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City Council may allow pot shops

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Medical marijuana dispensaries may be coming to town.

But, not yet.

City Council members softened their stance on medical marijuana dispensaries in a 4-3 vote earlier this week, ordering city officials to create regulations for the businesses.

City officials said an update of zoning laws is expected to go before the council in December and would contain proposed regulations for medical marijuana facilities where those with a doctor's recommendation can purchase the drug in various forms.

To give city officials time to develop the regulations, council members also extended a one-year moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries.

Santa Monica currently does not have any dispensaries and City Hall does not recognize them as legitimate businesses even though they are allowed under state law.

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Photo courtesy Benjamin Brayfield
HMM: Is medical marijuana in SM's future?



Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*
CASH, NOT TRASH: Discarded bottles are sorted by type and color at the Santa Monica Recycling Center on the east end of town.

One man's trash is not another man's treasure

Local law forbids diving for recyclables, but it doesn't stop everyone

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE It's not uncommon to wake up in the middle of the night to a jarring noise of someone rifling through the trash and find the recycling bins toppled over the next morning.

Or to see a homeless person ambling across town carrying trash bags or pushing shopping carts full to the brim with cans and glass.

While it may provide a source of income for some, it's illegal to remove recyclable glass, cans, newspaper, plastic and yard waste out of the containers left at the curb for col-

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California bill on sex abuse lawsuits stalls

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A California bill that would give some sex abuse victims more time to sue failed to gain enough support to make it out of a key Assembly committee in Sacramento.

The bill needed nine votes in the Appropriations Committee move to the Assembly floor but received only six on Wednesday, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Four members of the committee opposed the bill and seven did not comment following emotional testimony from a sex abuse survivor lobbying for the bill.

Senate Bill 131 would permit the filing of lawsuits against private and nonprofit employers of alleged abusers by people who have been unable to do so due to time and age restrictions.

The proposed law would lift the statute of limitations for one year for the group of alleged victims who were 26 and older and missed the previous deadline set by a similar bill nearly a decade ago.

Supporters of the bill argue that victims need extra time to file lawsuits because it may take years for them to admit that they were molested or to realize the psychological harm caused by sexual abuse. The bill's main author, Sen. Jim Beall, D-San Jose, says it would cost the state little money.

The Roman Catholic Church, which has fought hard against the proposed legislation,

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Aug. 16, 2013

Stand-up comedy
Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third St. Promenade,
8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The theater will feature surprise celebrity guests on Friday for another night of comedy. Tickets cost $10. Attendees can also stay for the 10 p.m. "Improvable" show for no additional cost. Call (310) 4541-0850 for more information.

Wine party
Monsoon Cafe
1212 Third St. Promenade,
8 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Attendees can have unlimited tastes of a selection of wine that includes the Justin Vineyards Cabernet and the Turley Wine Cellars Zinfandel. Attendees can also purchase discounted custom sushi rolls at the event. A DJ will provide music for dancing. Tickets cost $52.

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013

Sri Lanka Day expo
Third Street Promenade
10 a.m. — 10 p.m.
The Sri Lanka Foundation is hosting its annual Sri Lanka Day event, featuring Sri Lankan musicians, dancers and food to celebrate the island country. There is no cost to attend.

Diabetes fundraiser and health fair
Naam Yoga L.A.
1231 Fourth St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Naam Yoga L.A. is holding a Zumbathon to benefit the Latino Diabetes Association in an effort to combat diabetes and obesity in the Latino community. A free health fair will begin at 1 p.m. The Zumbathon costs $20 to register early and $25 on the day of the event. Call (310) 751-7550 for more information.

Readings with audiobook narrators
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
Four audiobook narrators will read selections from their favorite books and share a panel discussion about how audiobooks are made. Narrators Cassandra Campbell, John Lee, Coleen Marlo and Kathe Mazur will speak at the event, which will take place in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Out of the box boat race
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy.,
6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Individuals ages 8 and up can compete in the Beach House's second annual Cardboard Yacht Regatta. Teams of two will construct their own yachts using just corrugated cardboard and duct tape. Those interested in participating can register through a link on the Beach House's website. Registration costs $15 per yacht. Spectators are welcome.

Celebrating Santa Monica
Jeanie Madsen Gallery
1431 Ocean Ave., 7 p.m.
A red carpet charity event featuring live music, food and the work of several local artists will be held to celebrate Santa Monica's culture and beauty. Proceeds will benefit A New Beautiful, an organization that promotes healthy self-image for teens and women through art and education. Admission costs $10 in advance and $15 at the door. The exhibit will run through Sept. 17.

Say cheese!
dnj Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The Photographic Arts Council/Los Angeles is opening an exhibit of photographs from the private collections of its members. The exhibit features work created by new and emerging artists and will last through Aug. 31. Admission is free. Call (310) 315-3551 for more information.

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



CORRECTION

In the article "Samohi senior gets nod at quarterback – for now," published Aug. 15, it should have identified a junior mentioned in the story as Rudy Olmedo.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

You drink, you drive, you pay

The Santa Monica Police Department will set up a DUI/driver's license checkpoint at an undisclosed location in the city tonight, Aug. 16, according to a press statement released earlier this week.

Police will randomly stop drivers who pass through the checkpoint and check for signs of alcohol or drug-related impairment. Drivers found driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol can expect jail, license suspension, insurance increases, fines, DUI classes, court probation and more.

The checkpoint is part of the police's ongoing effort to reduce the number of alcohol-related car accidents in the city.

SMPD Lt. Jay Trisler said that 87 car crashes occurred last year in Santa Monica, in which two people were killed and 29 were injured, according to the statement.

Individuals who drink alcohol should have a designated driver or call a taxi instead of driving, police said in the statement.

– KRISTEN TAKETA

CYBERSPACE

City Council meetings now mobile

Residents can now watch City Council meetings from their phones and tablets by clicking on a special link.

The link, which can be accessed at santamonica.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=23, provides live video streaming that is sized particularly for mobile devices such as iPhones and iPads.

"With the high level of interest in local community issues, putting City Council meetings on mobile devices was the logical next step," said Jory Wolf, city chief information officer in a statement.

CityTV at cable channel 16 will also show Planning Commission and Rent Control Board meetings live in addition to regular City Council meetings.

Residents can view CityTV online at www.citytv.org.

– KT



PAL O' MINE

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Baron Davis, 34, a two-time NBA All-Star who most recently played for the New York Knicks, visits with Santa Monica PAL members during a grand opening celebration of the PAL dance room on Wednesday. The dance room was dedicated by Rising Stars of America and United in Harmony. Rising Stars of America was founded in 2004 by Davis, as a way for him to give back to the community. The nonprofit organization runs basketball camps, clinics and tournaments year round.

Panel launches probe into offshore fracking

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES California regulators have launched an investigation into offshore hydraulic fracturing after revelations that the practice had quietly occurred off the coast for the past two decades.

The California Coastal Commission promised to look into the extent of so-called fracking in federal and state waters and any potential risks.

"We take our obligation to protect the marine environment very seriously and we're going to be looking at this very carefully," executive director Charles Lester said Thursday during the commission meeting.

As a first step, the coastal panel planned to ask oil companies proposing new offshore drilling jobs if they will be using fracking and require them to submit an environmental review. It will determine further action after completing its fact-finding mission.

A recent report by The Associated Press documented at least a dozen instances of fracking since the late 1990s in the Santa Barbara Channel, site of a disastrous 1969 oil platform blowout that spurred the modern environmental movement. Earlier this year, federal regulators approved a new project, but work has not yet begun.

Fracking involves pumping huge quantities of water, sand and a mixture of chemicals at high pressures to break up rock formations to recover oil and gas. Offshore fracking typically uses less water compared with fracking on land, where the practice has led to various efforts to ban or curtail it.

The Coastal Commission, which is charged with protecting the shoreline and marine resources, was not aware until recently that fracking was occurring, mainly because of the complicated web of agencies involved, said Alison Dettmer, a deputy director.

For fracking that occurs more than three miles offshore, oversight falls to the federal government. If the work happens closer to land, state oil regulators get involved. The Coastal Commission has a say when an operation endangers marine mammals or water quality.

