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THE BIG BUCKS ISSUE

Ed Foundation receives $500K gift

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation received half a million dollars from the Scott Family Charitable Fund, it was announced Wednesday.

The gift, from longtime residents, is the second largest the organization has received after a $4.8 million donation from the Peggy Bergmann Estate.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District adopted the "Vision for Student Success," a six-part initiative focused on ensuring quality educational opportunities for every student in the district. The foundation's fundraising goal to support the initiative is $4 million, and with the addition of the Scott Family Gift the foundation has so far raised $1.9 million. The money will go toward professional development for teachers and instructional aides in classrooms.

Linda Greenberg Gross, the executive director of the foundation, said members of the Scott Family matriculated at Santa Monica and Malibu high schools.

"We are anxious to see the annual fundraising goal for the Vision for Student Success reached this year and every year, and

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Judge rules VA leases invalid

Homeless advocates claim major victory

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

WESTWOOD Homeless veterans won a significant battle Thursday when a federal judge ruled in their favor, saying the Department of Veterans Affairs violated the law when it leased portions of its sprawling West Los Angeles campus to businesses and organizations, including UCLA and Twentieth Century Fox, for purposes unrelated to providing medical care or treatment for homeless and disabled vets.

The ruling comes more than two years after the ACLU Foundation of Southern California, and other groups, filed suit against the VA on behalf of homeless and disabled vets, who were often sleeping outside the gates of the campus.

There are roughly 6,000 homeless vets in L.A. County, the largest such population in the country, and advocates have been for years demanding the federal government commit more funding to helping them get off the streets and receive treatment for mental disorders and addiction. That includes using the VA campus to build supportive housing.

"[Thursday's] order is a huge victory, but only the first step. Now, the VA must actually use the land to provide the services our military heroes so desperately need," said John Ulin, a partner at Arnold & Porter,

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CROWDED COAST: Despite overcast conditions, people flocked to Santa Monica State Beach during last year's Labor Day.

Labor Day weekend means more visitors, traffic

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Locals, brace yourself for the busy, last weekend of summer.

Tourists and folks from neighboring areas are expected to descend on the city by the sea for Labor Day weekend to walk down the Third Street Promenade, play in the sand and surf and eat churros at the Santa Monica Pier.

The Santa Monica Police Department expects to add a substantial amount of personnel, both sworn and non-sworn, for the long weekend to help mitigate traffic issues and handle radio calls.

"We will staff a little heavier this weekend," SMPD Lt. Richard Lewis said. "We will have extra beach deployment and [officers] in and around parking lots."

Last year during Labor Day, the police made 59 arrests ranging from drunk in public, burglary, narcotics, theft, grand theft, drunk driving, rape and possession of

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Aug. 30, 2013

Pharaonic festivities
Third Street Promenade
4 p.m. — 10 p.m.
A festival celebrating ancient Egyptian pharaohs and Middle Eastern culture will be held on Third Street over the Labor Day weekend. The festival will feature authentic Middle Eastern music and food like baklava, Turkish coffee, loukoumades, falafels and tabouli. Proceeds will benefit the St. Peter and St. Paul Service Center. The festival will also be open on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Bike it
Main Street
5 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.
There will be a free weekly bike valet on Main Street. Certain stores will offer a discount for bicyclists who choose to valet.

Movie night on the lawn
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 8 p.m.
The ZJ Boarding House is showing the movie "The Living Curl" about surfers in California during the 1960s. The film will be narrated live by its director, Jamie Budge. Attendees can enjoy free popcorn at the event and should bring a blanket and a chair.

Saturday, Aug. 31, 2013

Recycle day
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave.,
9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Give a new home for your old or unwanted clothes, towels, bedding and more at a recycling event at the City Yards. The event will be put on by the city of Santa Monica's Resource Recovery and Recycling Division. For more information, contact Myesha Jones at (310) 458-2223.

Pocket notes
1450 Ocean Ave.
2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Learn how to make a compact accordion book, small enough to fit in your pocket and jot down notes on the go. The class costs $20, which includes a materials fee. Call (310) 458-2239 or e-mail communityclasses@smgov.net for more information.

Sunday, Sept. 1, 2013

Paint early in the morn
Paint Lab
2912 Main St., 10 a.m. — 1 p.m.
The Paint Lab is holding its weekly Painters Breakfast, featuring painting, coffee, tea, oatmeal and bagels. The workshop costs $25 plus the cost of the canvas and includes all needed brushes, paints and easels. For more information, call (310) 450-9200 or e-mail info@paintlab.net.

Art for peace
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Malibu artist Petra Eiko will showcase her interactive "green-heart" art project as part of the second annual Broad Fest. There will be free performances and interactive art activities for kids of all ages. The Edye will be transformed into a jazz lounge for the adults. Complimentary valet parking is available for all guests who arrive on bikes. Call (310) 434-3200 or e-mail info@thebroadstage.com for more details.

Antique market
3100 to 3000 Airport Ave.
8 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Hunt for old and rare finds at the Santa Monica Airport's outdoor marketplace. Attendees can find many items, from furniture, watches and jewelry to paintings, posters, sculptures and china, and many more.

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L.A. close to erasing ban on murals

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LOS ANGELES In a victory for wall artists, the City Council has tentatively decided to lift a decade-long ban on private murals that erased the colorful paintings from stores, offices and apartment buildings.

The council on Wednesday voted 13-2 to permit new murals in business and industrial zones if an artist registers a project with the city and pays a $60 fee. The murals would have to remain up for at least two years.

The city would still generally ban murals on single-family homes and those that have commercial messages.

The council is expected to grant final approval next week.

The changes will free a new generation of muralists to "reclaim our legacy as a mural capital of the world," Isabel Rojas-Williams, executive director of the Mural Conservancy of Los Angeles, told the Los Angeles Times.

"It's been a long 10 years," said Nyla Arslanian, president of the Hollywood Arts Council. "We have in Hollywood some of the most beloved and internationally known murals. And it's about time that we have more."

Los Angeles has many murals on public walls, such as freeway paintings that were put up for the 1984 Olympics. Private murals also flourished, especially in the 1970s when they were used to express cultural and political concerns.

However, the city banned private murals in 2002 to curb proliferating advertising.

The law was intermittently enforced. Downtown artist Robert Vargas wasn't confronted when he created a portrait of a mariachi in the heavily Latino Boyle Heights area.

But singer Chris Brown got neighbor complaints and was cited after he had an 8-foot-high mural of cartoon monsters painted on a retaining wall at his Hollywood Hills home. It was later removed.

Councilmen Paul Koretz and Bob Blumenfield voted against the measure. Koretz said his constituents are concerned that the murals could attract graffiti.

Blumenfield said he was concerned that a large mural on, say, an apartment building could prove an eyesore to neighbors.

"What I wanted was a mechanism where neighbors would have some say in whether a mural goes up across the street," he told the Daily News of Los Angeles.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

St. Monica hosts season opener

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORSAIR FIELD St. Monica football has a score to settle as they open the season tonight.

The Mariners hope to avenge a 28-7 loss to Village Christian to open last season with an offense that has plenty of new faces in the backfield.

St. Monica would recover from the loss, eventually reaching the semifinals of the CIF-Southern Section Northeast Division playoffs, but the loss still stings a year later.

"They looked a lot like us last year," St. Monica head coach Adam Guerra said of the run-happy Village Christian Crusaders. "But we were missing a few seniors. We were raw and inexperienced."

St. Monica again enters the matchup with a bit of inexperience, but Guerra hopes his senior-heavy offensive line led by Angel Galdamez will provide a new starting quarterback and running back tandem with some stability as they find their way.

