and Tentative Tract Map 12-001  
**Village Trailer Park**  
**APPLICANT:** Village Trailer Park LLC  
**PROPERTY OWNER:** Village Trailer Park Inc. and Village Trailer Park LLC as tenants-in-common

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

The applicant is requesting that the City Council consider a Development Agreement for a mixed-use project consisting of 438 residential units, up to 4,360 sf of creative office space, and 19,120 sf of neighborhood retail space. The project involves the closure of Village Trailer Park. The residential units would consist of 125 rent-controlled apartments, of which 11 would be deed restricted for low income households, 22 would be deed restricted for very low income households, and 11 would be deed-restricted for extremely low income households. The remainder of the residential units would be 313 market-rate condominiums. The project would include surface easements for an extension of Pennsylvania Avenue from Stanford Street to the western property line and a New Road to provide project access from Colorado Avenue. The project would have a building height that ranges between 35 feet and 57 feet. The project would have 799 parking spaces in a two-level subterranean parking garage.

The City Council will consider the Development Agreement, which includes Tentative Tract Map 12-001 and the Tenant Relocation Plan. In doing so, the City Council shall review the Tenant Impact Report prepared to disclose the impacts of the closure and proposed conversion of Village Trailer Park to a mixed-use project.

Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.150, the City Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed development agreement and accept, modify, or disapprove the proposed development agreement.

**DATE/TIME:** TUESDAY, JULY 24, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M.

**LOCATION:** City Council Chambers, Second Floor  
Santa Monica City Hall  
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### HOW TO COMMENT

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Re: Village Trailer Park Development Agreement (07DEV005)  
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# Fewer auto closings reduce U.S. unemployment claims

**CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER  
TOM KRISHER**

AP Business Writers

**WASHINGTON** The number of people seeking U.S. unemployment benefits plunged last week. But a big reason is that automakers have skipped some of their usual summer shutdowns to keep up with demand, causing fewer temporary auto layoffs.

Economists expect the number of Americans seeking unemployment aid to go back up in coming weeks.

The auto industry's recovery has helped support the struggling U.S. economy. U.S. auto sales in the first half of the year jumped 15 percent over the same period a year ago. Sales of new vehicles surged in June. Automakers also began Independence Day promotions early, lifting sales at the end of the month.

The Labor Department adjusts the number of applications for unemployment aid to account for seasonal factors. But it didn't anticipate fewer temporary shutdowns of auto plants this summer — and fewer auto layoffs. That distorted the seasonally adjusted data it released Thursday.

And that may largely explain why applications for unemployment aid tumbled 26,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 350,000 — the fewest since March 2008.

"Take July with a grain of salt," Jill Brown, an economist at Credit Suisse, said in a note to clients. The auto shutdowns "often cause extreme volatility."

Automakers traditionally close their plants in the first two weeks in July to prepare them to build new models, and their employees often file for unemployment benefits. But Ford Motor Co. said in May that it would reduce its usual two-week closing to just one week. And Chrysler canceled the normal two-week shutdowns at three factories.

Applications for unemployment benefits measure the pace of layoffs. When they consistently fall below 375,000, it generally suggests that hiring is strong enough to reduce the unemployment rate. The number has fluctuated at or above that level since April.

At the same time, hiring has slowed sharply compared with the first three months of the year. Employers added only 80,000 jobs in June, the third straight month

of weak hiring. The unemployment rate was stuck at 8.2 percent.

And wages have barely kept up with inflation over the past year, leading consumers to pull back on spending.

The economy isn't growing fast enough to prompt more hiring. The economy grew at an annual rate of just 1.9 percent in the first three months of the year. Most economists don't think growth picked up in the April-June quarter. And some predict that it weakened.

The Federal Reserve expects the U.S. economy to grow just 1.9 percent to 2.4 percent for 2012. That's half a percentage point lower than the range it estimated in April. The Fed also says the unemployment rate won't fall much further this year than it has already.