Besides fracking in federal waters, the practice has occurred a dozen times in state waters in recent years, according to FracFocus.org, a website formed by industry

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dropping the bomb

Editor:

Mike Kirwan posits the oft-repeated propaganda that the A-bomb ended WWII by making an invasion of Japan unnecessary, when in fact the bomb could have been dropped on an unpopulated mountainous area (not Mount Fuji) and followed by a naval blockade ("V for victory," Aug. 6, Letters to the Editor).

The U.S. was in a hurry to preempt Japan from surrendering to the Soviets in Manchuria, and to justify testing the bomb on civilian populations.

The "Chain Reaction" sculpture represents the old progressive People's Republic of Santa Monica (similar to various monuments in other cities). Conrad intended the original as a symbol of peace, but reactionaries like Kirwan can choose to regard it as a symbol of America's military might. The rendering of Paul Conrad's Pulitzer Prize political cartoon looks more like a seal balancing a beach ball.

City Hall could easily raise funds to subsidize the building of a larger, more realistic and sturdier sculpture by selling off each link. (For higher donations spray the links bronze, silver, gold or platinum.) It should be centrally located in the new park at the Village and raised on a pedestal (like the Statue of Liberty) and surrounded by a fountain, to prevent children from climbing it.

Jon Mann
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

'Breaking Bad' is making me mad

THIS PAST SUNDAY, "BREAKING BAD," the hit TV show on AMC, aired its first episode of the second half of the fifth season. My question is, who has a "final season" broken up into two halves? As they say online, "Grr."

Even more annoying, die-hard fans had to wait an entire year between episodes! That said, I, along with a record 5.9 million viewers for Sunday's show, would probably say it was worth the wait. (Speaking of the Nielsen Ratings, do you have a Nielsen box hooked up to your TV? For that matter, do you know anyone who ever has?)

If you haven't watched "Breaking Bad," the first four seasons are on DVD at our wonderful Santa Monica Public Library and by the time you're done, the library will probably have the fifth season. (Hoping with that shameless plug SMPL might waive some of my outstanding overdue fines.)

Initially I didn't watch the series because I waste enough time as it is. I'm an expert on the subject. If there was a Ph.D. in "wasting time," I'd be called Dr. Neworth.

I blame my current addiction to "Breaking Bad" on my friend, Russell Braunstein, a handyman extraordinaire in Santa Monica for over 20 years. In case the FBI is reading this, he "purchased" the first four seasons. (Wink, wink.)

"Breaking Bad" is brilliant, but some have gone a little overboard. One reviewer compared Hank, a DEA agent, catching Walter, his methamphetamine manufacturer brother-in-law, to Ahab finally catching the whale in "Moby Dick." (Moments later Melville was heard spinning in his grave.)

By the way, the term "breaking bad" is Southwestern slang for "defying authority." (Thank you, Wikipedia.) Certainly, with all its cutting edge direction and unique characters, the show does that. But consider the plot and you tell me.

Walter White, a respected high school chemistry teacher in Albuquerque, is diagnosed with terminal cancer. Understandably, he's concerned about the financial future of his family after he dies so, naturally, he decides to go into manufacturing meth. Huh?

You see Hank takes Walt along on a bust of a meth lab. (Don't all DEA agents take their brother-in-laws on raids?) It's Hank who tells Walter how much money there is in the illegal meth trade. He does so just as Walter sees Jesse, his handsome and rebellious former student, fleeing from the residence. Does Walt alert Hank to Jesse's escape? (If he did there'd be no show!)

So Walter blackmails Jesse into becoming his partner in the meth business. And four-plus seasons later, schlemiels like me are on the edge of our seats. Now, it's just a matter of time (seven episodes to be exact) to see how Walter, family man turned sociopath, will meet what has to be a very grim end.

If you're going to check out "Breaking Bad" from the library or order it on Netflix, you might skip the next paragraph or two. Translation: Spoiler alert. Walter is a friggin' genius and knows everything about anything, which makes him fascinating to watch. He's also brilliantly acted by Bryan Cranston, who probably needs a self-storage locker for all the Emmys he's won.

So does it make any sense, other than in the OZ of TV-land, that Walter would do the following? He inadvertently leaves a collection of poems by American poet Walt Whitman on top of the toilet along with magazines. Keep in mind this is perhaps the only bit of evidence that could tie him to the entire meth empire he's built so carefully. (For that matter, who reads poetry on the toilet? Sports page, yes, but poetry?)

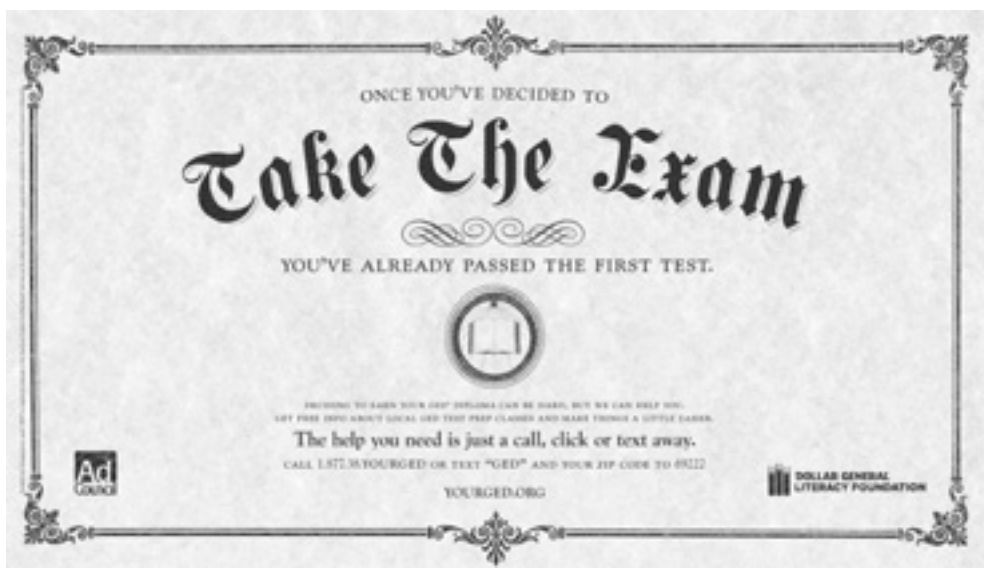
Of course, a few seasons later Hank and his wife, Marie, (a chronic shoplifter) are over Walt's for dinner. When Hank uses the bathroom he casually picks up the Whitman book. His eyes lock onto the incriminating inscription from chemist Gale Boetticher whom Walt had Jesse brutally murder. (Are you following me?)

Suddenly, Hank realizes his brother-in-law Walt is the meth kingpin whom he's been hunting for 52 episodes. One wonders if Hank had been constipated how would the series have ever ended? (With idle speculation like this you can get an idea of what I mean about being a Ph.D. in wasting time.)

Walt soon discovers the Whitman book is missing and confronts Hank, who accuses him of being a murdering sociopath. Walt doesn't exactly deny it. It's more like another example of "Guilty, but with an explanation."

Well, dear reader, we've come to the end of our weekly little get-together. If you need a great handyman (or someone to answer questions about "Breaking Bad") Russell is your man. In the meantime, only seven more episodes until I'm released from this addiction. Unless, of course, they're tricking us and this isn't really the final season. Grr.

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Jackson's ex-wife says med visits concerned her

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Michael Jackson's ex-wife acknowledged Thursday that she was concerned that some of his frequent medical visits were motivated more by a desire for drugs than by the treatments he received.

Debbie Rowe testified during the trial of a lawsuit that she told Jackson about her concerns when he would go to his longtime dermatologist more than once a week in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Rowe worked in the office of the dermatologist, Dr. Arnold Klein.

"I didn't understand why he would come in twice in one week," Rowe said, adding that she was concerned he might be in search of drugs rather than treatments for blemishes with collagen injections. "I didn't necessarily see what he wanted to have done."

Rowe has offered a conflicting portrait of Jackson's medical treatments during her testimony, saying earlier that she never saw him engage in doctor shopping or request specific pain medications. She said many of the visits were legitimately tied to treatments for the skin-lightening condition vitiligo and scars he sustained after being burned during a Pepsi commercial shoot.

Rowe, clutching a tissue and breaking down at times, described Jackson as suffering debilitating pain throughout the nearly 20 years that the pair were close friends. She said her husband trusted his doctors and depended on them to give him proper medications.

"When it came to the pain ... it was more begging for relief than anything," Rowe said. "He respected doctors so he wouldn't question what they were doing."