Sophomore quarterback Camron Nuslein gets the nod under center after a collarbone injury sidelined projected starter Chris Henderson this summer.

In St. Monica's run-heavy offense, Nuslein will be handing off to tailback Jason Thomas and, less often, to fullback Pedro Lopez. Both backs are juniors giving St. Monica an all-underclassman backfield.

Despite having played each other last year, Guerra said he's not sure what to expect the second time around.

He suspects that former NFL quarterback Jay Schroeder and current Village Christian coach will stick to his rushing attack, but is game planning for anything at this point.

St. Monica opens the season as the No. 5 team in the division, while Village Christian is unranked.

The game begins at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field at 7 p.m.

SAMOHI FOOTBALL EARNS NO. 3 RANKING

A year removed from an 8-4 season and an appearance in the second round of the Western Division playoffs, Santa Monica High's football team has earned the No. 3 ranking in the first poll of the season.

Eventual division champ Serra is ranked No. 1 and Chaminade sits at No. 2.

Samohi opens the season at Redondo Union on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m.

The Vikings will play a full inter-squad scrimmage today on campus. It begins at 5 p.m. on the main field.

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HEADY MOVE

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Santa Monica High School's boys' soccer team held tryouts at John Adams Middle School on Wednesday. The team begins play later this fall.

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Balloon buffoonery

Editor:

As we sit back and watch the City Council grant dubious developers free access over the city – from the tree scandals that decimated Downtown to allowing NMS Properties to eat up city blocks to taxi companies outbid by cronies with ties to City Hall – one is taken aback by the fine recently leveled at Party Land, a novelty store on Lincoln Boulevard.

The mom-and-pop shop was fined $75 for tying balloons to meters in front of their store. Never mind that the meters are designed to gouge customers by resetting when a car leaves and there have been hundreds of complaints of malfunctions. This store was fined for flying balloons during the day (which they take down at the close of business). It's a balloon store!

Owners Darin and Nancy Tiep are the essence of what Santa Monica was, offering penny candy to kids, balloons and even giving a quarter for the meters outside (as happened to me when I was out of change). A fine for flying balloons? Running afoul of the banner and advertising law they were threatened with a fine for having a "We're Open" sign as well. And when I heard about it the other day in their shop, I felt another line had been crossed.

Never mind that NMS Properties has a huge banner across the street advertising their tiny apartment spaces they've built as they gobble up street corners Downtown. (Anyone actually look at their contracts?) It's an obscene metaphor for the Bay City that once represented "The People's Republic of Santa Monica."

That angry slogan was created by irate rent control-hating landlords, but at least it represented a community that made laws to protect citizens instead of harassing them. Seventy-five bucks for putting out balloons? Seriously?

What a bunch of creeps using creepy laws to drive small stores out of business to replace them with soulless monuments to progress that will be devoid of trees, and eventually people in Santa Monica. My two cents.

Richard Martini
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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Photo courtesy Bruno Marcotulli

REMEMBERING WHEN: **Longtime friends reunite at an Ocean Park home.**

Ocean Park Indians ride again

THE MORE SANTA MONICA IS OVERRUN with new development the more I'm drawn to stories of "old" Santa Monica. This past Tuesday I covered a get-together of friends who grew up in Ocean Park almost 75 years ago.

This remarkable reunion was hosted by Tom and Sandy Chatham at their beautifully restored Ocean Park home on Third Street that was originally built by Tom's great-grandfather in 1906. To put that in perspective, Teddy Roosevelt was president and World War I, the "war to end all wars," (talk about false advertising) was eight years away.

To appreciate the reunion it might help to visualize Santa Monica in the late 1930s. No high-rises, no condo developments, no congestion, no freeways, no smog and no jet plane fumes and noise. Ours was just a sleepy beach paradise. At least, in retrospect, it certainly seems that way.

What a "colorful" atmosphere in which to grow up. Instead of concrete shopping malls and multiplex movie theaters there were dance halls, whorehouses and gambling ships. (A quick water taxi ride from the Santa Monica Pier to the 1.2 mile limit.) Ocean Park was definitely rough and tumble but, like Mark Twain's Mississippi River, it was a fertile playground for fascinating adventures.

Even the self-named "Ocean Park Indians" remind me of Twain. (In the photo here, only nine were actual O.P. Indians; the others were wannabes who lived east of Lincoln.)

The O.P. Indians lived only a few blocks from the pier and the Casino Gardens, which had 1,500 lights and 14,000 square feet of dance floor. The best big bands took trains cross county to Santa Monica to play for the rebellious swing dancers, proponents of a dance craze that swept the nation. (Imagine a bigger craze than "twerking" with or without Miley Cyrus.)

Weekends featured the rowdy Swing Shift Dances which went from 12:30 a.m. to 5 a.m. But it was during the day, when the bands rehearsed, that the O.P. Indians had their greatest thrills.

Because there was no air-conditioning, the doors to the mammoth Casino Gardens were propped open to catch a breeze. The Indians would sneak in and covertly witness the likes of Duke Ellington, Benny Goodman and Tommy and Jimmy Dorsey. The Indians were especially riveted by the Dorsey brothers who, right on stage, drank, did drugs, and even had fist fights.

There were so many adventures to be had. For example, the O.P. Indians could hop a trolley car between Pier Avenue and Marine and go to downtown L.A. There were the spectacular and ornate movie palaces such as the Orpheum, Loew's State and the Million Dollar Theatre.

But back to Tuesday's reunion where the weather was perfect as tables and umbrellas filled Tom's backyard. The food was delicious and plentiful. (Hot dogs, chips, fruit, coleslaw, potato salad, cake, soft drinks and wine.)

It all made an ideal setting for 40 happy souls (including wives and significant others) whose friendships go back almost three quarters of a century. "We're sharing some great stories," said Ron Accosta with a wry smile. "Some of them are even true."

Given all the joyous reminiscing, at least for the afternoon, the clock had been turned back on octogenarians who were once again carefree kids.

Host Tom Chatham, a legendary athlete at Samohi, became an administrator at Palisades High School. Also attending the reunion was Ronnie Sewell, whose popularity as an O.P. Indian wasn't hurt by the fact his father operated the pier's popular "High Boy" roller coaster! Ronnie became a driver for the French Pioneer Bakery on Rose for 45 years.

Erwin (Erkie) Cheldin was an insurance executive while David Ross was a chemical engineer. Melvin (Bobo) Lewis had a distinguished teaching career at Hamilton High School. An outstanding tennis player, he still plays at age 81. Jerry Hook owns a furniture manufacturing company while Karl Kolb retired from the Paper Mate Pen Company on Olympic and 26th.

Irwin (Irkie) Jerry Feldman is a semi-retired CPA, while Ocean Park's "Walking Wikipedia," Ron Accosta, at 79, is about to launch a Venice and Santa Monica tour business previewed at www.venicebeachbustours.com. Ron's brother Dan, at 91, is a salesman extraordinaire at Shoe City in Whittier. (Amazing!)

Given the modern breakdown of the family and how often people move, I can't help but wonder if I'll ever attend a 75th reunion of my childhood friends. If I ever do, all I can say is, I hope it's catered by Tom and Sandy.

Wishing speedy recoveries to Don "Tank" Limbocker, Regis and Phyllis Donnelly and Jim and Elaine Dreibelbis, all of whom were unable to attend due to illness. **JACK** can be reached at facebook.com/jackneworth, twitter.com/jackneworth or via e-mail at jnsmdp@aol.com.

