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Future of the Pier up for discussion

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The Santa Monica Pier is one of the most visited sites in California and the city is hosting a community workshop on Monday to discuss the future of the local icon.

Specifically, organizers are hoping to discuss points of access, pedestrian flow and possible uses for spaces currently underutilized.

Organizers said the motivation for the discussion is the upcoming replacement of the Pier Bridge.

The City, in cooperation with the California Department of Transportation, will replace the current bridge with a new multimodal bridge to meet seismic and disability standards.

The project requires demolition of the existing bridge and construction of a new bridge in the same location. The new structure will likely separate vehicles from pedestrians, rerouting traffic to a new access point that will open up new possibilities along the current roadway.

The meeting will be facilitated by the ROMA Design Group who is working with city staff to consider improvements to the layout and flow of the pier. They are also working on opportunity sites for the pier that could be currently under utilized.

Organizers said the consultants will be on hand to help provide details about the physical limitations of the pier and give some economic context.

"Part of what the consultants have been hired for is revenue and cost implications to make sure we're not just dreaming," said Pier Corporation Board member Judy Abdo.

"There are a few areas of the pier that are now under month to month leases or not fully planned, if you take the entrance into the parking that we currently use, next to the Albright, and have that not be a street anymore or driveway, then what do you do with that space," she said.

She said there are also discussions to be had on the way bicycles access the pier and the way people move through the space.

"Hopefully some great ideas will arise with the help of public input, then with Council's approval, we'll have a roadmap of

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Video games gain social component

BY NICHOLAS SALAZAR
Daily Press Intern

This fall, young students in Santa Monica have the choice of a novel after-school activity.

Super League Gaming, a Santa Monica-based startup, is offering a recreational video game league played in movie theaters. Participants will play both competitive and collaborative iterations of the popular game Minecraft, in which players use tools, collect resources and build structures in a massive virtual world. The company has signed exclusive deals with Regal, AMC, and Cinemark, to use their theaters as gaming arenas in which gamers bring their own computers to the theater for a first-person view on their personal screen, while an aerial view of the entire virtual arena is projected on the movie screen.

The idea for the league came from a group of fathers who wanted to add an element of in-person socialization to their children's gaming experiences.

"We're a group of dads who wanted to make gaming more social and communal for our own kids," said Super League Gaming Co-Founder John Miller in a statement, "Video games don't have to be a solitary experience."

The company is also based in the founders' own nostalgia for their gaming past.

"We remembered what it was like to play in arcades" said Super League President and COO, Brett Morris in a statement. "Super League creates those moments again - moments where you connect with other people playing the games you love, making new

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SMC WIN

Morgan Genser editor@smdp.com

Santa Monica College hosted Saddleback in a non-conference volleyball match on September 16 and won in four games 21-25, 25-19, 25-6, 25-16 to improve their record to 4-5. Pictured is Charlie Chiron De La Casinere attempting to spike the ball.

Norms site seen as harbinger of future development

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

The planning commission has approved a development agreement for a new mixed-use building at the former Norm's location (1601 Lincoln Boulevard).

The project includes two buildings, one 4-story (47 feet) and the second 5-story (57 feet) totaling 77,758 feet with 10,617 square feet of ground floor commercial space, 90 residential units, and two levels of subterranean parking with 168 parking spaces.

Zoning on the site allows for Tier 2 development (up to 4-stories) and the development agreement was required for the additional space.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

September 19

2015 Southern California Hemophilia Walk
5k walk with kids activities. Crescent Bay Park, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Coastal Cleanup Day
Volunteer with Heal the Bay on the sand at Towers 20, 27 and 1550. For more information call 800-HEAL-BAY or visit www.healthebay.org. Beach (Central), 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Master Gardeners at the Market
Master Gardeners provide free gardening tips, solutions to gardening problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise. Virginia Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

10th Annual AltCar Expo
The City of Santa Monica presents AltCar Expo, a free event held in conjunction with AltBuild Energy. The event will feature a number of North American vehicle debuts, lectures and demonstration opportunities. Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St., 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

L.A. Shelby Tony Sousa Memorial Car Show
Championship cars featured from the L.A. Chapter of the Shelby American Car Owners. For more information call (310) 458-8901 or visit www.santamonicapier.org. Santa Monica Pier, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pharaohs Festival
Food, culture, history, art and music. Friday 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.; Sat. & Sun. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. For more information call (310) 738-3595 or visit www.pharaohsfestival.com. Third Street Promenade, 1200 block, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