Yet the auto industry is enjoying a rebound. From January through June, U.S. auto sales ran at an annual rate of 14.3 million, far better than last year's 12.8 million. Many analysts predict 15 million sales next year.

Much of the increase comes from pent-up demand. The average age of a vehicle on U.S. roads is nearing 11 years. Many are wearing out and need to be replaced.

The higher auto production also has ripple effects: Many parts companies have had to add workers to keep up with demand.

Chrysler's first-half sales are up more than 30 percent over the same period a year ago.

Ford's sales rose nearly 7 percent in the first half of 2012. It cut in half the usual two-week shutdowns at six assembly plants and seven engine and parts plants, all so it could make 40,000 more vehicles this year.

Most other areas of the U.S. economy aren't faring as well. That's why some analysts think applications for unemployment aid could rise in coming weeks, once the Labor Department's seasonal adjustments no longer include the summer auto shutdowns.

Most economists don't foresee a strong increase in hiring coming soon.

"We have been disappointed for the past three months, and I will believe that payroll gains have improved up when I see it," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors.

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# Debate over year-round versus traditional schools

**BETH J. HARPAZ**  
Associated Press

**NEW YORK** By the time summer's over, many families can't wait for school to start. Working parents have struggled to find camps or babysitting, kids are bored and teachers fret over "summer slide" — the academic losses that research shows hits kids from poor families hardest.

Year-round schooling might seem like the antidote, and in some parts of the country, schools with just a few weeks off are not uncommon. In Raleigh, N.C. and other parts of Wake County, for instance, July 9 was the first day of school for 26,000 students on a year-round calendar.

But year-round schools, which once seemed like a panacea for everything from low test scores to overcrowding, have proven to be a mixed bag. And some places that once embraced them — including Las Vegas, Salt Lake City and parts of California — have returned to traditional calendars.

Research on whether learning improves in year-round schools is mixed, with some year-round schools reporting gains and others finding that kids on traditional schedules do better. Esther Fusco, a professor at Hofstra University's School of Education, Health and Human Services, says that overall, "research suggests that students in high-needs districts and those who have disabilities do better in year-round learning situations. This is logical because these students do not have the down time that occurs over the summer. But the results are not very significant. I have not seen any study that shows students greatly improve."

Parents unfamiliar with the year-round concept may not realize that kids on these schedules usually have the same number of school days — about 180 a year — as kids in regular schools. But vacations are distributed differently. So instead of having 10 or 12 weeks off in summer, kids might have a series of three-week breaks. Or they might have six weeks off in summer with additional two-week vacations. For parents who need child care, those repeated short breaks can actually mean more headaches than one long summer break.

Year-round schools also typically cost more to run, thanks to air-conditioning, extra transportation costs and other expenses. And it's harder to make major repairs when classrooms are empty only for short periods.

Salt Lake City ended its year-round schools in 2011 after an analysis showed that comparable local schools with traditional calendars had better test scores, according to Jason R. Olsen, spokesman for the Salt Lake City School District. Going back to the regular calendar also saves the district money, Olsen said.

And yet, the year-round calendar has its fans. A survey showed that a majority of Salt Lake City parents preferred year-round schools to the regular calendar. "They liked having two weeks away from school every nine weeks," said Olsen.

Shannon Oelrich of Cambridge, Minn., loves having her kids in a year-round school that's offered as an option in her district on a first come, first served basis.

"I think it's good," she said. "The kids don't get as bored for the long break in the summer, and it's good to have a couple of breaks in the middle of the year. They're happier. And when they spend less time away from school, the teachers don't waste so much time reviewing."

Some year-round schools also use the short breaks for enrichment or remediation, which can keep struggling students on track

throughout the year rather than dumping them in summer school. The year-round concept is also popular among some charter and private schools, where it's seen as a way to make sure kids don't lose ground during long breaks.