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Stocks post mild gains following economic data

KEN SWEET
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK Positive news on the U.S. economy outweighed worries about Syria Thursday, sending the stock market higher for a second straight day.

The Dow Jones industrial average added 16.44 points, or 0.1 percent, to 14,840.95, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.2 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,638.17. The Nasdaq composite posted a bigger gain, rising 27 points, or 0.8 percent, to 3,620.30.

The Dow has gained 64 points over the past two days, not nearly enough to make up for its 170-point loss Tuesday as tensions over Syria rattled markets.

Verizon Communications was the biggest gainer among the blue chips after Britain's Vodafone confirmed it was in talks with Verizon to sell its 45 percent stake their joint venture, Verizon Wireless.

Verizon rose $1.26, or 2.7 percent, to $47.82. The U.S.-listed shares of Vodafone rose $2.39, or 8.1 percent, to $31.80.

While many fund managers said they're not looking to jump back into the market just yet, some individual companies are looking attractive again.

"If you're a long-term investor, it's an opportunity," said Richard Sichel, chief investment officer at Philadelphia Trust Co., which has $1.9 billion under management. He noted a new investment, the retail chain PetSmart, as an example.

Wayne Wilbanks, chief investment officer at the asset management firm Wilbanks, Smith & Thomas, said the market might have fallen too quickly. He also cautioned that the gains from the last two days may not last.

"Be very careful," Wilbanks said. "You haven't missed out on much if you've sat on the sidelines since May. I'm not putting a lot of money to work here."

Traders had two good economic reports to parse through Thursday. The U.S. economy grew at a 2.5 percent annual rate from April through June, much faster than previously estimated, the government said. Also, the Labor Department said the number of people who filed for unemployment benefits last week fell to 331,000, the fewest in five years.

While lower unemployment claims and an upward revision on GDP are both positive signs, most of Wall Street's attention is focused on next week, when the August jobs report will be released. The Federal Reserve is expected to decide the fate of its massive bond-buying program in mid-September, and the jobs survey will be the last bit of significant economic data the Fed will have to consider before making its decision.

Traders also continue to watch Syria, where a U.S.-led attack could happen, although such a strike seems less imminent than earlier in the week. Oil fell to below $109 a barrel Thursday.

"The general feeling is that Syrian tensions have eased a bit," said Alec Young, global equity strategist with S&P Capital IQ.

The price of crude oil fell $1.30, or 1.2 percent, to $108.80 a barrel. Oil had climbed as high as $112 earlier this week.

Energy-related stocks fell. Exxon Mobil slipped 2 percent and Chevron fell 1 percent.

Investors worry that a limited strike could drag the U.S. and its allies into that nation's civil war, or worse, set off a regional conflict in an area where so much of the world's oil is located.

Beyond the news about Syria, it has been a mostly quiet week for stocks. Traders are winding down during the last week of summer and heading out for the Labor Day holiday this weekend.

Trading volume on the New York Stock Exchange thin: 2.5 billion shares compared with a recent average of 3.4 billion shares.

Wilbanks said he doesn't expect the market to move substantially higher, citing the mediocre second-quarter earnings that U.S. companies just finished reporting.

"We're going to need to see robust corporate profit growth to move the market higher," he said.

In other corporate news, teen clothing store operator Guess jumped $3.51, or 13 percent, to $30.82 after the company reported second-quarter profit and revenue late Wednesday that blew past the expectations of Wall Street analysts. The retailer also raised its profit forecast for the year.

Campbell Soup fell $1.38, or 3 percent, to $43.33 after posting a loss for its fiscal fourth quarter. The company's results were dragged down by a charge related to the potential sale of a European business. While the results topped Wall Street's estimates, revenue missed expectations.

The Q Line

Welcome to all

A recently enacted bill states that a transgender student is permitted to participate in sex-segregated school programs and activities, including athletic teams and competitions, and use facilities consistent with his or her gender identity.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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PROPOSED BERGAMOT AREA PLAN AND INTERIM ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Subject: **Recommendation to adopt the Bergamot Area Plan, and the Plan's Findings of Consistency under CEQA with the LUCE FEIR for the Plan and Introduction and First Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Interim Zoning Ordinance No. 2428 (CCS) to Clarify that the Bergamot Area Plan Standards Apply When Provisions are in Conflict with the Zoning Ordinance and to Specify an Interim Use Permit Process**

The City Council will hold a public hearing to consider adoption of the Final Bergamot Area Plan with modifications, and Findings of Consistency with the LUCE FEIR for the Bergamot Area Plan. On July 10, the Planning Commission recommended that the City Council adopt the Final Bergamot Area Plan with modifications and the Findings of Consistency with the LUCE FEIR.

The Bergamot Area Plan contains the goals, policies and regulations that are proposed to guide all future development within the Plan area boundaries in order to transition to a mixed-use, pedestrian-oriented neighborhood focused on connectivity with the future Exposition Light Rail station and the Bergamot Art Center. The final draft of the Bergamot Area Plan has been available for public comment since June 2013.

Pursuant to CEQA, an Environmental Consistency Checklist with the LUCE EIR was prepared to analyze potential environmental impacts of the Final Bergamot Area Plan. The Environmental Consistency Checklist was based on examination of the Plan's potential impacts in light of the LUCE EIR undertaken pursuant to CEQA Guideline §15162 and §15168 and which concluded that no new environmental document is required since no new effects could occur or new mitigations would be required. Accordingly, the City can approve the Bergamot Area Plan as being within the scope of the LUCE covered by the LUCE EIR.

The public hearing will be held in conjunction with the Council's consideration of the Introduction and First Reading of a proposed amendment to the Interim Zoning Ordinance to clarify the applicability of the Bergamot Area Plan's requirements for Tier 1 projects and to specify an interim Use Permit process for land uses that require a minor use permit (MUP) in the Plan.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, September 10, 2013, at 6:45 p.m.**

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

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Bergamot Area Plan
1685 Main Street, Room 102
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MORE INFORMATION
For more information, please contact Peter James or Elizabeth Bar-El at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at bergamotplan@smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center.

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

NOTICE OF POLLING PLACES AND DESIGNATION OF CENTRAL TALLY LOCATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's office designated polling places for the SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTIONS (SENATE DISTRICT 26 AND ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 45) scheduled to be held on SEPTEMBER 17, 2013. NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's facility, 12400 Imperial Highway, Norwalk, California 90650 has been designated as the central tally location for the above election. Polling places shall be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Persons requiring multilingual assistance in Chinese, Hindi, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog/Filipino, Thai or Vietnamese regarding information in the notice may call (800) 481-8683.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, September 10, 2013**

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

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Variance 13VAR008, 2707 6th Street. A variance to allow an addition to the rear of the existing single-family dwelling, which the Municipal Code defines as containing three stories due to the finished first floor exceeding three feet above average natural grade. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(k)(1), a variance may be requested to allow an additional story which would otherwise not be permitted for an existing residential structure provided the structure has a finished first floor level that is more than three feet above average natural grade [Planner: Russell Bunim] **APPLICANT/ OWNER**: Robert Thibodeau /Marc Streitenfeld.

Variance 13VAR009, 1612 California Avenue. A variance to allow the infill of an entry porch to encroach into the front yard setback. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(4), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to yard setbacks for additions to the same floor of an existing building which is nonconforming as to yard setbacks, where such addition follows the line of the existing building but in no case is closer than four feet to a property line. [Planner: Rachel Dimond] **APPLICANT/ OWNER**: Craig Burdick/Brian Lasky.

