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THE YARD SALE ISSUE

Maintenance heavy consent calendar

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL Council will consider spending $2,159,916 on Tuesday's consent calendar, with much of that going to maintenance of various types.

They'll consider spending $293,626 for custodial services at the Santa Monica Pier and another $818,690 for cleaning of the Public Safety Facility, Santa Monica State Beach, the Civic Center, and other city offices.

"A combination of in-house and custodial contract cleaning services has been used over the past several years to clean city owned and city leased locations," city officials said in the report. "Locations with seasonal demands and leased office spaces are currently contracted out, whereas park restrooms, community centers, City Hall and libraries are maintained in-house."

They are recommending that Executive Suite Services get the Santa Monica Pier bid and that Lee's Maintenance Service get the larger bid.

BIG BLUE BUS MAINTENANCE

Whose job is it to keep the Big Blue Bus' air compressors, pumps, bus washers, automated lighting systems, bus lifts, pressure

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Cultural exchanges key to tourism businesses

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

DOWNTOWN When you have beach quality weather (and a beach to go with it) year round, it seems like tourism is an easy business but local hospitality workers say culture is as important as climate when trying to make an international buck.

Outside the City of Santa Monica, the local culture becomes an active selling point for tourists. The Santa Monica Convention and Visitor's Bureau (SMCVB) make exportation of Santa Monica culture a center point of their pitch to foreign visitors. During a recent promotion in England, the SMCVB sponsored beach volleyball courts

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Young musician launching new album

BY MATTHEW HALL
Editor-in-Chief

CITYWIDE Leena Culhane, a 24-year-old Santa Monica resident is about to release her latest album entitled "The Reckoning" and she is hoping to tap into the arts-loving local community for support.

Culhane moved to Santa Monica from Fairfax, a town just north of San Francisco. She said the community was a great place to develop as a musician due to its welcoming

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STRONGER TOGETHER

Morgan Genser

The Pico Improvement Organization (PIO) held a summer mixer at the Lazy Daisy Cafe on Aug. 21. PIO promotes goodwill between the business community and residents within the Pico Blvd. Business Improvement Area. The mixer provided an opportunity for residents, business owners and local politicians to meet and discuss local issues. The PIO Board of Directors meet the 1st Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm at Virginia Avenue Park. For more information on PIO and their upcoming activities, visit www.picopassport.com.


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, August 23

Royal Theater
11523 Santa Monica Blvd
"D-Day Normandy: 1944," is a 3D IMAX documentary on D-Day that is family friendly and is a great way for families to teach their kids and grandkids about America's role in WWII. The film is coming to California and will play for only one week, from Aug. 22 - 27 at the Royal Theater (www.laemmle.com/theaters/1), 11523 Santa Monica Blvd. West L.A., Call (310) 478-3836 for more information.

Santa Monica Beach
12-3 p.m.
The Southern California Men's Colligate Gymnastics Association will hold a meeting on Aug. 23 from 12 - 3 p.m. at the Santa Monica gymnastics beach. The newly formed association provides Southern California gymnasts the opportunity to continue quality training and competition in a club environment under NCAA rules. Visit www.southerncaliforniaunited.com for more information.

Grand Opening Party
Lo/Cal Coffee
2214 Pico Blvd. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Lo/Cal Coffee and Market in Santa Monica offers high quality products from Stumptown's cold brew on tap, using nitrous oxide (roasted in DTLA), to scrumptious bakery items from Le Pain du Jour Bakery. If you're not in the mood for coffee then you'll love having tasty tea options from Art of Tea or cold press juice from 'The Juice'. The store will be offering discounted drinks as part of their celebration. Email info@local-doffee.com for more information.

3rd Annual Cardboard Yacht Regatta
Annenberg Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 6:30 - 9:30pm
Have you dreamed of setting sail across the sea in your own yacht? Now you can build your own cardboard yacht and test its seaworthiness in a race across the Beach House Pool. Teams of two construct yachts from corrugated cardboard and duct tape and vie for a variety of awards. Spectators are free. Visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com for more information.

An aromatic excursion with the institute for art and olfaction
Camera Obscura
1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Tour selected Third Street Promenade stores with perfumer Saskia Wilson-Brown of the Institute for Art & Olfaction, clandestinely investigating the scents that identify major brands and aim to get us in a buying mood. It's a little bit subversive, a little bit eye-opening, and a whole lot of fun. Participants will learn about and discuss the architecture of persuasion, take scent notes and then rally at 1450 Ocean to do a group perfumery exercise. Take home a sample of your persuasive creation. Admission: $35.

Sri Lanka Day 2014
3rd Street Promenade
10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sri Lanka Day is the biggest annual one-day event presented by Sri Lanka Foundation showcasing Sri Lankan musicians, dancers, food and businesses. Come join them for a day filled with Sri Lankan culture, dance, drama, music and food. Witness the colorful "Parade of Lanka" with traditional dancers, elephants and colorful costumes. Dance the night away to calypso and baila beats. Call (213) 483-0126 for more information.

LA Opera Multimedia Talk on La Traviata
Main Library Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor
601 Santa Monica Blvd. 3 - 4:30 p.m.
This presentation kicks off the 2014/15 season of multimedia talks for residents to attend before heading out to see the opera. LA Opera Community Educators provide background and history on Giuseppe Verdi's classic romantic opera, updated for LA Opera's production to the Roaring Twenties.

Citywide Yard Sale
Put cash in your pocket, empty out those boxes taking up space in your garage and most importantly, reduce your waste! Join the City in celebrating REUSE. Participate in the City's Annual Citywide Yard Sale. Residents and local organizations are encouraged to sign up and enjoy the benefits of a catalog listing featured items and a resource list of charitable organizations accepting donations. Visit www.smgov.net/r3 for a map of participating locations.

Sunday, August 24

Lunch and Food Tastings
The Santa Monica Synagogue Yard
1448 18th St, 12 - 3 p.m.
Summer event for all: Lunch with tastings from more than 40 "Chefs"! Sunday, Aug. 24 Noon to 3 p.m. At The Santa Monica Synagogue Yard 18th Street and Broadway
$35/couple, $20/single 5 to 13yrs $10
Under 5yrs free and free childcare. For reservations call (310) 453-4276.

A time to bring community together and share TheGROOVE.
1450 Ocean Avenue
10 - 11:30 a.m.
TheGROOVE encourages you to dance your dance creatively and authentically to all styles of music in community. With no complicated steps or choreography to learn, you are free to relax and simply enjoy the music and your unique self. Facilitated by Deanne Dawson. With an extensive health and fitness background and passion to create community,

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Main Street

Local bicycle retailer is named one of America's Best Bike Shops for 2014

Bike Attack of Santa Monica has been named one of America's Best Bike Shops for 2014 by the National Bicycle Dealers Association.

There are approximately 4,000 bike shops in the United States, and less than 300 were chosen as "America's Best."

The shops were asked to fill out a detailed application describing what sets them apart from the average store. Mystery shoppers then evaluated the business in more detail by visiting the store, reviewing their website, and contacting the shop by phone to assess the performance from a consumer's perspective.

During the application process, heart-warming stories came in from all over the country of shops that donate bicycles to children, work to find safe routes to schools, build bike trails and organize free rides to get people outside and help them maintain a healthy lifestyle.

The program is designed to help consumers find great stores in their areas that will provide the expertise and professionalism they need to get the most benefit from cycling.

The recipients of the America's Best Bike Shops title not only offer great shopping experiences, but are also rated on their support for their communities, as well as support for bicycle advocacy both locally and nationally.

Bike Attack is located at 2400 Main Street. Call (310) 581-8014 for more information.