SAT Full Length Practice Test with Kaplan @ Main
Space is limited. Sign-ups begin Tuesday, September 1 at the Youth Reference Desk. Call (310) 458-8621 during library hours for more information. For grades 10 - 12 only. Main Library, Multipurpose Room, 2nd Floor, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Cyanotype with Miles Lewis
Cyanotype is an alternative photographic process that renders a deep blue exposure on most absorbent materials. It is a durable, adaptable, inexpensive, and a Do-It-Yourself method of analog photo-processing: requiring only water, two chemicals, and anything that casts a shadow. Cost $20. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Design your own Knitted Sock Pattern with Grace Akhrem
In this class we will learn how to create a basic customized sock pattern without foot measurements or a gauge swatch. Cost $30. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Mock New PSAT
PSAT will be brand new in October. Take the mock exam! Call the Branch to pre-register at (310) 458-8684. Grades 8-11. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 1 - 5 p.m.

1450 Ocean: What's the Story? A Writing Workshop with Stacie Chaiken
Stacie brings her long-running and much-beloved storytelling workshop What's the Story? to 1450 Ocean. Please register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/45647 or call (310) 458-2239. Cost $25. Palisades Park, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

1450 Ocean: World Wide Spin in Public Day
Join members of the Greater Los

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SHINE Features Inspiring True Stories About "My Calling"

How did you discover your purpose in life...or are you still looking? SHINE storytellers will share inspiring true stories about their search for "My Calling" on Sunday, September 20 at 7 p.m. at The Promenade Playhouse in Santa Monica.

SHINE will be hosted this month by Rahla Kahn, a dynamic entertainer and coach who has devoted her life to using laughter to heal. An original member of The Groundlings, she incorporated improvisational theater techniques into her methods for helping people let go of the causes of suffering and chronic stress. Kahn is on permanent staff at The Simonton Cancer Center and consults with corporations, medical groups, colleges, private clients, and the U.S. Army.

Live music will be provided this month by Wayne Perry, a renowned singer, songwriter, recording artist, voice coach, storyteller, and published author of "Sound Medicine." Originally from Chicago, Wayne now performs his all-vocal music and outrageous storytelling in Los Angeles.

Storytellers for SHINE are chosen from some of the nation's top award-winning storytellers, writers, and performers. New storytellers of all ages and walks of life also take the stage. Six storytellers are booked in advance, and one is chosen from the audience in a random drawing.

SHINE is held monthly on Sunday evenings at the Promenade Playhouse, 1404 Third Street Promenade in Santa Monica. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and show starts at 7 p.m.

Tickets are $10 and may be purchased in advance at www.StoreyProductions.com. Cash and checks only at the door.

Those interested in becoming a SHINE storyteller are encouraged to visit www.StoreyProductions.com in advance for monthly theme and submission guidelines.

- SUBMITTED BY ISABEL STOREY

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Angeles Spinning Guild for a demonstration of fiber spinning of various types, and get inspired to try hand spinning with a drop spindle - an ancient technology still in use! Free to the public. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/45773 or call (310) 458-2239, Palisades Park, 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Pirates, Ahoy! @ Main

It be Talk Like A Pirate Day! Learn pirate words, play pirate games and make ye a pirate craft! Ye can come dressed to impress like a pirate, if ye please. Main Library, Children's Activity Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.

HushLA Silent Dance Parties at the Pier

Returning to the Pier 3rd Saturdays May-Sept. Top DJ's transmit music to our signature wireless headphones. For more information call (213) 465-3123 or visit www.hlpresents.com. Santa Monica Pier, 7 - 11:30 p.m.

September 20

Los Angeles Liver Life Walk

Please join us for a day of hope to raise awareness and financing for research. For more information call 310-670-4624 or visit www.liverfoundation.org/walklosangeles. Ocean Park, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Fall Felt Flower Crown with Leslie Robinson

Create a simple garland of felt flowers and leaves on wire, a nice accessory for a fall wedding or mellow concert going in the park... and a fun gift for any tree nymphs you know! Cost $40. Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search/46527 or (310) 458-2239. Palisades Park, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

1450 Ocean: Handwork Hangout with Leslie Robinson

Local hatmaker Leslie Robinson will be supervising collage, beading, knitting, sewing and other handwork activities while taking apart and repurposing vintage hats, working on new fascinators and other projects that mix modern and vintage material. Cost $12. Enroll online for $2 off https://apm.activecommunities.com/santamonicarecreation/Activity_Search?detailskeyword=handwork. Palisades Park, 2 - 4 p.m.

Westside Sun Daze

An all ages hip hop fundraiser benefiting Pico Youth & Family Center. Featuring live performances by Verbs, Louis King, Daryn Christopher, Ubiquitous Love Tribe and more! Let's bring hip hop back to the people! Cost $7. All proceeds go to PYFC. 715 Pico Blvd., 4 - 10 p.m.