Variance 13VAR010, 2811 Wilshire Boulevard. The applicant requests a Variance to allow 23 parking spaces required by the conversion of 31,500 square feet of general office space to medical office space within the subject commercial building to be provided in a tandem configuration through the use of mechanical parking lifts. The request would result in a total of 346 parking spaces within the building's 3-level parking garage. The mechanical parking lifts will be operated by a parking attendant at all times during the building's operational hours. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.20.10.030(b), the applicant may request modifications to off-street parking requirements. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT/ OWNER**: 2811 Wilshire Associates, LLC.

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

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

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California firms settle over illegal imports for $3.5M

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LOS ANGELES Two California consulting firms have agreed to pay more than $3.5 million to settle allegations they falsely certified that more than 24,000 recreational vehicles imported from China met emissions standards under U.S. law, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said Thursday.

The EPA and the state of California filed separate lawsuits in federal court in 2011 against MotorScience Inc., MotorScience Enterprise Inc. and the firms' owner, Chi Zheng.

The state will receive 20 percent of the penalties and the federal government will receive 80 percent, the agency said in a statement.

MotorScience was an engine certification consultant that helped overseas vehicle manufacturers and importers get EPA certificates stating their engines met clean air standards — a requirement of doing business in the U.S.

An EPA investigation, however, found the company secured the certificates for many vehicles without doing testing, resulting in the illegal import of 24,478 all-terrain recreational vehicles.

A number for MotorScience Enterprise was disconnected and a representative could not be reached for comment.

The agreement also states that, for the next 15 years, MotorScience and Zheng must undergo a strict monitoring process before they do any work involving off-road vehicles and engines.

MotorScience would test a small number of vehicles for import and then use those results repeatedly to get certificates for other vehicles, the EPA said. In at least three instances, those vehicles exceeded the federal limits for hydrocarbons and nitrogen oxides.

This is not the first time MotorScience has been in trouble with the EPA.

In 2010, the agency voided 12 certificates held by four U.S.-based importers of Chinese recreational vehicles who were clients of MotorScience.

The firms are based in the City of Industry about 30 miles east of Los Angeles.





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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Case of the missing tablet

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

FRIDAY, AUG. 23, AT 2:25 A.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to a restaurant located on the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a fight over an iPad. When officers arrived they spoke with three possible suspects, two male and one female. The female was accused of stealing the iPad. She told officers that she took the iPad off the restaurant floor where it had been plugged into an outlet and then placed it in her boyfriend's car. She then returned to the restaurant to finish her meal. When the couple left the diner, they were confronted by a man who asked they if they had seen his computer. They said no. The man then followed them to their car and discovered the iPad lying on the passenger side floor. A fight broke out. Several other men standing nearby intervened. Based on the admitted theft of the iPad from inside the restaurant, the transportation and concealment of it, and the physical struggle for the property that ensued, officers placed the woman under arrest for robbery. She was identified as Tashun Tanai Tucker, 32, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at $50,000.

FRIDAY, AUG. 23, AT 11 P.M.,

A man approached officers waiting at a traffic light at the corner of Third Street and Santa Monica Boulevard to tell them that he had just seen a man use bolt cutters to cut a bike lock. The suspect then placed the bolt cutters into a backpack and took off with the bike heading eastbound on Santa Monica Boulevard. The witness was able to point out the suspect and officers detained him. Officers checked his identity and learned that he had an outstanding felony warrant out of Los Angeles for $40,000. Officers searched his backpack and found the bolt cutters and other tools commonly used to steal bikes. The suspect was positively identified by the witness and he was placed under arrest for the warrant, possession of stolen property and burglary tools and for petty theft with a prior. He was identified as James Edward Love, 50, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $60,000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 22, AT 1:20 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 400 block of 21st Street regarding a report of a burglary in progress. When officers arrived they spoke with a woman who said that she saw a man walking up the stairs to her home. She ran to get her roommate and when she returned she noticed that a guitar was missing. Police valued it at $250. The only description she could give was that the suspect was a "large figure." Another unit on patrol detained a suspect near the location. He had a guitar in his possession. Officers brought the guitar back to the home where the victim positively identified it as hers. In addition, a screwdriver and a flashlight were found on the suspect. He was placed under arrest for possession of burglary tools and burglary. He was identified as Charles Easley, 56, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21, AT 11:50 P.M.,

Officers responded to the parking structure located along the 1600 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a suspicious person on the fourth floor. While there the officers saw a man below in a gated yard of a business and called for backup to detain him. While interviewing the suspect officers learned that he had a $1,051 warrant out of Los Angeles for driving without a license. He was on release from jail and also admitted to using methamphetamine within the past hour, police said. Officers placed him under arrest for the warrant, being under the influence and for violating the terms of his early release. He was identified as Paul Marquez Bautista, 35, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $1,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 21, AT 7:32 P.M.,

Officers responded to a home located on the 2400 block of Fifth Street to check in on a resident on probation. As officers entered the apartment the parolee allegedly ran to the back of the room. Fearing that the man might have a weapon inside or perhaps attempt to destroy or hide some type of contraband, officers took him down and placed him in cuffs. Officers searched the apartment and said they found drug paraphernalia, including several glass pipes, one of which was loaded with meth that appeared to have been recently used. Upon further questioning the suspect allegedly admitted to having just smoked meth. He was placed under arrest for possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia, resisting, being under the influence and a probation violation. The suspect was identified as Miguel Angel Suarez, 48, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, AUG. 20, AT 12:28 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 400 block of Colorado Avenue regarding a report of a suspect trying to cash a bogus check at a bank. When officers arrived they interviewed the branch manager and teller who recognized the check was fraudulent. The teller told officers that a man handed her the check along with his ID and said he wanted to cash it. When she looked at the check she noticed that the printing was "wrong" and all the words were typed using the same font. Also, the routing numbers on the bottom of the check were for another bank. The teller had the branch manager look at the check and he agreed that it was a fake. Officers interviewed the suspect, who told them that his parents had sent him the check from Texas and that it had to be cashed that day. When asked why his signature on the back of the check did not match the one on his driver's license, he had no explanation, police said. After reviewing all the evidence, police placed the man under arrest for possession of a bad check with the intent to defraud another. He was identified as Luke Mitchell Parker, 33, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $20,000.

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we know the first year is the most challenging," the family stated in a news release. "We hope this gift will inspire parents and community members throughout the district to join us in providing enrichment opportunities for every student."

The money is expected to be used to bolster student learning across the board while giving schools the ability to target teacher training dollars where they're most needed.

"The Scott family's generosity sets us on a path toward success as we seek to enrich student experiences through the arts, smaller class sizes, personalized instruction, ongoing professional development and more," said Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

The plan represents a final step in a nearly two-year process to overhaul a long-standing practice in which boosters paid for special classes and extra instruction for schools, leaving a disparity between schools with richer parents and those located in lower-income neighborhoods in the district.

The Board of Education voted in November of 2011 to take the power to raise money for staff costs — like art classes or teacher training — out of the hands of parents and make it the charge of the Education Foundation, while allowing parents to pay for "stuff" like supplies or field trips.

The foundation's deadline to raise the $4 million is January 2014.

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burglary tools, Lewis said.

He urged people to call the police if they see anything suspicious.

"Be patient getting into town. Come early and know where you want to park," Lewis said. "Don't leave valuables in your car. Be very conscious and cognizant of people around you and what you do with your property."

Visitors and locals can beat parking woes by using the city of Santa Monica parking app, said Sam Morrissey, city traffic engineer. Called SM Parking, it can be downloaded for free. The app shows the availability of all off-street and on-street parking, highlighting red, yellow and green colors to indicate spots, and the hours and cost of parking, Morrissey said.

