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THE PLAY BALL ISSUE

# Ensuring free parking for EV, low-emission vehicles

BY JOSHUA H. SILAVENT
Special to the Daily Press

**CITY HALL** Drivers of certain electric and low- or zero-emission vehicles are already exempt from having to pay parking meter tolls in Santa Monica, yet the City Council is seeking to clarify a law that spells this out to ensure it no longer conflicts with state rules, which appear to be causing some unintended consequences.

"I think we know we got a problem when a change in state law results in our local [former] State Assembly person getting a parking ticket in Santa Monica," Councilmember Kevin McKeown said during a council meeting last month, referring to U.S. Congresswoman Julia Brownley (D-Calif.).

To receive the free parking benefit, the existing ordinance requires any eligible vehicle — including the popular electric minimobiles that resemble glorified golf carts (known as neighborhood electric vehicles, or NEVs) — to display a "valid and current" state-issued decal that certifies its eco-friendly status. Herein lies the rub.

"I've heard some concerns from people who drive those neighborhood electric vehicles that, suddenly, they weren't getting the parking privileges they expected to have," Councilmember Ted Winterer said.

Without up-to-date decals, the free parking privileges disappear and drivers of eligible vehicles could be ticketed if they don't feed the meter.

McKeown, in an e-mail to the Daily Press, said the state recently discontinued issuance of the decals that city parking enforcement has used "to identify clean-air cars."

"The new state stickers are only for vehicles capable of using freeway HOV lanes," he added, "which means that neighborhood electric vehicles couldn't get them."

The top speed of a typical NEV is about 25 mph. In California, the vehicles are restricted to roads where the posted speed

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**NEW USE?** **The future of the embattled Santa Monica Airport may be as a park if a new group has anything to say about it.**

# New group wants to turn airport into park

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

**SMO** If some people have their way, airplanes at Santa Monica Airport will be replaced with hiking and jogging trails and children's playgrounds.

Airport2Park.org, a coalition of community groups and neighbors working to close SMO, recently formed based on the idea of turning airport land into a park.

The group, which was founded by Frank Gruber, John Fairweather, Jonathan Stein and others, has about 30 active members and envisions a grand park that could include activities for seniors, gardens and art

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# New credit card benefits artists

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

**DOWNTOWN** Westside artist Dan Monteavaro is among a handful of artists from Los Angeles and across the country who are part of a credit card rewards program that gives them a portion of purchases made and helps them promote their artwork.

Dynamics Inc., which produces and manufactures intelligent powered payment cards and advanced payment platforms, launched the artist rewards program Thursday, which can be used through an electronic credit card called ePlate that consumers apply for. Customers can also apply for newly launched co-branded credit cards, or cards designed by the artist of their choice.

The ePlate credit card has a total of 52 reward partners, including the five new artists.

"What's so unique about artists is they're highly creative and they can produce regularly exclusive, creative rewards. All of our artists have painted or drawn exclusive artwork that's available nowhere else," said Jeffrey Mullen, CEO and founder of Dynamics. "We are creating a portal for artists they can go to."

The rewards program is one more way artists can be creative in showcasing their work to build public awareness.

The credit card should fit nicely in Santa Monicans' wallets given the city by the sea is

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**Local artists showcase work**
haleARTS S P A C E
2443 Main St., 5 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Visit haleARTS S P A C E for the opening reception of a show featuring the work of Aubrey Studebaker and Gerry Hall. The show, which will run through Sept. 18, will feature Studebaker's acrylic canvases and Hall's photography of Southern California. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 314-8038.

**Writing up something good**
1450 Ocean
1450 Ocean Ave., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
For a $20 fee, participants can practice the finer technical skills of food writing, whether for a blog or publication and everything in between. Join award-winning author Charles Hood for a tasteful hands-on workshop. Advance registration accepted at 1450 Ocean between 9 a.m. — 5 p.m. For more information, call (310) 458-2239.

**All-out wine party**
Monsoon Cafe
1212 Third Street Promenade, 8 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Try unlimited pours of wines and discounted pricing on custom sushi rolls prepared on site at the SaMo Wine Party. Be sure to bring your dancing shoes to jam out to the DJ's tunes. Admission is $52, but you can use the limited time promo code "YES" to pay only $25. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit samowineparty.eventbrite.com.

### Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013

**Out with the waste**
City Yards
2500 Michigan Ave., 9 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Take unwanted materials to the city's Household Hazardous Waste Center where a technician will unload and process. For more information, visit www.sustainablesm.org/hhw.

**Stand up for paddleboards**
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 9 a.m.
Try the fastest growing watersport in the world for $55 a class. Register by 5 p.m. the Friday before class. For more information, visit beachhouse.smgov.net.

**Fix 'er up**
Santa Monica Bike Center
1555 Second St., Unit A, 10 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Learn to identify bike parts and tools, diagnose common problems and understand what to know before buying a bike. The class also covers how to change tires and fix flats. Beginners and DIY enthusiasts alike will learn a range of skills from experienced mechanics. Bike maintenance classes are free of charge for SM Bike Center members; $10 fee for non-members. For more information, visit sustainablestreets.org/bike-maintenance.

### Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013

**Vroom, vroom**
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## CORRECTION

In the article "Development proposed for Fred Segal site," which appeared in the Sept. 5 edition of the Daily Press, it should have stated the proposed development is about 303,000 square feet. The parcel is 67,500 square feet.



## JUST A TRIM

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

**A city-contracted work crew was trimming trees on Fifth Street on Thursday afternoon. The trees stand adjacent to the Big Blue Bus depot, just off Interstate 10.**

# Attorney says Boy Scouts civil trial likely next year

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**LOS ANGELES** A civil case that involves documents detailing two decades of sexual abuse claims within the Boy Scouts of America isn't expected to return to court until next year, an attorney said Thursday.

A hearing seeking dismissal of the lawsuit has been set for January. If a Santa Barbara County judge rejects the motion by the scouting organization, a trial date will likely be set, said attorney Timothy Hale, who represents a former Scout who claims a leader sexually assaulted him at a Christmas tree fundraiser in 2007.

Earlier this year, the judge ruled that roughly 120,000 pages of internal files detailing sexual abuse allegations dating back to 1991 could be entered as evidence in the case. The judge ordered the removal of alleged victims' names

The state Supreme Court later rejected an appeal seeking to prevent the disclosure of the documents, which have not yet been made public because of a protective order.

The lawsuit contends the files will expose a "culture of hidden sexual abuse."

Known as "ineligible volunteer files," the documents have been maintained since the 1920s and are intended to keep suspected molesters and others accused of misconduct out of Scouting.

Scouts officials have resisted releasing them and won't discuss their contents, citing the privacy rights of victims and the fact that many files are based on unproven allegations.

The Boy Scouts have been forced in another case to turn over such files dating from 1960 to 1991. The material made public in court detailed numerous cases in which claims were made and Boy Scout officials never alerted authorities and sometimes actively sought to protect people who were accused.

In its dismissal motion in the ongoing California case, the Boy Scouts said troop leaders are not employees of the youth organization and it was not responsible for supervising them. The agency said it's up to the school, church or service club that sponsors the troop to choose leaders and oversee what they do.

Hale, however, contended the youth organization does have control over the selection of troop leaders.

"The idea that there is separation between the national and local level is a mirage," Hale said.

The Boy Scouts also argued that it had no knowledge or warning that the leader, Al Stein, posed a threat to children.

Although there was some questionable behavior by Stein, incidents were never reported to the local council or the Boy Scouts, according to the motion.