Infantile Humor Charity Comedy Show

A stand-up comedy show benefitting Baby2Baby. There is no need to book your sitter, babies 12 months and under are welcome on this date night! Cost $15 online or $20 at the door. Get tickets at https://nightout.com/events/infantile-humor-comedy-show/tickets. The Quest, 2122 Lincoln Blvd., 5 p.m.

SHINE: "My Calling"

Monthly storytelling series featuring inspiring true stories. Promenade Playhouse, 1404 Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m.

September 21

The Future of the Pier Community Workshop

Come join the discussion with the Pier Board, City staff, and consultants as we look into the future and evaluate opportunities to improve the layout and visitor experience of the Pier. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 6:30 p.m. www.smgov.net/Departments/OPM.

Architectural Review Board Meeting

The ARB generally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month unless there is a holiday. Meetings are held in the City Council Chambers at City Hall unless otherwise noted. City Hall, 1685 Main St., 7 p.m., www.smgov.net/Departments/PCD/Boards-Commissions/Architectural-Review-Board.

Main Library Book Group

This book group, which is open to all, features an eclectic selection of literary fiction and nonfiction. The September 2015 book being discussed is "Shifu, You'll Do Anything For A Laugh" by Mo Yan. Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Arts Commission Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Arts Commission. Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., 6:30 p.m. www.smgov.net/portals/culture/agendas.aspx

Sunflower Peace Vigil

A 'Sunflower Peace Vigil' will be held at Santa Monica's landmarked 26-foot tall 'Chain Reaction' peace sculpture at 5 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For further information on the vigil call Jerry Rubin at (310) 399-1000, e-mail Jerry at JerryPeaceActivistRubin@earthlink.net or visit the event facebook page at www.facebook.com/events/952645831473855/.

Robert Scheer: "They Know Everything About You: Robert Scheer"

Renowned journalist and author Robert Scheer - a clinical professor of communication at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism - has written 10 books and can be heard on the weekly radio program "Left, Right and Center" on KCRW, the National Public Radio affiliate headquartered at SMC. Free of charge. Santa Monica College, 1900 Pico Blvd., Business 111, 6:30 p.m.

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Talking Gas Pump Blues

Editor:

Not one but two Daily Press letter writers on Friday decried Santa Monica's talking gas pumps. Indeed, what a silly idea! We clearly should have singing gas pumps. In fact, advances in animatronics should allow for dancing gas pumps. We'll get on that right away. Both letter writers claimed they read about talking gas pumps in the Daily Press. What I thought you reported was that the Council voted (unanimously) to continue exploring climate change labels on commercial gas pumps – and we didn't commit a dime, let alone break into dance. One letter about talking gas pumps might be an anomaly, but two is a movement. Does the Daily Press publish a special acid-flashback edition that I've somehow missed?

Mayor Kevin McKeown
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SMart Thinking

By SM a.r.t. Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Adaptive reuse or vertical sprawl?

WE HAVE WRITTEN ABOUT ADAPTIVE re-use in our previous columns of "The Magic of Adaptive Reuse" and "Shape Up". We postulate that with proper incentives, the existing one, two and three story buildings lining our downtown streets and our boulevards provide all the buildable area we need if properly re-purposed for new uses, including housing. And with that notion we do not preclude the addition of a 2nd or 3rd floor to the existing buildings.

The City of Los Angeles has a specific adaptive reuse code section that encourages saving older buildings, they do so with specific incentives, both economic and with code compliance issues, recognizing safety at all times, but accepting certain exceptions that would otherwise be required of a new structure. Los Angeles specifically has guidelines that encourage adaptive reuse for housing and under that ordinance currently lists approximately 100 projects completed or in process of development, 3164 housing units completed, 2498 in construction, and another 848 in planning and process.

How has Santa Monica approached adaptive reuse in the newly adopted zoning code? Adaptive reuse is mentioned three times. That is more than in the previous zoning code. The reference occurs in the section titled "Employment Districts", which are then defined as the Industrial Conservation Zone, the Office Campus zone, and the Healthcare Mixed Use zone. And while the zones list 100 percent affordable as a permitted use, it is not as a specific incentive for the purposes of encouraging adaptive reuse and family housing is not among the approved uses "by right" except in the Healthcare district, which already encompasses existing residential neighborhoods.