"For the off-street lots, it'll show you exact occupancy at that time," Morrissey said.

City Hall is also renting and deploying changeable message signs, or the big electronic signs, to guide people from Lincoln Boulevard and Fourth and Fifth streets to the more inexpensive parking, Morrissey said. Those signs will be up starting Friday.

"We hope to make it a little less confusing and more into getting [motorists] into spaces," he said.

People can visit www.smgov.net/parking for real time parking availability and parking rates.

The Santa Monica Convention and Visitors' Bureau is also anticipating a busy weekend. Kelly Nagle, communications manager, encouraged everyone to embrace the local lifestyle and walk or bike around town while they are visiting.

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Tourists can go to any of three visitor centers for help and directions. The centers are located at the Pier Shop and Visitor Center, the Santa Monica Visitor Information Cart on the Third Street Promenade across from the Foot Locker and a kiosk in Palisades Park.

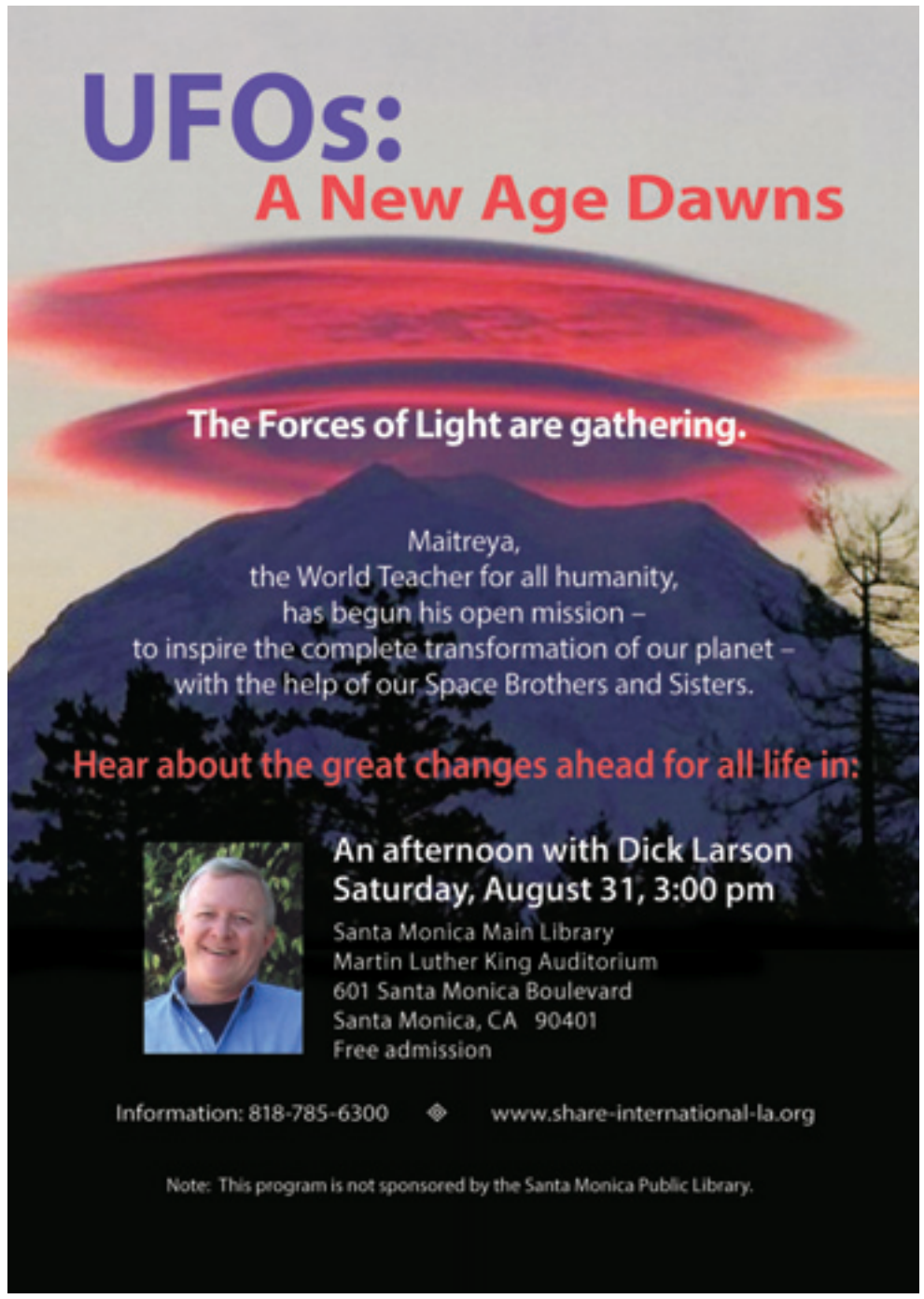
Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. will also have its ambassadors out in full force to help people, said Debbie Lee, vice president of the public-private nonprofit that manages and promotes the bustling district on behalf of City Hall.

"You can pretty much satisfy any kind of itinerary, whether it's relaxing on the beach or hanging out in a cafe or having a great meal and doing some shopping," Lee said.

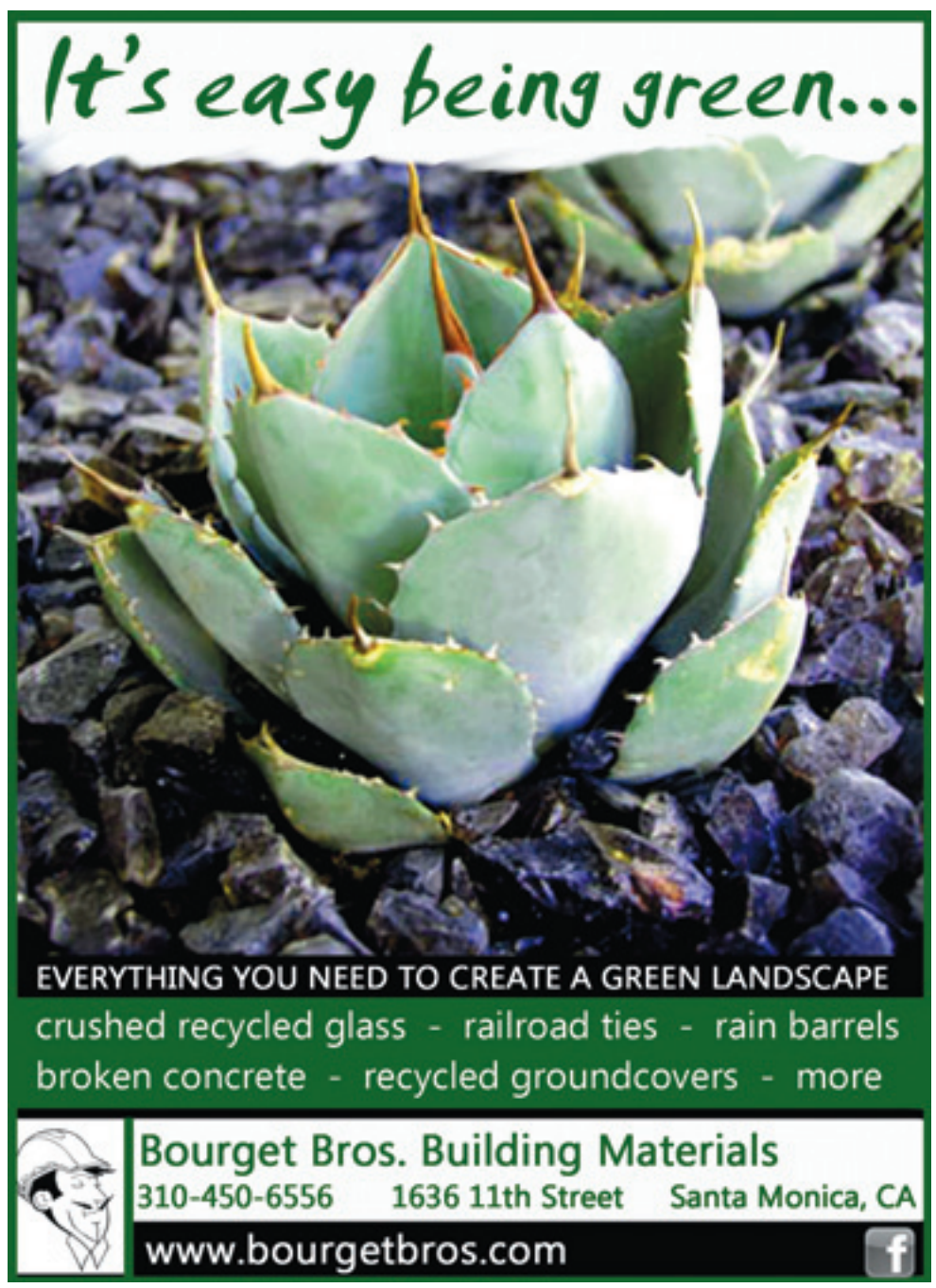
The weather is supposed to be sunny, with the highs in the 70s this weekend, according to the National Weather Service website.

