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THE HEART OF TOWN ISSUE

Downtown still thriving after all these years

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Downtown is in good shape.

That's the message business leaders and city officials wanted to get across Thursday during the annual meeting of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., the public-private nonprofit that manages and promotes the bustling district on behalf of City Hall.

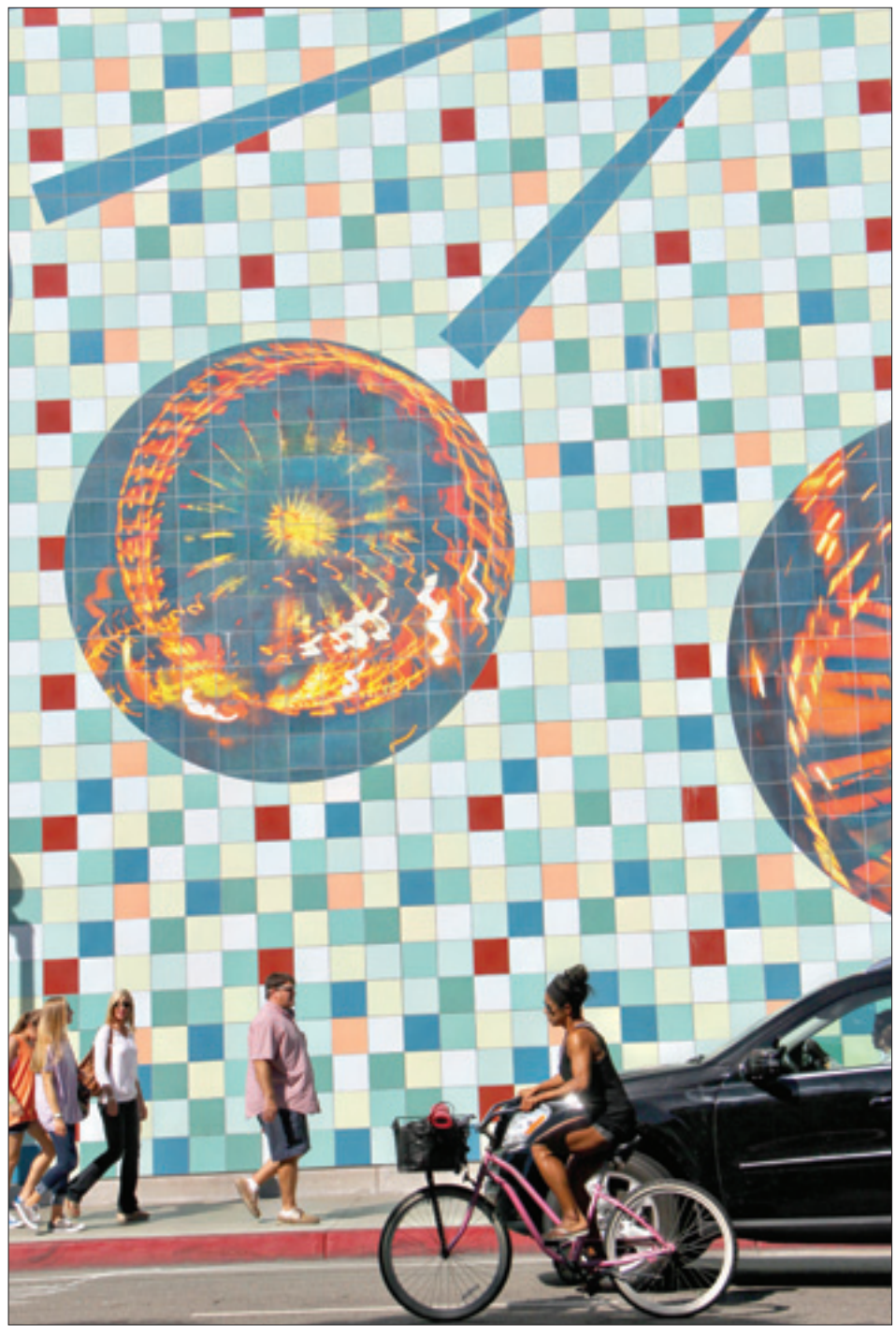
Downtown is thriving thanks to a mix of hotels, restaurants and retail that draw both tourists and locals; an active business community that includes technology start ups and high-priced law firms; new housing that has breathed new life into the area; and a plethora of public transit opportunities that help people stay connected without having to jump in their cars.

"One thing we know for certain people like to go to great places," Kathleen Rawson, CEO of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., said. "We are a place to shop, eat, date, work, workout and express ourselves."

The nonprofit had $2.36 million in net assets for the 2012-13 fiscal year and spent just over $5.3 million.

The majority of revenue, which includes over $5.1 million in assessments charged to property owners in the area, supports the Downtown Santa Monica Ambassador and maintenance programs and the marketing side of the organization, Rawson said. The ambassadors help people locate parking and

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BUSTLING: Downtown visitors pass by a massive mural on Second Street on Thursday.

Downtown plan environmental review goes to City Council

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The Planning Commission on Wednesday recommended a slightly modified Downtown Specific Plan for environmental review, paving the way for the City Council to finally take a stab at it.

The plan will dictate how Downtown develops over the next 20 years or more.

One of the adjustments is in the Ocean Avenue transition area, which planning commissioners suggested a bump of 0.5 in the floor area ratio (FAR) only if the project is at least 50 percent residential. FAR is the ratio between the total floor area in a development and the amount of the land that a building uses.

Planning Commissioner Sue Himmelrich said the board also recommended the environmental report study the "opportunity sites" not located on Ocean Avenue at City Hall's recommended heights and density. City officials have suggested a maximum height of 120 to 135 feet for those sites. Opportunity sites are large parcels in the city that planners feel could support additional height and density in exchange for community benefits,

The opportunity sites located on Ocean Avenue include the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, the proposed Frank Gehry-designed hotel project and the Wyndham Hotel. Officials with the Fairmont and Wyndham have submitted plans to remodel their hotels. Gehry's project is a 22-story luxury hotel, referred to as the "Ocean Avenue Project," that includes 125 hotel rooms and 22 condominiums as well as two stories of ground-floor restaurants and retail.

At the meeting, where Commissioners Amy Nancy Anderson, Gerda Newbold and Jim Ries were absent, Himmelrich said the board recommended to city officials the idea that any project on Ocean Avenue require a development agreement, or a contract between City Hall and developers on what

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Report: Climate change is impacting California

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES Coastal waters off California are getting more acidic. Fall-run chinook salmon populations to the Sacramento River are on the decline. Conifer forests on the lower slopes of the Sierra Nevada have moved to higher elevations over the past half century.

That's just a snapshot of how climate change is affecting California's natural resources, a report released Thursday found.

"There's certainly reason for concern," said Dan Cayan, a climate scientist at the

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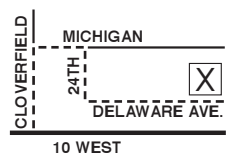
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Kids ages 4 and up will get a chance to explore the fascinating world of worms by starting a worm composting bin. Free tickets for the event will be available at 2 p.m.
For more information,
call (310) 458-8681.

Opening reception
haleARTS SPACE
2443 Main St., 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Attend the free opening reception of a group show featuring the work of Charles Swenson, Jerry Shevick and Phyllis Stuart. Guests can peruse accessibly priced work while enjoying white wine and fresh popcorn. The show will run through Aug. 21. For more information, call (310) 314-8038.

Charitable magic
The Pico Playhouse
10508 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Join Derek McKee, acclaimed teen magician and star of the documentary "Make Believe," at a four-part magic show event benefiting the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica and United in Harmony. General admission is $20 and VIP tickets are $100. For more information, call (310) 394-2582.