# SCE seeks over $2B from ratepayers over nuke plant

**ASSOCIATED PRESS**

**SANTA ANA, Calif.** Southern California Edison wants customers to pay more than $2 billion over the next seven years to cover the company's capital investment in the shuttered San Onofre nuclear plant.

Edison outlined its proposal with the California Public Utilities Commission last month, The Orange County Register reported Thursday.

The utility says it needs the money to compensate shareholders. A commission decision is not expected until next year.

Edison believes reduced labor and other costs at the closed plant will help offset the bill for buying replacement power, since the twin reactors no longer produce electricity for customers. That would result in no change in customer rates, the company predicts.

The state Division of Ratepayer Advocates, an independent arm of the commission, has argued that it is unreasonable to continue charging ratepayers for a plant that produces no power.

San Onofre, located between San Diego and Los Angeles, was shut down in January 2012 after a small radiation leak led to the discovery of heavily damaged tubing in its virtually new steam generators. Edison closed the plant for good after a long fight with environmentalists over safety issues.

Edison is also seeking damages from insurers and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, which built the faulty generators.

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### City Hall complaints

**Editor:**

Santa Monica, unlike Southern California in general, is the last to realize that a trend has passed. California used to make trends. Santa Monica copies trends until the toner runs out.

Fred Segal site slated for development ("Development proposed for Fred Segal site," Sept. 5)? You mean one of the last one-story sites with parking will be leveled? Oh yeah, make it multi-use. That went the way of cafeteria/gyms where a peanut butter sandwich smelled like a 10-day-old locker-dried towel to the students who tried to eat in the cafeteria.

As far as the parking meters that don't let you use the maximum time limit unless you put in your money all at once, listen up, the City Council does not want you or your business, they just want your money. Living trusts to Santa Monica in lieu of Big Blue Bus transfers will be the next request of council.

That lemon of a fountain in front of City Hall should have been poured in place by an experienced pool contractor. Instead they built a pre-cast assembly with joints for days that took cranes and a moving super structure of I beams to put the pieces in place, only to fail to do the deed. That is, connect City Hall to the Santa Monica Pier via a green park. Recall, anyone?

**Leif Johanson**
Santa Monica

### Instead of war, rebuild Detroit

**Editor:**

If Syria is a world problem, as Obama says it is, why is the U.S. intent on going it alone to attack Syria ("Locals weigh in on Syria crisis," Sept. 4)? And what is the purpose of an American pre-emptive strike? Syria hasn't attacked this country. Why not let the rest of the world handle this one?

Saudi Arabia wants to pay oil dollars for a U.S. police action. They pay us as if we're security guards.

For all the money it will take for cruise and tomahawk missiles alone, couldn't Detroit use that money to rebuild with jobs, transportation and infrastructure support?

**Andy K. Liberman**
**Von Trimble, Jr.**
Santa Monica




## Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# More than just a coach

**GIVEN OUR HEAT WAVE YOU WOULDN'T** know it's almost fall. We can tell if for no other reason than football season has arrived. (As pigskin fans all across America let out a collective sigh, "Finally!")

Today the Santa Monica High School Vikings travel to Redondo Union to take on the Sea Hawks with a 7 p.m. kickoff to open the 2013 football season. The Vikings are led by head coach Travis Clark, who's in his fifth year at the helm of his high school alma mater.

Samohi has had its share of legendary head coaches in its storied football history, which includes seven CIF championships. Jim Sutherland coached from 1941 to 1952 and compiled an 80-13-4 record while Dr. Tebb Kusserow coached from 1971 to 1990 and was 122-49-4. Simply put, being the head football coach at Samohi is a tough act to follow.

For the charismatic Clark the journey has been, "Like living a dream." He's only the second African-American head coach at Samohi, and the first to also be an alum. He's already compiled an impressive 36-15 record.

More than 60 years ago, Coach Sutherland's remarkable success came despite the stressful times. His players were children of the Great Depression and, if that wasn't enough, then came WW II. Fathers went to war while mothers went to work in the war effort. Single-parent families and alcoholism were not uncommon.

On Dec. 6, 1941, Samohi beat Pomona in the CIF semi-finals on their home field. The next day Pearl Harbor was bombed. One week after that the Vikings won the title by beating Pasadena in the L.A. Coliseum, but their joy was lessened by the stark reality that the world had changed.

After that Christmas vacation most of the boys over 18 had enlisted and there wasn't a single Japanese student on campus. Fear of another attack gripped much of the West Coast. So getting teenage boys to focus on football practice wasn't easy.

But Sutherland, a teacher of basic fundamentals, was a strong father figure. No one wanted to disappoint Coach. On the field he was a dictator and a perfectionist, but he was always fair. For example, early in the season he implemented "The Circle."

If two linemen were competing for the same spot, they would face each other in a circle in front of their peers and the winner was declared the starter. Sure enough, in his inaugural season Sutherland led the Vikings to a CIF Championship. (Their first since 1920.)

During WW II, Sutherland joined the Navy. But after returning, in 1947, he led the Vikings to another CIF Championship. And they won again in 1952 with Ronnie Knox, a movie-star handsome quarterback who was a magician with the ball. Knox was a wonderful passer, a rugged runner and a ferocious hitter on defense coming out of the secondary. (In those days players played both sides of the ball.) Unfortunately his adoptive father, Harvey, was overbearing, to put it mildly.

Along with offering Ronnie a scholarship, U.C. Berkeley hired Sutherland as an assistant coach. That year, 1953, Samohi won another CIF Championship with likeable Jackie Douglas at quarterback. Jackie went to Stanford, where he was a backup to John Brodie, a future NFL MVP with the 49ers.

A multi-sport athlete, Douglas won the 1961 Pacific Southwest Tournament at the L.A. Tennis Club, the second most prestigious tourney in the country behind the U.S. Open. He eventually became one of Santa Monica's most successful realtors (Jon Douglas Company) and was a partner in a group that owns the building I live in until his death in 2010. A tragic soul, Knox died in 1992, having led the life of a transient poet.

Flashing back, in 1956 Sutherland became the head coach for the Washington State Cougars. Even when he was "let go" after his eighth season the university helped him acquire a Mercedes dealership in Pullman from which he became wealthy. In fact, he retired to a home on Hayden Lake in Idaho, built and owned by Bing Crosby.

Sutherland was so beloved by his former players that in 1977 they flew him in for a testimonial dinner held at the Miramar. The gala event was attended by over 150 well-wishers and there wasn't a dry eye in the house.

Sadly, Coach died less than three years later, but he lived on in the hearts of the kids who played for him. Now in their 80s, when they speak of him they're still kids at heart.

A 1961 Samohi graduate, Kusserow became the Vikings head coach at age 29 in 1971. Reflecting the program's remarkable continuity, Kusserow was Clark's coach when he was a Viking. He is currently writing about Samohi's seven CIF championship seasons chronicling the history of the times in which they took place. When completed it's a project that I very much look forward to reviewing.

It is said by some that life is a circle. So it is that this column was inspired by a football coach who helped turn boys into men over 60 years ago. I wonder if some day Coach Clark and his kids might also achieve something legendary. Perhaps then another writer will tell that story as I've tried to do here. And the circle rolls on.

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# Pair of NBA arena bills await their fate in state Legislature

LAURA OLSON
Associated Press

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** Two NBA teams in Northern California will be closely watching the final days of this year's legislative session, when state lawmakers will consider measures that would aid construction of new arenas for the franchises.