"If the weather is great, we are going to be packed, I promise you," Lewis said. "If it's raining, it won't be so bad."

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which joined the ACLU in filing suit. "We are past the 50-yard line, but will continue our efforts until our chronically homeless veterans get the housing and services they have earned."

Federal Judge S. James Otero found that federal statutes governing the use of VA property unambiguously prohibit the VA from entering into land-use agreements with private parties on the campus unless the agreements are directly related to providing medical care or related services to veterans.

The leases voided by the order cover nearly one quarter of the 400-acre property, which was originally deeded in 1888 to the predecessor to the VA for the exclusive purpose of providing a home for disabled vets. The order did not affect two land-use agreements challenged in the suit that had expired or lapsed, representatives from the ACLU said.

Officials with the VA and the Department of Justice declined to comment.

President Barack Obama and U.S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric Shinseki have pledged to end homelessness among the nation's veterans by 2015. As part of that effort, officials recently announced that vacant beds at the VA campus in West L.A. would be filled by homeless vets on waiting lists for state-funded nursing home care, which also includes expanded rental housing vouchers and medical outreach teams.

Congressman Henry Waxman, D-Santa Monica, has been working to help secure those vouchers and other commitments from the VA. In March, he fired off a letter demanding housing for veterans at the West L.A. campus be a priority and that the property be preserved and not sold off to private developers.

He called Thursday's court decision a "triumph" but said more needs to be done.

"Now is the time to redouble our commitment to address the severe needs of homeless veterans in our community," he said.

In addition to the housing vouchers, the VA has also pledged to set up a one-stop service center and to seek private funding partners to renovate two buildings at the West L.A. campus, a plan that has been lingering for years and has become a source of frustration for many involved. (Construction on another building to provide beds for 65 veterans is underway and is expected to be completed in July 2014.)

Former Santa Monica Mayor Bobby Shriver is one of them. He has been lobbying power brokers in Washington, D.C. for years to dedicate more funding to providing housing for homeless vets. News of the judge's ruling did nothing to temper his anger at the slow pace of progress and he called on elected officials to use their power and influence to create change.

"Finally the vets beat the administration who has failed them. Finally they have won," Shriver said. "This increases pressure on them to create housing, which they know how to do and I hope they do it forthright.

"Vets have been dying in dumpsters while these people are spending money wherever they've been spending it," Shriver said, referencing the VA's inability to prove that the money generated from the private lease agreements was going toward treatment and housing for veterans. "They have plenty of money already. They should be building

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housing."

The nine voided agreements provided for the following uses of the VA property: a 20-acre parcel for Brentwood private school's athletic complex; a laundry processing facility for nearby luxury hotels; the UCLA baseball stadium and facilities; Fox studio production storage facilities; exclusive rights for a community group to host events on a 15-acre parcel; practice fields for a private soccer club; parking lots for surrounding businesses; and a farmers' market.

Jackie Robinson Stadium is home to the UCLA Bruins baseball team and has been for nearly 50 years. Officials at the university said they were "disappointed" by the ruling and defended their use of the property, saying they furnish veterans with free admission to regular season home games and provide a home field for American Legion baseball teams.

"UCLA has a strong commitment to veterans, as evidenced by programs like Operation Mend, which provides reconstructive surgery to U.S. military personnel injured and disfigured in Iraq and Afghanistan and the Nathanson Family Resilience Center, which provides an array of programs for military families facing the challenges of deployment and reintegration," read a statement from UCLA.

The university will continue working with those involved to possibly continue their partnership with the VA.

"[T]he university plans to do everything possible to make sure that our NCAA championship baseball team can continue playing in Jackie Robinson Stadium," the statement read.

The judge's ruling gives the VA six months to file an appeal before any action can be taken regarding the lease agreements.

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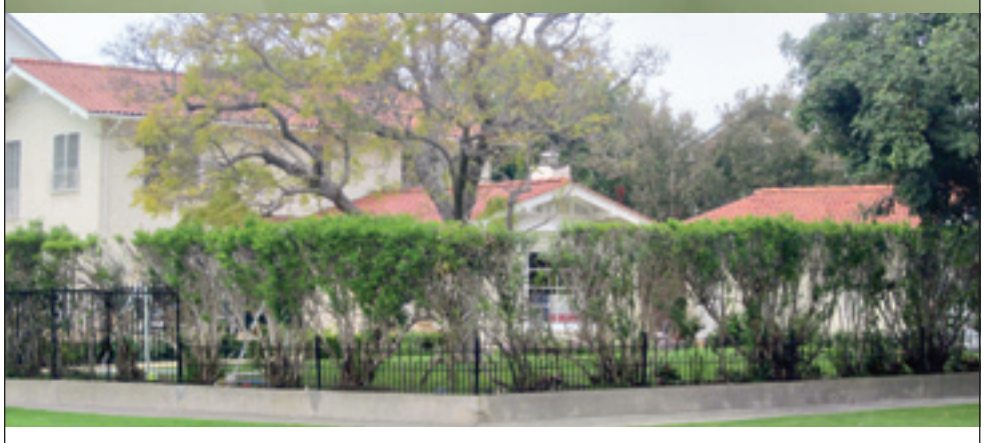
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the **Santa Monica Community College District (SMCCD)** will hold a public hearing on the **2013-2014 Proposed Budget** for approval by the Board of Trustees.

The Proposed Budget Documents will be available for review at the Santa Monica College Business Administration Office, 2714 Pico Blvd, Santa Monica CA 90405 or the SMCCD webpage at http://www.smc.edu/ACG/Pages/Trustees-Meeting-Information.aspx starting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 30, 2013.

The public hearing will be held in the **Santa Monica College Board Room (Business Building Room 117)**, 1900 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405 on **Tuesday, September 3, 2013** at 7:00 P.M., at which time and place, interested persons may attend and be heard.