Shakespeare on the court
Reed Park
1133 Seventh St., 8 p.m.
Shakespeare Santa Monica celebrates its 10th anniversary by performing "Twelfth Night" and "The Taming of the Shrew" all month long on the Tournament Tennis Court #1 in Reed Park. The shows are for all ages. Guests are recommended to bring blankets, food and drinks. There is a suggested donation of $20. For more information, call (318) 451-0228.

Saturday, Aug. 10, 2013

Get that beach body
Santa Monica Pier, west end
8 a.m.
Need a little help getting back in shape before the summer ends? ROGA is back and it's free. This run and yoga class offers the best views in town, plus an inclusive, no-judgement environment. For more information, call (310) 458-8901 or visit santamonicapier.org.

Live at the library
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Come enjoy an afternoon outdoors while swaying to the sounds of folk singer Fur Dixon and fiddle legend Brantley Kearns on the library's front lawn. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Performing the classics
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
In this delightful afternoon of stories and song, cabaret singer Jan Abrams and musical director John Randall perform music written by Jan's uncle, Victor Abrams, who wrote for legendary performers like Nat King Cole, Dean Martin, Dinah Washington and Sarah Vaughn. Jan also performs classics from the Great American Songbook, popular standards and Broadway show tunes. This program is free and open to all ages. Seating is first come, first served. For more information on Santa Monica Public Library programs, visit smpl.org or call (310) 458-8600.

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CORRECTION

In the Culture Watch column "The Summer of Shakespeare," which appeared in the Aug. 8 edition of the Daily Press, it should have included this link – www.shakespeare-santamonica.com.



Photo courtesy Byron Kennerly

AFTERMATH: Fire personnel whisk a victim away from the scene of a deadly car crash on the Venice boardwalk last Saturday.

Boardwalk crash suspect had gone to job center

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A transient charged with ramming his car through a weekend crowd on the Venice Beach boardwalk chatted cheerfully with regulars at a Southern California job center and gave no indication of a problem hours before the deadly drive, acquaintances said.

Suspect Nathan Campbell told the manager of the Malibu Community Labor Exchange that he had purchased a car in Colorado and was living in it, but friends said he had a line on a job and planned to stay awhile, the Los Angeles Daily News reported Wednesday.

Mark Hewitt, a homeless man who hung out at the center, said Campbell had at least one job in recent weeks and was promised more work.

Hewitt said Campbell, who struggled with alcohol abuse in the past, seemed sober and in a good mood on Saturday — before the boardwalk rampage that left one person dead and 16 injured.

"He asked me if I wanted to go to Venice with him to do laundry," Hewitt said. "But I told him I didn't need to go. When he left, I felt like everything was fine. I was shocked when I heard. Maybe if I'd have gone, he wouldn't have done this."

Video taken Saturday showed a dark-colored 2008 Dodge Avenger mowing down vendors and tourists along the popular boardwalk. Italian newlywed Alice Gruppioni, 32, was killed.

Campbell, 38, pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to one count of murder, 16 counts of assault with a deadly weapon and 17 counts of hit-and-run. He could face life in prison if convicted and remains jailed on $1.48 million bail.

Prosecutors contend that Campbell deliberately maneuvered around a barrier and drove though the crowds. His attorney Philip Dube called it "a horrible accident."

Campbell has a history of run-ins with the law in several states in including a conviction for driving with alcohol, although Dube told reporters there was no indication that drugs or alcohol were involved in the weekend incident.

Hours earlier, Campbell was at the day-labor center 15 miles away in Malibu.

Campbell had worked regularly last year,

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Bulger jury deliberations will go into fourth day

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON Jurors in the Boston racketeering trial of reputed mobster James "Whitey" Bulger deliberated for a third day Thursday without reaching a verdict.

The 12-member federal jury will return to the jury room Friday morning.

Bulger, 83, is accused of playing a role in 19 killings during the 1970s and '80s as leader of the Winter Hill Gang, Boston's murderous Irish mob. He was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011 after 16 years as one of the nation's most wanted fugitives.

On Thursday, Judge Denise Casper gave jurors an added instruction at the request of prosecutors, urging them to make findings on each of the 33 racketeering acts against Bulger.

The 33 acts, which underpin a racketeering charge against Bulger, include the 19 killings Bulger is accused of playing a role in, plus extortions, money-laundering and narcotics distribution.

Casper told the jury that in order to find that a certain racketeering act has been proven or not proven by prosecutors, the jury must be unanimous. She said if they are unable to agree unanimously, they can move on to the next act. But she also said told them they "have a duty to attempt to reach agreement on each of the racketeering acts if you can do so conscientiously."

The added instruction appeared to be aimed at encouraging the jury to make findings on each of the murders. Relatives of the victims have sought justice for decades, and many of them have been in court for every day of the two-month trial.

Later Thursday, jurors asked to examine a machine gun that was among a cache of weapons Bulger allegedly hid in South Boston.

The 9 mm German MP40 submachine gun is the subject of the final charge of the indictment against Bulger. In that count, he is charged with possession of a firearm with an obliterated serial number. The judge agreed to send the gun in to the jury room.

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A way to create affordability

Editor:

Reasonable minds can disagree on how much affordable housing is appropriate for Santa Monica, and whether rents, kept at affordable rates by rent control, should be counted in determining whether Santa Monica has adequate affordable housing. But assuming that Santa Monica needs more affordable housing, acquiring that housing should be done in a cost-efficient manner.

Currently city staff is focusing on new development being the primary source of new affordable housing (i.e. producing this housing on the most expensive land, in the most expensive buildings). Using this method, the cost of each affordable housing unit is astronomical. A dramatically better solution would be purchase, deed restrict, and then sell existing apartment buildings.

First, have the developers contribute what would be the real cost of providing affordable housing in their new buildings, and then put that money into a fund to acquire affordable housing. Purchase older apartment buildings, which have a large percentage of units that are rent controlled at a fraction of market value. The city could then immediately lower the rents for qualifying tenants to affordable levels; and as units naturally turn over, lease those units to qualifying tenants, at affordable rents.

Over time, the entire building will have qualified tenants at affordable rents. With some patience the city would maximize affordable housing. This type of plan would have the added benefit that new developments would not need to be so big, because the extra size for the affordable housing would not be needed.

Jeff Segal
Santa Monica

Train delay

Editor:

Isn't it a shame that the future Expo Line will not be grade-separated where it will cross heavily trafficked Lincoln Boulevard in Santa Monica?

Morris Warren
Santa Monica

Not enough time

Editor:

I am shocked and dismayed [by the] 30-minute maximum parking limit at the main Santa Monica post office. All Santa Monica residents should be made aware of the glaring error on the part of City Hall.

We all know it can take up to 1 1/2 hours or more to conduct business at the post office, depending on what hour you arrive, and amount of packages you bring. I have seen people come in with handcarts loaded with over 100 packages. Shame on City Hall for what amounts to entrapment and ignorance.

David Belmont
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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HAPPY CAMPERS: Horses in the Hood volunteers Gizelle Whaley (left) and India Whitecloud have fun teaching the kids enrolled in the program that introduces them to horses.

Horses in the hood

THERE'S AN EXPRESSION IN THE NEWS business, be it newspapers, radio and especially on TV: "If it bleeds, it leads." This translates to "bad news sells," or the gorier the details the better the ratings. It seems these days that the only news fit to print is bad news.

This is true even in sports. On Monday, Major League Baseball handed down sanctions for the use of performance-enhancing drugs by 13 players. Yankee third baseman Alex Rodriguez, aka "A-Fraud," topped the list with a 211-game suspension. (Challenging the old adage, "Winners never cheat and cheaters never win.")