Adaptive reuse means more than just saving an old building from demolition. It means that typically there is a lot of life, structurally and functionally, still left in the bones. Current technologies permit relatively easy adaptation to new energy saving devices such as LED lighting, high efficiency heating and air conditioning system upgrades, energy saving glass and solar panels. Water metering can be adapted for all or some new housing units in the event that the building is repurposed for all or a portion of housing. Adaptive reuse is not historic preservation of a landmark structure as the building does not need to be historically significant to be useable, and re-useable. Adaptive reuse means less demolition and is therefore a much more sustainable solution than complete demolition and having to build an entirely new structure. It also means a much smaller carbon footprint than will occur from hauling debris and earth from a subterranean excavation to a distant landfill that would accompany one of the big box buildings you see currently redefining our downtown.

In the building frenzy that is occurring between 4th and Lincoln downtown we are losing the character and soul of our beach town. Our 8.3 sq. miles are already built out horizontally, and yes, one can build taller and taller, but all that means is that you can simply stack more blocks on top of one another. Vertical sprawl means more vehicles and more congestion. It means more demand on the infrastructure, water consumption, power consumption, waste, and sewer demand. It means less open space and less blue sky. Simply put, more is more, and we don't need more, we need responsible.

As we stated in previous articles, "the 'greenest building' is the one not torn down." Adaptive reuse and the repurposing of existing low-rise structures that comprise the vast majority of Santa Monica's built environment can fulfill the future needs of responsible housing growth with appropriate incentives similar to Los Angeles. It is working in L.A. because it is being encouraged with more than just words. The most visible and current adaptive reuse project in Santa Monica is the rehabilitation of the PaperMate building, repurposing the manufacturing facility to an office use. The project drawings we have seen show the very long building being cut into two with a wide passageway separating the two halves, a landscaped green open area at the corner of 26th and Olympic, removal of one small structure allowing for one level of subterranean parking, and even a small dog park at Stewart St. The project designer listed is the world-class architecture firm of SOM (Skidmore, Owens & Merrill).

So, what is missing from this project? Housing. Had our zoning code had the incentives that encouraged housing, perhaps the project, now called The Pen Factory, would have inspired the developer to include a number of housing units, maybe in equal number to the potential jobs that will be created in the other half of the project. This may not have been the case but had the incentives been there the chance of maintaining a relative jobs/housing balance would be much higher than the straight office use that will now occupy the buildings.

The new zoning code for the Industrial Conservation zone states the following, "Assure high-quality design and site planning of office and employment areas and support the adaptive reuse of industrial buildings that contribute to the city as a whole." So while some might nit-pick and say The Pen is part of the Bergamot Area and not the industrial conservation zone, it is an industrial building and is adjacent to the industrial area, as newly defined in the LUCE (Land Use Circulation Element) and the new zoning map. It appears to be a good project and a good example of adaptive reuse, as opposed to the previously proposed vertical sprawl project known as Hines. But it is also another example of a missed opportunity due to a zoning code that didn't go that one step further and say, we have great low rise buildings that create and define the real fabric and soul of our beach town, and we need to encourage, with carefully considered incentives, their reuse, and recognize they have lots of life in them and should continue to serve our low rise community and let them age with grace.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Downtown

Santa Monica History Museum Gala Tribute Dinner

The Santa Monica History Museum will hold its Annual Gala Tribute Benefit Dinner on September 20 at the historic Casa del Mar Hotel.

The evening will feature a Silent Auction, entertainment and various surprises. The event gives the museum the opportunity to honor and recognize those who have been a part of history making in our community.

Monika White is Chair of the event and SMDP Publisher Rob Schwenker is Master of Ceremony. The museum has announced that the honorees are Eddie and Evelyn Guerboian, long-time prominent and active community members.

The Guerboians have served numerous non-profit organizations. Eddie served five years as board chair of the Santa Monica History Museum. Each has received special awards for their distinguished service. Eddie is the owner of Readers Fine Jewelers. The theme of the event is "Its Time To Celebrate."

The event will celebrate the birthdays and recognize the City of Santa Monica for its 140th, the Santa Monica History Museum's 40th and the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club's 110th.

The City developed from a Spanish land-grant to one of the renowned and popular cities in the world. More than seven million visitors a year come to Santa Monica. The museum's major projects include, saving Santa Monica's oldest brick building, the first City Hall (now a landmark) from demolition, sponsored the first archaeological dig in Santa Monica and did the research and requirements that gave the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club landmark status. The Woman's Club has carried out its mission of the advancement in all lines of culture, education, child welfare, social services and philanthropy.

During WWI and WWII, it made significant contributions to the war effort.

For more information or reservations email info@santamonicahistory.org or contact Cielo at the museum at (310) 395-2290.