Rowe is the mother of the singer's two oldest children, Prince and Paris Jackson. She and the pop star were married from 1996 to 1999.

She is testifying in a lawsuit filed by Jackson's mother against AEG Live LLC, the promoter of Jackson's ill-fated "This Is It" comeback concerts.

Rowe hugged Katherine Jackson and held her hand during a break in testimony. Rowe was called to the witness stand by AEG Live attorneys but told the jury on Wednesday that she was not testifying for either side and wouldn't have come to court if she hadn't received a subpoena.

Jackson's scalp was badly burned when his hair caught on fire while filming a 1984 Pepsi commercial. The injuries left his scalp with painful scarring that required surgeries and injections of medications to try to lessen the pain and repair the damage.

Rowe said the injuries as well as the effects of vitiligo left Jackson feeling like he was disfigured. The singer was forced to wear wigs and de-pigment his skin and struggled to deal with the effects while in the public eye.

On another matter, Rowe said Jackson was devastated by his divorce from Lisa Marie Presley and because he didn't have any children. Rowe said she told him they should have a baby together.

By that time, she and Jackson had been friends for more than a decade, with Rowe holding the singer's hand as he received injections for numerous medical procedures and talking with him several times a week.

"I wanted him to be a father," she said. "I wanted him to have everything he didn't have growing up. I wanted him to experience it with his own child, with his own children."

Rowe broke down when describing her recent relationship with her daughter Paris. She said she had been in daily touch with the teen until she had to be hospitalized on June 5, when paramedics were summoned to the Jackson family home in Calabasas. Paris, 15, took Motrin pills and cut her arm with a kitchen knife, according to emergency dispatchers.

Rowe was asked how Jackson's death had affected his only daughter.

"She is devastated," Rowe said. "She tried to kill herself. She is devastated. She has no life. She doesn't feel she has a life anymore."

Jackson family representatives have not provided an update or publicly classified her hospitalization as a suicide attempt. Jurors have heard from her older brother, Prince, but have only seen Paris through a couple clips of her deposition and have heard references to her struggling with her father's death.

Katherine Jackson claims in her lawsuit that AEG Live failed to properly investigate the doctor later convicted of giving her son an overdose of the anesthetic propofol while he prepared for a series of comeback shows in 2009.

AEG denies it hired Conrad Murray or bears any responsibility for the singer's death.

Marvin S. Putnam, the company's lead defense attorney, said in opening statements that the case was about Jackson's personal choices and his desire to use propofol as a sleep aid.

The Q Line

The word on Downtown

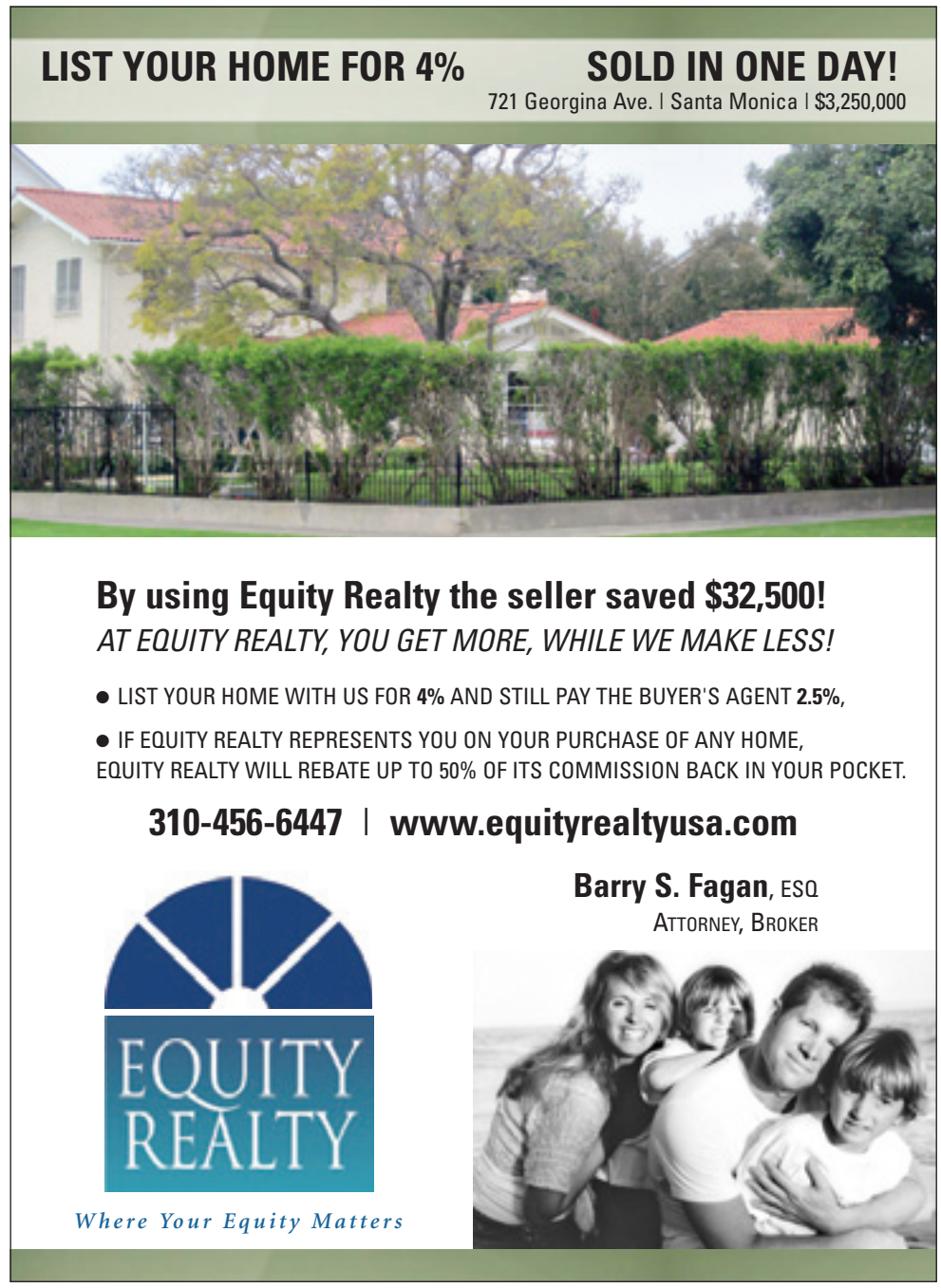
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed resolution to automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost for new market-rate multifamily development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.070(c)

WHEN: Tuesday, August 27, 2013
6:30 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.56.070(c) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost of $289,299 would be increased by $2,314. Effective November 1, 2013, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost would be $291,613.

The adjustment to the Affordable Housing Unit Development Cost reflects changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fee are set forth in a letter prepared for the City by Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Alschuler, Inc. (HR&A). A copy of this letter is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California or the Housing Division office at 1901 Main Street, Suite B, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's website (Housing section).

HOW TO COMMENT
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DWP employees earned $77M in extra pay this year

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LOS ANGELES City officials say Department of Water & Power employees earned $77.3 million in extra pay in the first six months of 2013 and earn 20 percent more than other city employees, on average.

The Los Angeles Times reports an analysis released Thursday by the city controller found the utility's workers are on track to earn an average of nearly $16,000 in extra wages.

Extra wages are paid for things like overtime or working in bad weather.

Controller Ron Galperin says the higher expenses translate to higher rates for consumers and less money for infrastructure improvements.

The report comes a day before a public hearing to discuss DWP's proposed contract before the City Council. The four-year contract would hold off on raises until a four percent increase in 2016.

Audit: Mental health spending not properly tracked by state

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The state has failed to properly monitor more than $7 billion in voter-approved money for mental health programs from California's extra tax on millionaires and cannot reassure the public that it is going to help those most in need, the state auditor reported Thursday.

California can offer "little assurance that the counties have effectively and appropriately used the almost $7.4 billion," Auditor Elaine Howle reported.

Howle's review came in response to an investigation last year by The Associated Press that found tens of millions of dollars raised under Proposition 63 have gone to programs designed to help those who have not been diagnosed with any mental illness. Those so-called innovation programs include yoga, gardening, art classes and horseback riding.

"Media reports have reflected skepticism about counties' Innovation programs, some of which include acupuncture and yoga," the audit said. "Assessing and reporting on program effectiveness is therefore critical to ensure that only effective programs are continued and that the taxpayers and the public are assured that MHSA funds are put to the best use."