And for weeks now jailed pro football player Aaron Hernandez has dominated the news with allegations of murder and even possible serial murder. (Gee, is that all?) Sadly, the modern day sports page has become like a police blotter.

And last Saturday on the Venice boardwalk, only blocks from Santa Monica, Nathan Campbell, 38, allegedly plowed his car into a defenseless crowd. It was a seemingly intentional hit-and-run act that injured as many as 16 and killed tourist Alice Gruppioni, 32, here on her honeymoon.

Hours later Campbell turned himself into Santa Monica police. He's being charged with three dozen felonies, including murder. Reportedly remorseful, through his public defender Campbell said, "I don't consider myself a homicidal person." Terrific. What's his plea going to be, "Guilty, your honor, but with an explanation?" Who knows, maybe he'll blame the murderous mishap on his car's faulty GPS.

Bucking this "negative news sells" phenomenon, occasionally I come across positive stories. I can freely attest that none has been more uplifting than the brainchild of a remarkably accomplished woman who also had the determination to see it through.

Kathy Kusner is a three-time Olympic equestrian and a silver medal winner in the 1972 Olympics. Four years earlier, in 1968, and only after lengthy civil rights court battles, she became the first licensed female jockey in the U.S. (How's that for taking on the status quo?)

But Kusner's accomplishments have gone well beyond riding. She was the first woman to work as a Learjet pilot for executive jet aviation and holds commercial, multi-engine, instrument, seaplane and aerobatics ratings.

In addition, Kusner has been scuba diving all over the world, including the Red Sea, Great Barrier Reef, and South China Sea. She also has competed in many 10,000-meter marathons and ultra-marathons and is a member of the Show Jumping Hall of Fame. As I once mentioned to Kathy in passing, "It's a shame you're so lazy."

With all her accomplishments, however, Kathy may be most thrilled with her helping to establish "Horses in the Hood," an outstanding nonprofit organization. It combines her passion for horses and her compassion for economically disadvantaged kids.

Beginning in 1999, Horses in the Hood (HHLA) sends children from inner-city neighborhoods like Watts, Compton and South Central Los Angeles to summer horse camp at the lush Mill Creek Equestrian Center in Topanga Canyon. The goal of this noble organization is to allow students to bond with animals while teaching them skills to develop improved self-esteem, confidence and social skills with their peers.

HHLA teaches the kids about riding and caring for horses. The camps last five days, ending with a riding demonstration and a pizza party for friends and family on "graduation day."

The HHLA camps are uplifting and perhaps life-changing, not only for the campers, but also for the staff. Most are volunteers and many are the same age as the campers, including some who live in Santa Monica.

It's not uncommon for campers to be seeing the ocean and driving into the mountains for the first time in their lives. In addition to learning to ride and horse care basics, there are demonstrations by horse care professionals, such as veterinarians and horseshoers. Kids, many of whom start camp frightened of horses and even of life (given some of their tragic experiences) blossom right before their teachers' and parents' eyes.

Horses in the Hood survives totally on private donations. And if your heartstrings aren't tugged by these kids, you might want to consult a cardiologist.

As opposed to my moderately lazy self, I'm always in awe of individuals like Kathy Kusner who have a vision to help others and the fortitude to get it done. Kathy is proof, to me at least, that good news is fit to print, too.

To learn more about HHLA, and how to donate, go to www.horesinthehood.org where you can also check out the cool HHLA T-shirts, baseball caps and visors. **JACK** can be reached at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth or via e-mail at jnsmdp@aol.com.

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California lawmakers ask for offshore fracking probe

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES A group of state lawmakers has asked the federal government to investigate hydraulic fracturing off the California coast where new oil leases have been banned since a disastrous oil spill in 1969.

Fracking has occurred in the Santa Barbara Channel at least 12 times since the late 1990s, and regulators earlier this year approved a new project, according to a recent report by The Associated Press, which obtained well permits and internal emails through the Freedom of Information Act.

The extent of fracking in the Pacific causes "extreme concern," state lawmakers led by Assemblyman Das Williams, D-Santa Barbara, said in the letter this week.

Unlike fracking on land, which has spurred efforts to prohibit or curtail the practice, fracking in federal waters is less common and has not received the same attention.

Offshore jobs, which are typically smaller than ones done onshore, involves the pumping of hundreds of thousands of gallons of salt water, sand and a mixture of chemicals beneath the seabed. Most of the efforts to date have yielded mixed success in increasing oil production.

Federal environmental regulators so far have exempted fracking fluids from the nation's clean water laws, allowing companies to flush treated discharges into the sea without a separate environmental review, the AP found.

The California Coastal Commission said it had no idea until recently that ocean fracking was even happening and planned to ask oil companies in the future whether they intend to frack. Since the work occurs in federal waters, oversight falls to agencies in the Interior Department. But state coastal regulators have a say if an offshore project affects water quality or marine mammals.

The oil industry insists fracking is safe and does not harm the environment.

Despite the assurances, state lawmakers said they wanted greater scrutiny over the practice. Past fracks have occurred in the vast offshore oil fields of Southern California, site of the 1969 spill that released more than 3 million gallons of crude oil into the ocean, fouling beaches and killing birds and other wildlife.

"We are in the dark. It is very distressing," said state Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, who was among the lawmakers who signed the letter addressed to the Interior Department and Environmental Protection Agency.

On Thursday, Jackson and other state legislators petitioned the coastal commission to take a closer look at past permits and future offshore applications.

Interior Department spokeswoman Jessica Kershaw said the agency has received the letter and was reviewing it. The EPA said it would also review the letter and reiterated that its current permitting process ensures that fluids used in oil drilling and production will not impact water quality.

State Assemblyman Mark Stone, D-Monterey Bay, said he favored greater regulation of offshore fracking.

Stone, a former coastal commissioner, said he's less concerned about whether the federal government or state should take charge "so long as the end result is that offshore fracking has appropriate oversight and has rules in place to minimize environmental damage."

Court rules L.A.'s runoff violated Clean Water Act

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A federal appeals court has ruled that Los Angeles County violated a Clean Water Act permit when excessive storm water pollution was detected in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers.

An U.S. 9th District Court of Appeals opinion issued Thursday backed the U.S. Supreme Court's January reversal of a decision clearing the county of liability.

A lawsuit was brought by environmental groups in 2008 to hold the county responsible and clean up mercury, arsenic, cyanide, lead and fecal bacteria in billions of gallons of runoff.

Natural Resources Defense Council attorney Steve Fleischli says persistent pollution has sickened swimmers in Southern California's rivers and at beaches.

Flood control district spokesman Kerjon Lee told the Los Angeles Times that county officials are still reviewing the decision and had no comment.

The Q Line

Early reviews

The United States Postal Service recently closed the post office on Fifth Street in Downtown and opened its replacement on Seventh Street, just off Colorado Avenue.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What are your early impressions of the new location? Is it a suitable replacement?

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'THE REAL'

'The Real,' 'Exhale,' take new approach to TV talk

LYNN ELBER
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES Five women sitting around talking has become a TV staple. Five women talking, each of whom is either black, Asian or Latino, is something different.

It's the approach tested by two shows: "The Real," airing on a handful of Fox-owned stations, and the Aspire channel's "Exhale."

For "The Real," concluding an experimental run Friday, the multi-ethnic panel of Tamar Braxton, Loni Love, Adrienne Bailon, Jeannie Mai and Tamera Mowry-Housley isn't the point, said executive producer SallyAnn Salsano.

"It's something we don't really talk about. ... We just picked who's best for the show. We didn't say, 'Where's our white one?'" Salsano said.

The difference in "The Real," she said, is generational. Other female-centric talk shows like "The View," the genre groundbreaker when Barbara Walters launched it in 1997, tend toward older hosts with more settled lives and perspectives.