- SUBMITTED BY LOUISE GABRIEL

Citywide

Governor appoints local to state council

Manuel Lauro Cons, 64, of Santa Monica, has been reappointed to the California State Rehabilitation Council, where he has served since 2014. Cons has been director of ResCare Workforce Services since 1998. He was assistant chief grants administrator at the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department, Workforce Development Division from 1997 to 1998, corporate regional director at the Center for Employment Training from 1991 to 1997 and served as an executive assistant in the Los Angeles Mayor's Office from 1990 to 1991. Cons was a legislative analyst at the Los Angeles Chief Legislative Analyst's Office from 1989 to 1990, a legislative assistant at the Los Angeles City Clerk's Legislative Services Office from 1987 to 1989, a management analyst for the City of Los Angeles Community Development Department from 1986 to 1987 and an assistant in the Office of California State Assembly Speaker Willie Brown from 1983 to 1986. Cons is a member of the Los Angeles Latino Chamber of Commerce and the Catholic Charities of Los Angeles Inc. Archdiocesan Youth Employment Services Advisory Board. He earned a Master of Science degree in urban planning from Pepperdine University. This position does not require Senate confirmation and there is no compensation. Cons is a Democrat.

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The Library Lowdown

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Don't Read These Books...

HOW WOULD YOU FEEL IF SOMEONE TOLD you that you couldn't read a book because it was banned? During the last ten years more than 5,000 books have been reported by the American Library Association's Office for Intellectual Freedom as challenged, the first step in potentially banning a book. According to ALA, a challenge is defined as a formal, written complaint, filed with a library or school, requesting that materials be removed because of content or inappropriateness. Each year ALA celebrates Banned Books Week which will take place this year from September 27 to October 3, bringing national attention to the dangers of censorship and the importance of intellectual freedom.

ALA states that their goal is not to focus on the number of challenged books, but to educate the community that censorship is still a serious problem, with 85% of book challenges remaining unreported. Libraries have come up with creative ways to bring attention to books that have been challenged or banned, such as displays with books behind prison bars or surrounded by yellow caution tape, signs along the roadside stating "beware of the book", books wrapped in brown paper disguising their identity, and signage stating "don't read these books" and "these books are considered dangerous". The Santa Monica libraries have their own banned book displays containing banned and challenged works which you can check out with your Santa Monica Public Library card.

As part of celebrating the importance of intellectual freedom, Santa Monica Public Library is showing a number of movies based on banned or challenged books including "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" on October 1 at 3:30 p.m. at the Main Library, and "James and the Giant Peach", based on Roald Dahl's children's novel, at the Main Library on September 26 at 3 p.m. "The Perks of Being a Wallflower", based on Stephen Chbosky's teen book, will be screened at the Ocean Park Branch on September 29 at 6 p.m. "Harry Potter" has been challenged for occultism and for being anti-family, Dahl's book was among the 100 most challenged books in the 1990s, and "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" was one of the top ten most challenged books last year with the reason being it contains homosexuality and is sexually explicit. Included in the list of the top ten most challenged books for 2014 are "The Bluest Eye" by Toni Morrison for sexual content and controversial subject matter, "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini for offensive language and violence, "A Stolen Life" by Jaycee Dugard for containing offensive language and explicit sex, and "Persepolis" which was said to be anti-family, culturally insensitive, violent and containing offensive language. You can find more information about banned and challenged books on ALA's website: www.ala.org/bbooks/about.

Speaking of freedom of speech, September is National Library Card Sign up Month. You can come by any of our four Santa Monica libraries, fill out an application, show proof of address in California, and get a free library card (non- Santa Monica residents pay an annual $25 fee). This amazing card will allow you to check out new movies, magazines, books and music, as well as give you access to e-books/e-audiobooks, Zinio digital magazines, Hoopla streaming movies, electronic versions of the New York & Los Angeles Times, research, language, student, job search & financial databases, and so much more!

If you have an eye for design, amateur artists of all ages are encouraged to enter our library card design contest during the month of September. Entry forms are available at our public desks and need to be submitted by October 1 in person, by email or through the mail. A $125 gift card will be awarded to the winners from the Youth, Teen an Adult categories. This contest is part of our 125th Anniversary Celebration which will be taking place during the months of November and December, culminating in a day of Anniversary-related festivities on January 9th. Details of the 125th Santa Monica Public Library Anniversary celebrations will be in our November Library Lowdown Column and can be found on the library's website: smpl.org/125card-contest.