EDITED BY MATTHEW HALL

Downtown

Robbery suspect sentenced

Reginald Ford (39) of Los Angeles has been sentenced to serve 60 years in state prison for the conviction of two 2012 armed robberies in Santa Monica. A jury convicted Ford in May, 2014.

On the morning of Aug. 24, 2012, Ford approached a young woman in the Alley of the 800 block of 3rd Street. The victim was seated in her car preparing to go to work. Ford pointed at the woman what she believed to be a handgun and demanded her money, jewelry, and cell phone. He then fled on foot before the police arrived.

A second, similar incident occurred the morning of Oct. 9, 2012 in the 500 block of San Vicente. A young woman was leaving her home to go to work when Ford walked up to her driver's side door and pointed at her what she believed to be a handgun. The young woman screamed and Ford fled on foot before the police arrived.

Ford was initially identified as a suspect in the second robbery by a fingerprint recovered on the door frame of the woman's vehicle. Both victims later positively identified him during follow up investigation by the SMPD Criminal Investigations Division.

- MH

5th Street

New charging stations

Volta is installing new electric vehicle charging stations in Santa Monica. The first station (with two chargers) in Santa Monica was installed at Whole Foods last week at the location on 11666 National Blvd. The second station (with two chargers) is being installed now at 500 Wilshire Blvd. Volta uses the web model of advertising to provide free EV charging to the community. Company representatives said Volta gives brands a unique way to provide a real service to the community. For the two new stations in Santa Monica, Nissan and Fiat are sponsoring brands.

- MH

Santa Monica Blvd.

SoCal Honda dealers host back to school drives

To kick of the new school year, the SoCal Honda Dealers, including Honda of Santa Monica (1720 Santa Monica Blvd) are hosting Back to School Supply Drives to provide much-needed supplies to elementary, middle, and high schools across Southern California. The Helpful Back to School Supply Drives runs through Labor Day (Sept. 1) at over 50 Honda dealerships in Los Angeles County, Orange County, the Inland Empire, San Bernardino and Ventura Counties.

Each dealership will be filling big, blue bins with school supply donations to benefit a nearby school. Residents and community members are invited to join the Guys in Blue's Random Acts of Helpfulness by dropping off paper, binders, pocket folders, backpacks, rulers, pencils, pencil cases, or other helpful items at their nearest dealer.

- MH

Venice

Venice Lutheran names new principal

Venice Lutheran School (VLS), Venice's longest-standing parochial school, has announced the appointment of a new school principal, Nancy Gill. Gill stepped into the position this summer, having formerly served as Principal at Trinity Lutheran Christian School in Anaheim. Bringing 23 years of experience in teaching, administration and leadership to the position, Gill is an accredited educator who holds a Masters degree in Education with Honors from Hope International University in Fullerton, CA, having received her BA at Pepperdine University.

"VLS' stands out for its Gold-Medal Award Winning Varsity Band, our outstanding students, and the teachers who are instrumental in helping our students achieve the top 10 percent scores in standardized testing," said Gill. "It is a blessing to be a part of the educational partnership at this wonderful school."

The VLS Board of Christian Growth and Education said Gill is a highly qualified and visionary Principal, and she is excited to start building relationships in the community.

Venice Lutheran has recently updated its computer systems and added new teaching staff to bolster and update the quality of its educational offerings. Also joining the Venice Lutheran staff in fall 2014 is Queenie Johnson, a noted educator with 10 years' teaching experience, who will be the primary instructor for the 5th/6th grade classroom. A California credentialed teacher with a Masters degree in human development, Johnson has directed the popular Summer Science Camp at VLS for four years.

- MH

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Deanne was introduced to The World Groove Movement and Misty Tripoli, Creator, in early 2013, and immediately appreciated TheGROOVE's simple yet profound approach, where your unique background and body composition are honored and personal expression is fostered in community. Call (310) 458-2239 or email communityclasses@smgov.net for more information.

Screening of "About Alex" with Writer/Director Jesse Zwick
Vidiots
302 Pico Blvd. 7 - 9:30 p.m.
Doors open at 7 p.m., event begins at 7:30 p.m., Q and A Following Screening.

Seven college friends, reunite after hearing news that one of their cadre has suffered an emotional breakdown but a tinderbox of old jealousies, unrequited love, and widening political differences leads to an explosion of drama. General admission is $10, students $7. To purchase tickets go to vidiotsfoundation.org and print out your receipt and bring to the event. You can also purchase tickets at Vidiots, 302 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica or call (310) 392-8508 to pay over the phone with a credit card.

Tour da Arts, Vol. 6
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Avenue, G1, 12 - 5 p.m.
Tour da Arts, vol. 6 is the Santa Monica Museum of Art's sixth annual cultural bike tour. Enjoy the creative side of bicycle culture on this casual, nine-mile ride filled with art, music, and theater. Call (310) 586-6488 for more information.

Antiques and Collectables Market
3100 to 3000 Airport Ave., 8 - 3 p.m.
Antiques, collectables and crafts market

Jazz On The Lawn
Stewart Street Park
1819 Stewart Street, 5 - 7 p.m.
Bring a picnic, blanket, beach chair, and family and friends of all ages for a sampling of free jazz each Sunday in August. From classic and Latin to world and New Orleans, each week features a style of jazz that will get you moving and grooving. Free admission, parking & bike valet. Visit https://www.facebook.com/jazzonthelawn for more information.

Monday, August 25

Civic Working Group Meeting
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium East Wing
1855 Main St., 6:30 p.m.
The Civic Working Group provides input on the development of recommendations for the renovation, programming and long-term operation of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. Visit http://www.smgov.net/departments/ccs/civicauditorium/CivicWorkingGroup.aspx for more information.

Preparing Your Fall Garden
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 - 8 p.m.
Replenish your garden with seasonal fruits, vegetables, and other plants for the Fall. Presented by Christy Wilhelmi, author of Gardening for Geeks and founder of Gardenerd.com.

Airport Commission Meeting
Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main St, 7:30 p.m.
Visit http://www.smgov.net/departments/airport for more information.

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The Service Station

By Susan DeRemer on behalf of the Lions Club Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Lions roar

The Santa Monica Daily Press provides this space for local community service organizations promote and discuss their work. To participate, contact Matthew Hall at (310) 458-7737 or email editor@smdp.com.

LIONS CLUBS INTERNATIONAL (LCI), FOUNDED in 1917, is made up of 46,000 clubs and 1.35 million members in over 200 countries, making it the world's largest service club organization. In 1923 the Santa Monica Club was started.

In 1925 Helen Keller challenged the Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then Lions have worked tirelessly to help the blind and visually impaired by providing eye screenings and glasses for over 15 million children, training over 650,000 eye care professionals, building 315 eye hospitals, distributing 147 million treatments for river blindness and vaccinating 41 million children against measles, a leading cause of childhood blindness.

In addition to sight programs, Lions also support youth assistance, environment (15 million trees we planted in one year and it continues), diabetes (diabetes is also leading source of vision loss in adults), hearing, literacy and disaster relief.

Locally the Santa Monica Club supports and works with the SM Boys & Girls Club, SM YMCA, Clare, Center for the Partially Sighted, Discovery Eye Foundation, CRE Outreach, Meals On Wheels West, OPCC and PAL to mention only a few. This past year we also provided over 800 new books to children at local nonprofits and SM schools through the Lion's Reading Action Program, thanks in part to Barnes & Noble.

Fall is a busy time for the SM Lions as we prepare for our 60th Annual Pancake Breakfast to be held on Saturday, Sept. 27 at the Boys & Girls Club from 7-11 a.m. This, our primary fundraiser, has grown each year with fun activities for kids and the best pancakes in town.