One proposal would assist the Golden State Warriors in their plan to move the team from Oakland to a possible waterfront arena in San Francisco, a move that has drawn the ire of East Bay lawmakers upset at jobs moving away.

The other measure is a last-minute proposal from the state Senate's top Democrat to make good on his promise to NBA officials that the Sacramento Kings will be able to build a new downtown arena with no unnecessary hassles involving California's tough environmental laws.

In both cases, the plans would still require approval from several government agencies. While the Warriors' plan has faced mostly regional concerns, critics have blasted the Kings arena bill as the latest in a pattern of special legislation aimed at jump-starting a particular project.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, disputes that assessment, telling reporters that aspects of his legislation would apply to projects beyond an arena for the Kings.

The proposed arena, to be located at a site currently occupied by a mall, was part of the pitch that Sacramento made to the NBA in its effort to keep the team from moving to Seattle. The team's new owners want to open the facility in fall 2016.

Keeping the Kings in the state capital is "a once-in-a-generation economic development opportunity," Steinberg said. For big projects that bring jobs, particularly for urban redevelopment, Steinberg said the state should "expedite the process and avoid undue litigation that can defeat what is otherwise a great opportunity and a great idea."

His amendment to SB743 would still require the project to go through a full environmental review process, but it would speed up consideration of lawsuits and allow for mediation instead of legal battles.

The effort comes as Steinberg also aims to find consensus on broad changes to the state's landmark environmental law, which some say has been abused to halt projects for non-environmental reasons.

Steinberg said his proposal builds on changes from recent laws designed to speed construction of large projects, including a bill intended to aid a new stadium in Los Angeles for an NFL team.

Critics say such bills amount to preferential treatment for well-connected developers and favored projects, allowing the work to bypass important rules such as the California Environmental Quality Act.

"We're disappointed to see yet another CEQA streamlining bill for yet another sports arena popping up in the last days of the legislative session," said Bruce Reznik, executive director of the Planning and Conservation League, in a statement. "While we appreciate the proposed bill doesn't affect the actual environmental review undertaken, the streamlining provisions included in this bill combine to take away many of CEQA's important enforcement mechanisms."

Meanwhile, a measure awaiting a vote on the Senate floor, AB1273, would help the Golden State Warriors open a proposed 18,000-seat arena at Piers 30-32 in San Francisco. Team owners hope to unveil the facility for the 2017 season, though the San Francisco Chronicle has reported that the project is behind schedule and cost estimates for repairing the pier have increased.

The legislation from Assemblyman Phil Ting, D-San Francisco, would authorize the State Lands Commission to give its approval that the project is consistent with public trust laws for development along the shoreline. It would not change the required reviews under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Under the current plans, there would still be public access to the site, which would host events beyond basketball games and include open space around the facility.

When the measure cleared the Assembly in May, Ting said the piers are in need of expensive repairs and the Warriors' proposal would bring a project worth almost $1 billion into the city. That investment would benefit the entire region, he said.

Some East Bay cities and lawmakers have opposed the bill, which they say endorses shifting jobs from an economically distressed area to a region with a low unemployment rate.

Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley, has said the legislation would give an advantage to San Francisco without any trade-offs or recognition that Oakland and the surrounding areas would be impacted by the loss of the sports team.

Ting's bill could come up for a Senate vote as soon as Friday and could then return to the Assembly for a final tally before it could reach the governor's desk. Steinberg's proposal on the Kings arena will await consideration by both chambers next week during the Legislature's final session days.

## The Q Line

### Building up

With the forthcoming Expo Light Rail Line comes much construction and its related frustrations.

**So, this week's Q-Line question asks:**
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9/20 & 9/21, Friday & Saturday, 10 AM-5 PM
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Santa Monica Beach by the Pier

Santa Monica Airport Open House –
Recycled Art with Cassandra Tondro
9/21, Saturday, 12 PM-5 PM
Santa Monica Airport Administration Building

Sustainable Food Workshop –
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9/21, Saturday, 12 PM-3 PM
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# Dodgers' Vin Scully to be grand marshal of 2014 Rose Parade

**BETH HARRIS**
AP Sports Writer

**PASADENA, Calif.** Vin Scully will usher in 2014 as grand marshal of the 125th Rose Parade, an honor the Los Angeles Dodgers broadcaster initially wasn't sure he would accept.

The more he thought about it, though, the more he warmed up to the idea, calling it "one of those one-in-a-million experiences."

Scully will be joined by his wife, Sandi, for the 5 ?-mile ride down Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena on Jan. 1. He was introduced as grand marshal on Thursday at Tournament House.

He told The Associated Press in an interview before the announcement that his first reaction to being chosen was, "Wow."

Then came some doubt.

The intensely private Scully is rarely seen publicly after the Dodgers' season ends, preferring to spend the winter months at home with his wife of nearly 40 years and their extended family.

The prospect of being the center of attention for several hundred thousand parade revelers and a worldwide television audience had Scully thinking carefully. His wife provided some gentle persuasion.

"She kind of pushed him that on behalf of the Dodgers and on behalf of the fans he needed to do this," Tournament of Roses President R. Scott Jenkins told the Associated Press.

"He is such a humble person that I feared he would not want to be out there and get the accolades. He spends the summer applauding our sports heroes. He is our hero and we get to applaud him and his life's work," Jenkins said.

Scully questioned why he would be chosen as grand marshal, an honor that has previously gone to such luminaries as Frank Sinatra, John Wayne, Walt Disney and Mickey Mouse. Dodgers star Jackie Robinson was posthumously chosen in 1999, and home run king Hank Aaron served in 1975.

"I don't take it as any personal, great accomplishment," he said. "I only take it for what it is, the fact that I've been doing this for so long here and the Dodgers are doing well. It's not me."

That humility, along with Scully's career accomplishments and his integrity, is why Jenkins chose Scully.

"With Vin Scully you do know what you're going to get," he said. "That's why I think he's held in such high esteem."

Jenkins grew up in Los Angeles in the 1960s, and spent his summer nights falling asleep to Scully's dulcet voice over a transistor radio on his pillow.

"I have very fond memories and I'm sure I'm not the only one," he said.

Scully, who turns 86 in November, recently announced he will return to the booth for a record 65th season in 2014. He began his broadcasting career in 1950, when the Dodgers were in Brooklyn.

He works alone calling all nine innings of the team's televised games, with the first three innings simulcast on the radio.

The Dodgers lead the National League West standings, and are headed to their first playoff appearance in four years.

Presiding over the floral spectacle as grand marshal will bring Scully full circle.

He has fond memories of doing parade commentary for ABC in 1969 with "Bewitched" star Elizabeth Montgomery and he rode on the Dodgers' float in recent years.

# Historic downtown L.A. trolley derails; no injuries

**TAMI ABDOLLAH**
Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** A distinctive downtown Los Angeles trolley with a history of safety problems derailed Thursday after an electrical issue caused one of its two rail cars to come off the tracks.

No one was hurt, but six people were helped off the train. Only one was riding on the derailed car.

Angels Flight Railway President John H. Welborne said in a statement that a grounding brush for one of the cars had malfunctioned, depleting its batteries.

The lack of power triggered the trolley's new safety system and shut down operations. The car's rail brake was activated, and it caused the rear wheels on the car to lift.

"We apologize for the inconvenience to our passengers, whose safety is always our top priority, and we expect the cars to be back in service after the electrical ground issue is resolved and authority to resume the operation is given by the California Public Utilities Commission approves," Welborne said.

The historic funicular dubbed "the shortest railway in the world" goes up and down a hill and is operated by the nonprofit Angels Flight Railway Foundation.