Robert Isomoto, Vice President, Business/Administration

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

Public right-of-way in front of 210 Santa Monica Boulevard, LC-13LM-008, Zoning: BSC-2 (Bayside Commercial) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 13LM-008, to determine whether the terrazzo sidewalk, located in the public right-of-way in front of the property located at 210 Santa Monica Boulevard, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that this object meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: City of Santa Monica. ***(Continued from August 12, 2013 meeting)***

234 Pico Boulevard, LC-13LM-009, Zoning: C-4 (Highway Commercial) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 13LM-009, to determine whether the commercial building, located at 234 Pico Boulevard, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that this object meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: GRT Portfolio Properties Santa Monica.

1001 Third Street, LC-03LM-007, Zoning: R-3 (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider supplementing Landmark Designation application 03LM-007 for 1001 Third Street, to determine whether to include the interior lobby as part of the designation and to define and describe an associated landmark parcel. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding the supplemental designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that this object meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Embassy LLC and PRG Embassy Properties.

1415 Ocean Avenue, LC-03LM-051, Zoning: RVC (Residential-Visitor Commercial) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider amending Landmark Designation application 03LM-051 for 1415 Ocean Avenue (Georgian Hotel), in order to correct a factual error related to the description of the Landmark's architectural style. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: 4D.S.L.P. dba The Georgian Hotel.

When: **Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:00 pm**

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

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

More Information
The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

SURF REPORT



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **66.6°**

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
SSW swell continues; keeping an eye on the tropics

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
SSW eases; keeping an eye on the tropics

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Potential modest new South swell moves in

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Potential modest South swell

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 21, 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 -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 27 / 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 Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
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 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	C	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.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	B	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.	C	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 CIWW 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 is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.
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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.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

NFL to spend $765M to settle concussion lawsuits

MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA The NFL agreed to pay more than three-quarters of a billion dollars to settle lawsuits from thousands of former players who developed dementia or other concussion-related brain disorders they say were caused by the very on-field violence that fueled the game's rise to popularity and profit.

The class-action settlement, unprecedented in sports, was announced Thursday after two months of court-ordered mediation and is subject to approval by a federal judge. It came exactly a week before the first game of the 2013 season, removing a major legal and financial threat hanging over the sport.

U.S. District Judge Anita B. Brody in Philadelphia is expected to rule on the settlement in two to three months but said it "holds the prospect of avoiding lengthy, expensive and uncertain litigation, and of enhancing the game of football."

More than 4,500 former players, some of them suffering from depression or dementia, accused the NFL of concealing the long-term dangers of concussions and rushing injured players back onto the field, while glorifying and profiting from the bone-crushing hits that were often glorified in slow motion on NFL Films.

"Football has been my life and football has been kind to me," said former Dallas Cowboys running back Tony Dorsett, one of at least 10 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who filed suit since 2011. "But when I signed up for this, I didn't know some of the repercussions. I did know I could get injured, but I didn't know about my head or the trauma or the things that could happen to me later on in life."

The settlement applies to all 18,000 past NFL players and spouses of those who are deceased — a group that could total more than 20,000 — and will cost the league $765 million, the vast majority of which would go to compensate athletes with certain neurological ailments, plus plaintiffs' attorney fees. It sets aside $75 million for medical exams and $10 million for medical research.

Individual payouts would be capped at $5 million for men with Alzheimer's disease; $4 million for those diagnosed after their deaths with a brain condition called chronic traumatic encephalopathy; and $3 million for players with dementia, said lead plaintiffs' lawyer Christopher Seeger.

The settlement does not include an admission from the NFL that it hid information from players about head injuries. Commissioner Roger Goodell told pro football's lawyers to "do the right thing for the game and the men who played it," according to a statement by the league.

Goodell was not made available for comment.

The NFL has annual revenue of about $9 billion.

In addition to Dorsett, the plaintiffs include Super Bowl-winning quarterback Jim McMahon, who suffers from dementia; former running back Kevin Turner, who has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or Lou Gehrig's disease; and the family of All-Pro selection Junior Seau, who committed suicide last year.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Lifeforce (R) 1hr 41min
7:30pm
Discussion following with actor Steve Railsback.

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

Mortal Instruments: City of Bones (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
12:40pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

Grand Master (NR) 2hrs 15min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

World's End (R) 1hr 49min
11:20am, 2:15pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Lee Daniels' The Butler (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
11:00am, 12:55pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

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

Elysium (R) 1hr 49min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

Planes (PG) 1hr 32min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm

You're Next (R) 1hr 36min
11:50am, 2:35pm, 5:25pm, 8:15pm, 10:45pm

Getaway (PG-13) 1hr 34min
11:40am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

We're the Millers (R) 1hr 50min
11:35am, 2:40pm, 5:35pm, 8:30pm, 11:15pm

Closed Circuit (R) 1hr 36min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

One Direction: This Is Us in 3D (PG) 1hr 32min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Jobs (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
7:00pm, 10:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Fruitvale Station (R) 1hr 25min
1:00pm, 5:25pm, 9:55pm

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

Blackfish (PG-13) 1hr 30min
3:15pm, 7:45pm

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

Blue Jasmine (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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

GO WITH THE FLOW, ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Stay focused. Keep the lines of communication open, but choose to discuss only what's necessary. Your mood, as well as others', will be changing rapidly in the near future. Tonight: Go with the flow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Though you might be out of sorts at first, know that what you're looking for is readily accessible. Open up talks with a loved one. You might be surprised by what you hear, given that you might not be around your family as much as you might like. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Curb a need to be possessive, and simply trust what is going on. Be willing to express your thoughts and find out where a friend is coming from. You might discover that you are spending too much money. Tonight: It is OK if someone else wants to treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might want to relax and let go, but a surprise visit from a superior or friend will set the pace of your day. In fact, you might not realize how essential you are to others right now. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Understand that you can't control issues or people. You can control only yourself and your responses. Others can choose to do whatever they want. By withdrawing and allowing others to make their own choices, in time, there will be a better rapport. Tonight: Follow suggestions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ With as many people as there are seeking you out, it will be almost unbelievable that you are choosing to work on a project instead of socializing. Mixing the two is fine if you complete what you must. Someone around you could be quite serious. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others turn to you for advice. You might not be in a position to help a particular person, but you can point him or her to a different source for feedback. This person will feel empowered. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You have the gift of seeing more in interactions and discussions than others see. You understand that each action creates a response. Tonight: Put on some great music to escape from the here and now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others will make an effort to influence an important matter involving your finances. Honor what is going on, as it only can benefit you. If you keep feeling doubtful, know that it comes from within yourself and not from the other parties involved. Tonight: Dinner with a loved one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Listen to news that is forthcoming, and be aware that everyone has a different perspective. An important offer or request might be woven into a conversation. Understand that what you see evolving could offer a positive outcome. Tonight: Be around those you most enjoy.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Honor who you are throughout the day. Sometimes you might be so quick to give a knee-jerk reaction that others could be put off. Express your authenticity more often, and resist getting tied up in an intense, fast pace when possible. Tonight: Spend some time with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to see a personal matter in a different light, and you will ... once you stop reacting. Others could offer different perspectives that might prove helpful. Many more doors will open as a result, and you will be happier. Tonight: Be creative when coming up with plans.