But Ann Barrett took her two kids out of a year-round program in Jacksonville, Fla., in the early 1990s, partly because she had an older child in high school on a traditional calendar and they had no vacations together. She transferred her younger two to a magnet school that went by the regular calendar, but she said that within a few years, the year-round schools in her district returned to the traditional schedule because "they never had any success to point to. It's one of those things. They try it for a couple years, then go back to the regular thing."

In districts where year-round calendars are adopted to ease overcrowding, children are placed on what's called a multitrack system with staggered vacations. This can be a huge cost-saver: The kids are never all there at the same time, so the school can accommodate more students in the same space.

In California, multitasking began in the '80s as a way to cope with "an upturn in elementary grade enrollments — the baby boom echo," said Fred Yeager, a spokesman for the California Department of Education. Multitasking meant the state didn't have to build as many new schools, and the shorter summer breaks were thought to combat "the learning brain drain," he said. But the number of multitask schools has since gone down, to 95 from several hundred in past years, Yeager said.

In Wake County, N.C., where 50 public schools are on the year-round system, "we definitely use the year-round calendar to maximize space and address some capacity issues," said spokesman Mike Charbonneau. "We have had a rapidly growing school system for the last 10 years."

Clark County, Nev., which is the Las Vegas school district, also used multitask year-round schedules to cope with overcrowding. But enrollment has been falling in the area, and all the schools there have gone back to traditional calendars.

Up-to-date statistics on year-round schools are hard to come by. The most recent data from the National Center for Education Statistics found 14 percent of U.S. public schools were on year-round calendars in 2008, with the largest percentage in the South and West.

Billee Bussard, who runs an organization in Florida called Summer Matters, says there's another piece to the argument against year-round schools. "The year-round calendar limits the window of opportunity for parents to give their children learning experiences outside the school walls," she says, echoing many parents who cite the importance of extended family time, opportunities for summer camp or travel, and summer jobs that help teens earn money and build resumes.

West Virginia has a few schools with what is referred to in the state as the "balanced calendar" — meaning breaks more evenly distributed throughout the year. In June, the statewide West Virginia PTA passed a resolution supporting balanced calendars as a way to combat summer learning loss.

With parents divided in their preferences and conflicting research results, the debate over which calendar is best may come down to the way Justin Raber, West Virginia's PTA president-elect, put it: "It is a discussion that each individual community should have to ensure that the educational system is meeting the needs of their greatest asset — the children."

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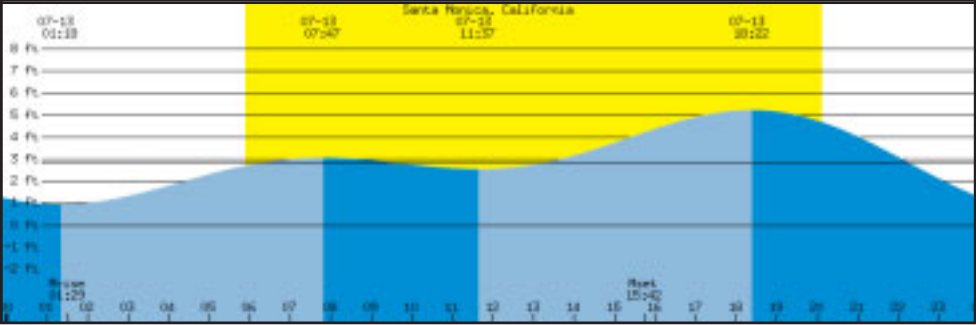
SWELL FORECAST

Looks like a chest high day at south facing breaks.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

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QUICK STATS  
(for the last 30 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 10