Are you one of those people who can barely draw a stick figure? Have no fear because even those lacking in artistic ability can take part in "Big Draw" during the month of October. The Santa Monica Library will have programs for all ages focused on bringing out your inner artist. This includes "Mandala Chalk Art" for all age groups outside the Ocean Park Branch's Norman Place entrance on October 1 at 3:30 p.m., "Drawing to Music" for ages 3 & up on October 28 at 3:45 p.m. at the Main Library, "Plastic Bag Monoprints" for ages 4 & up at the Ocean Park Branch on October 22 at 3:30 p.m., and "Chalk It Up" for all ages at the Pico Branch on October 16 at 1 p.m. Join us and discover the artist in you just waiting to get out.

Now get to your nearest Santa Monica Public Library, grab yourself a library card, and celebrate your freedom to read and create!

KAREN REITZ is the Manager of the Ocean Park Branch. She loves to read and watch movies, but can barely draw a stick figure.

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Student filmmakers get Hollywood treatment from film academy

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

BEVERLY HILLS After a week of studio visits, fancy dinners and Hollywood meetings, the winners of the 42nd Student Academy Awards finally got their chance to thank the academy.

Fifteen young filmmakers spent a week in Los Angeles as the film academy's guests before receiving their awards at a ceremony Thursday night.

"Of course, I would like to thank the academy. I've always wanted to say that," Chapman University student Daniel Drummond said as he accepted his prize. "I could be up here all night and still wouldn't be able to convey how much this means to me."

Members of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences chose the 14 winning student films from 1,686 submissions - triple last year's entries, said academy president Cheryl Boone Isaacs. Winners were recognized with gold, silver or bronze medals in five categories: animation, documentary, narrative, foreign and alternative.

"The whole week's been amazing," said Jeremy Cloe, 28, competing in the narrative category. "But being here tonight is the big event and the most exciting."

Spending a week as Student Academy Award winner has been "surreal," said documentarian Emily Kassie, 22.

"One of the most exciting parts is getting to meet our peers and being among this very high caliber talented group of filmmakers," the Brown University student said. "I think we were all blown away when we saw each other's films."

Besides providing professional community, winning a Student Academy Award bodes well for a filmmaker's future. Past winners - a list that includes Spike Lee, Trey Parker, Robert Zemeckis and John Lasseter - have gone on to receive 47 Oscar nominations and eight statuettes.

Lasseter said winning the student awards in 1979 and '80 while studying at California Institute of the Arts was validating and inspiring.

"(It) really meant so much to me because it was the first time that I had the experience of seeing my film with a real audience, to see that laughter, that entertainment," he said. "It really started in me what drives me even to this day: wanting to entertain people. But it really was the Student Academy Award for the very first time I got to experience that."

Lasseter served as a presenter at Thursday's ceremony, where his 26-year-old son, Bennett, was among the winners.

"I'm still the only two-time winner of the Student Academy Award," Lasseter said, "but it pales in comparison to seeing my son win a Student Academy Award, especially in the narrative category where they had 920 entries."

Bennett Lasseter, a student at American Film Institute, took home the bronze medal for his film about a transgender girl coming to terms with her identity.

Even more important than winning awards, though, is continuing to create, said Dustin Loose of Berlin, who took silver in the foreign film category.

"It's an exceptional thing being here and getting to know all these people," he said, "but in the end it counts that we have the chance and the shot to make our next film."