Voters approved Proposition 63 in 2004, creating a 1 percent tax on incomes of more than $1 million to fund mental health programs. The money raised through the Mental Health Services Act has created some 1,500 programs so far.

Nearly $1.2 billion went to prevention and early intervention programs. They were being created at the same time that mental health spending from the state's traditional sources was falling dramatically during the recession.

Assemblymen Dan Logue, R-Linda, and Brian Nestande, R-Palm Desert, requested the audit last summer after the AP's report. Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, a Sacramento Democrat who co-authored Proposition 63, also later signed the request.

Howle found that the state Department of Mental Health failed to conduct any broad evaluation of how counties spent the money or ask counties to report on the effectiveness of their programs as the law established.

"When the responsible state entities do not provide guidance to counties for effective program evaluation, the public cannot be sure that MHSA programs are achieving their intended purposes," the auditor's report said.

A separate accountability commission established as part of the ballot initiative did not adopt a plan for evaluating the programs until March 2013, more than eight years after voters approved the tax and just months after AP's report.

Steinberg said the auditor found no evidence that Proposition 63 funds were misused or that programs were ineffective.

"But if we are to build consensus for mental health care funding, the state must demonstrate the effectiveness of existing programs in an objective and consistent way," Steinberg said in a written statement. "It's not good enough just to do the work. We must tell the story to help break the stigma surrounding mental illness and encourage those suffering in silence to seek help."

A new agency, Health Care Services, took oversight of the state mental health funding last year. Howle recommended it set up onsite reviews of counties and write performance contracts with counties that set program goals, including measurable performance data.

Health Care Services said it has already adopted some of Howle's recommendations and is in the process of implementing others.

As part of the audit, Howle reviewed county mental health programs in Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Bernardino and Santa Clara, finding wide discrepancies in how they assessed and reported on mental health spending. All of them had set general goals for their programs, but some counties did not communicate those goals to the contractors who were actually providing services. Howle said.

The auditor recommended revisions to the mental health services contracts in all the counties except Los Angeles.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Rumble over recyclables

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.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7, AT 11 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers working the front desk of the Public Safety Facility were approached by a 73-year-old man who said he had been assaulted by his son earlier that day. He said his son, who lives with him, became enraged when he was asked to get rid of numerous bags filled with recyclables. The son allegedly pulled out a 3-inch folding knife and threatened his father. Then the son put the knife away and grabbed his father by the neck and allegedly started choking him. The dad was so frightened that he went to police to have his son arrested. The following day police showed up at the home to check on the father. They met with the son in the alley, who told police that he did grab his father's neck, police said. Based on that, officers placed the son under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and elder abuse. He was identified as Richard Martin, 41, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $50,000.

SUNDAY, AUG. 11 AT 12:25 P.M.,

An officer on patrol saw a woman standing in front of a store on the Third Street Promenade who was ordered by a court to stay away from the shopping district. The officer approached the woman to advise her that she was in violation of the court order. She allegedly refused to listen and walked away from the officer. Police said the woman eventually became aggressive and tried striking the officer in the face. After a brief struggle the officer was able to handcuff her and place her in the backseat of his patrol car. She was then transported to the Santa Monica Jail and booked for battery, resisting arrest, violating a court order and a probation violation. She was identified as Kinda Aleid, 38, a transient. Her bail was set at $35,000.

SATURDAY, AUG. 10, AT 12:10 P.M.,

Officers responded to a store located on the 200 block of Broadway regarding a suspected shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived they made contact with the store's security guard, who said that he watched the suspect on the store's security cameras take a bracelet and place it in his shopping bag before leaving the store without offering to pay for it. A few minutes later he returned and took a pair of earrings and walked out with them. Security detained the suspect and showed officers the security footage. Based on the evidence, officers took the suspect into custody and he was booked for burglary. He was identified as Hamza Shogdar, 24, of Hollywood. His bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, AUG. 9, AT 9:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue regarding a report of a woman who allegedly tried to use four bogus gift cards to make purchases. When officers arrived they spoke with store employees who said they noticed some irregularities with the gift cards when the suspect reached the register. Security then detained the woman until police arrived. At that time a man tried to make purchases with bogus cards as well, police said. He too was detained. After questioning the suspects and comparing all of the gift cards' numbers and print alterations, officers believed that both suspects were somehow working together. The female suspect eventually admitted that her original story explaining how she got the cards was a lie and that she knew the cards were fake. Both suspects were arrested and booked for burglary and use of a forged access card. They were identified as Jazmin Alejandro Lopez, 21, and Eduardo Gomez, 19; both from Los Angeles. Bail was set at $20,000 each.

FRIDAY, AUG. 9, AT 4:20 P.M.,

Officers responded to the corner of Fourth Street and Wilshire Boulevard regarding a suspicious person trying to open car doors. As the patrol unit arrived on scene officers saw a man matching the suspect's description. As officers approached they saw the suspect drop a clear plastic bag into a nearby flower planter. Officers asked the man if he was under the influence of drugs. He allegedly said yes and admitted to having methamphetamine and marijuana in his system. Officers found the bag, which contained a white crystalline substance and two pills. The plastic bag was found about 2 feet behind where the suspect was sitting when officers arrived. The suspect denied the bag was his. Another bag with drugs inside was found just several inches away from the first one. Officers examined the suspect and determined he was under the influence. He was placed under arrest and booked for possession of narcotics and for allegedly being high. He was identified as William Lee Wallace, Jr., 44, of Inglewood, Calif. His bail was set at $10,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 7, AT 11:35 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 100 block of Adelaide Drive regarding a "hot prowl" call. The person who called police said a man walked into their house and asked them if their parents were home and then left. When officers arrived they found a man matching the suspect's description walking just a few blocks away from the house. Officers detained him and searched him. They said they found a pair of women's sunglasses and a set of car keys to a Honda. The caller showed up at the scene, positively identified the suspect and confirmed that the set of car keys were to his father's car. Police placed the suspect under arrest for burglary. He was identified as Brian Kimbrough, 48, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

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Councilmember Kevin McKeown said he supports a law that would operate a limited number of dispensaries in the right places in the city.

He said he was "disturbed" a report to the council was packed with information from the Drug Enforcement Administration and Department of Justice on the evils of marijuana.

"That's pretty much an irrelevant argument," McKeown said. "We are in California where medical marijuana is legal."

The federal government does not recognize marijuana as medicine and considers it an addictive drug on the level of cocaine, LSD and ecstacy.

Mayor Pam O'Connor warned any decision could be delayed based on the council's pattern of not staying on schedule when discussing other items like the Bergamot Area Plan. She said it could trail into early next year.

Last October, the City Council passed a 45-day moratorium against dispensaries, which was later extended to allow planners time to poll the community and research how best to approach the issue. Since the moratorium, City Hall held a community meeting in February to discuss pot dispensaries, and the California Supreme Court ruled that local jurisdictions could regulate or ban medical marijuana uses.

Others on the council, like Bob Holbrook, had reservations about placing dispensaries within city limits. Holbrook said he didn't support city officials returning with proposed regulations.

> "PROHIBITION DOESN'T WORK."
>
> **Susan O'Leary**
> Santa Monica resident

"It has been problematic in other cities and I don't think we need to have local marijuana shops," Holbrook said.

Officials in Los Angeles have struggled with regulating dispensaries after hundreds opened, some legal and others not. Voters in that city recently voted to allow just over 130 of them. Eligible dispensaries must be located at least 600 feet from schools and parks, and at least 1,000 feet from each other. They may only stay open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Santa Monica's law could mirror Los Angeles' or take a different approach.

There's been concern amongst advocates who wanted to lift the moratorium, arguing patients should have access to their medication without having to travel too far from home. Holbrook argued that communities around Santa Monica have plenty of pot shops for Santa Monica patients to access their marijuana.

Santa Monicans have in the past shown signs of support for the use of marijuana, or at least the decriminalization of it. In 2006, Santa Monica voters passed a measure that made marijuana smoking by adults in their own homes the lowest law enforcement priority, even under barking dogs. That means the Santa Monica Police Department has to respond to every other call they have before attending to a report of pot smoking in someone's home.



File photo

FOR SALE: **Jars filled with marijuana for medicinal use fill the shelves of a Venice collective.**

Susan O'Leary, a concerned resident, said medical marijuana dispensaries create jobs, free up the police and City Hall can collect sales tax and use that on other city services.