As a 39-year-old woman with friends who are single like her or dealing with the ups and downs of married life, Salsano said, "There's no one who represents me on any of those" other shows.

Relationships, child-rearing and other challenges "are topics these girls are living," she said of "The Real" hosts.

Exactly, said Braxton, an R&B singer and star of the WE channel's reality show "Tamar & Vince."

"I'm a big fan of 'The View' and 'The Talk,' but with 'The Real,' it's my generation," whether the topic is pop culture or a candid take on daily life, she said. In a discussion of childbirth, "We really got honest with the audience. I didn't have the best experience. ... You only hear the good side" elsewhere on TV.

The daytime show concludes its four-week test Friday on stations in New York, Los Angeles, Washington, Philadelphia, Phoenix, Houston and Tampa, Fla. A similar run last summer for "Bethenny" led to a syndicated berth this fall for Bethenny Frankel's show.

"Exhale" also is getting a summer tryout but, in contrast, the ethnicity of its five African-American co-hosts is front and center on Aspire, a black-oriented cable channel.

The goal is "to focus on topics that are important to the African-American woman and to the African-American family and to the African-American community," said Paul Butler, general manager of Aspire, which launched "Exhale" as a weekly nighttime series in June on the channel's first anniversary. It airs Wednesday at 8 p.m., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m. EDT.

Issues including relationships, health, beauty, careers and financial planning are discussed in what Butler said are more than "30-second sound bites" by hosts Angela Burt-Murray, Erin Jackson, Issa Rae, Rene Syler and Malinda Williams, who are joined by doctors and other experts as well as celebrities.

The panel's ethnicity "changes the focus of the conversation," said Syler, a writer and TV anchor. "You wouldn't necessarily see something that was of care and concern specifically to black women when only one African-American is represented. These are issues you talk about in your living room."

The decision on whether "Exhale" will return for a second year is pending as the audience weighs in. Syler suggested that non-black women give the show a try.

"There are issues we talk about that transcend race. There are issues that all women understand: 'Am I on the right path, am I going to find a soul mate?'" she said. Talk shows like "Exhale" provide a sounding board and "make it safe or you to own your own feelings."



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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Woman busted for allegedly getting drunk on mouthwash

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

SATURDAY, AUG. 3, AT 10:20 A.M.,
Santa Monica Police officers responded to the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Michigan Avenue regarding a severely intoxicated woman. When officers arrived they made contact with the woman, whom they recognized as a chronic inebriate. Officers said the woman was drunk from drinking mouthwash. She is known for walking into various stores and stealing mouthwash to get drunk. Officers said they found on her a bottle of Vons brand mouthwash. She was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Officers went to the Vons at Broadway and Lincoln Boulevard and looked at security camera footage, which captured the suspect stealing the mouthwash. Based on the evidence, officers placed her under arrest for burglary. The suspect was identified as Julie Dyer, 47, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $20,000.

SUNDAY, AUG. 4, AT 4:50 P.M.,
Officers responded to the Denny's located at 1560 Lincoln Blvd. regarding two guys fighting in the parking lot. When officers arrived they detained both men. One of them was an employee at the nearby Vons. The second was allegedly a shoplifter who the employee followed after he saw the man walk out of the grocery store with a Gatorade and some beer. When the employee confronted the man, a fight broke out. The employee allegedly struck the suspect in self defense. Officers viewed security camera footage and saw the suspect stealing. They placed him under arrest for burglary. He was identified as Derek Miller, 28, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, AUG. 3, AT 12:17 A.M.,
Officers were on patrol near the corner of Fourth Street and Pier Avenue when they saw a man on a bike fail to stop for a stop sign. Officers pulled the bicyclist over and learned that he had a warrant for a parole violation. He was placed under arrest and during a search of his belongings officers said they found methamphetamine and a glass pipe. Officers also rolled back to his residence and conducted a parole search. They said they found several gift cards that were later determined to be stolen. The suspect was booked for possession of a controlled substance, receiving stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia and the parole violation. He was identified as Christian Naulin, 48, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

FRIDAY, AUG. 2, AT 2:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of Stewart Street regarding a report of a vandal in the vicinity. When officers arrived they saw the suspect being followed by a security guard. The suspect had allegedly vandalized a property the security guard was being paid to protect. Officers detained the suspect and spoke with several witnesses who said the suspect was seen on security cameras kneeling by a natural gas fixture pulling out cables. When confronted, she told security that she was a city employee but she had no identification. She was eventually arrested for vandalism. She was identified as Julie Ann Chen, 32, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $5,0000.

FRIDAY, AUG. 2, AT 2:58 P.M.,
Officers responded to the food court at Santa Monica Place regarding a manager of one of the restaurants who was allegedly stealing. When officers arrived they spoke with an investigator with the company who said that the store was missing several deposits totaling approximately $10,000. He also told officers that the manager had confessed to taking the money because he had a gambling problem. When officers questioned the manager, he allegedly admitted to the crime. The man said he "got in over his head" and was using the store's deposits to gamble, police said. Officers learned that he was the only employee with access to the safe and placed him under arrest for embezzlement. He was identified as Phanomkone Mounydong, 39, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $20,000.

TUESDAY, JULY 30, AT 4:20 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of Seventh Street regarding a report of a residential burglary. When officers arrived they spoke with the victim, who said someone forced their way into the home and stole money, jewelry and an iPad. Detectives were able to identify a suspect and drove to the area of Fairfax Avenue and Whitworth Drive in Los Angeles. There they apprehended the suspect and after detaining him were able to locate most of the victim's stolen property, along with a burglary tool. Police placed the suspect under arrest for possession of stolen property and burglary. He was identified as Joe Wood Gillie, Jr., 67, a transient. His bail was set at $21,000.

MONDAY, JULY 29, AT 9:34 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2400 block of Main Street — The Galley — regarding a patron who was refusing to pay his bill. When officers arrived they spoke with management and were advised that the suspect entered the restaurant, ordered a porterhouse steak and wine and upon being given the bill he told the waitress he did not have the money to pay. He was placed under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper. He was identified as Kris Don Parker, 42, a transient. His bail was set at $500.

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they can build in exchange for community benefits like affordable housing, daycare centers and meeting rooms.

"The great projects will come through," Himmelrich said. "We want the great projects, we don't want the bad projects on Ocean Avenue. We don't want them anywhere, but we especially don't want them there because it's our face."

City officials presented the board with a set of recommendations that had been revised since the prior Planning Commission meeting in July. For example, in the revised report, city officials recommended increasing the density of the opportunity sites with lower trip generating uses during peak hours.

"Last go around we had a recommendation that they could get up to a 0.5 increase in floor area ratio for those uses," David Martin, director of planning and community development, said. "Now what we are saying is go to 1.0 and that's just the idea we are studying in the environmental impact report, not necessarily the plan."

> **"THE GREAT PROJECTS WILL COME THROUGH."**
>
> **Sue Himmelrich**
> Planning Commissioner

Another of the adjustments included modifying the transit zone to include the area from Broadway to the north, Interstate 10 to the south, Third Street to the west and Lincoln Boulevard to the east to allow heights up to 84 feet and allow buildings to be more dense that are 50 percent or more residential.

Hank Koning, an architect who used to sit on the Planning Commission, said there should be increased density in the transit zone.

"I was heartened to see staff is starting to look at that issue," Koning said.

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THE SITE: The Wyndham Hotel on Colorado Avenue is one of a handful of proposed hotel projects.



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STROLLING BY THE BAY: **People walk down Santa Monica State Beach last year.**

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Scripps Institution of Oceanography who contributed to the report.