Another fall activity is the Lions Peace Poster Contest for children 11-13, to share their artistic talents by drawing a poster based on this year's theme - Peace, Love and Understanding. Posters are judged on originality, artistic merit and expression of the theme. They go through several judging levels: local, district, multiple district and international, where one $5000 grand prize winner is selected along with 23 $500 merit award winners. There is no cost to participate, just check with the SM YMCA, PAL or the Boys & Girls Club, to participate. Finished posters will be presented at our Lions Club meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17.

If you are interested in learning more about Lions and attending a meeting, contact President Linda Levee at (310) 472-0530. Meetings are the first three Thursdays of each month at the Best Western Plus Hotel, 1920 Santa Monica Bl., Santa Monica from Noon-1:30 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Airport or development

Editor:

I read with amazement the column by Mr. Barry Brewer. I could almost hear some close-the-airport "spin doctor" saying in the background, "Let's see if we can convince the people of Santa Monica that the decision about the airport is actually a decision between the airport and a park."

The Santa Monica City Council has already gone on record saying that the City does not have enough money for another park after having spent $43 million on Tongva Park. After a park is built, they need to repair things that go wrong, care for the plants, keep it clean and patrol it. That costs even more money. If you believe that those 227 airport acres could eventually be a park, you are sadly mistaken and naive. If the airport were to go away, what would inevitably come afterwards is massive development.

Mr. Brewer also tries to set up an "us versus them" situation when he writes about "...the wealthy one percent who fly private jets...and the privileged few who can afford flying lessons and ownership of the private planes that are parked at the airport." The airport is being run for just the one percent? More outrageous "spin." Mr. Brewer has conveniently forgotten that the consultants hired by the city (Rand Corporation and HR&A Associates) reported that the airport contributes $275 million a year to the local economy and is one of the top ten employers in the city with nearly 1,500 jobs. I suspect some of the folks who work at the airport and at airport-related companies would fall about laughing at being described as the "one percent." Mr. Brewer is simply trying to fabricate a story that might help his case.

Most readers know that we need the airport not only for the many benefits it provides but also as a block against the development that will surely come if the airport goes away. The airport supporters have put forward a Voters Decide ballot measure that will let the people decide but the airport-closers hate it. Why? Because they don't want the people (us) to decide; they want the Council to decide since they believe that the Council will close the airport if possible even if the majority wants it.

When I was young, my father told me not to just listen to what people say; watch what they do. Watch what they do. When I watch what the City Council does in relation to property, I see that almost invariably the Council supports development. Not reasonable development that falls within the City's planning guidelines on such things as height, density, setbacks, sufficient parking, limited new traffic trips to an area but development that always breaks those rules. A recent local newspaper article reported that there were over thirty development projects before the City Council and every one of them did not meet the city planning guidelines in one or more ways, yet they were still submitted. Why? Because the developers know that the City Council will agree to the development and give them a waiver if they provide some dubious "community benefit." The Council has accepted money for years from developers and they must pay them back - see some of Bill Bauer's past columns for the details.

You would think after the Council's defeat on the Hines project and the revolt by the artists at Bergamot Station that the Council might listen to the citizens about their bad development decisions but no; they just carry on, helping the developers gut our city. The airport is needed as an airport but also, and just as importantly, as a block against more development. The park idea is meant to distract us from that.

Reynold Dacon
Santa Monica

Unfair tax

Editor:

The City's proposed transfer-tax increase is an unfair way to fund affordable housing and putting it on the ballot in a city where two-thirds of the residents are renters reeks of underhanded politics.

C'mon, city leaders and council members. You cannot honestly believe that it's right to allow renters with "no skin in the game" to approve an additional tax on homeowners, who are already paying hefty property taxes, as well as parcel taxes for school-district and community-college bonds, storm water cleanup, clean beaches and the like. Just because homeowners may have built up equity in their properties is not a good reason to gouge them when they sell, even if the purpose is admirable.

Many younger people moving into Santa Monica, especially those working in the tech industry, are affluent, but prefer renting over owning. Under this proposal, they contribute nothing while seniors whose homes may be their nest eggs when they retire, decide to downsize or must move into assisted-living get fleeced with a $9,000 or more tax bill. Fair? I guess that's only in Pomona.

Building affordable housing may be the right thing to do but this is the wrong way to fund it. This tax hike should take a hike.

J. Braun
Santa Monica

Let the people vote

Editor:

Some vocal proponents of closing the Municipal Airport are lately exhibiting very obvious signs of panic and confusion and a disturbing proclivity for subverting the democratic processes upon which our nation was founded and has thrived for more than two centuries.

Proposition D is now on the November ballot in Santa Monica, having qualified with a comfortable margin of signatures of registered voters and in spite of widespread poll blocking tactics and attempts at intimidation including two SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) lawsuits.

This measure has two simple, easy to understand, parts: Firstly, it will require a simple majority vote of Santa Monica voters (those people who show up at the polls and actually vote, as you would assume) to approve any major land use change at Santa Monica Municipal Airport including closing all or part of it; Second, in lieu of such a vote, the city must continue to provide essential aviation services, e.g. fuel sales.

It is a straight-forward measure that assures that, as long as the citizens want an airport, it shall be run properly, and safely, and will not continue to be used as a political "football" subject to the whimsy of the City Council. It makes no imposition of a public vote upon the day-to-day managing of the airport property nor its daily operations.

We are, quite frankly, astonished that this idea elicits such fear and trepidation in some individuals that they would attempt to deny their fellows the right to vote on the single largest land use question in the city's history. Evidently, they do not share, as we do, in the belief that the citizenry is capable of reading and comprehending the question being put before them. These elitists seem desirous to save the citizens from the consequences of their own choices by denying them a choice at all. That is not democracy as we understand it.

This frantic, usurpatory, and unbecoming behavior of a small minority of malcontents only reinforces our belief that they, like we, believe that the majority of citizens wish to keep their airport for any number of good reasons and will affirm those desires come November 4. If we set those beliefs aside for the moment, we do still know one thing for certain; regardless of your position on the airport, it should be your individual right as a voter to decide and no one else's.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Summer Snow Day for pets comes to Santa Monica Place

On Aug. 23, Unleashed by Petco will be hosting five dog-friendly snow days at locations all around the country including one at Santa Monica Place. Each location will feature an enclosed, off-leash dog park filled with tons of snow for dogs to play in and ultimately cool off.

While the dogs are busy running, hurdling, and exploring the snow, there will be several family-friendly activities, including adoptable animals looking for their forever homes. Pet owners will also get a chance to meet with experts from Unleashed by Petco to get tips and tricks using their Positive Dog Training methods, as well as answer any questions they may have.

Unleashed by Petco's Summer Snow Day will be held from 9 a.m. until the snow melts at 395 Santa Monica Blvd (outdoor portion of the mall center)

- MH

Santa Monica Blvd.

Quilt Guild exhibit

A fall quilting exhibition will feature the work of the Santa Monica Quilt Guild, along with two other LA-based quilt guilds, beginning Aug. 23 at the Los Angeles LDS Temple Visitors' Center.

Jill Gollaher, who organized the quilt display at the Visitors' Center, said the purpose of the exhibition was "to bring greater public awareness to a cherished part of Americana - quilt making - and also to those in our local community who are keeping this wonderful art alive. Each month about 8,000 people pass through the Visitors' Center so we hope the display ignites a lot of interest."

Susan Barrett, president of the Santa Monica Quilt Guild, said the "guild is eager to participate in this exhibit at the LDS Visitor Center as it presents a wonderful opportunity for us to let the community know who we are and what we do."

Founded in 1990, the Santa Monica Quilt Guild has grown to about 70 members and belongs to the Southern California Council of Quilt Guilds. They will display nearly 40 quilts, representing a variety of quilting styles. The Visitors' Center is located at 10777 Santa Monica Blvd. behind the LDS Temple. The center is open daily to the public from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Santa Monica Quilt Guild will display their work from Aug. 23 through Sept. 4.