"Prohibition doesn't work," O'Leary said at the council meeting held Tuesday. "It's not necessarily accepted by law, but it's accepted by society, especially those who are seeking alternative pain relief."

Councilmembers Ted Winterer, Tony Vazquez, Gleam Davis and McKeown supported the measure to create the regulations for pot shops while Holbrook, O'Connor and Mayor Pro Tem Terry O'Day voted against the motion.

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FRACKING
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and intergovernmental groups in 2011. Since disclosure on the website is voluntary, statistics are not complete.

Dettmer said federal and state agencies have not routinely notified the Coastal Commission of fracking jobs in the past.

During Thursday's hearing, an audience member held a sign that read: "Ban All Fracking." Several residents urged the coastal panel to do everything in its power to stop the practice offshore.

Brian Segee, a staff attorney at the Environmental Defense Center, said he was concerned about the high pressures involved during fracking.

Companies are "doing that underwater. They're doing that off the coast. That is cause for concern if not alarm," he said.

The meeting comes after a band of state lawmakers last week called on the Coastal Commission and federal government to investigate. The oil industry has maintained that fracking is safe and not harmful to the environment.

The federal agency that oversees offshore drilling, the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement or BSEE, initially counted only two fracks off California in the past two decades, according to internal emails obtained by the AP through the Freedom of Information Act. It later revised the figure to 12, but said it cannot be certain just how often fracking has been allowed.

In March, the agency approved an application by privately held DCOR LLC to perform three "mini-fracks" from a platform 10 miles off the coast. Since the 1969 disaster, new oil leases have been banned, but companies can still drill and do other oil exploration from 23 grandfathered-in platforms.

BSEE's Pacific regional director, Jaron Ming, told employees in an email earlier this year about the increased interest in offshore fracking within the agency and from the public.

"For that reason, I am asking you to pay close attention to any (drilling applications) that we receive and let me know if you believe any of them would be considered a 'frac job.'"

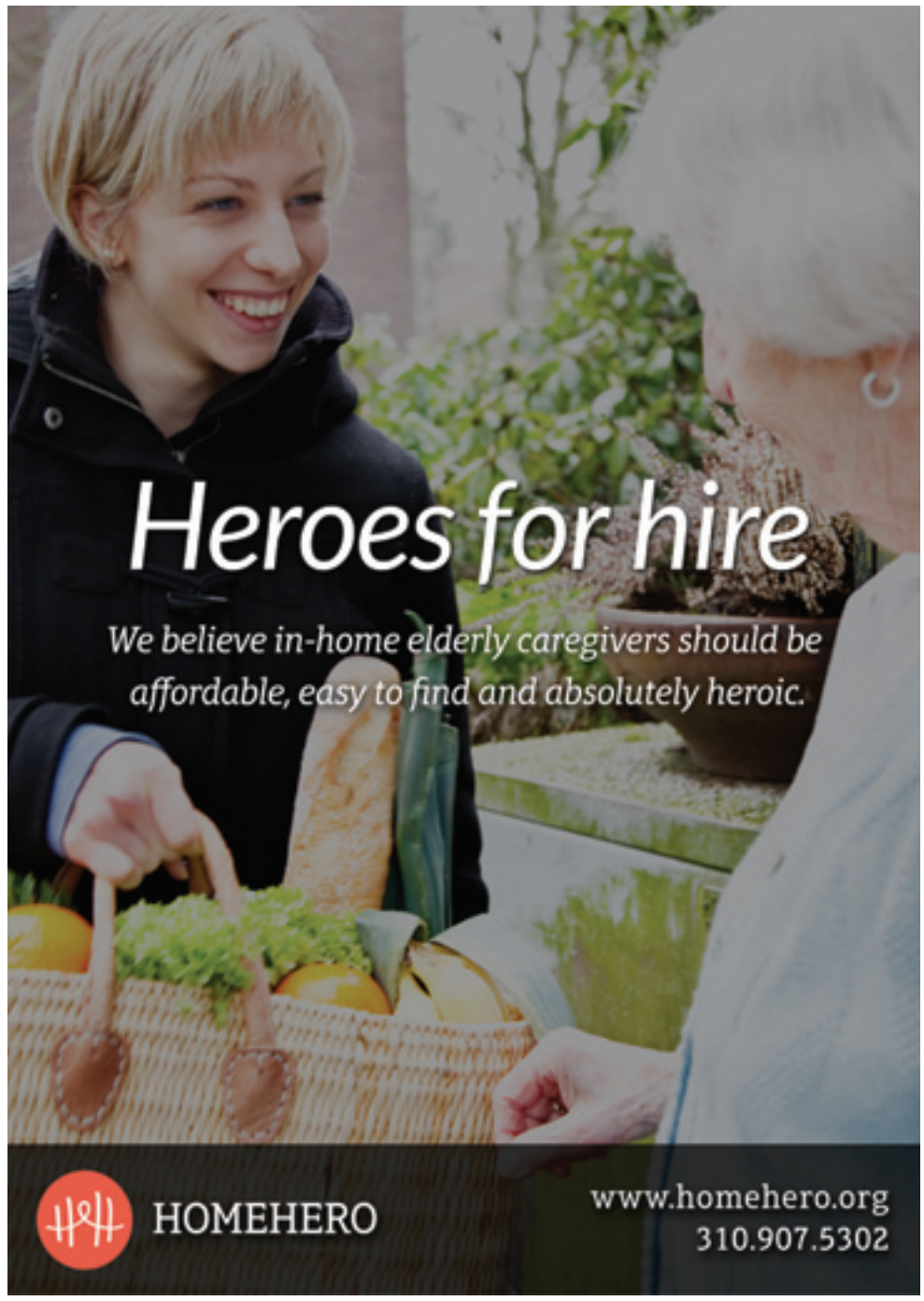
Records show that companies that have fracked off the California coast have had mixed success stimulating oil into new production. The largest offshore frack occurred in 2010 when Venoco Inc. targeted the Monterey Shale, a 1,750-square-mile area extending from the agricultural Central Valley to the Pacific Ocean that federal energy officials say could ultimately comprise two-thirds of the nation's shale oil reserves. The effort only mildly boosted production.

BILL
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says it would be financially crippled by the bill. The church did not fight the 2002 bill that opened the floodgates for hundreds of victims and led to $1.2 billion in settlements from dioceses statewide, including $660 million in Los Angeles alone.

The church and private organizations charge they have been unfairly targeted because the bill does not apply to public schools.

The appropriations panel, which takes into consideration how much a proposal would cost the state, will review the bill again next week. It has already passed the state Senate and the Assembly Judiciary Committee.









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SUBJECT: Consideration of proposed resolution to automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee for new market-rate multifamily development pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.56.070(b).

WHEN: **Tuesday, August 27, 2013**
6:30 P.M.

WHERE: Santa Monica City Hall, Council Chambers, Room #213
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the proposed adoption of a resolution which would automatically adjust the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee that developers of multi-family projects may pay to the City pursuant to Section 9.56.070(b) of the City's Affordable Housing Production Program. The existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate apartments of $27.57 per square foot would be increased by $0.22 per square foot of floor area, and the existing Affordable Housing Unit Base fee for new market rate condominiums of $32.20 would be increased by $0.26 per square foot of floor area. Effective November 1, 2013, the adjusted Affordable Housing Unit Base fee would be $27.79 per square foot of floor area for new market rate apartments and $32.46 per square foot of floor area for new market rate condominiums.

The adjustment to the Affordable Housing Unit Base Fee reflects changes in land and construction costs based on a methodology adopted by the City Council on June 13, 2006. An explanation of this methodology and the resulting adjustment to the fees are set forth in a letter prepared for the City by Hamilton, Rabinovitz & Alschuler, Inc. (HR&A). A copy of this letter is now available at the City Clerk's Office in Room 102 of City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California or the Housing Division office at 1901 Main Street, Suite B, Santa Monica, California. This information is also available on the City's website (Housing section).

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this matter. You or your representative or any other persons may comment at the City Council's public hearing or by writing a letter.

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RECYCLE
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lection without the owner's permission. Recyclable materials are considered property of City Hall.

Stealing recyclables is a low priority call for law enforcement, Lt. Rich Lewis, with the Santa Monica Police Department, said.

"When we aren't busy, we send them immediately," Lewis said.

The offense is considered a misdemeanor.