The findings are an update to a 2009 report that documented how a warming California is impacting the environment, wildlife and people.

Among the known impacts: Butterflies in the Central Valley are emerging from hiding earlier in the spring. Glaciers in the Sierra Nevada have shrunk. Spring runoff from snowmelt has declined, affecting Central Valley farmers and hydroelectric plants that rely on snowmelt to produce power.

The latest 258-page report, which cost $282,000 to produce, was compiled from existing climate studies and released by an arm of the California Environmental Protection Agency.

Officials hope it would spur the state and local governments to plan ahead and adapt to a hotter future.

Monitoring should continue "to reduce the impacts of climate change and to prepare for those effects that we cannot avoid," George Alexeeff, head of the state Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, said in an email.

Annual average temperatures across the state have risen by about 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit since 1895, with the greatest warming seen in portions of the Central Valley and Southern California.

Levels of carbon dioxide, methane and other heat-trapping gases in the state increased between 1990 and 2011. In recent years, there has been a slight drop — the result of industries and vehicles becoming more energy efficient, the report said.

Some of the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is being absorbed by the ocean, altering its chemistry. Scientists have documented changes to waters at Monterey Bay, which have turned more acidic in recent years, raising concerns about impact to marine life.

Ocean warming, among other factors, may be behind the dramatic drop of chinook salmon in Central California since 2004. And certain plant and animals species — such as conifers in the Sierra Nevada and small mammals in Yosemite National Park — have responded to a changing climate by moving to higher ground.

Expect more heat waves, wildfires and higher sea levels as the state warms, the report said.

The report "vastly overstates the impacts of greenhouse gases," said University of Alabama at Huntsville atmospheric sciences professor John Christy, who holds a minority view among climate scientists.

Carnegie Institution ecologist Chris Field, an acknowledged leader in the field of climate impacts, said the observations in the report "are more or less the gold standard of where we are now today" and provide a peek of the future.

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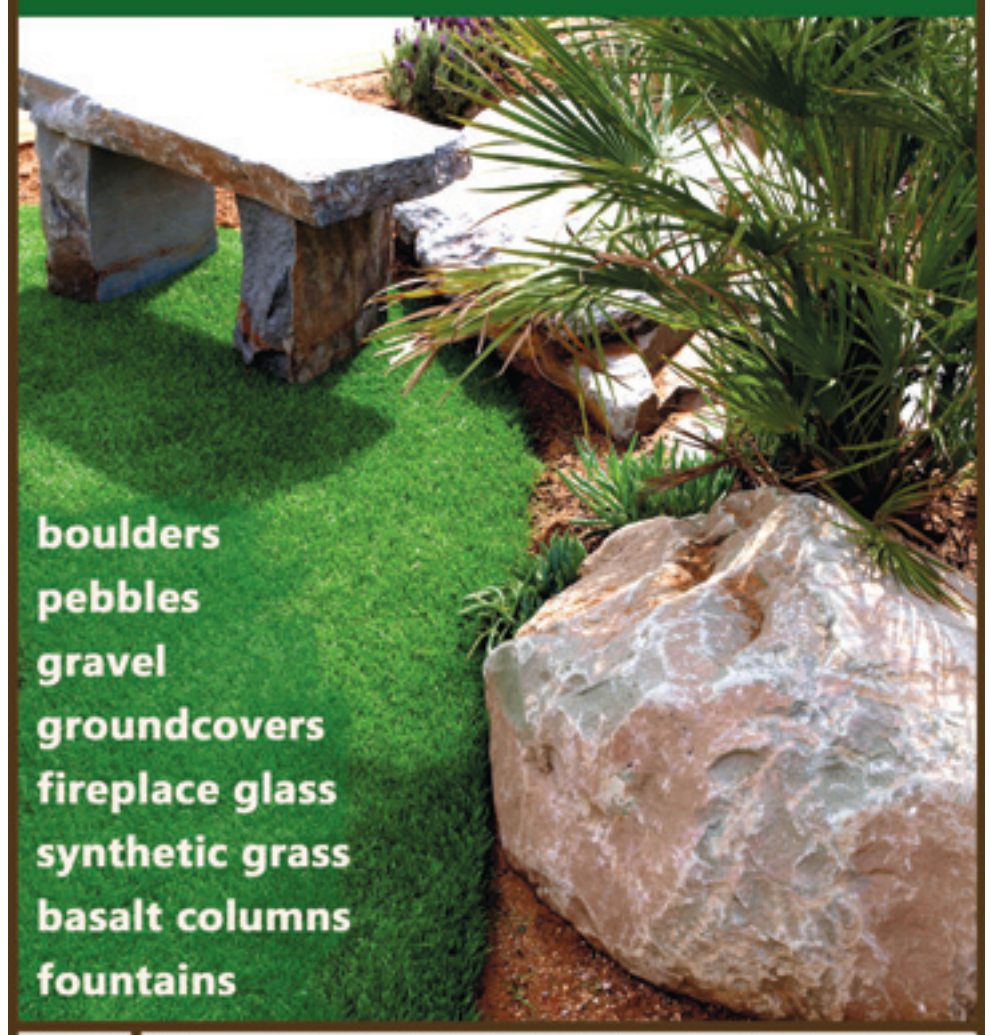


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

Conditional Use Permit 13-005, 3116 Second Street. The applicant is requesting Conditional Use Permit (13CUP005) to permit a new restaurant (Teatro Restaurante) with on-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages (Type 47 license), located in the CM-4 (Main Street Special Commercial) zoning district. The proposed restaurant will occupy a 1,220 square foot tenant space on 2nd Street within the former Powerhouse Theater. According to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.18.020 requires a CUP for the on-site sale and dispensation of alcoholic beverages. [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **Applicant: Vittorio Viotti- Novus Ordo Seclorum, LLC. Property Owner: Mishkon Tephilo Synagogue and School.**

Conditional Use Permit 13-007, 1403 Second Street. 1403 Second Street. Conditional Use Permit (13CUP-007) to allow an existing restaurant (Taberna Arros Y Vi) to convert an existing type 41 (On Sale Beer & Wine) to a Type 47 (On Sale General) alcohol license with additional interior and exterior seating (from 49 interior seats to 126 interior seats and 12 exterior seats), increase in operating hours, and live entertainment. . [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **Applicant: Michael Cardenas. Property Owner: JBKI Associates, LLC.**

Development Review Permit 13-002, Variance 13-003, 301 Ocean Avenue. Development Review Permit (13DR-002) to allow an extension of the rights granted by DR 10-001 to construct a new three and four-story, twenty-unit condominium complex consisting of three buildings oriented around a central courtyard with two levels of subterranean parking; and Variance (13VAR003) to allow the extension of rights granted by VAR 10-008, which allowed second and third floor parcel coverages to exceed the limits set forth by the Municipal Code. [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **Applicant /Property Owner: 301 Ocean A, LLC; 301 Ocean B, LLC; 301 Ocean C, LLC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
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HOW TO COMMENT

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

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doing day-labor construction, moving and landscaping jobs in the wealthy coastal enclave, said Oscar Mondragon, director of the nonprofit job exchange.

"This guy was calm, really helpful. We had no complaints about him, and in our eyes he was a good worker," he said. "It's out of character in my eyes."

Campbell said he was living in a car that he had bought in a Denver suburb earlier this summer.

"He was so proud that he saved money to buy the car," Mondragon said. "He came over and told me 'Look, Oscar! I got a car!'"

Campbell has ties to Colorado. In 2010 he began working as a cook and intake administrator at a residential sober-living facility in Denver and he worked there until February 2012 when he quit, the Daily News reported.

In March 2012, he was evicted from his apartment in Denver for not paying $655 in rent, records show.