The Westside Quilters, from the Westwood/Culver City area of Los Angeles, will display quilts at the Visitors' Center from Sept. 6 through Sept. 18, and the African American Quilters of Los Angeles will show their work from Sept. 20 through Oct. 2. The Westside Quilters Guild was organized for charitable and educational purposes and has an active philanthropic mission.

The African American Quilters of Los Angeles was established 27 years ago and boasts a multi-ethnic membership of 160, comprised of both men and women. The mission of the AAQLA is to bring awareness of the historical value of African American quilts, as well as to celebrate and continue the tradition of quilting.

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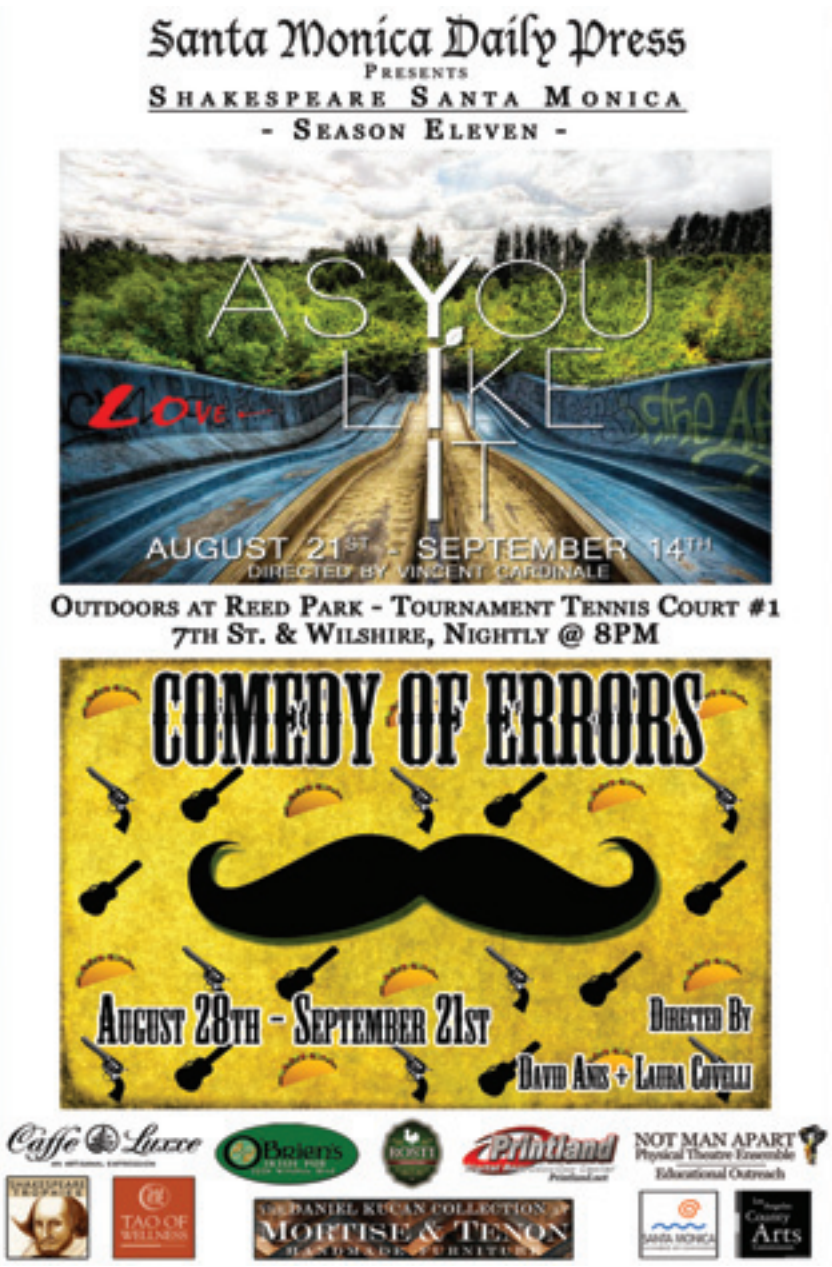

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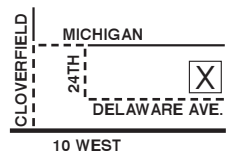



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washers, and gas detection systems in working order? City officials are recommending that Vehicle Technical Consultants (VTC) take the job at $150,000.

Harder Facilities Maintenance (HFM) is challenging City Hall's recommendation, calling into question, among other things, whether VTC was the best bidder based on the criteria, whether they have the necessary level of experience, and whether their quoted price was realistic.

BIG BLUE BUS DETAILING

Council will consider authorizing $110,000 be allotted to Uniserve Facilities Service in exchange for their commitment to clean and detail transit buses and service vehicles.

"Transit coach exterior detailing includes, but is not limited to, a complete and thorough cleaning of exterior body panels, windows, tires, and wheels.

The interior detailing of transit coaches includes scrubbing and rinsing the floor panel, and comprehensive cleaning of all interior surfaces including seats, operator area, and windows," city officials said. "The exterior of the transit buses and service vehicles would receive an application of a cleaning and polishing wax to maintain the paint color and to reduce paint oxidation and fading."

Buses need at least two detail cleanings per year.

MAINTENANCE SOFTWARE

Council will consider spending $226,600 for five years of software help. The software was implemented back in 2008 to track requests and repairs to public right-of-ways, city property, and facilities. The agreement with Maintenance Connection, Inc. expired earlier this year and city officials recommend that council sign a new agreement.

AUDITING SERVICES

City Hall sometimes needs help with internal audits.

"These functions include assessing and identifying risks, assessing internal controls and compliance with laws, regulations and contractual agreements and preventing and detecting fraud to ensure the safeguarding of public assets," city officials said.

In the past five years, accountants and auditors have been in high demand and so City Hall keeps losing employees in these positions. Now they are recommending that Moss Adams LLP, provide the services at $561,000 for the next three years with additional renewal options.

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nature.

"" hugely supportive of live music and the creative community in general," she said. "It provided an amazing nest for me as a young person and artist."

She moved to attend UCLA and has found Santa Monica to be a place of inspiration.

"On an elemental level, there are so many things I love about living near the ocean," she said. "Just having the space to walk and swim and breathe helps me clear my head and make room for creativity. The sense of community here is also crucial to feeling part of a collective and connecting to an audience of neighbors and friends. I feel a movement into mindfulness here, whether it's frequenting my favorite yoga classes or finding a sustainable, fairly-traded cup of coffee with great ease. For me, making music is about connecting to myself and others, and I think Santa Monica is a pretty conducive environment for those efforts."

The move also brought about a change in her music, allowing her to focus on her own style.

"I grew up playing in other people's bands - rock bands, cover bands, pop bands, and eventually, writing for my own band," she said. "When I moved, that turned into more of a solo project, though I kept up the community aspect of making music while singing with an acapella group called Awaken (former home of Sara Bareilles)."

She describes her style as "music you can be friends with" and said her sound is acoustically driven. "I mainly play piano and guitar, and I take time writing lyrics that resonate with my experience and those I witness of others," she said. "It's become much more of a discipline for me than it used to be."

Culhane will hold a release party for her album on Aug. 29 at a private residence in Santa Monica. She said interested listeners could contact her at leenaculhane@yahoo.com to RSVP. Following the release, she will embark on a trip to play in Austin and Nashville. She said her hope is that the local community will relate to her music and translate that into support for the arts at large.