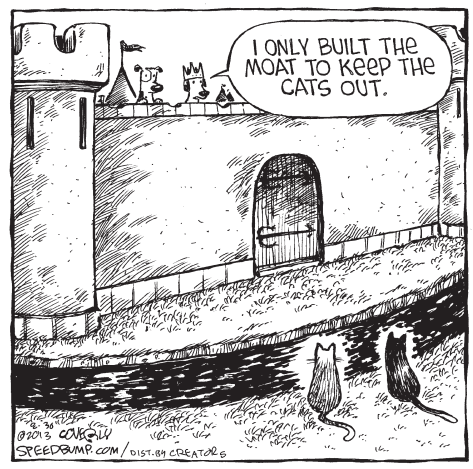
Friday, August 30, 2013

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

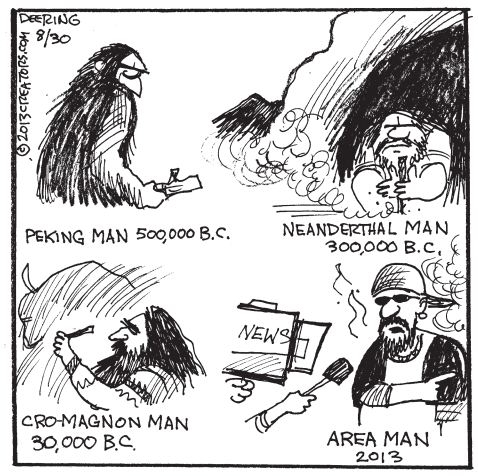
This year you will see a big difference in what occurs between you and others. You will make a new friend who will be more receptive to you. If you are single, meeting someone through this person's circle of friends could prove to be significant to your life history. If you are attached, the two of you will realize a long-term dream that you both have wanted. You are in a year when you wish upon a star, and more often than not, it will come true! CANCER is a loyal friend.

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Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



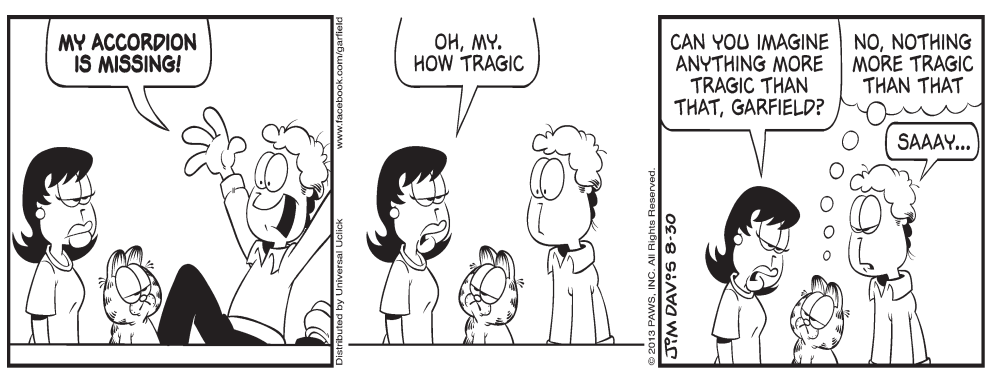
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By John Deering



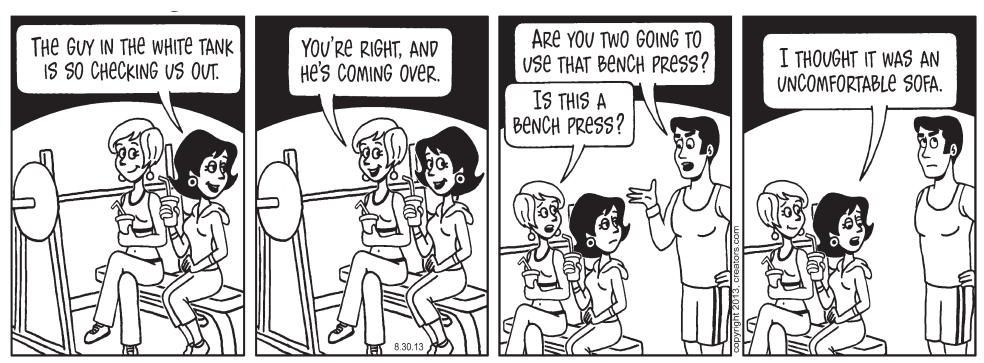
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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 ★★★★

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Unwise undertaking
6 Cowboy contest
11 Parting word
12 Big name in TV talk
13 Car sticker
14 Heat unit
15 At any time
17 Spot
18 Decline
20 Painter's medium
22 Compass trace
23 Not strict
26 Prolonged attack
28 Noted consumerist
29 Edison's collection
31 Hot drink
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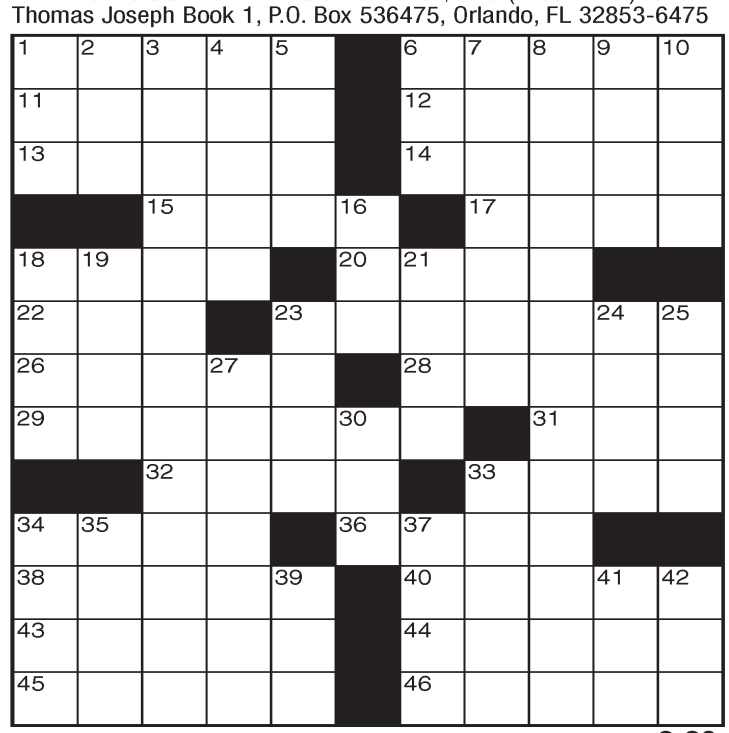
DOWN

1 Rage
2 Exalted poem
3 1989 007 film
4 Head out
5 End-of-year time
6 Hogwash
7 She loved Hamlet
8 Michael Caine film
9 Tombstone name
10 "Dear me!"
16 Sturgeon eggs
18 Fig pollinator
19 Sills song
21 Travel stops
23 Spring period
24 Call for
25 Serving aid
27 Army bigwig
30 Summit
33 Canal sight
34 Years gone by
35 Tom Joad, for one
37 Sweeping
39 Dray puller
41 Costa del —
42 Cattle call

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The CEO of Christian Schools Australia told the Australian Associated Press in June that Caloundra Christian College in Queensland teaches a range of creative sexual health messages and offered the school's recent student pamphlet, "101 Things to Do Instead of Doing It," as evidence. Recommended substitutes: "Pretend you're six again," "Have a water fight," "Blow bubbles in the park," and "Have a burping contest."

■ "High School in the Community" (HSC), the teachers' union-managed school in New Haven, Conn., recently completed the first year of its program aimed in part at ending "social promotion" -- the automatic passing of students to the next grade even if they lack the skills and knowledge necessary for that grade. However, the officials were shocked to learn that not a single one of the school's 44 first-time 9th-graders passed the promotion tests (and will have lengthy 9th-grade make-up sessions over the summer or beginning again in September). (Several other 9th-graders, who were already repeating 9th grade, were promoted.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1873 – Austrian explorers Julius von Payer and Karl Weyprecht discover the archipelago of Franz Joseph Land in the Arctic Sea.

1896 – Philippine Revolution: After Spanish victory in the Battle of San Juan del Monte, eight provinces in the Philippines are declared under martial law by the Spanish Governor-General Ramón Blanco y Erenas.

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