He went to California and was a regular at the Malibu job center for several months.

He got jobs but had trouble keeping steady work and had begun drinking again, said an acquaintance, Raymond Figueroa.

"When he was drunk, you couldn't even understand him, he would be incoherent," Figueroa said. "He was always very remorseful later."

Campbell went back to Colorado in December and returned to work at the rehab facility.

"He had saved up a bunch of money and was going to school" a certificate program related to his rehabilitation work, Figueroa said. "He told me awhile back that he was only a week away from finishing."

But he left the job in June and by early the next month he was back in California.

"I just can't believe it. Maybe he snapped or he was under the influence," Figueroa said. "My heart goes out to the people that were hurt. I just don't understand it."

Campbell had a history of petty crime convictions.

He was sentenced to five days in jail after pleading guilty to shoplifting at a Denver supermarket in February 2009. Five months later, he was accused of trespassing at an outdoor mall in Denver and sentenced to 10 days in jail, but instead served time in a sheriff's work program.

Records also show in had a 2002 conviction in Santa Monica for trespassing after starting a fire on private land and a month later he was convicted of being drunk in public and resisting arrest. He also was convicted of reckless driving with alcohol in Florida in 2008, the Daily News reported.

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restrooms, make restaurant recommendations and serve as an extra pair of eyes for law enforcement.

Despite the good news, Rawson said there were some areas that still needed attention.

She said parking availability, homelessness and vehicular access and circulation were three areas everybody continues to talk about. The number of homeless increased by 5 percent in Downtown over the last two years, far from the 16 percent increase in all of Los Angeles County, said City Manager Rod Gould. Downtown Santa Monica Inc. spent $89,566 last year on homeless programs and support, according to the nonprofit's annual report.

Gould said the sales tax revenue generated in Downtown reached $10 million in 2012, up from $9.6 million in 2011. He said Downtown generates 31 percent of the total sales tax citywide.

"Some people call Third Street Promenade Santa Monica's living room," Gould said, who called Downtown the "economic engine" of the city.

Gould said hotels were important for the economy, with the Downtown hotels bringing in $13 million in tax revenue to the city.

"In 2012, the hotel occupancy of 84.3 percent made us tie for first place in the region with the L.A. airport hotels in occupancy and second only to Beverly Hills in average room rates," Gould said, demonstrating the popularity of Santa Monica as a tourist destination.

He said there were other proposed hotels such as the Hampton Inn and Suites, redevelopment of the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, the Wyndham Hotel and the proposed Frank Gehry-designed hotel on Ocean Avenue.

> **"DOWNTOWN IS A VITAL PLACE FOR WORKING."**
>
> **Rod Gould**
> City Manager

"I take the risk of saying the understatement of the morning, there is controversy associated with these hotels," Gould said, referring to some residents who have blasted the hotel proposals for being too large or not providing enough community benefits, aside from tax revenue generated by hotel stays. Gould assured the audience that each hotel project would be vetted.

Officials said transportation will also be a boon for Downtown when the Expo Light Rail comes to town in 2016.

"For the first time in 50 years, Santa Monica will be reconnected to the region through light rail," Gould said.

He said there is some relief on the way with the re-opening of Parking Structure 6 on Second Street at the end of this year with an additional 350 parking places, for a total of 700.

There are also improvement projects closer to home like the pier reconstruction project, which costs $9 million and began in April, Gould said. The project is expected to conclude next spring.

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Surging mining stocks end a slump on Wall Street

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Miners and other companies dealing in commodities helped pull the stock market out of a three-day slump on Thursday.

News that China's trade rebounded last month signaled the end of a six-month slowdown for the world's biggest buyer of raw materials. The report drove prices up for copper and other commodities, and that helped lift Newmont Mining, Freeport-McMoRan and other stocks in the materials industry.

"The one thing that stands out today is the better news out of China," said David Joy, the chief market strategist at Ameriprise Financial. "It comes as a pleasant surprise."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up 6.57 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,697.48.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 27.65 points, or 0.2 percent, to 15,498.32. The Nasdaq composite gained 15.12 points, or 0.4 percent, to 3,669.12.

With little other news to drive trading, the stock market had meandered lower this week. The S&P 500 index fell three days straight and remains down 0.7 for the week. It's still up 19 percent this year.

Brad McMillan, chief investment officer for Commonwealth Financial Network in Waltham, Mass., said a number of concerns have weighed on the market this week. Comments from Federal Reserve officials have convinced many investors that the bank will begin pulling back its support for the economy in the coming months.

In an interview on CNBC after the market closed, Richard Fisher, head of the Fed's Dallas branch, reaffirmed his view that it's time to wind down the bank's stimulus effort.

At the same time, companies are warning of slower sales and turning in tepid second-quarter results. McMillan said it's starting to look like corporate earnings haven't kept up with the stock market's strong pace this year.

"I think people are realizing that stock values are getting disconnected from earnings growth," McMillan said. "For the rally to continue, people will have to pay more for earnings that aren't growing that much."

Investors are paying more for profits. A year ago, the price-earnings ratio for the S&P 500 was 13.4, according to the data provider FactSet. Now it's 15.6, which is still near the long-run average.

Among companies reporting earnings, the maker of Oreo cookies, Mondelez International, turned in better results than Wall Street had expected late Wednesday. The company also announced plans to spend another $5 billion buying its own stock. Mondelez International gained $1.44, or 5 percent, to $32.70.

Tesla Motors jumped 14 percent following news that the maker of electric cars blew past Wall Street's profit forecasts for its most recent quarter. Revenue soared thanks to stronger sales of its Model S. Tesla gained $19.25 to $153.48.

In economic news, the government reported that the average number of people who applied for unemployment benefits over the past four weeks dropped 6,250 to 335,500. That's the lowest level since November 2007, a month before the Great Recession got underway.

Gradual but steady gains for the U.S. economy and corporate profits have lifted the stock market to record territory this year. The S&P 500 index closed at an all-time high of 1,709.67 on Friday.

In other Thursday trading, the better economic news out of China sent copper, widely used for electronics and to wire buildings, up 10 cents, or 3 percent, to $3.27 a pound. Gold rose $24.60, or 2 percent, to $1,309.90 an ounce.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.58 percent from 2.60 percent late Wednesday.

Among other companies in the news:

• Newmont Mining rose $2.30, or 9 percent, to $28.78 and Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold rose $1.37, or 5 percent, to $30.80. Mining companies rose broadly along with prices for commodities such as copper.

• Groupon jumped $1.88, or 22 percent, to $10.60. The company named its co-founder Eric Lefkofsky as CEO late Wednesday and said it plans to buy $300 million of its own stock over the next two years.

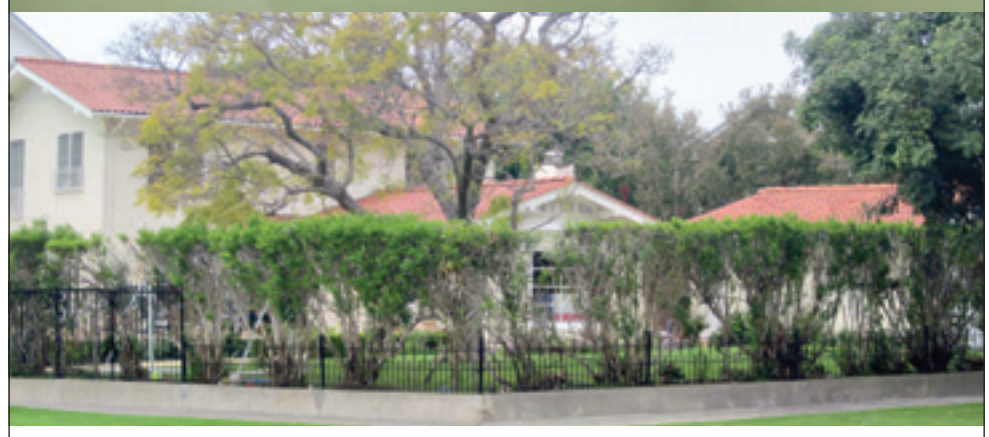
• J.C. Penney jumped 86 cents, or 7 percent, to $13.66 following a news report Thursday that the department store chain is starting a search to replace CEO Mike Ullman.