The railway opened in 1901 and for the price of a penny carried people the 298-feet between the Hill Street business district and the top of Bunker Hill.

It was dismantled in 1969 for a redevelopment project and the orange and black wooden cars were stored for years before being reassembled in its current location.

In 2001, one car rolled down the track and crashed into the lower car, killing one person and injuring seven others. The 25-cent rides were halted until March 2010 as a result.

An investigation faulted a modern gear that had replaced an original part, causing a cable that raised and lowered the car to come off its spool. The emergency brake was also broken.

It took years for the foundation to raise the $3.5 million needed to repair and upgrade the railway to reopen it.

It reopened in 2010, and it now costs 50 cents to ride. Two years ago, the tiny railway was again shut down for nearly a month after concerns about wheel wear. It only reopened once state inspectors approved eight new steel wheels.

Welborne said that the railway now has multiple safety systems and any time one is triggered the entire system stops and multiple levels of braking occur.

# CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

## No plate leads to drug arrest

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. 30, AT 11:15 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers were driving north along the 2000 block of Cloverfield Boulevard when they saw a car heading south that was missing a license plate. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the 2300 block of Kansas Avenue. During their investigation, officers learned the driver had a suspended license. Officers searched the vehicle and said they found cocaine and a knife. The driver and her passenger denied the cocaine belonged to them. The driver also had in her possession $377 in small denominations. She was eventually booked for possession of narcotics. She was identified as Jannette Chaidez, 28, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $10,000.

### MONDAY, SEPT. 2, AT 2:30 P.M.,

A woman driving southbound on Second Street, waiting to make a left turn onto Broadway, heard and felt something hit one of her windows. When she looked in her rearview mirror she saw a man with a skateboard on his shoulder. She believed the man used the skateboard to hit her car. She saw a traffic service officer and asked him for help. He, in turn, called police. When officers arrived they saw the suspect running toward Fourth Street. He eventually threw himself to the ground at the corner of Fourth and Broadway and began flailing his arms and legs. Police ordered him to stop, but he refused, police said. While trying to handcuff him, the suspect allegedly jumped up and started to run. Officers used a Taser and were able to take the man into custody. He was booked at the Santa Monica Jail for vandalism. He was identified as Eric Daniel Rodriguez, 26, a transient. No bail was set.

### SUNDAY, SEPT. 1, AT 4 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 3100 block of Third Street regarding a report of domestic violence. When officers arrived they spoke with a man who said that he and his boyfriend were fighting. He said his boyfriend had been in West Hollywood all evening and was very drunk. He said an argument escalated and the boyfriend bit him on the chest and then hit him over the head with an empty bottle of wine. The suspect then left the location. He was located by officers along the 200 block of Hampton Court in Venice, Calif. He was taken into custody without incident and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Feliciano Felipe Lopez, 22, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $50,000.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 29, AT 8:28 P.M.,

Officers responded to a report of a woman refusing to leave Bloomingdale's. When officers arrived they spoke with the store's head of security who said the suspect tried to return a fake Tory Burch handbag using an unrelated bar code label and a receipt that did not match the purse or the label. The suspect allegedly tried to return the bag at three different checkout counters in the store. The security guard told officers the suspect did the same thing at the Century City store and received a gift card, which had subsequently been flagged for fraud. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary. She was identified as Elham Ebrahimi, 41, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at $20,000.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 29, AT 9:35 P.M.,

Officers on patrol along the 1800 block of Santa Monica Boulevard saw a man riding a bike on the sidewalk in violation of the Municipal Code. The officers stopped the cyclist to warn him about the violation. During their conversation, officers said the man exhibited signs that he was possibly under the influence of drugs. When officers questioned him further, he allegedly admitted to being under the influence of MDMA, or ecstasy. He gave the officers his wallet and they found several plastic bags of a white substance resembling cocaine. The suspect said he "forgot" the cocaine was in his wallet, police said. He was placed under arrest for possession of drugs. He was identified as Gustavo Morales, 22, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $10,000.

### THURSDAY, AUG. 29, AT 6:45 P.M.,

Two officers driving an unmarked police car on Lincoln Boulevard at Cedar Street saw a suspect wanted for stealing a Toyota Tacoma pickup walking down the street. Officers placed him under arrest for grand theft auto and burglary. Officers said the suspect, identified as Robert Anthony Munoz, 19, a transient, stole the truck from a subterranean garage of an apartment building on July 28. The owner said he parked his car in the garage, located along the 1400 block of Sixth Street, and when he returned to go to work he found it missing. The next day an officer driving with an automated license plate reader got a hit on a car parked along the 2000 block of Fifth Street. SMPD forensics specialists responded and were able to pull fingerprints from the car. Munoz was identified based on those prints, police said. His bail was set at $50,000.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 27, AT 7 A.M.,

Officers responded to a home located on the 2300 block of Oak Street regarding a family disturbance. A woman told a dispatcher that her son, who she believed was on drugs, was banging on her door. She reported that she was fearful of him. The dispatcher said they heard over the phone the son threatening to strangle the mother. When officers arrived they said they heard sounds of a struggle coming from inside the home. When the woman opened the door she insisted her son be taken to a hospital to be mentally diagnosed. Officers removed her from the home and spoke to the son. He admitted that he and his mother had argued about money that was missing. Officers noticed that a bedroom appeared to have been ransacked. Having probable cause to believe the son had attempted to rob his mother, they placed him under arrest. He was identified as David Saiid Canin, 27, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

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## CARD
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home to so many creative minds.

As of 2011, nearly half of the city's residents, or 37,000 people, made their living in the arts, said Jessica Cusick, City Hall's cultural affairs manager, in an e-mail. There were 1,736 arts-related businesses with 10,579 employees, or 13 percent of City Hall's total employment.

Cusick, who had not heard of the new credit card, said it was an "interesting, creative approach" to get artists more exposure so they can pay the bills. Very few artists make a living as an artist and have other jobs to help sustain themselves financially.

In Santa Monica, it's challenging to establish yourself as an artist because all the emerging artists are on the east side of Los Angeles because that's where they can afford to live, said Jan Williamson, executive director of 18th Street Arts Center, a nonprofit that provides housing and workspace for artists from all over the world.

Williamson said artists who are already established or further along in their careers can be found on the Westside.

"The biggest challenge is living here. As an emerging artist you rely on a shared network of relationships, access to equipment or workspace and you'll find groups of people renting warehouse space together in downtown Los Angeles, and those kinds of things are prohibitive on the Westside or not even available," Williamson said.

Monteavaro, who was approached by Mullen a few months ago, said the artist rewards program would get more people to collect original art. Growing up in South Bronx in the 1980s, he was heavily influenced by the urban landscape and specializes in a mixture of pop and street art. After he moved to California more than a decade ago, he started building up his artwork and name.

"What drew me more to [the credit card] was the fact it would make exclusive art work like signed prints, which I usually don't do, and make signed prints more acceptable to people," Monteavaro said.

He said sometimes art collecting can be intimidating for people and the rewards program is another avenue for people to have an original piece of artwork from their favorite artist. For the ePlate rewards program, Monteavaro said he made five prints.

If a consumer chooses Monteavaro's work, for every $5,000 spent on the fee version card, which has double rewards, a consumer gets a $350 signed print, Mullen said. Consumers can either buy a free version of the card, or pay a $99 annual fee for the fee card. Awards are available on both cards.

When consumers sign up for a card, they can choose what artwork they want on the front of the card. Artists also put their artwork in the magnetic stripe on the back of the credit cards, Mullen said.