"I think supporting the arts in general is key in making artists feel that their work is valued and important," she said. "When one of us succeeds, it's a win for all of us. Keeping and creating programs and spaces for people (from elementary school students to professionals) to make, showcase, and experiment with their work is what inspires me to keep going. It's so awesome when people come to shows, bring their friends, and help spread the word."

A preview of the album, can be found on her website, www.leenaculhane.com.

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at London's Canary Warf.

"The pop-up beach volleyball court was the perfect opportunity to support an activity synonymous with our fabulous beach city to target high net-worth individuals and financial workers, in an interactive way," said the CVB in their event roundup. "We focused on a branded partnership with the volleyball court and gave out fitting branded giveaways as well as a chance to win a holiday competition to generate interest in the destination and event."

However, once visitors arrive, the differences they came to experience can cause some issues. Several local businesses have programs in place to specifically address some of the cultural clashes that come up in the tourism business.

Jacqueline Kerns, Public Relations Manager for the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, said the hotel trains its staff to meet the cultural expectations of guests rather than expecting guests to know the American standards.

"When we go to other countries we always want to learn and be embedded in the culture but we also want to feel at home and that's important to us here," she said.

Kerns said one example is a different standard for the exchange of business cards.

"Guests from Asia have a tendency to treat business cards more importantly than I do in my daily business. They always make direct eye contact and use two hands when you exchange a business card … We've definitely educated our staff to assimilate to that culture when we welcome them to the hotel so we make a conscious effort to use two hands and make direct eye contact."

According to the Convention and Visitor's Bureau, 58 percent of the spring visitors to Santa Monica were international, up from 54 percent last year. This year the top international markets were Australia/New Zealand, United Kingdom, Western Europe, Mexico/Central America and Asia.

Visitors (international and domestic) averaged $319 a day in spending and much of that money goes to local restaurants.

The American restaurant experience is truly eye opening for many visitors but as foreign to some visitors as the food is the custom of gratuity. Few cultures "tip" as frequently or with such expectation as America. In some countries tips are not accepted at all, in some it's already added to the bill and in others the practice can even be interpreted as disrespectful. Many domestic restaurants already add a mandatory gratuity fee for large parties but that can still leave wait staff without part of their expected income when serving small groups.

Matthew Gibbons, Publisher at Gibbons Media said he created a gratuity instruction card with an explanation of gratuity in nine different languages. He designed an insert to fit into the standard restaurant check folder and said the cards have been popular because they solve a real problem for local business owners.

"Waiting tables is a hard job, and Santa Monica has some of the best talent in the industry. Tipping is not customary in most of the world, so we needed to inform the guests that the majority of a restaurant worker's pay comes from their generous gratuity," he said. "Some assume that the tip was added to their bill automatically; or it was something they knew, but are just not in the habit of doing. Hopefully out little reminder (in their language) will help our restaurant workers have a good experience working in our city."

Gibbons said restaurants could loose quality employees over shortfalls in gratuity and that can lead to a decline in service quality for everyone, regardless of residency.

"If we lose talent to other parts of LA, then we're stuck with consequences."

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Mexico's president to visit California next week

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Mexican President Enrique Peña Nieto is coming to California at the invitation of Gov. Jerry Brown, less than a month after Brown visited his country, officials said Friday.

The two will address hundreds of Mexican and Mexican-American leaders on Monday at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles, the governor's office announced.

On Tuesday, Brown will host a luncheon in the president's honor in Sacramento. Pena Nieto will then address the Legislature at the state Capitol.

There was no immediate word on what Pena Nieto plans to say, but Mexico and the U.S. share concerns about a host of issues, including immigration and pollution. Mexico also is California's largest export market.

During the governor's trip to Mexico last month, he signed nonbinding agreements on trade, education and environmental cooperation.

One calls for a pilot program to educate Mexican temporary farm workers who travel to California about their rights and for the creation of a database of people in Mexico who recruit U.S.-bound, low-skilled workers.

California also agreed to help Mexico find ways to build renewable energy plants in Baja California and to find ways to shorten long waits at the Tijuana-San Diego international border crossing.

Senate rejects banning microbeads in cosmetics

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO The state Senate refused on an initial vote to ban plastic microbeads in soaps and cosmetics.

Democratic Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson of Santa Barbara argued that the bill would level the playing field among manufacturers, some of whom already are phasing out the exfoliating ingredients.

But AB1699 fell one vote short of the 21 it needed to pass Thursday.

The author, Democratic Assemblyman Richard Bloom of Santa Monica, says supporters will try again before the Legislature adjourns for the year next week.

The bill would prohibit the sale of products containing plastic microbeads starting in 2019. A Senate amendment would allow over-the-counter drugs to contain the microbeads until 2020.

Jackson says the microbeads can harm the environment and says there are natural alternatives.

Lawmakers pass firearm safety, ammunition bills

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO California lawmakers have acted on bills that tackle firearm safety and add rules for ammunition sales.

The Senate on Friday unanimously passed SB505 by Democratic Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson of Santa Barbara. It would require officers to search the state's database of gun purchases when checking on whether someone may be a danger to themselves or others.

Jackson says searching the gun database could help prevent tragedies such as the May shooting rampage near the University of California, Santa Barbara. Her bill now goes to the governor.

The Assembly approved a bill creating a way to better track ammunition. SB53 by Democratic Sen. Kevin de Leon of Los Angeles requires ammunition vendors to be licensed and people buying ammunition to pass background checks.

It passed 42-26 and returns to the Senate.



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Stocks are mostly lower as Ukraine tensions flare

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NEW YORK The stock market paused Friday, following four days of gains, after a speech by Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen left investors unsure about how the nation's most important financial voice feels about raising interest rates in the coming months.

A flare-up in tensions between Ukraine and Russia also weighed on the market after a Russian convoy entered the country, purportedly to bring aid supplies.

It was a quiet day overall. Stocks moved between small gains and losses, then settled modestly lower in the last couple of hours. Trading was slow, as it has been all week, as the summer winds down and with many investors on vacation. It was the second-quietest day of the year for trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 38.27 points, or 0.2 percent, to 17,001.22. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 3.97 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,988.40 and the Nasdaq composite added 6.45 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,538.55.

Even with Friday's modest losses, it was a strong week for the stock market. The S&P 500 rose 1.7 percent for the week, its best five-day performance since April.

The Fed dominated investors' agendas this week. On Friday, Yellen addressed an annual conference of central bankers and other policymakers from around the globe at the Fed's annual conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

In her speech, which focused on labor markets, Yellen said the Great Recession complicated the Fed's ability to assess the U.S. job market and made it harder to determine when to adjust interest rates. Yellen offered no signal that she had altered her view that the economy still needs support from the Fed in the form of ultra-low interest rates.

"I think this was business as usual for Yellen. She was measured and deliberate and the market had a minimal reaction to it," said Michael Fredericks, portfolio manager of Blackrock's Multi-Asset Income Fund, which has $8.8 billion in assets.

The timing of a Fed rate increase remains unclear; however most investors expect the first one to come sometime in 2015. Yellen's speech comes two days after a report from the Fed seemed to show a growing chorus of policymakers wanting to raise interest rates.

"The uncertainty that policymakers feel on numerous fronts was evident in Yellen's speech," John Hoff, a fixed income strategist at RBS, wrote in a note to investors.

The Fed has kept its benchmark short-term interest rate, known as the Federal Funds Rate, near zero since late 2008 in order to simulate economic activity and demand. The downside to low interest rates is the possibility that they can lead to inflation.

The Federal Funds Rate helps determine interest rates on a variety of financial products including mortgages and credit cards, as well as the yields that bonds pay. Many investors believe the U.S. economy has recovered enough from the depths of the financial crisis to warrant higher interest rates.

The Fed has been winding down another economic stimulus program, large-scale purchases of bonds in the open market, since December.