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Minimal new WNW swell. Best for standout spots which are up to waist high on the sets late.

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Minimal WNW swell eases. Mostly shows for standout spots with 1-3' surf there

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **July 31, 2013**

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

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

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.		
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	B	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	ns	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	ns	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns

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

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

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NCAA FOOTBALL

UCLA's Vanderdoes grateful for NCAA ruling

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. Eddie Vanderdoes says he had four good reasons for deciding to attend UCLA shortly after committing to Notre Dame.

He'll only share one: His ailing grandmother in Northern California.

"She's got breast cancer now, so it's not too good, but I'm spending as much time with her as I can," Vanderdoes said. "I got to go up there last week."

The touted defensive lineman's reasons were good enough for the NCAA, which allowed him to start his college career on time. Vanderdoes is grateful to be sweating it out in San Bernardino at training camp with his fellow Bruins after the NCAA ruled him eligible for the season.

"It feels great to finally be a college athlete, be done with everything and move on with my career," Vanderdoes said, describing the last three months as "horrible."

Last week, Vanderdoes wasn't sure whether he was about to miss a year of eligibility because he decided he had to go to a school closer to home, unwilling to miss whatever time he could get with his grandmother, who can't travel any longer. Westwood still isn't next door to his native Auburn, Calif., which is northeast of Sacramento, but it's a whole lot closer than northern Indiana.

But Irish coach Brian Kelly declined to release Vanderdoes from his letter of intent in June, a move that would have forced Vanderdoes to sit out this season and left him with just three years of eligibility. Vanderdoes asked for help, and the NCAA intervened after a lengthy process of appeals and in-person discussion.

"I think he was honest all the way through, forthcoming, and I think people recognized that," UCLA coach Jim Mora said. "After his appeal, I think they decided right around one day. I haven't asked him about the details of that discussion at all, and I don't know if I ever will."

Mora is getting one of the nation's top defensive line prospects in the deal, but the coach believes Vanderdoes' reasons for his change of heart were legitimate — not just cold feet from a picky prospect who committed to Southern California before reopening his recruitment and choosing Notre Dame on signing day.

Vanderdoes said he changed his mind about South Bend roughly a week after signing day. He hopes other young players learn about his dilemma and learn something he never realized about the first week in February: Nobody has to commit to a college on the big day.

"I had no idea. I thought you had to sign on the dot, Feb. 6," Vanderdoes said. "My advice, make sure you're 100 percent before you sign your life away. Just make sure, because you have time. It's not like you have to sign on the 6th."

When asked if Notre Dame had been helpful in the difficult process, Vanderdoes replied: "Everybody except for one coach."

Would that be Kelly?

"No comment."

Vanderdoes' eligibility could be even more important for the Bruins after another development announced by Mora on the first day of camp. Senior Owamagbe Odighizuwa, the likely starter at left defensive end, will miss the season after two offseason surgeries on his left hip.

"Because we don't have Owa, it's just critical that we were able to bring Eddie in," Mora said. "Now, Eddie is young. As good as he was in high school, this is just a different level, so I think we have to be careful about how much we expect of him right away. Our expectations are going to be high, but we all have to keep in mind that he's a freshman."

Vanderdoes could be penciled in as a starter on a line that also lost Datone Jones, the Green Bay Packers' first-round pick. If Vanderdoes is as good as advertised, he'll get plenty of early opportunities to contribute to a defense stacked with inexperienced talent surrounding star linebacker Anthony Barr.

"We're going to have a whole lot of young guys contributing this year," Mora said. "We've got to do the right things in bringing (Vanderdoes) along — not overwhelming him, not demanding too much of him."

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7:30pm
Before the film, there will be a booksigning of "Our Story: Jets and Sharks Then and Now," with cast members Robert Banas (Joyboy), Gina Trikonis (Graziella, Riff's girlfriend) and Maria Jimenez Henley (Teresita, Shark's girlfriend), who will also introduce the screening.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
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Despicable Me 2 (PG) 1hr 38min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Pacific Rim (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:20pm

Conjuring (R) 1hr 52min
11:35am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:30p,

Grown Ups 2 (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:30pm

Pacific Rim (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Red 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
2:15pm, 7:45pm

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

Elysium (R) 1hr 49min
11:30am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm, 11:20pm

Planes (PG) 1hr 32min
10:40am, 4:10pm, 9:40pm

Smurfs 2 (PG) 1hr 45min
1:15pm, 6:45pm

Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (PG) 1hr 46min
10:55am, 4:25pm, 10:05pm

Wolverine () 2hrs 06min
10:30am, 4:35pm, 11:00pm

2 Guns (R) 1hr 49min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:05pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

We're the Millers (R) 1hr 49min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Wolverine in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 06min
1:25pm, 7:50pm

Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters in 3D (PG) 1hr 46min
1:40pm, 7:15pm

Smurfs 2 in 3D (PG) 1hr 45min
11:00am, 4:15pm, 9:45pm

Planes in 3D (PG) 1hr 32min
1:45pm, 7:00pm

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Spectacular Now (R) 1hr 35min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Way, Way Back (PG-13) 1hr 43min
1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Blue Jasmine (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:30pm

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SAY 'YES' TO AN OFFER, SAG

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Whatever you feel and do, you feel and do with a great amount of intensity. Others clearly understand your determination, which prevents you from being met by any heavy resistance. Use it well. Tonight: Out with a friend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be quite determined to have someone hear your version of what is happening. You will do nearly whatever it takes in order to ensure that you are heard. Tonight: Join friends. Make it light and easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could be overwhelmed by an unexpected and costly problem; you might not be sure which way you want to go. Check out alternatives, and others will respond well to your inquiries. Tonight: You need to let off a little steam. TGIF!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You could be taken aback by a personal matter, and perhaps you might even feel left out. You will funnel your frustration into a form of overindulgence. This escape might work for now, but what about later? Consider sharing your feelings instead. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You would like to see a situation develop in a more positive way; however, you also need to express your feelings. You might have been pushed way beyond what most people can and will tolerate. Share your thoughts in a way that can be heard. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You tend to spend a lot of energy on getting what you want most. Start taking action. A friend or an associate might be far more supportive than you thought possible. Tonight: Know what you want, and then make it so.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes. You will have a strong sense of what is happening; however, if you become too inquisitive, you could cause a problem with someone you look up to. Tonight: Make it an early night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might be dumbfounded by how everything seems to tumble into your lap. You know how hard you have worked, and now everything seems to be falling into place. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might be ready for a change, but the question remains: Is everyone else? You might want to hold back for a while in order to find a new approach or a different way of thinking. Brainstorm with your buddies and look for more answers. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep looking at what is happening. Seek out an expert or two to trigger new ideas or to give you feedback. This action will be a powerful alternative when you start to feel overwhelmed. Express your caring, even if the receiver is hostile. Tonight: Out late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You generally are friendly and outgoing. When an associate becomes pushy, you might wonder what is going on. Express your concern in a caring manner, and you'll get excellent results. Know what you want from this situation. Tonight: Make and return calls.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's behavior. This person is likely to be a new friend who is expressing his or her caring in a way that you might not get. Once you understand where this person is coming from, you just need to respond. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend!