The artists are paid based on the percentage of transactions made by the consumer.

"On the fee version of the card, we pay them one percent of all transactions. If someone goes into a store and buys a $100 dinner, the artist gets paid a dollar," Mullen said. "It's revenue generating opportunity for the artist. On the no-fee card, they get half a percent, so 50 cents."

It's free for the artists to be part of the rewards program, and interested artists can go to www.geteplate.com for more information.

In the future, Dynamics hopes to engage artists worldwide and is also exploring a photography rewards program, Mullen said.

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**RIDING: A parade of electric vehicles makes its way through Santa Monica in 2009.**

## PARKING
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limit is 35 mph or less.

According to McKeown, the remedy is clear: remove the phrase "valid and current" from the ordinance as it pertains to the decals, thereby decoupling municipal policy from changing state rules.

Simple as that may be, making the change brings with it debate about whether electric and low- or zero-emission vehicles should be granted free parking privileges in the first place.

Mayor Pam O'Connor cast the lone dissent to the council's pursuit of an ordinance amendment.

"I think it's important to incentivize the market for electric vehicles," she said, "but I don't think giving free parking is the way to do that. The most environmental way to get around is to walk, to take the low-emission public transit, etc."

In recent years, Santa Monica has raised parking meter rates in an effort to encourage alternative modes of travel and reduce traffic congestion Downtown.

When asked whether the proposed ordinance amendment contradicts this policy, McKeown told the Daily Press, "In this case, as in most, we're balancing multiple interests and concerns. We want to reduce total vehicle use to cut down on traffic congestion, but also to promote better air quality. We would hope for fewer car trips in general, but also that more of those trips that do happen are in clean-air vehicles."

So far this year, Americans have purchased 58,480 electric vehicles, with more than 10,000 being sold in August alone, obliterating the former record of 8,559 set in December 2012, according to a report by InsideEVs, which tracks the progress of every plug-in vehicle sold in America. The report looked at monthly sales for the major plug-in automakers. [It estimated sales by Tesla, since it only releases quarterly data.]

The figures prove "the business of electric vehicles is still the strongest automotive segment in America," read the report.

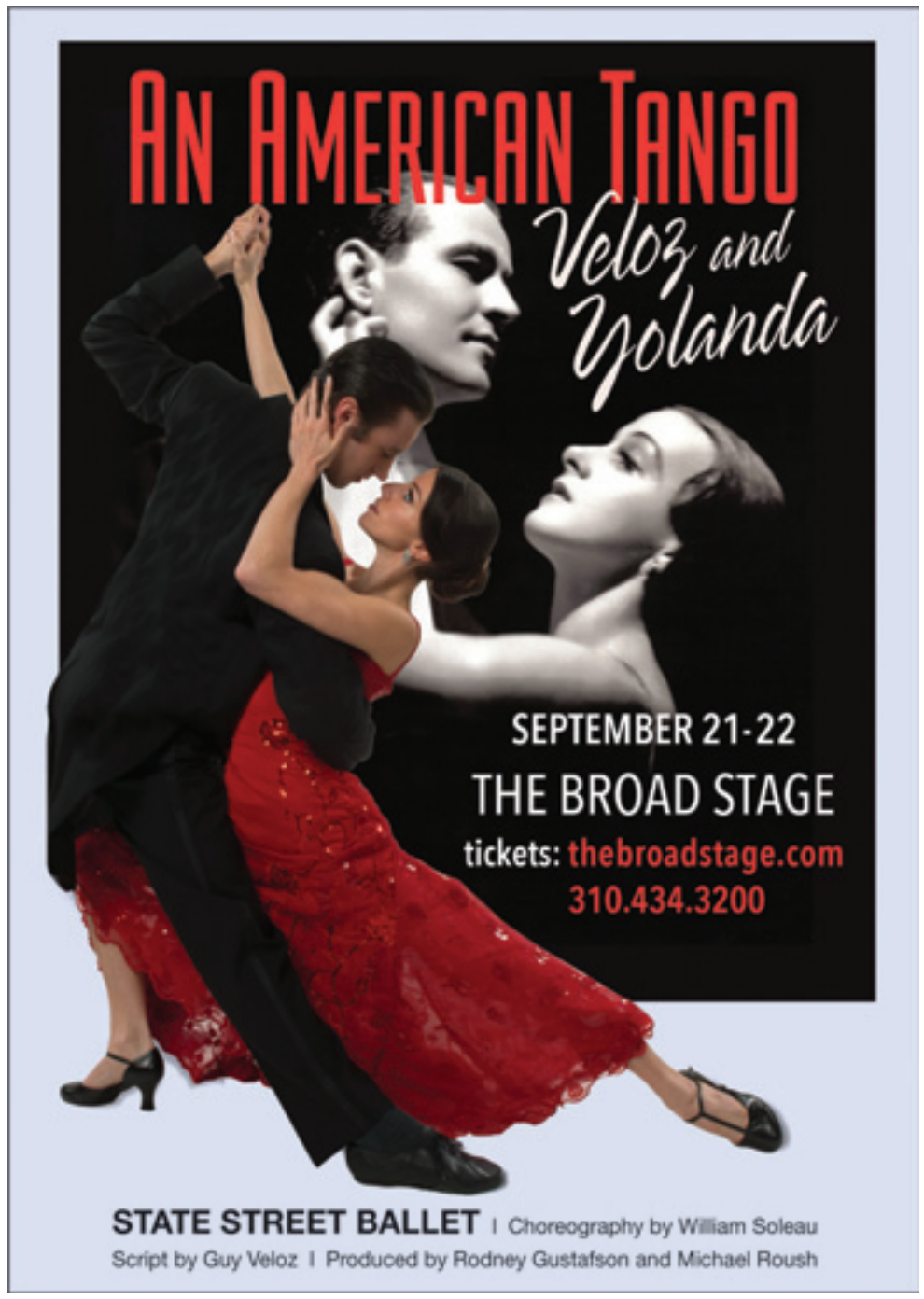
A reason for the increase may be that manufacturers are slashing prices to encourage people to purchase their rides. Ford has cut prices for the 2014 Focus EV by $4,000 and the cost of the Nissan Leaf was lowered by $6,400 this year. That is on top of a federal tax credit and other state and local incentives.

As for NEVs, according to a 2011 report from Pike Research, the total number of NEVs on the world's roadways are expected to grow to 695,000 by 2017, a 45 percent increase. During that period, the cleantech market intelligence firm forecasts that annual NEV sales will rise from 37,000 vehicles to nearly 55,000 units by 2017, and North America will account for 45 percent of annual sales.

"I'm hopeful there will come a time where we have market saturation of electric vehicles so we have to reconsider our policy about giving parking privileges," Winterer said. "As we see more and more electric vehicles out there … then we'll just have to take a look at changing this."

The council must still sign off on the amendment. City Clerk Sarah Gorman said no date has been set for a vote.

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# AIRPORT

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work, with current buildings that could be used as creative and art spaces, thus providing rent to support maintenance of the park's operations.

Residents living around the airport have been pressuring city officials for years to either curtail operations at SMO or close it down completely because of a lack of runway safety areas and concerns about air and noise pollution. Some homes are located within 300 feet of the main runway.

City officials believe they are obligated to keep SMO open at least until July 1, 2015 as part of an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration that was signed after City Hall accepted federal grant money for airport improvements and repairs.

Santa Monicans have prepared for that closure date by engaging in a "visioning process," a three-phase effort that looked at what the airport provides to the community in terms of economic output, what people like and dislike about it and what they want to see there in the future.