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

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| LOCATION                                                              | DRY | WET |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.                      | A+  | ns  |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.                    | A+  | ns  |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.      | ns  | ns  |
| Escondido Canyon at El Matador State Beach.                           | A+  | ns  |
| Basel Beach at Trenches Creek mouth.                                  | A+  | ns  |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.                                       | A+  | ns  |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).                   | A+  | ns  |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.                     | A   | ns  |
| Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach.                    | A   | ns  |
| Lodge Canyon Creek mouth.                                             | A+  | ns  |
| Soldado Canyon at San Blocker County Beach.                           | A   | ns  |
| Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.                                    | A   | ns  |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.         | A+  | ns  |
| Seafolder Beach at Malibu Colony lanes.                               | A+  | ns  |
| Seafolder Beach (beach location) - daily.                             | B   | ns  |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.                                          | F   | ns  |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.                                    | B   | ns  |
| Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point north).             | A   | ns  |
| Big Rock Beach at 13648 PCH stairs.                                   | A   | ns  |
| Pena Creek at Los Toros County Beach.                                 | A+  | ns  |
| Tuna Canyon.                                                          | A+  | ns  |
| Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.                                   | B   | ns  |
| Candlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.                          | A+  | ns  |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.                          | A+  | ns  |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17358 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 Tomacual Canyon drain.                  | A+  | ns  |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chantreque). | 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/Venice storm drain.                     | A+  | ns  |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).    | 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 Winkhurst Ave. drain.                              | A+  | ns  |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.                              | A+  | ns  |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topical St.                            | A+  | ns  |
| Malibu del Rey, Malibu's Beach- Upland tower.                      | A+  | ns  |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.                     | A+  | ns  |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.                      | A+  | ns  |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.           | A+  | ns  |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWRV jetty).         | A+  | ns  |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.                      | A   | ns  |
| Dockweiler Beach- adjacent 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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OLYMPICS

# Griffin hurts knee at U.S. camp, out for exhibition

BRIAN MAHONEY  
AP Basketball Writer

LAS VEGAS Blake Griffin aggravated a left knee injury during U.S. Olympic team training camp and has returned to Los Angeles for evaluation.

The Clippers forward went through a full practice Wednesday before reporting discomfort, USA Basketball said. Griffin will miss the Americans' first exhibition game Thursday night.

The Clippers, who just signed Griffin to a five-year, \$95 million extension, said the All-Star will undergo an MRI and be examined by the Clippers' medical staff upon his arrival. He also will be examined Sunday by Dr. Neal ElAttrache of the Kerlan-Jobe Orthopaedic Clinic and his status will be updated after that.

Meanwhile, Anthony Davis is returning to Las Vegas and could be in uniform when the Americans face the Dominican Republic, a person with knowledge of the details said, confirming a Yahoo Sports report. The Dominicans are led by John Calipari, Davis' coach at Kentucky.

Davis, the No. 1 overall pick in this year's NBA draft, is a team alternate after failing to

make the 12-man roster. He had sprained his ankle in a workout with the New Orleans Hornets and wasn't able to scrimmage in the first two days of camp before the Americans picked their roster, robbing him of any chance to grab a spot.

But USA Basketball had asked him to stick around on the select team of young players that is training against the Americans, in case an injury popped up. He was in Los Angeles on Wednesday for the ESPY Awards, but is returning to Las Vegas on Thursday.

Players can be replaced on the roster in case of injury any time up to 48 hours before the start of the Olympics.

Griffin was hurt during the playoffs and struggled through the pain before the Clippers were ousted in the second round by San Antonio. After taking a couple of weeks off, he was back on the court and had been playing well for the Americans, who planned to use him at center.

The Americans lost two centers, Dwight Howard and Chris Bosh, to injuries before camp, along with Derrick Rose and Dwyane Wade. Chris Paul, Griffin's Clippers teammate, sprained his right thumb on the first day of camp and has been sitting out scrimmages.