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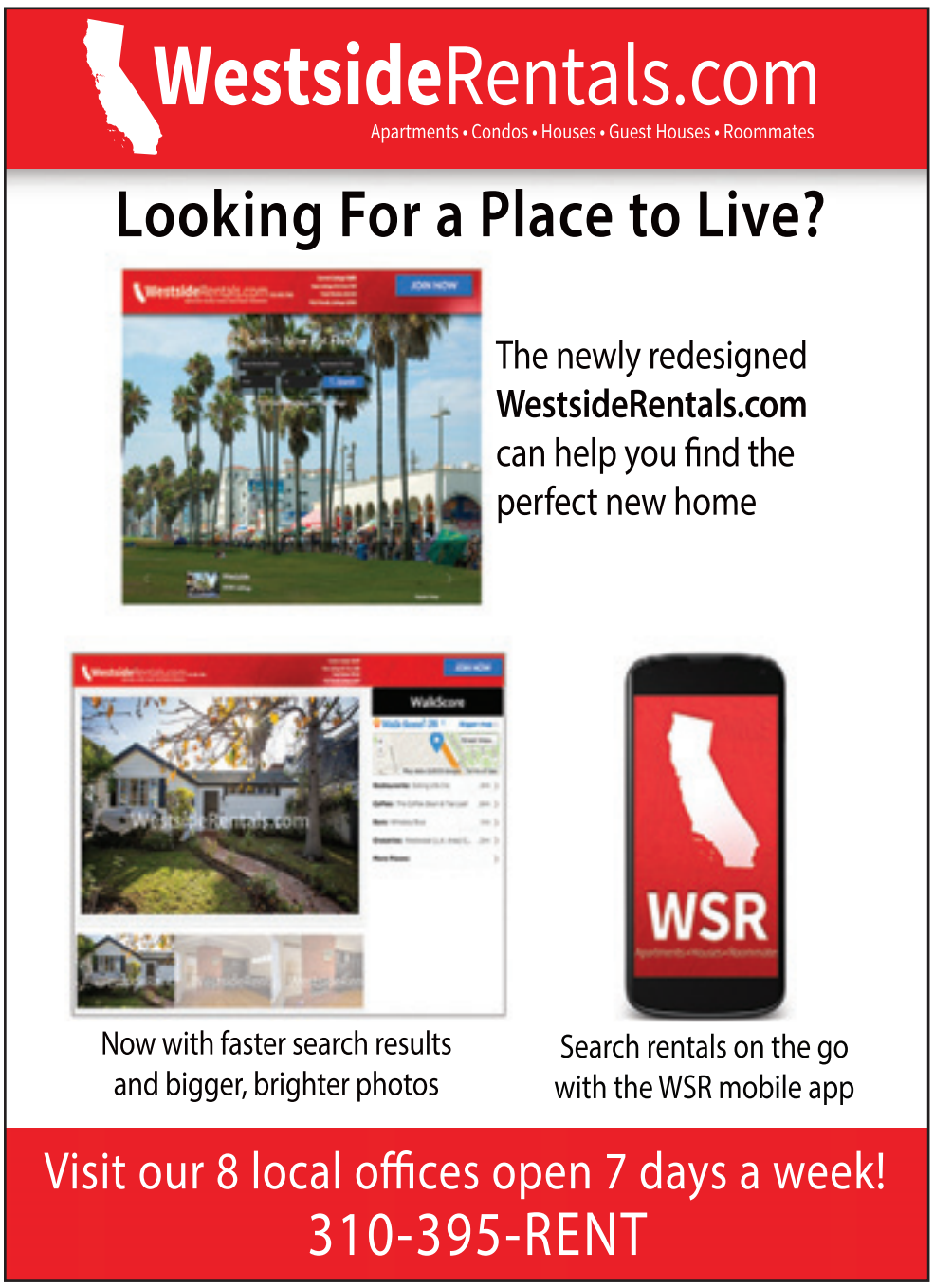

NORMS

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According to the staff report, benefits negotiated in the agreement include 18 affordable housing units, marketing to fill those units, $1,920,000 in fees, a transportation plan, enhanced sustainability requirements, a local hire program and shared parking for City use.

Approval of the project followed familiar patterns.

Commissioners began by criticizing the project but eventually approved it after asking for additional affordable housing, tweaking elements of the design and increasing environmental measures.

During the debate Commission Chair Richard McKinnon engaged in verbal tussle with his longtime foe Dave Rand and Commissioner Mario Fonda-Bonardi asked for the project to be downsized.

The McKinnon/Rand bout focused on future development on the block. The owners of the current proposal have the rights to develop adjacent properties running between Colorado and Olympic. McKinnon said any approval of the current project should be done with the knowledge that the adjacent properties could be redeveloped anytime. He said if the entire block were to come as a single development it would require far more environmental review and be subject to stricter regulation than one-by-one development of the properties.

"We are considering one building as opposed to four and I'm assuming that's so you don't have to produce an EIR or look at a wider series of considerations," said McKinnon.

Rand, whose firm Armbruster, Goldsmith & Delvac has represented several local developments, including one across the street where Denny's is currently located, said his clients had no immediate plans to develop their additional properties and said they would make decisions about future development based on the success of the current proposal.

"You have truly an isolated project before you," he said. "There are no pending other applications and this is all that is being focused on right now for very, very specific economic reasons."

McKinnon reiterated his concerns that the discussion is really about a block-wide development. He said proposed construction of an alley running the length of the block showed there was forethought put into a larger development plan.

Rand said the current project has already been through a float-up project process and has responded to the Commission's concerns.

"We have been at this for four years now Mr. Chair and I'd say the best hope for the future of Lincoln Blvd. is to see this Norm's project approved which is a great standalone project in and of itself that will force the adjacent project to relate to it in a way that does create good solid planning on Lincoln Boulevard and see what happens in the future."

Commissioner Amy Anderson said she would have preferred the opportunity to see the larger vision.

"For me I think the disappointment comes because I feel like with a plan that looks at a larger area there are more opportunities for creative design and incorporation of open space and circulation and things like that," she said.