"We want to create a fantastic big park on the Westside of L.A. and we feel it can be financed and there will be operating revenues that will come from the repurposing of existing development on the airport," Gruber, event chair, said. "We don't have a big urban city park."

One of the reasons to form the group was to create a "political context" for it, he said.

"The main obstacle is the federal government," Gruber said.

In the FAA's view, City Hall is obligated to keep Santa Monica Airport open through 2023 under assurances it gave in exchange for federal Airport Improvement Program grants, said Ian Gregor, FAA spokesman.

"The FAA also believes that the city is separately obligated to operate Santa Monica Airport beyond 2023 because it acquired the land on which the airport is located cost free from the federal government in 1948 under an instrument of transfer pursuant to the Surplus Property Act," Gregor said in an e-mail. "The FAA is fully committed to preserving the federal investment and keeping this airport open and operating, including specific performance of these obligations."

The formation of the airport park group came out of discussions from an April City Council meeting in which the council asked city officials to look into the idea of creating more open space, Gruber said.

The council told city officials to also look into a series of recommendations by the Airport Commission that included ceasing the sale of aviation fuel and ending leases with businesses that negatively impact the community, but most dramatic would be the removal of an 18-acre parcel owned by City Hall that would cut runway length and possibly prevent large planes from landing at the airport. Commissioners held that much of that could happen as soon as 2015.

Gruber said the ultimate goal is to transform the entire airport property.

The airport's future will be discussed by the City Council next spring, said Stelios Makrides, acting airport manager.

"At that time, if council chooses, they will direct us with what they want to do with Santa Monica Airport," Makrides said.

Joe Justice, owner and operator of Justice Aviation, a flight school located at SMO, said the text of the original transfer says if the FAA doesn't want the land the airport sits on, City Hall would then have the right to purchase it from the federal government.

"That seems to be forgotten at all the meetings," Justice said. "I wonder if all the Santa Monica citizens are wanting to spend $2 billion to make it a park. I personally don't think the city of Santa Monica currently has the money to buy the residual land."

Justice said if City Hall wanted to transform airport land into a park, "they should have all their ducks in a row before they close it as an airport." Or, he said City Hall could find itself walking in the same footsteps as Orange County officials who wanted to transform the former El Toro Marine Base into a grand park. After a decade of planning, the park and adjacent housing are just starting to come together.

"The city has already proposed closing the businesses around it so obviously flight schools won't be here if they get their way," Justice said. "Nobody who flies wants the city's' plan to take effect."

Park advocates want to create momentum to ensure the airport land is park space, said Cathy Larson, chairman of the Airport Committee for Friends of Sunset Park. She attended a meeting the park coalition held in the summer.

"I think in an urban area, the residents always want park space, especially in our community there is a high demand for playing fields," Larson said.

The community would likely embrace the recreational facilities since those amenities are difficult to come by in an urban area, she added.

The coalition will host a bike tour of the 96-year-old airfield on Sept. 15 to get residents more familiar with the space. The bike ride will take residents around the 227-acre parcel and begin at 10 a.m. at the southwest corner of Clover Park.

There will also be a workshop, "From Airport to Park: Turning Santa Monica Airport into a Park for Everyone," on Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. at the Mount Olive Church on Ocean Park Boulevard.

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# Stocks edge higher after encouraging jobs reports

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

**NEW YORK** More evidence of an improving job market helped lift stocks Thursday.

The pair of employment reports also boosted the yield on 10-year Treasury notes to 3 percent, the highest level since July 2011.

The Labor Department reported that the four-week average of applications for U.S. unemployment benefits has fallen in the past month to its lowest point since October 2007, two months before the Great Recession officially began.

Also, a survey from the payroll company ADP showed that American businesses added 176,000 jobs in August, fewer than in June and July but roughly in line with the monthly average for the year.

The encouraging news came one day before the government releases its closely watched report on job growth for August. Many investors believe that strong growth will ensure that the Federal Reserve will start to reduce, or "taper," its bond-buying program later this month.

The U.S. central bank is buying $85 billion in bonds a month to keep long-term interest rates low and to stimulate the economy. Fed stimulus has helped drive a bull market in stocks that has lasted more than four years.

Thursday's employment news means that "the Fed probably lays out a tapering schedule in September," said Phil Orlando, chief equity market strategist at Federated Investors.

While stock trading may be volatile in the coming weeks, investors will ultimately see the reduced stimulus as a positive sign because it means that the economy is strong enough to expand without the Fed's help, Orlando said. "It should leave stocks in great shape."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 6.61 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 14,937.48. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose two points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,655.08. The Nasdaq composite gained 9.74 points, or 0.3 percent, to 3,658.78.

Some retail stocks were among the biggest gainers.

Costco rose $3.12, or 2.8 percent, to $114.62 after the discount store chain said revenue at stores open at least a year rose 4 percent in August, slightly faster than Wall Street's expectations. Walgreen's also gained after reporting a strong rise in sales last month. Walgreen's rose 70 cents, or 1.4 percent, to $50.19 after reporting a 4.8 percent increase in sales.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note climbed after the jobs reports. It also edged higher after a private survey showed that the U.S. service sector expanded at the fastest pace in nearly 8 years last month as sales and orders grew and employers ramped up hiring.

The yield on the 10-year note rose to 3 percent late Thursday from 2.90 a day earlier. The yield is the highest it's been in two years as bond traders anticipate that the Fed will cut back its stimulus. It has risen sharply from 1.63 percent in early May.

Rising yields on Treasury notes matter for the economy because they are used to set mortgage rates and other key interest rates. Average fixed rates on U.S. long-term mortgage rates rose to 4.57 percent this week, close to their highest of the year.

Stocks slumped in August, partly over concerns that the Fed would slow its stimulus and higher interest rates would harm the economy. The S&P 500 index fell 3.1 percent, its biggest monthly decline since May 2012.

It appears, however, that investors are getting more comfortable with higher borrowing costs.

"We don't anticipate that a gradual rise in rates will choke off the economy," said Dave Roda, regional chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "We are still looking at very low rates historically."

In commodities trading, the price of oil rose $1.14, or 1.1 percent, to $108.37 a barrel. Gold fell $17, or 1.2 percent, to $1,373 an ounce.

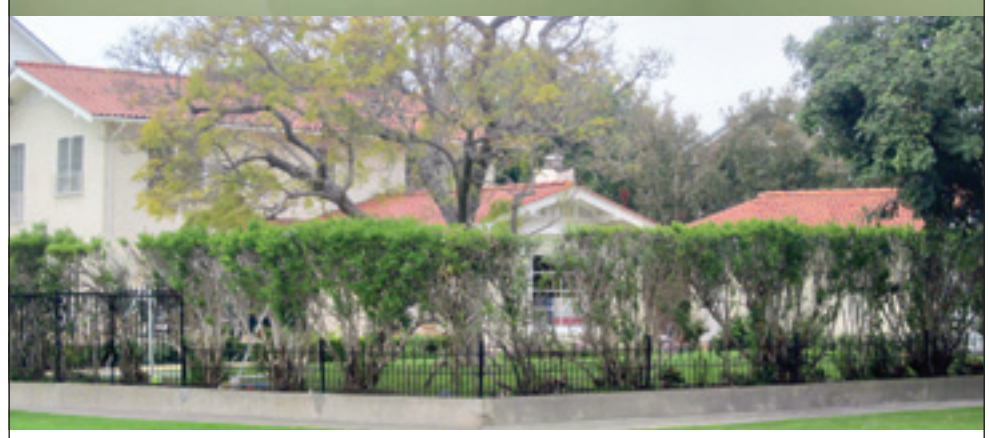
Among other stocks making big moves:

• Conn's, a consumer finance company, fell $7.95, or 12 percent, to $60.36 after the company reported second-quarter earnings that missed Wall Street expectations.