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| <b>Taxi Driver (R) 1hr 53min</b><br>7:30pm                                                 | <b>Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 2hrs 16min</b><br>11:45am, 3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm              | <b>To Rome With Love (R) 1hr 35min</b><br>1:20pm, 2:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 7:40pm, 9:40pm                      |
| <b>The Collector (R) 1hr 59 min</b><br>7:30pm                                              | <b>Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (PG) 1hr 33min</b><br>2:15pm, 7:45pm                | <b>AMC Criterion 6</b><br><b>1313 Third St.</b><br><b>(310) 395-1599</b>                                      |
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| <b>Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) 2hrs 22min</b><br>12:20pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm        | <b>Brave (PG) 1hr 40min</b><br>11:15am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm                       | <b>Savages (R) 2hrs 10min</b><br>12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:20pm                                             |
| <b>Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 2hrs 16min</b><br>11:15am, 12:45pm, 7:30pm                   | <b>Ted (R) 1hr 46min</b><br>11:30am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm | <b>People Like Us (PG-13) 1hr 55min</b><br>11:20am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm                           |
| <b>Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 16min</b><br>4:05pm, 11:00pm                         | <b>Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 33min</b><br>11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:20pm         | <b>Magic Mike (R) 1hr 50min</b><br>11:25am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm                                   |
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| <b>Prometheus (R) 2hrs 04min</b><br>11:55am, 3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm                        | <b>Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) 1hr 58min</b><br>1:30pm, 7:00pm                        | <b>Katy Perry: Part of Me 3D (PG) 1hr 35min</b><br>2:15pm, 7:35pm                                             |
| <b>Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection (PG-13) 1hr 54min</b><br>2:15pm, 8:15pm        | <b>Bernie (PG-13) 1hr 35min</b><br>4:30pm, 9:55pm                                            | <b>Tyler Perry's Madea's Witness Protection (PG-13) 1hr 54min</b><br>11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm |
| <b>AMC 7 Santa Monica</b><br><b>1310 Third St.</b><br><b>(310) 451-9440</b>                | <b>Your Sister's Sister (R) 1hr 30min</b><br>3:10pm, 7:50pm                                  |                                                                                                               |
| <b>Brave in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min</b>                                           | <b>Neil Young Journeys () 1hr 27min</b><br>1:00pm, 5:30pm, 10:10pm                           |                                                                                                               |

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Hang with friends tonight, Cancer

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★ Excitement marks your thoughts. You see others in a unique way and want to respond accordingly. You could be overwhelmed by someone's response. Not everyone is as open and easygoing as you. Tonight: Your treat.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ You are in your element. A friend who might have deeper feelings for you than you realize starts revealing them. You must make a decision one way or the other. Be sure to handle this person's feelings in a positive manner. A long-term goal might be closer to fulfillment than you realize. Tonight: Up late.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★ Your instincts guide you in a new direction. Before you take off, give yourself time. Much could change, and quite radically at that. You'll discover exactly which way to go in the next few days if you relax and don't worry so much. Tonight: A little mystery goes a long way.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Understanding helps you move to a new level, where you are able to manifest more of your desires. Information might not be as forthcoming as you'd like. Tonight: Hang with friends.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that is occurring around you. Just when you thought you understood someone, new information comes forward and encourages you to go back to square one. It is easier not to put someone in a box. Tonight: Reach for the stars.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ You might want to be more innovative than in recent weeks. By applying your imagination, you'll find solutions. You tend to like the tried-and-true route, but at this point, you want what works. You break through past mental restrictions. Tonight: Go for offbeat.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ Relate to individuals directly. There is one person who can be quite challenging. An element of confusion could run through your day-to-day life. Make time to schedule a much-needed checkup, especially if you want to start an offbeat diet or health regimen. Tonight: Share with a special person.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Let others ask for more of what they want; do not just assume that you know. In fact, you could be quite stunned by someone's true desires. Note your emotional responses to a key person. Tonight: Choose who, where and when.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ You might want to rethink your interactions with a friend or associate whom you see nearly every day. You no longer wonder what might be best. Loosen up and take a risk. Find out what is going on with this person. Tonight: Play it like any other night.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★★ Your creativity opens up a relationship. You sense a different attitude from a loved one's or friend's. You might be confused about a message and run with those feelings. A talk helps you see what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★ Use care with family and loved ones. A little self-discipline goes far. Words said easily might be taken the wrong way. Work with the unexpected, and you could find that you love the results. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Keep conversations moving. A financial matter could shake you up far more than you realize. Remain positive, and do not stay locked on an issue. The more nervous you get, the less likely you are to see a solution. Tonight: Hang out with a chosen few.