If police officers see homeless carrying recyclables in a shopping cart, Lewis said police cite them for having a shopping cart, not for the recyclables.

"You'll see some people pushing baby strollers," Lewis said.

Martin Pastucha, director of public works for City Hall, said it's a difficult issue in terms of enforcement because police have to catch people in the act of stealing recyclables. He said folks spend considerable time searching for recyclables, even hauling them around in trucks. Aside from bottles and cans, cardboard and newspapers are also hot items for semi-professional collectors who may not be homeless but are looking to cash in on the price of commodities.

Even if homeless are taking from collection bins, Pastucha said the thefts aren't affecting City Hall's goal to keep as much material out of landfills as possible. Under state law, cities and counties are required to divert at least 50 percent of waste collected and recycling plays a significant role in reaching that goal. Santa Monica has an even more ambition goal of 70 percent, and according to the Sustainable City Progress Report, the community is on track to reach that goal.

"It's small quantities," Pastucha said of the thefts. "Quite frankly, the materials [are] being diverted somewhere else; it's all being recycled."

In the 2012-13 fiscal year, City Hall delivered 13,105 tons of recyclable materials to Allan Co., which runs the recycling center located at the City Yards, said Kim Braun, Resource Recovery & Recycling manager.

For recycling California Redemption Value beverage containers made out of aluminum, glass, or plastic, City Hall also receives money from California each fiscal year in the state's Beverage Container Recycling Program. CRV is 5 cents for each beverage container less than 24 ounces and 10 cents for each container 24 ounces or greater.

City Hall received $24,433 for the 2011-12 fiscal year, $24,474 for the 2010-11 year and $11,349 for 2009-10 fiscal year from the state, Mark Oldfield, spokesperson for the state Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, said. The department brings together the state's recycling and waste management programs.

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The money comes from the state's beverage container recycling fund, Oldfield said.

Braun said the discrepancy in 2009 to 2010 comes from budget deficits in the state fund.

In 2012-13, the Resource Recovery & Recycling Division received $401,400 for recyclable materials collected curbside, Braun said.

AT OPCC, Santa Monica's leading homeless services provider, those enrolled in its residential programs are educated about recycling and how income to pay their rent must come from gainful employment or benefits, John Maceri, executive director, said.

For the access center clients, it's more challenging because the homeless are still living on the street, Maceri said. If homeless are seen with recyclables at the access center, the items aren't confiscated, Maceri said, because officials can't determine where the recyclables came from.

Some residents think they've found a solution for homeless who steal recyclables.

Gregg Heacock, former president of the Santa Monica Mid City Neighbors, suggested City Hall hire the homeless to help sort and collect recyclables.

The homeless are probably the "greatest experts" in recycling, he said.

"They can be recruited into a program that organizes them into work where they would benefit from how much they get," Heacock said. "Folks do put things in the trash that others could benefit from that's not necessarily garbage. We need to reframe the entire mindset in terms of how we deal with disposables."

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Soldier shot 12 times during Fort Hood rampage

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FORT HOOD, Texas One of the soldiers killed during the 2009 shooting rampage at Fort Hood suffered a dozen gunshot wounds that indicate he was trying to charge the gunman, while another victim was pregnant, medical experts testified Thursday.

The two were among 13 people killed when a gunman opened fire inside a crowded medical building at the sprawling Army post in Texas on Nov. 5, 2009. The accused shooter, Maj. Nidal Hasan, also is accused of wounding more than 30 people as he stands trial for the worst mass shooting ever on a U.S. military base.

Spc. Frederick Greene was shot 12 times during the attack, Lt. Col. Phillip Berran told the judge after reviewing photos of the soldier's body before jurors were led into the courtroom at Fort Hood. When asked by a prosecutor if his findings were consistent with Greene "charging the shooter," the pathologist responded: "Yes, it is."

Prosecutors chose not to introduce the photos as evidence.

Another victim, Pvt. Francheska Velez, was shot once by a bullet that fractured her rib and went through her heart and right lung — a wound that wasn't survivable, said pathologist Col. AbuBakr Marzouk.

When asked if the 21-year-old Chicago woman had any other significant medical conditions, Marzouk replied: "She was pregnant."

Witnesses testified earlier in the trial that they would hear Velez crying out, "My baby! My baby!" during the shootings.

Berran also described how Pfc. Aaron Nemelka, who was shot three times, was likely shot while lying on the ground. That means at least five victims were shot while lying down, according to testimony from several pathologists this week.

A former colleague of Hasan testified about how he identified the wounded Army psychiatrist in the chaotic moments following the shooting, including the shooting of Hasan by police.

"I had no way to medically evaluate his condition," said retired Maj. Clifford Hopewell, who was chief of the traumatic brain injury division at Fort Hood. "I thought he was dead. He was prone on the ground and wasn't moving."

Hopewell said he thought he heard semi-automatic weapons fire, looked outside and heard screams and people running toward his building in the same complex where the gunfire broke out.

Hasan was lying on the ground near a telephone pole, he said, using a diagram while on the witness stand.

"A lot of people were on the ground in that area, but that's where he was," Hopewell said.

Asked by the prosecutor, Maj. Larry Downend, if the man he identified was in the courtroom, Hopewell replied, looking toward Hasan: "Yes. This person sitting right here.

"It's Nidal."

Hasan — who is acting as his own attorney — raised no objections and didn't question any of the witnesses Thursday, which has largely been his strategy since the trial began last week. The Army psychiatrist's lack of defense so far has allowed prosecutors to call more than 70 witnesses, indicating that the trial could wrap up far sooner than the monthslong timeline originally announced by the judge.

The military defense attorneys who have been ordered to help Hasan during the trial have accused Hasan of trying to convince jurors to convict him and sentence him to death. Hasan has disputed those claims, calling them a twist of the facts.

But he recently authorized the release of a report that shows he told military mental health experts after the attack that he "would still be a martyr" if he were convicted and executed by the government. The report was released by Hasan's civil attorney to the New York Times, which posted it online, but prosecutors were ordered by the judge not to read it.

If convicted, Hasan could face the death penalty.

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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 7, 2013**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 29 / 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

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillos 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.	A	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.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	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.	C	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 DBW jetty).	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

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

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

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Warnings of slower sales drive U.S. stocks lower

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Grim sales forecasts from two major companies and concern that the Federal Reserve will soon start withdrawing its support for the economy pummeled the stock market Thursday.

The Dow Jones industrial average slumped 225 points, its worst day in nearly two months. Investors also dumped bonds, driving the yield on the 10-year Treasury note to its highest level in more than two years.

Before the start of trading, Wal-Mart cut its estimates for annual revenue and profit, warning that cautious shoppers are spending less. The news followed a disappointing revenue forecast from Cisco Systems late Wednesday.

In a twist, more signs of resilience in the U.S. economy weighed on the stock market. Reports on inflation and the job market appeared to raise the odds that the Fed would begin winding down its massive bond-buying program as early as next month. Many investors think that the Fed's effort has underpinned the stock market's record run.

"People are worried that this move up in interest rates will kill the recovery, and we won't see the anticipated second-half improvement in growth and corporate earnings," said Alec Young, global equity strategist at S&P Capital IQ.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 24.07 points, or 1.4 percent, to 1,661.32. The selling swept across all 10 industry groups in the index.

The Dow lost 225.47 points, or 1.5 percent, to 15,112.19. The Nasdaq composite index fell 63.16 points, or 1.7 percent, to 3,606.12.

Some investors cautioned against reading too much into Thursday's drop.

"It seems like an overreaction today," said Randy Frederick, managing director of active trading and derivatives at the Schwab Center for Financial Research. Corporate earnings are solid and the economy is improving, he noted.

The stock market hit an all- time high two weeks ago. The Dow is still up 15 percent in 2013; the S&P 500 up 16 percent.

The government reported that the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits dropped to 320,000 last week. That's the lowest level since October 2007, two months before the start of the Great Recession.

A slowly improving economy should eventually lead to higher spending and more sales for big companies. But that's down the road. Right now, investors are more focused on the Fed's next move, said Natalie Trunow, the chief investment officer at Calvert Investments.

"There's this counter-intuitive reaction to economic news," Trunow said. "Positive data comes out and markets aren't excited about it. They say, 'Uh-oh, the stimulus will be removed.' "

Thursday's corporate news was mostly negative. Wal-Mart fell $1.99, or 3 percent, to $74.41 after the world's largest retailer cut its profit and revenue forecasts for 2013. It also reported second-quarter results that missed Wall Street's estimates.