• Groupon rose 37 cents, or 3.5 percent, to $10.66 after Morgan Stanley raised its recommendation on the stock to "overweight" as the company tweaked its business model.

• Louisiana-Pacific, a building products company, rose $1.69, or 11 percent, to $16.95 after the company said late Wednesday that it is buying Ainsworth Lumber of Canada for $1.1 billion.











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larger sets for top combo spots to around chest high

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
SW swell continues; NW swell mix easing; slightly larger sets for top spots

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Small SW swell continues, filling in a bit more

MONDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Small SW swell

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## NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa 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 (breach location)- daily. | A | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | F | ns |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A | ns |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | ns |
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| 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. | A | ns |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | A | ns |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.. | A+ | ns |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower. | A | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | B | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain. | A+ | ns |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty). | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |

**LEGEND**

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

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# Clayton Kershaw wins Branch Rickey Award

**ARNIE STAPLETON**
AP Sports Writer

**DENVER** Los Angeles Dodgers left-hander Clayton Kershaw is being recognized for his work off the field. He's the winner of the 2013 Branch Rickey Award in recognition of his community work.

Created by the Rotary Club of Denver in 1991, the Branch Rickey Award honors individuals in baseball who contribute to their communities and are strong role models for young people.

At 25, Kershaw is the youngest person to receive the award.

Each year, major league teams nominate a player, coach or executive, either active or retired, for the award. The award is named in honor of the late baseball executive known for creating the framework for the modern minor league farm system and for breaking baseball's color barrier by signing Jackie Robinson, the first black player in the major leagues.

"Branch Rickey is a pretty influential person, especially to this franchise. So it has a little bit special meaning to me," Kershaw said.

A three-time All-Star and Cy Young Award winner, Kershaw also was honored with the 2012 Roberto Clemente Award for his sportsmanship and off-field endeavors.

Kershaw and his wife, Ellen, founded Kershaw's Challenge, a foundation that seeks to transform at-risk children and communities. Their cornerstone charity, "Arise Africa," has built and sustained an orphanage in Lusaka, Zambia, called "Arise Home." Each year, the Kershaws travel to Africa to visit with children and to bring awareness of diseases and infections related to HIV and AIDS.

"My wife and I, we just feel so fortunate we get to do stuff off the field. To get recognized for it definitely isn't what we're in it for. But it definitely is a humbling thing to get that honor," Kershaw said. "More than anything, it just kind of brings more awareness nationally to what we're trying to do, not only in Africa but what else our foundation stands for. It's a huge honor for us, and we're just grateful for it."

Kershaw's Challenge is also involved with Sharefest in Los Angeles and Mercy Street in his hometown of Dallas, both of which seek to improve the lives of at-risk youth through after-school programs and sports. Since 2011, Kershaw has donated $500 to Kershaw's Challenge for each batter he strikes out.

He leads the National League with 201 strikeouts this season and his 1.89 ERA is tops in the majors.

Kershaw (14-8) will be honored at a banquet in Denver on Nov. 16.

"We'll be there," Kershaw said, "hopefully a couple weeks after we win it all."

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**Mamma Roma (NR) 1hr 50min**
7:30pm

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**This Is The End (R) 1hr 47min**
11:00am, 4:25pm, 10:15pm

**World's End (R) 1hr 49min**
11:30am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

**Lee Daniels' The Butler (PG-13) 2hrs 12min**
11:00am, 12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

**Jobs (PG-13) 2hrs 02min**
1:30pm, 7:00pm

**Grandmaster (Yi dai zong shi) (PG-13) 2hrs 10min**
1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

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**Elysium (R) 1hr 49min**
11:25am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

**Planes (PG) 1hr 32min**
10:50am, 1:25pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

**Getaway (PG-13) 1hr 34min**
11:40am, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

**We're the Millers (R) 1hr 50min**
10:40am, 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

**Closed Circuit (R) 1hr 36min**
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm, 10:50pm

**One Direction: This Is Us in 3D (PG) 1hr 32min**
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

**Riddick (R) 1hr 59min**
10:40am, 1:35pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:55pm

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1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

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1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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

**TV Man (NR)**
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

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## EXPLORE A NEW SPOT TONIGHT, AQUARIUS

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Communication sizzles even without you taking action. Others seek you out for countless reasons, and you will respond to their inquiries. Don't put plans on the back burner for this weekend -- make them an active part of today's conversations. Tonight: Go along with plans.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Someone might decide to reveal his or her true feelings in the morning. You could be taken aback by how verbal this person is, and perhaps you'll wish that he or she had chosen a different day. Tonight: Mellow out.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ As the day gets older, you'll become more dynamic and direct. How you deal with someone could vary, as you might note a change in his or her response. The smart move would be to put all your cards on the table. Tonight: Let your hair down.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Know that you have the power to make a change. Either act this morning or wait for several days until the Force is strong with you. Someone might talk your ear off. Don't walk away from the conversation; there is something you need to hear. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have a lot to say. Deal with a financial matter first so that you can relax later in the day. Start a conversation with a friend as soon as you can, because it could go on for a long time. You might have a matter you want to clear up. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ It might seem as if someone has convinced you that you need to be more open. The outcome could be great, and you will feel much better about yourself as a result. Making a decision like this is important. Tonight: Treat yourself to something you really want.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your mood will change in the afternoon. You'll go from being withdrawn to being open and carefree. You might wonder how this could happen, but don't -- just get into the moment. Tonight: Happy as a clam.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ People could play a bigger role in your life than usual this morning. Some even might share news you've never heard before. There is a new openness. You will be left to evaluate the pros and cons of certain decisions you have made. Tonight: Have a somewhat quiet night.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ A boss suddenly could reveal his or her true agenda. You might have to choose whether to accept where this person is coming from. Don't feel as if you need to give an immediate answer. Tonight: Only what you want.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Check in with an expert this morning. You might want to detach from a hair-raising situation. You will know what to do once you learn to avoid your triggers. Take charge of your day, and make plans that suit you. Tonight: TGIF! Let a meeting transform into a celebration.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Listen to news, and be direct in your dealings. A partner might keep feeding you information. What this person claims to know could be different from what the original source says. Tonight: Explore a new spot.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You will listen to others, but know that you also need to respond to the issue at hand. If you do not agree at this point, be prepared to detach and venture off in a different direction. You will be well received. Follow-through counts. Tonight: Head to a new Friday night scene.

**Friday, September 6, 2013**

This year you will alternate between being busy and efficient and being diplomatic and caring. Others who deal with you might not know which of your dynamic traits they will come across. You inadvertently could cause some nervous responses. Some will find this duality exciting. If you are single, opt to date the person who finds this type of behavior exciting. If you are attached, you will reach a new level of understanding. Your sweetie will respond to your sensitivity, which will encourage a different aspect to your bond. LIBRA finds you to be demanding.