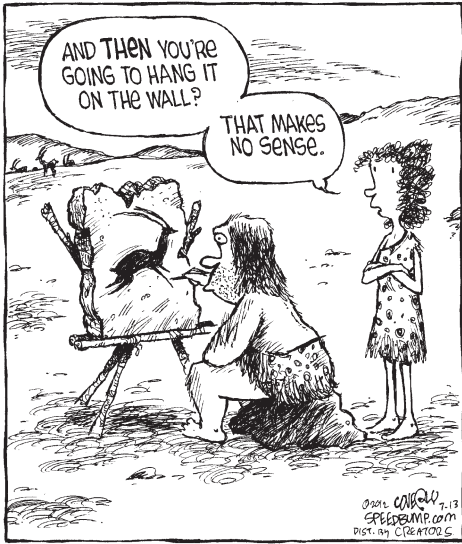
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This year you understand much more of what is going on. An unanticipated event or insight opens many doors if you decide to understand what is going on. You could be stunned, and some of you even might be a little intimidated by the outcome. If you are single, you could meet someone so exciting that you cannot say "no" to this person, nor do you want to. Remember, excitement is somewhat dependent on ups and downs. If you are attached, the two of you finally break through a barrier that exists between you. How exciting! TAURUS is a loyal friend.

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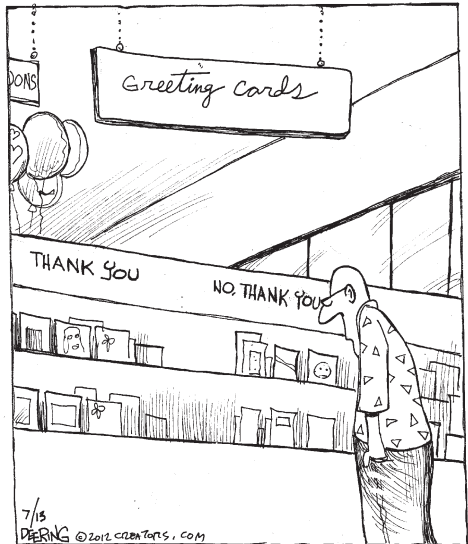
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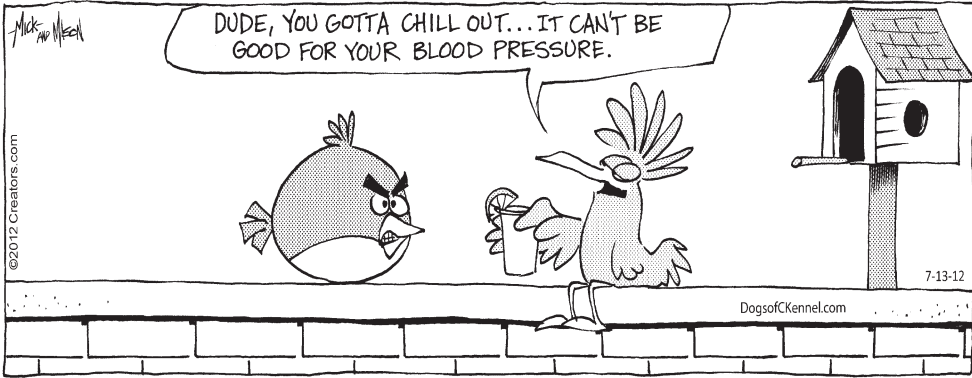
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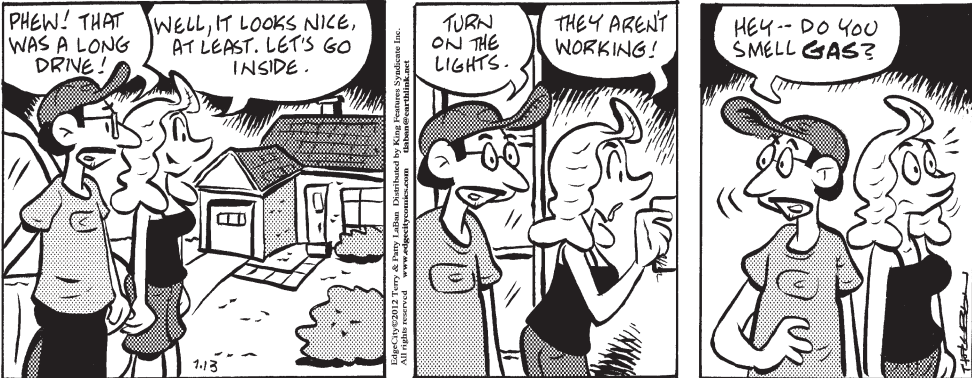
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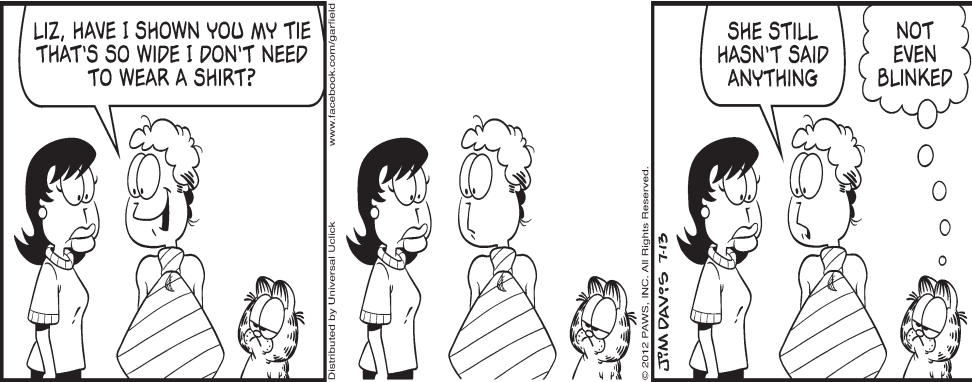
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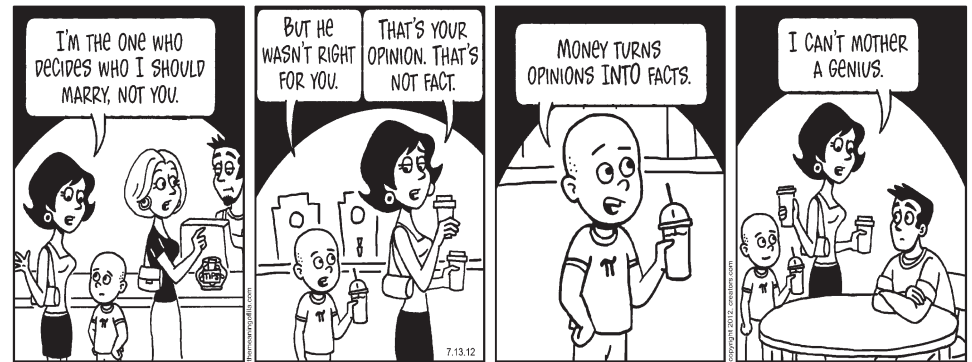
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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

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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