Cisco Systems announced plans to cut 5 percent of its workforce, roughly 4,000 employees, as sales slow. CEO John Chambers called the global economy "challenging and inconsistent." Cisco plunged $1.89, or 7 percent, to $24.48, the biggest drop of the 30 big companies in the Dow.

Cisco's announcement led to selling in other technology stocks because the company is widely regarded as a bellwether for the industry. Cisco sells a wide range of products to corporations and governments and its fiscal quarters end a month later than most major technology companies. As a result, Cisco's performance gives investors a glimpse into current conditions.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note jumped as high as 2.81 percent, the highest level since July 2011.

By the end of the day, the yield had drifted back to 2.77 percent, compared with 2.71 percent on Wednesday.

Higher long-term interest rates could cool housing sales because the 10-year U.S. government note acts as a benchmark for interest rates on mortgage loans.

"A sharp increase in long-term rates translates into a sharp increase in mortgage rates," Trunow said. "That's bound to impact the housing market."

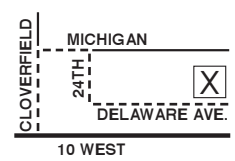


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2:15pm, 7:45pm

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THINK WEEKEND, GEM

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Reach out for someone else or seek out another perspective if you are not comfortable with what you are hearing. A partner softens up considerably. New beginnings are possible if both parties are willing to talk. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You see a situation differently because of feedback from a partner. Approach an associate with care, who might feel cornered or disappointed. Your efforts are appreciated. Tonight: Reach out for someone at a distance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Indulge a child or loved one who now seems to be more willing to cooperate. What generates could last for a substantial time if the spirit of cooperation remains. A group discussion draws many opinions. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Pace yourself, though you might want to have a lengthy talk with someone who is family or feels like family. Maintain a steady pace as you eye what has to be done. Tonight: Meet up with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to review some decisions you are about to make. You will see important results once others understand that you will claim your power. They will also need to know what your expectations are. Just be clear. Tonight: Get into the spirit of the moment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take your time moving forward, especially if you are not sure which way to go. You could test the waters. Friends and associates offer feedback, but ultimately the choice is yours and only yours. A gesture draws a caring response. Tonight: TGIF.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your conversation multiplies the possibilities in your mind. You have a set of expectations and desires; the time has come to express them. Only then can others or another person respond. Tonight: Return calls. Initiate calls. Then decide.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You often hold back or don't disclose the whole story. Though your feelings could be intensified by keeping some details private, the result might not be positive. Do use your intuition with funds right now. Tonight: Complete what must be done, then decide.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Use your strong personality and taste for adventure to encourage others to forge a new path. You find someone has strong feelings about you. Tonight: Invite others to join in your TGIF traditions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You have reason to maintain a low profile. In a sense, you are a tiger crouched behind a bush, ready to pounce when the timing is right. Still, you quietly gain information. Don't forget to touch base with an older or respected friend. Tonight: Nap first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Follow another's lead who clearly seems more directed and energized. A call or contact from a distance forces you to stop and make a decision, or at least consider your options regarding a decision. Tonight: Head out early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You might be getting a little too much attention for your taste. Nevertheless, you gracefully move forward and assume the lead. You get a lot of support from a loved one or dear friend who eases your passage into this role. Tonight: Only where the action lies.

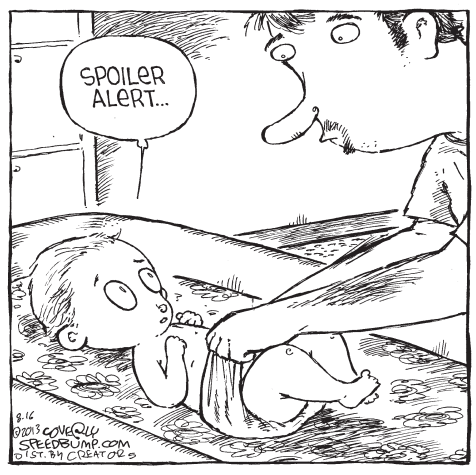
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This year your adventuresome nature emerges, only to be tamed by good sense and a reflective mental process. You might be doing a lot of evaluating, especially your actions and their ramifications on your life. Be honest with yourself as to what doesn't work and what does. If you are single, you could attract someone very interesting who might not reveal him- or herself as completely as you would like. Use caution when entering a relationship. If you are attached, indulge your sweetie, who deals with your multifaceted and changeable nature. He or she deserves it, not that you are not delightful to hang with. CAPRICORN always adds a sober tone in the middle of chaos.

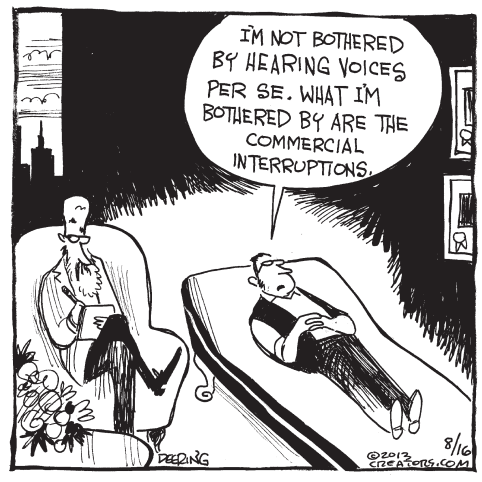
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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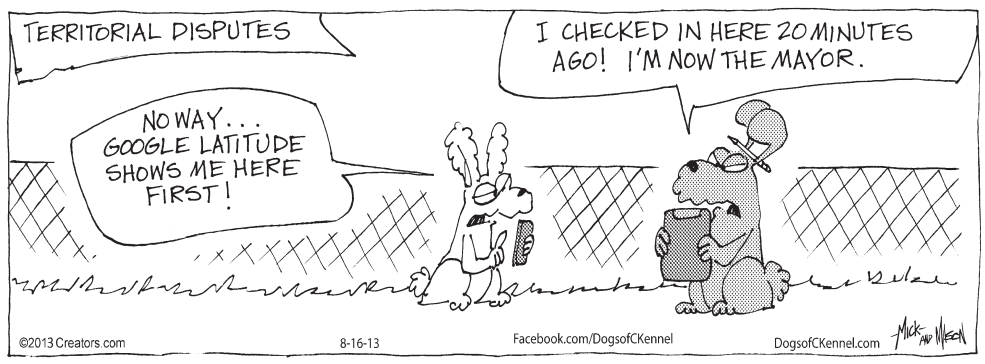
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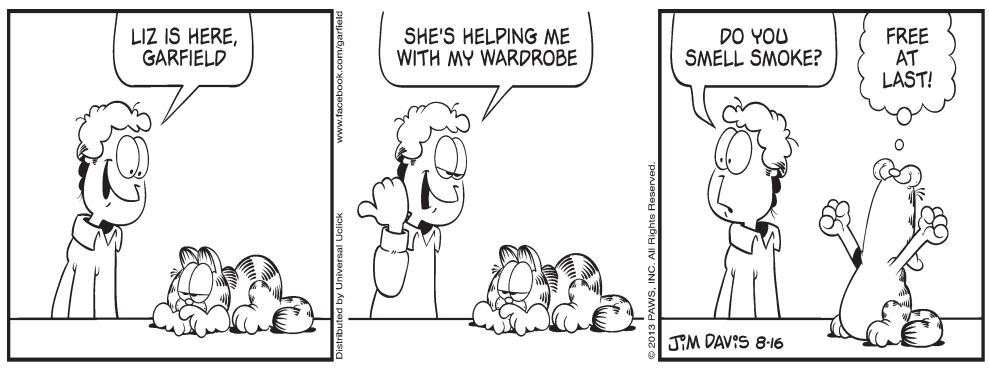
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By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Go on a spree
5 Attempt
9 Comb contents
11 Ebbed
13 Last letter
14 Game setting
15 Game caller
16 Small number
18 Former liberals
20 Vein yield
21 Sing à la Bing
22 Deuce beater
23 DVRs connect to them
24 Good place to dye
25 Massage target
27 Feathery
29 Cal. abbr.
30 Faces, slangily
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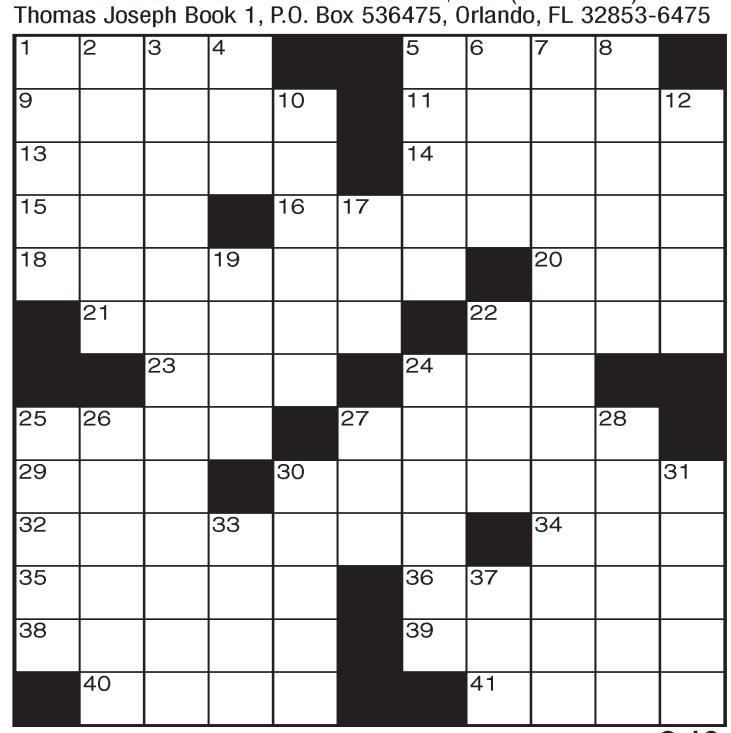
DOWN