Investors also had geopolitical tensions to contend with.

A Russian convoy entered Ukraine, defying the government there. Ukraine called the move a "direct invasion" intended to provoke an international incident. The action drew condemnation from the European Union, the United States and NATO. The trucks are purportedly carrying aid to residents in rebel-held zones where separatists are fighting with the Ukrainian government.

The Russia-Ukraine tensions have been a headache for investors for months now. Russia is Europe's biggest supplier of energy and is a major trade partner for the continent. The European Union has placed sanctions on Russia, which has lowered the amount of trade between Russia and the eurozone's countries.

U.S. government bond prices were little changed, a sign that investors were hesitant to make any large bets after Yellen's speech. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note edged down to 2.40 percent.

Benchmark U.S. crude oil fell 31 cents to $93.65 a barrel in New York. In metals trading, gold rose $4.80 to $1,280.20 an ounce, silver fell three cents to $19.39 an ounce and copper rose three cents to $3.20 a pound.

In individual companies:

- Dynegy rose $2.60, or 9 percent, to $32.32 after the company announced it was buying $6.25 billion in power plants from Duke Energy and Energy Capital Partners. The deal would double Dynergy's power generation capabilities.

- Gap jumped $2.25, or 5 percent, to $45.43. Gap said its profits rose 10 percent in the second quarter, helped by lower expenses and higher sales. The company also said it plans to expand in India.

- Another clothing chain, Aeropostale, was not as fortunate. The company reported a loss for the quarter and cut its full-year sales outlook. Aeropostale plunged 39 cents, or 10 percent, to $3.52.

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SATURDAY – **GOOD** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7ft
South Lowell swell pulses up a little more; Select south swell magnets produce occasional 7'+ waves; New SW-South swells start to creep in, but minimal; Minimal NW windswell; Cleanest in AM

SUNDAY – **GOOD** – SURF: **4-6 ft** shoulder high to 1 ft overhead occ. 7ft
South shifting SSW Lowell swell holds; New SW-South Southern Hemi swells building in; Minimal NW windswell; Cleanest in AM

MONDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
SSW Lowell swell fading, but possible fresh dose of SW tropical swell building in (STAY POSTED); Holding blend of SW and South Southern Hemi swells; Minimal NW windswell; Cleanest in AM

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Possible new pulse of SW tropical swell, STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES; Holding blend of SW and South Southern Hemi swells; Minimal NW windswell

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- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 37
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / 6

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

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

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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College Football Hall of Fame finds high-tech home

CHARLES ODUM
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA Visitors to the new College Football Hall of Fame will find 100-year-old artifacts have found a new home in the digital age.

When entering the three-story facility, fans will immediately face a giant wall of 768 helmets - one for every program at every level in the nation.

The new high-tech hall opens Saturday in downtown Atlanta, not far from the Georgia Dome, adjacent to Centennial Olympic Park and other attractions. It features an interactive experience that begins when the guest registers for a smart pass, selects a favorite school and then sees that school's helmet illuminated.

Computer chips in the ticket allow the guest to be recognized by name at every interactive exhibit. Displays are tailored to the fan's favorite school, though it's always possible to explore other schools.

Another example of high-tech displays: Fans who touch photos on a giant wall gain access to more than 12,000 videos.

On Friday, final preparations were made for the grand opening. A worker was using a lift to apply final touches to a mural that stretches 36 feet by 30 feet. The work by Atlanta-area artist Steve Penley pays homage to such legends as Bear Bryant, Vince Dooley and Steve Spurrier.

Asked if the artwork leaned too heavily to Southern icons, Hall of Fame president and CEO John Stephenson explained the artist was given license to show his vision of college football. Stephenson said there was an emphasis elsewhere on maintaining a national balance to the displays.

Stephenson stressed the $68 million facility shouldn't be compared with the old College Football Hall of Fame in South Bend, Indiana. Instead, planners were guided by such Atlanta attractions as the Georgia Aquarium and the World of Coca-Cola - both with easy walking distance of the hall.

"The old model of building an attraction like this in a city in order to draw tourism to the city is the opposite of what we've done," Stephenson said. "We've used private enterprise to build this self-sustaining business attraction right in the middle of an already proven and stabilized business travel and tourism district."

Stephenson said the average annual attendance at the old hall was about 75,000.

"We're hoping here for 500,000," he said. "But again, we don't compare ourselves to South Bend, Indiana. We compare ourselves to our neighbors. The Georgia Aquarium draws 2 million. The World of Coke draws 1.2 million."

Among other digital displays: 360-degree virtual stadiums, video face-painting, and an ESPN GameDay studio where visitors are digitally placed beside the TV hosts and provided a script. Video of the "broadcast" is sent to the email address given during registration for the smart pass.

Some displays require no high-tech enhancements. Red Grange's 1924 Illinois jersey, John Heisman's original playbook from the 1920s and an 1873 program for a "Foot Ball Match" between Yale and Eton are showcased.

Stephenson's staff prepared for Saturday with a series of "soft" openings. On Friday, the facility's potential to host private events was on display when it hosted 1,200 staffers from Chick-fil-A, a lead sponsor for the hall.

"While this was designed to be yes, a museum, yes, an attraction but also an event venue," Stephenson said, adding he already has about 35 contracts for private events.

On a normal business day, Stephenson said no more than 800 visitors will be allowed in the hall. Advance tickets will be sold to enter during a specific time period to help regulate the flow.

The opening was planned for the weekend before two kickoff games to the season at the Georgia Dome. On Thursday, Mississippi plays Boise State. On the following Saturday, Alabama plays West Virginia.

Another big date is Oct. 7, when the facility is home to the College Football Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremony.

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Ordinance Numbers 2466-2467 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinances Number 2466 and 2467, which were adopted by the Santa Monica City Council at its meeting of August 12, 2014.

Ordinance Number 2466 adds three amendments to the Interim Zoning Ordinance. The first expands authorization for outdoor merchandise displays on private property on Main Street. The second reclassifies for purposes of parking requirements certain small business on Main Street South of Pico Blvd. that have a food service component. The third modifies development standards for multi-family housing projects in part of the Pico and Mid-City neighborhoods.

Ordinance Number 2467 sets the 2014/15 tax rate for the City's 2012 Library General Obligation Bonds at $.004916 per $100 of assessed valuation. This change reflects an increase in assessed valuation.

Ordinances Numbers 2466 and 2467 will become effective 30 days after their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available from the Office of the City Clerk at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (310) 458-8211.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

August 23
Spy Kids
3 p.m.

The Good, The Bad and the Ugly
7:30 p.m.

August 24
Baby Doll / The Misfits
7:30 p.m.

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

Boyhood 2:43 (R)
11 a.m., 2:45 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 10 p.m.

The Hundred-Foot Journey 2:02 (PG)
11:20 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

Lucy 1:29 (R)
11:10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 7:40 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

The Giver 1:37 (PG-13)
11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:20 p.m., 9:50 p.m.

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

The Expendables 3 2:08 (PG-13)
11:40 a.m., 1:10 p.m., 4:10 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 10:20 p.m.

Frank Miller's Sin City 2: A Dame To Kill For 1:42 (R) 3D
10:30 a.m., 4:15 p.m., 7:50 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

Frank Miller's Sin City 2: A Dame To Kill For 1:42 (R)
1:50 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13) 3D
1:15 p.m., 7 p.m.

Guardians of the Galaxy 2:01 (PG-13)
10:45 a.m., 4:35 p.m., 10:35 p.m.

If I Stay
11:15 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:45 p.m.

Let's Be Cops 1:44 (R)
11:50 a.m., 2:40 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8:15 p.m., 10:55 p.m.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 1:41 (PG-13) 3D
5:45 p.m., 11 p.m.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 1:41 (PG-13)
10:40 a.m., 3 p.m., 8:30 p.m.