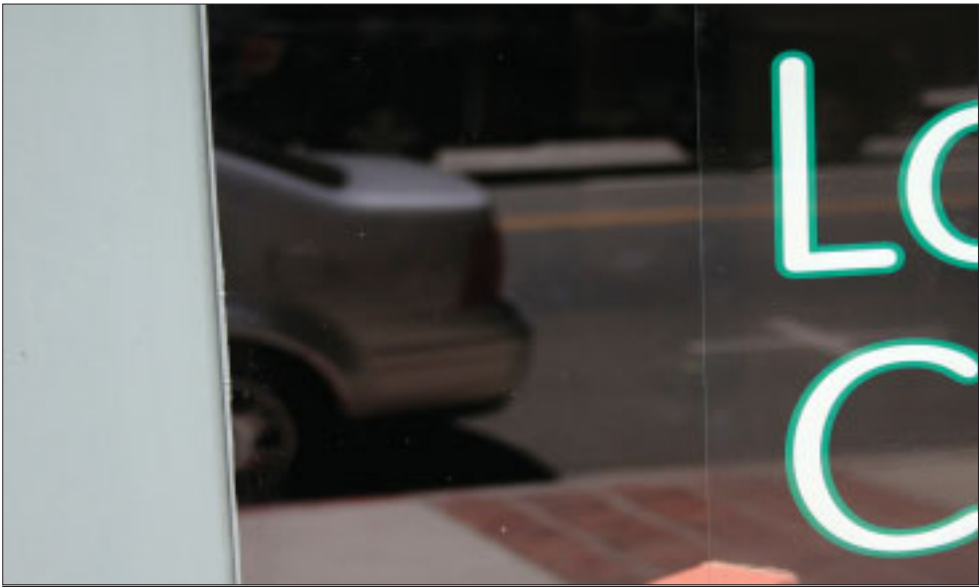
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Wards (off)  
6 Jail-related  
11 Eat away  
12 Ham it up  
13 Beat at the board  
14 Flexible  
15 Fire proof?  
16 One more  
18 Maui souvenir  
19 Undoing word  
20 Powerful bunch  
21 Writer Buchanan  
23 Daily events  
25 "Scram!"  
27 Slump  
28 Shake accessory  
30 Organ part  
33 Old card game  
34 Trawling need  
36 Lennon's love  
37 Magic setting  
39 Director Craven  
40 Hag  
41 Is lacking  
43 Party VIPs  
44 Pol's concern

45 Adorable

46 Makes sound

DOWN

- 1 Like mares  
2 Made blank  
3 What desperate people have  
4 HST follower  
5 Lot choice  
6 Jai alai balls  
7 Throw off  
8 Closet-browser's complaint

- 9 2004 Olympics setting  
10 Lusty looks  
17 Silent okay  
22 Vacuum lack  
24 Used to be  
26 Most bronzed

- 28 Blue state  
29 Tie the knot  
31 Anxious  
32 Outlaw chasers  
33 Highland lakes  
35 Bar mixer  
38 Hand cost  
42 Big bird

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
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| 11 |    |    |    |    |    | 12 |    |    |    |    |
| 13 |    |    |    |    |    | 14 |    |    |    |    |
| 15 |    |    |    | 16 | 17 |    |    |    |    |    |
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| 21 |    |    | 22 |    | 23 |    | 24 |    |    |    |
|    |    | 25 |    | 26 |    | 27 |    |    |    |    |
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD  
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Slaved Over a Hot Stove: Delivering gourmet meals to customers' doors is a fast-growing business model, with chefs in nearly every large modern city trying to cash in. So far, perhaps only London's brand-new Housebites goes the extra step. According to its press release, cited by Huffington Post in June, Housebites not only home-delivers "restaurant quality" cuisine (at the equivalent of about \$15 to \$20 per entry), but offers an optional dirty-pans service (about \$8 extra), lending out the containers in which the food was prepared, thus allowing clients entertaining guests to display "evidence" of their culinary skills and hard work. ■ (1) Charles Marshall, 28, was arrested in Cincinnati in June and charged, for the fourth time in two years, with crimes involving exposing himself and simulating sex with a teddy bear. (It was not reported whether it was the same teddy bear.) (2) A 36-year-old man was arrested in Harvard, Idaho, in May and charged with indecent exposure. A newspaper account reported that the target of his flashing was a dog, which he was allegedly trying to entice to approach the fence and nuzzle the man's genitals.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1787- The Continental Congress enacts the Northwest Ordinance establishing governing rules for the Northwest Territory. It also establishes procedures for the admission of new states and limits the expansion of slavery.

1793- Journalist and French revolutionary Jean-Paul Marat is assassinated in his bathtub by Charlotte Corday, a member of the opposing political faction.

1794- The Battle of the Vosges is fought between French forces and those of Prussia and Austria.

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