Friday, August 9, 2013

This year you could be more detail oriented than you have been in many years. Others might find you to be fussy. If you are single, you could attract someone who is emotionally unavailable. Make no commitments until you are sure this person can open up. If you are attached, the two of you could get into petty squabbles. You might opt to spend more weekends together as a couple. VIRGO does not realize it, but he or she often rains on your parade.

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

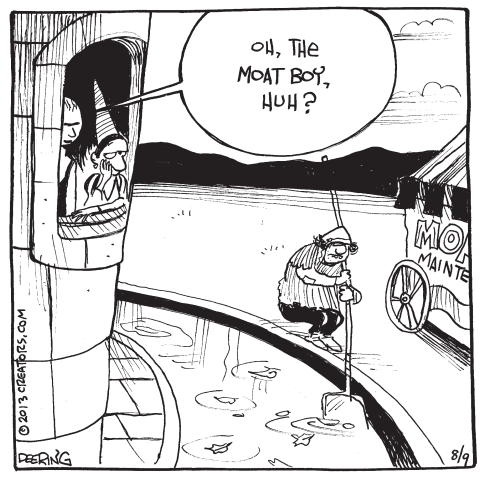
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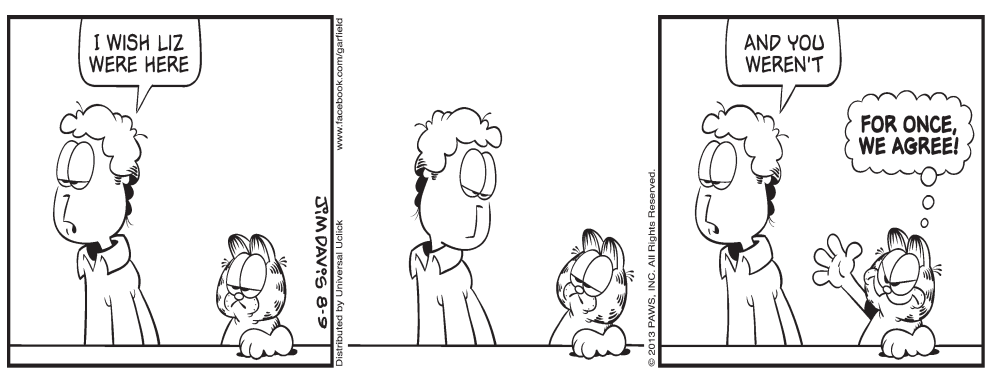
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

	5			1			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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fence supports
6 Requirements
11 As a follower
12 Available
13 Handle
14 Brother's girl
15 Langley org.
16 Put in other words
18 Wing
19 Role for Keanu
20 Jar part
21 Narrow
23 Spock specialty
25 Take in
27 Dijon denial
28 Radiant
30 End-of-week letters
33 Lingerie buy
34 Yank's foe
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37 Hit song of 1959
39 Casserole bit
40 Let up
41 Pike
43 Plains grazer
44 Prolonged attack
45 Perfume
46 Signed

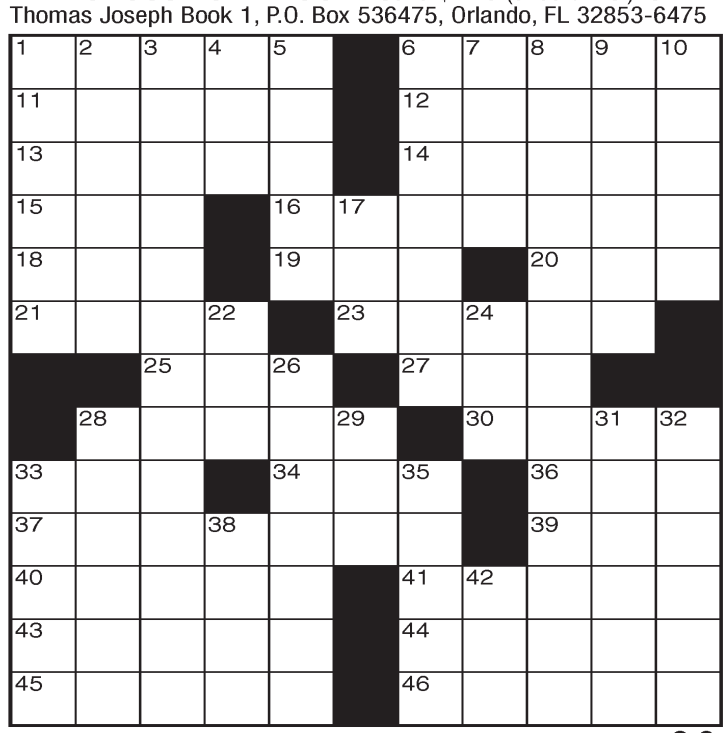
DOWN

1 March sign
2 "Ah, Wilderness" playwright
3 Diamond action
4 Stroller user
5 Like some testimony
6 Wet season
7 Military group
8 Furtive action
9 Battle ploy
10 Alacrity
17 Snaky swimmer
22 Singer Tillis
24 Procured
26 Agony
28 Like our numerals
29 Fly catcher
31 2002 animated film
32 Dreaded
33 Spills the beans
35 Some singers
38 Heaps
42 Alley item

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Draw Date: 8/6
1 11 16 51 55
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Draw Date: 8/7
21 29 31 35 45
Mega#: 2
Jackpot: $11M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/8
2 6 7 21 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/8
MIDDAY: 7 3 9
EVENING: 7 3 1

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 8/8
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A June performance-art street demonstration in Glastonbury, England, got out of hand when a spectator took offense at one of the characters, who was dressed as a giant penis to promote a show by the troupe Nomadic Academy of Fools. The bystander grabbed the penis' costume, but the penis' colleague, Joanne Tremarco, who was dressed as a giant vagina, went to his defense, trying to calm the bystander until police arrived.

■ (1) Police in York, Pa., arrested both Karen Harrelson, 48, and Gregory Stambaugh, 57, in May because they could not figure out which one started the couple's knife fight -- over which contestant (Candice or Kree) deserved to win this year's "American Idol." They had apparently stabbed each other with the same knife. (2) Dewayne Eddy, 54, was charged in Yuba County, Calif., in May with beating his adult daughter with folding lawn chairs and a can of beans after discovering that a bolt was missing in the chicken coop in his yard.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1988 - Wayne Gretzky is traded from the Edmonton Oilers to the Los Angeles Kings in one of the most controversial player transactions in hockey history, upsetting many Canadians.

1993 - The Liberal Democratic Party of Japan loses a 38-year hold on national leadership.

1999 - Russian President Boris Yeltsin fires his Prime Minister, Sergei Stepashin, and for the fourth time fires his entire cabinet. On the same day, Chris Jericho makes his WWF debut by interrupting The Rock with a millennium clock.

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A Because it allows more than 50% of our 4.5-acre site to be open space and has less impacts on ocean views than shorter, fatter buildings.



When the Miramar Plan was originally proposed, it was a 135 feet tall and, similar to the current hotel, covered a large portion of our 4.5-acre site.

Some people called it a "wall". For those living, working or driving nearby, the original, shorter building would have blocked ocean views.

The City Council gave us clear direction: Reduce the footprint of the plan and come back with a thinner, taller central tower. Open the property up so the community can enjoy the Moreton Bay Fig Tree and create public spaces that relate to Palisades Park across the street.

We took the City Council's direction and are proud of the new vision for restoring this Santa Monica treasure.

The new, thinner, taller building is not visible from most of Santa Monica. It fits in with the city skyline of hotel, office and residential buildings. Compare this to a 135-foot wall along 2nd Street instead: less open space and blocked ocean views.

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