When the Game Stands Tall 1:55 (PG)
10:35 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m., 10:25 p.m.

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

THINK BIG, CAPRICORN

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Check in with a friend before you head out for the day. A new friend could be delighted by your plans, as they seem to revolve around him or her. Pace yourself -- you'll need every ounce of energy you have. Tonight: Act as if you don't have a care in the world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Sometimes having a family day or spending time at home with no plans or expectations feels great. Whatever you do in this environment seems to flourish. If you have been thinking about redoing a room, today would be perfect. Tonight: Stay close to home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to see past the obvious and ask the right questions will help you home in on the source of someone's reticence. Once you clear up this issue, the two of you can go off and have a wonderful time. Caring will naturally happen. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might be tempted to go off and do some shopping. The good news is that very little can hold you back other than your budget. Indulge yourself a little! Tonight: Buy a token of affection on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision and rehash a conversation with a key person. Once you do this, you'll recognize how strong your decision was. Unexpected news could force you to regroup. Tonight: Indulge a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your sixth sense will be a better guide than your mind right now. Feelings that you might not be willing to publically -- or even personally -- acknowledge could be covered by an intellectual rationale. Tonight: Don't push too hard to get your way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Surround yourself with friends. Invite your pals to join you at the beach, for a barbecue or for some other favorite activity. How could you go wrong? A loved one could shock you with his or her unexpected behavior. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be pushing your limits. Your nervous energy reflects a need to rest. Someone whom you care about and look up to will provide you with many suggestions. Tonight: You can have what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take an overview, if possible. You'll see a matter quite differently as a result. Someone at a distance might extend an invitation to you that delights your imagination. Tonight: Go with the unexpected if you want excitement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your style often attracts others' attention. Sometimes it happens on an intellectual level; other times it happens socially. At the present moment, you'll express your uniqueness in making plans. An aggressive friend could push to have things go his or her way. Tonight: Think big.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Consider your options, but make sure to return calls first. An unusually delightful invitation might be heading your way. Know that what is going on behind the scenes with a loved one doesn't need to be known by others. Tonight: Schedule some quality time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your plans could change quickly, as you suddenly might find yourself in a situation where others surround you. Socializing is natural to you, and in a situation like this, you could be delighted by someone you meet. Tonight: Get to know someone new.

Weekend Edition, August 23, 2014

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

This year you might want to spend more time alone than you have in the past. You are in the midst of processing some decisions you made a while ago, and it's important to let go of what no longer works for you. If you are single, use care with someone you meet, as he or she might be emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, you'll benefit from spending quality time with your sweetie. Plan more weekends away together. You might be looking to make a change regarding how your domestic life works as a couple. LEO understands you better than you realize!

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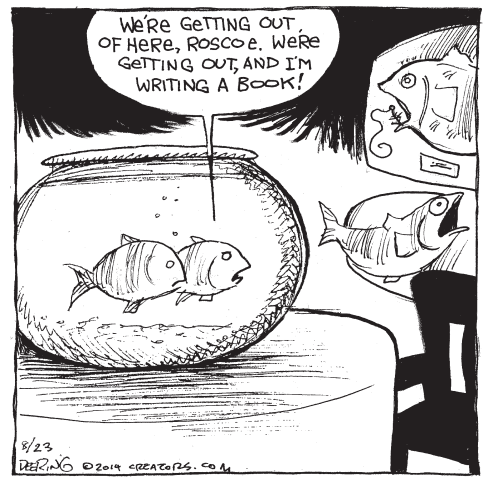
By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



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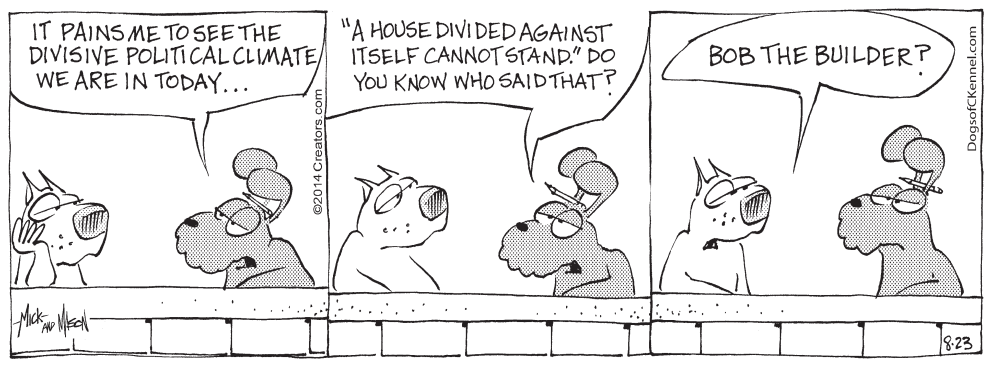
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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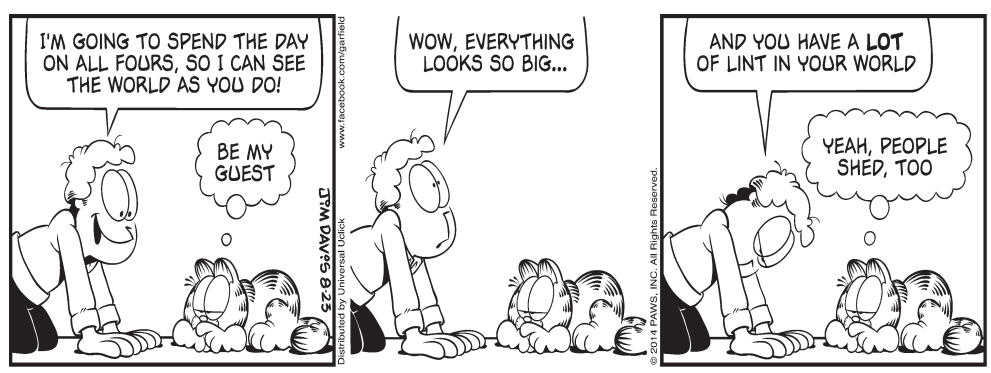

The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★★★

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

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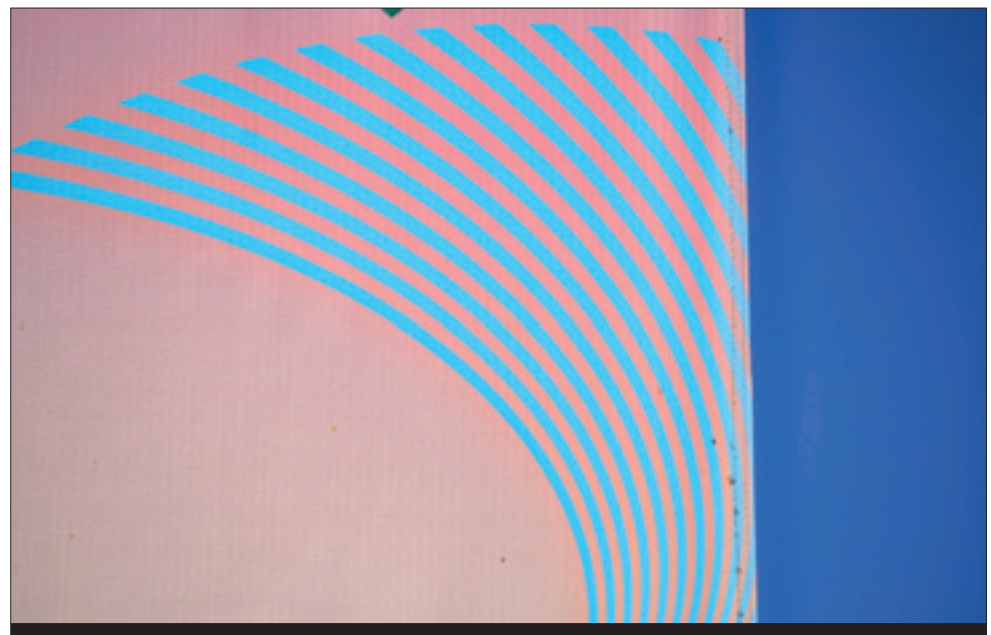
4	8	7	3	2	6	5	1	9
3	9	5	7	1	8	4	2	6

DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 410 calls for service on Aug. 21.