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★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
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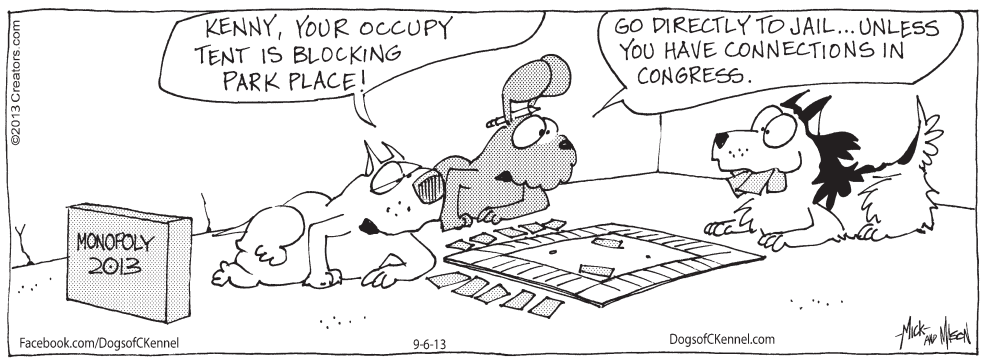
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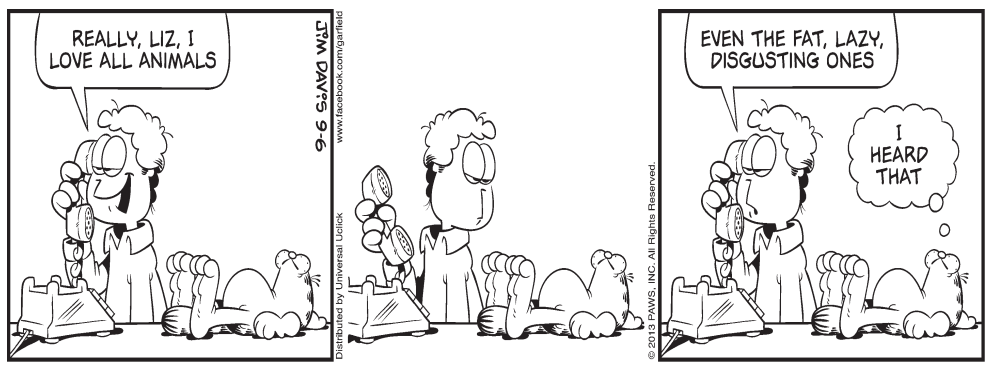

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# Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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| 7 | | 8 | | 9 | | 1 | | 6 |

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## GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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# *CROSSWORD*

## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Coffee bar order
**6** Store fixtures
**11** Carl's wife in "Up"
**12** Cove
**13** Derisive sound
**14** It's worth ten saw-bucks
**15** Greek letters
**16** Bad way to marry
**18** Low digit
**19** 1949 film noir classic
**20** Building wing
**21** Rocker Rundgren
**23** Com-merce
**25** Cleveland player, for short
**27** Sawbones
**28** Plane part
**30** Smack
**33** Mountain pass
**34** Cry loudly
**36** Dem.'s foe
**37** "Top Hat" star
**39** Lot sight
**40** High-step-ping aid
**41** Hot room
**43** Utah city
**44** Decree
**45** Ping producer
**46** Lugs

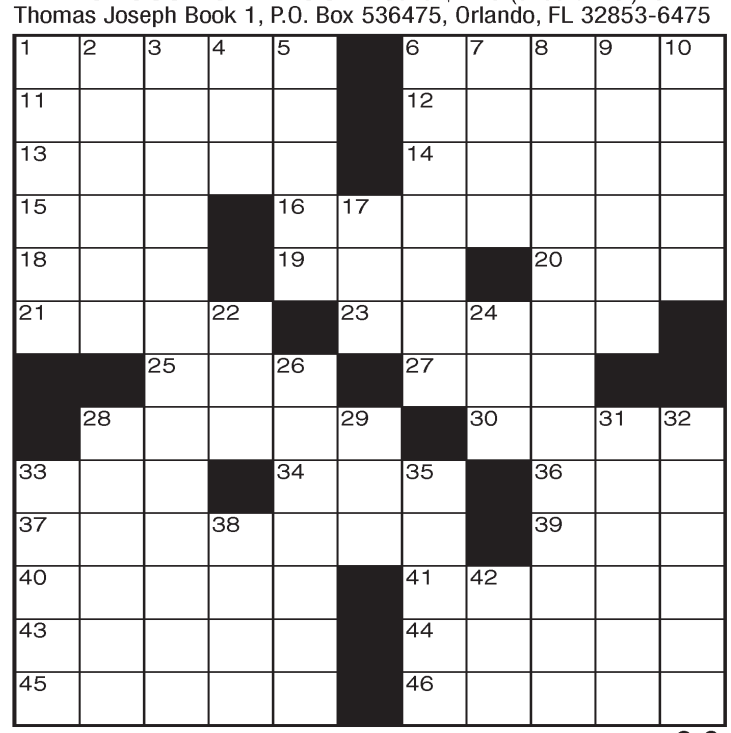
**DOWN**

**1** Tyrant
**2** Weather-influencing current
**3** TV subtitle
**4** Hang out
**5** Mal-odorous
**6** Crusading king
**7** "The King and I" heroine
**8** Like some TV
**9** Kitchen whistler
**10** Sword material
**17** Negating word
**22** Bit of ointment
**24** Fine, to astronauts
**26** Guest
**28** Big name in Havana
**29** Negating word
**31** Medium meeting
**32** Small herrings
**33** Surprised sounds
**35** Plague
**38** Edison's middle name
**42** Bustle

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2 9 26 45 47
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Draw Date: 9/3
4 13 14 28 41
Mega#: 28
Jackpot: $95M

**SUPER LOTTO PLUS**
Draw Date: 9/4
12 19 22 37 45
Mega#: 15
Jackpot: $8M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 9/5
7 9 19 34 36

**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 9/5
MIDDAY: 3 0 8
EVENING: 4 9 2

**DAILY DERBY**
Draw Date: 9/5
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2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The conflicted double life of Israeli Orthodox Jew Shadar Hadar, 34, might be as formidable to manage as that of an international spy. Though deeply and defiantly religious, he typically around midnight "trades his knitted white yarmulke" for a "wavy blond wig and pink velvet dress" and takes the stage as a nascent drag queen, according to an August Associated Press dispatch from Jerusalem. His gayness has alienated his ex-wife (who bars him from seeing their daughter, now 11) and is only grudgingly accepted by his parents. As a bridge of sorts in his life, he has rejected the usual raunchy drag queen personas and adopted instead that of a female rabbinic adviser, musing from the stage on optimistic teachings of Breslov Hasidic ultra-Orthodox Judaism.

■ Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium, whose construction was financed in 1964 by borrowing $25 million (and untold more as part of a subway expansion to service the stadium), was demolished in 2004 and is but a memory to the city's sports fans. However, nine years later, the city is still paying for it (though next year will retire the $25 million bond and nine years from now, the city hopes, will retire the stadium/subway bond). The city's deputy controller told PhillyMag.com in June, profoundly, "When issuing a bond to build a facility, the debt payment on that bond should not outlast the facility."

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When the City Council directed us to modify our original 135-foot tall plan, which covered much of the property, they told us to create a thinner, taller central building to significantly reduce the hotel's footprint and reduce the impact on ocean views. By doing this, more than 50% of the hotel's 4.5 acres will be open space.

That's an increase of nearly 40% from the current hotel.

The uninviting walls surrounding the property will be removed. There will also be a new public plaza with a prominent art element, wide sidewalks and public seating. This new open space, with the additional greening and open site design, forms a coherent visual tie to Palisades Park and provides new, unrestricted views of the beloved Moreton Bay Fig Tree from Ocean Avenue, Wilshire Boulevard and Second Street.

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