1 Lacking wool
2 Domestic class, for short
3 Final drink
4 Coat rack part
5 Some trumpeters
6 Knotty
7 Extraordinary thing
8 Prof protector
10 Brutes
12 Diver Tom
17 TV's Curry
19 Place to put in
22 Price holders
24 Mountain outlooks
25 Baseball turn
26 Dos doubled
27 Tell tales
28 Acting company
30 Patellae places
31 Company division
33 As soon as
37 Winter bug

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4 11 17 43 51
Power#: 20
Jackpot: $60M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/13
2 31 32 37 41
Mega#: 40
Jackpot: $43M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 8/14
1 7 15 31 43
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: $8M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/15
3 4 12 15 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/15
MIDDAY: 0 9 4
EVENING: 6 0 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 8/15
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 05 California Classic
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Zero-Tolerance Alive and Well: Second-grader Josh Welch's two-day suspension in March was upheld on appeal in June by Park Elementary School officials of Anne Arundel County, Md., even though his offense was that he had nibbled a pastry into the shape of a gun, which he then waved around. Said Josh's attorney: "If this (school system) can't educate a 7-year-old without putting him out of school, how are they going to deal with 17-year-olds?"

■ Final Chapter for America's Most Overconfident Murderer: Anthony Garcia, 25, was convicted in July for a 2004 murder he had apparently gotten away with. He had been subsequently arrested in 2008 for driving on a suspended license, and a cold-case Los Angeles detective, perusing arrest reports, noticed Garcia's unusual chest tattoo, which depicted a scene that reminded the detective of the crime scene in the cold-case murder, with Garcia (street name, "Chopper") having labeled himself as the shooter. Garcia, previously home free, was arrested in his cell and now faces life in prison.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1900 – The Battle of Elands River during the Second Boer War ends after a 13-day siege is lifted by the British. The battle had begun when a force of between 2,000 and 3,000 Boers had surrounded a force of 500 Australians, Rhodesians, Canadians and British soldiers at a supply dump at Brakfontein Drift.

1913 – Tŷhoku Imperial University of Japan (modern day Tohoku University) becomes the first university in Japan to admit female students.

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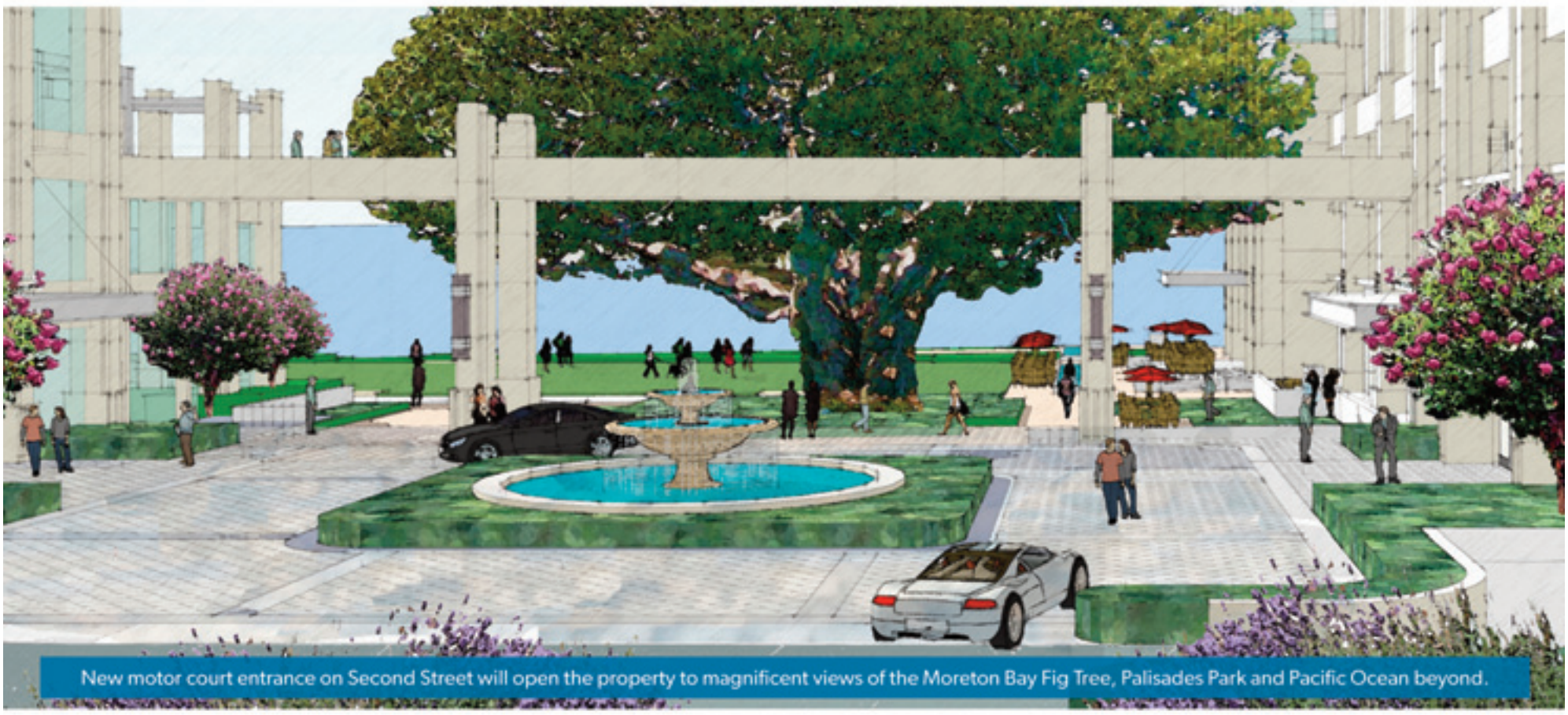
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Q What does nearly tripling on-site parking with an underground garage at the Miramar do?

A It alleviates local traffic and gives street parking back to the neighbors.



New motor court entrance on Second Street will open the property to magnificent views of the Moreton Bay Fig Tree, Palisades Park and Pacific Ocean beyond.

Past renovations of the Miramar Hotel neglected a major problem – parking. By nearly tripling parking with an underground garage, we will be able to provide parking spaces for all employees, guests, residents and visitors. Our plan invests in the neighborhood and frees up hundreds of parking spaces on neighboring streets for local residents and their guests.

- Existing Miramar On-Site Parking Spaces: 167
- Proposed On-Site Parking Spaces: 484
- On-site parking nearly tripled

We all know that local traffic is reduced when people don't have to circle the block, looking for a parking space near their home. And, according to independent traffic experts, at peak traffic hours the Miramar Plan will be essentially traffic neutral.[1]

[1] http://www.miramarplan.com/community-benefits/traffic-and-parking/

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