BELOW IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Vandalism at Main and Hill at 12:23 a.m.
Petty theft on the 800 block of Santa Monica Blvd. at 12:40 a.m.
Vandalism on the 2800 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 3:58 a.m.
Petty theft on the 800 block of Hill St. at 6:06 a.m.
Auto burglary on the 1300 block of Ocean Ave. at 6:41 a.m.
Grand theft on the 2000 block of 10th St. at 7:37 a.m.
Identity theft on the 1600 block of Cloverfield Blvd. at 7:49 a.m.
Hit and run on the 700 block of 17th St. at 8:56 a.m.
Theft of recycables on the 1100 block of 21st St. at 9:57 a.m.
Vandalism on the 1800 block of Pico Blvd. at 10:25 a.m.
Battery on the 2600 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 10:44 a.m.
Burglary on the 500 block of Marine St. at 11:44 a.m.
Hit and run on the 1400 block of 2nd St. at 12:39 p.m.
Auto burglary on the 300 block of 24th St. at 1:26 p.m.
Petty theft on the 1900 block of Pico Blvd. at 2:28 p.m.
Hit and run on the 3200 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 3:32 p.m.
Hit and run on the 3100 block of Colorado Ave. at 3:58 p.m.
Petty theft on the 300 block of Colorado Ave. at 5:24 p.m.
Illegal weapon on the 1900 block of Pico Blvd. at 5:01 p.m.
Traffic accident on the 900 block of Arizona Ave. at 5:18 p.m.
Burglary on the 1800 block of 16th St. at 5:18 p.m.
Auto burglary on the 1800 block of Main St. at 6:48 p.m.
Vandalism on the 2600 block of Lincoln Blvd. at 7:07 p.m.
Petty theft on the 3200 block of Wilshire Blvd. at 8:31 p.m.
Battery on the 1500 block of 2nd St. at 8:32 p.m.
Vehicle parked on the sidewalk at 1000 block of 12th St. at 8:34 p.m.
Fight on the 1400 block of Ocean Ave. at 8:35 p.m.
Battery on the 1300 block of the 3rd Street Promenade at 10 p.m.
Traffic accident on the 1600 block of Main St. at 10:07 p.m.
Domestic violence on the 1700 block of Ocean Ave. at 10:17 p.m.
Battery at Lincoln and Colorado at 10:30 p.m.
Fraud on the 1600 block of 7th St. at 11:06 p.m.



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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS
1 Ship spars
7 "World War Z" star
11 Bride-to-be's agreement, for short
12 Plot unit
13 Become depleted
14 Brightly colored
15 Include
16 Easy two-pointer
17 Final, for one
18 Compliant
19 Composer Satie
21 Nasty dog
22 Counter workers
25 Big truck
26 Traffic marker
27 Football team
29 Years gone by
33 Chopped finely
34 The present
35 Crystal gazer
36 Make definite, as plans
37 Samovars
38 Tempt
39 Spot
40 Frittered away

DOWN
1 Jack of rhyme
2 Priggish person
3 Tears apart
4 Put down in writing
5 Game round
6 Mole, for one
7 Irrational fear
8 Chipping tool
9 Cressida's love
10 Sawbuck
16 Game piece
18 Burgundy city
20 Entered Indy
22 "Amadeus" role
23 Words under the Lincoln Memorial
24 Does the news
25 Against
28 Bard's creation
30 Let on
31 Pasta topper
32 Used a keyboard
34 Singer Turner
36 Handful of

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P	O	R	T	S	■	E	N	T	E	R

Yesterday's answer

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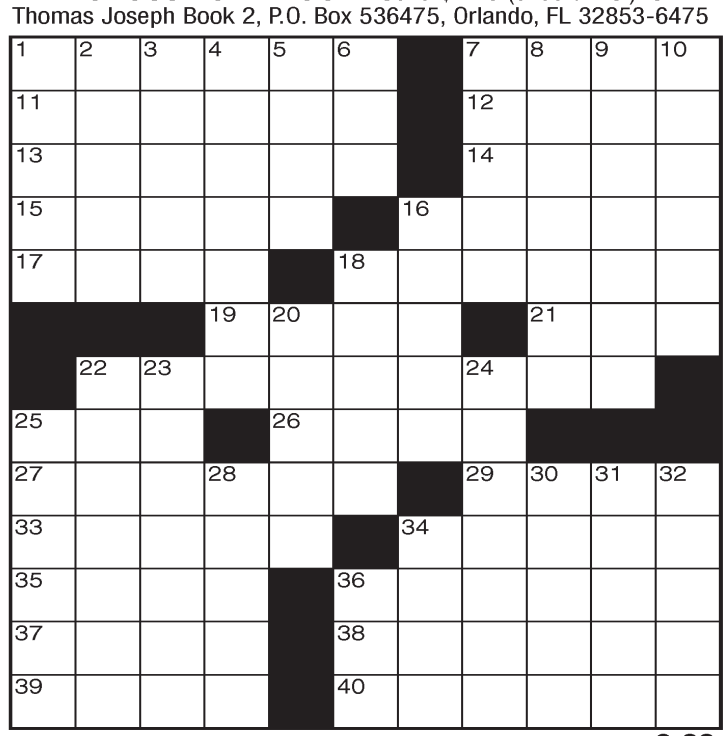

8-23

DAILY LOTTERY

Draw Date:
4 8 21 38 40
Power#: 3
Jackpot: $70M

Draw Date: 8/19
22 39 56 67 71
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: $180M

Draw Date: 8/20
9 11 14 18 36
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: $12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/21
3 15 19 22 32

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/22
MIDDAY: 2 0 8
EVENING:

Draw Date: 8/21
1st: 05 California Classic
2nd: 06 Whirl Win
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:47.46

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Tom Lakin is challenging State Farm in a St. Clair County, Illinois, courtroom, claiming that the sexual abuse he was convicted of was "unintentional" and that therefore his homeowners' insurance ought to have covered any claims by the victim. (State Farm, and other insurers, generally pay out for "negligent" events.) He said he had no idea that serving minors alcohol and drugs and encouraging them to have sex with each other would lead to their later sexual exploitation by other adults.

■ Update: The first "pheromone party" is said to have been staged in New York City in 2010, but the concept was revived recently in London, with men and women bringing three-each used, unwashed, unfragranced T-shirts in plastic bags as the price of admission (along with the equivalent of $25). Guests sniff the coded bags one after another until genes kick in and signal the sniffer that a certain shirt belongs to Mr. or Ms. Right. At that point, the sniffer projects a cellphone selfie on the wall, and whoever brought that shirt sees the sniffer, at which time things return to normal, i.e., deciding if the sniffer is sufficiently good-looking.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1904 – The automobile tire chain is patented.

1914 – World War I: Japan declares war on Germany and bombs Qingdao, China.

1914 – World War I: Battle of Mons – the British Army begins withdrawal.

1921 – British airship R-38 experiences structural failure over Hull in England and crashes in the Humber estuary. Of her 49 British and American training crew, only 4 survive.

WORD UP!

cherry-pick
\ CHER-ee-pik \ , verb;
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