Commissioner Jennifer Kennedy took issue with some of the design elements, describing parts of the building as "menacing" and "ominous." She said the developer had misinterpreted past critiques.

"I think it actually looks better the way it was but my feeling the last time around was the project could lose a few units and have more articulation and modulation but that wasn't what I had in mind," she said.

Fonda-Bonardi said the lot had built-in problems, including its irregular shape and a location he described as "a building surrounded by a moat of traffic." He repeatedly advocated for the building to be dropped to four stories (a request that was denied) but he did secure instructions for additional solar panels on the roof.

He described the project as a precedent setting building given the possibility of future construction.

"Whatever is decided on this building will be carried out down the street," he said.

Two members of the public spoke at the meeting, both opposed the project.

By the end of the night, the Commission approved the project. While Fonda-Bonardi voted against overall approval he did vote to increase affordable housing on site.

Commissioner Gerda Newbold said "I generally like the building, I think it's a nice basic, and I mean this in the best way, background building in Santa Monica and I think it's a huge improvement over what we've been doing over the past 10 years."

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GAME

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friends, competing for the prize and simply having fun."

According to Morris, Super League's connection with the Santa Monica area remains strong.

"We were founded here in Santa Monica, a handful of dad's are from the Santa Monica area, we all have kids that go to school here, and are familiar with the community," said Morris, who mentioned that being based in Santa Monica has been "ideal ... from a community perspective." One of the Fall League theaters will be at the AMC 7 on 3rd Street Promenade in Santa Monica.

Super League Gaming describes their venture as a "digital Little League," and hopes to offer recreational gaming as an afterschool activity alongside athletics, music, arts, and other programs aimed at youth.

"We have talked to a bunch of schools about introducing Super League gaming as an afterschool activity, because it is a traditional after-school enrichment program, it just takes place in a theater," said Morris.

Minecraft provides educational opportunities alongside social ones, he added.

"One of the great things about Minecraft especially is there is this whole educational element to it," said Morris, "It's a game that they are now building curriculums in schools around Minecraft because of the learning and creativity behind the game itself."

Super League Gaming held a launch event on Wednesday at the Cinemark theater in Playa Vista, hosted by YouTube celebrities CaptainSparklez and Parker Games. Celeste Iuul is a local mother whose son attended the league's September 16 premier.

"He's obsessed with Minecraft," said Iuul, "It seems to be that the knowledge about Minecraft is never ending."

Iuul viewed the league as a way for parents to feel more involved in their children's gaming habits, and with unique benefits over other extracurricular activities.

"Instead of sitting on the side of a soccer field in the sun, I'm in this nice theater, drinking a glass of wine," said Iuul, "for him, he's with all his friends doing something he loves." According to Iuul, recreational gaming is a viable option for families.

"I think it's the future of after-school activity," she added.

The Minecraft League will start on October 6 with sign ups concluding on October 1. The league will last six consecutive weeks, with players joining up in theaters once a week. The cost is $80 and sign ups take place online. Visit https://superleague.com for more information.

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PIER

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opportunities for the future," said Pier Administrator Jay Farrand. "I wouldn't expect any dramatic changes very quickly since we will still need to identify funding sources and address the Pier bridge once the recommendations are complete, but at least we'll hopefully have some cool ideas to help usher the Pier into the next era."

Board member Ray Braun said part of that new era would include arrival of the Expo line and handling many new visitors who won't be coming by car.

He said staff has already had some ideas about future configurations and the meeting is a good opportunity to discuss future programming for spaces along the pier.

"I mean programming a space that could mean buildings, but I also mean broader event programming on the property, possibility of improving facilities that we have for events, maybe be an indoor space for events. That's a great topic that we want to tee up for discussion."

The meeting will be held on Monday, September 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St.

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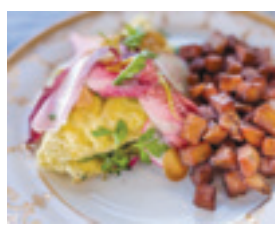



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Yuan devaluation could weigh on Chinese buyers of US homes

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AP Business Writer

As China's wealthy have grown more prosperous, many have carved out a premium slice of the American Dream.

Chinese investors are now second only to Canadians in terms of the number of U.S. homes they buy. And they outspend all other countries in the process, favoring higher-end homes or properties in pricier markets like San Francisco, New York and Los Angeles.

But China's recent move to devaluate its currency's value relative to the dollar means Chinese real estate investors will have to fork over more money to buy a home in the U.S.

That could put a damper on some deals, though likely only if China's currency falls further, experts say. At the same time, investor concerns over further devaluation on the yuan could spur a pickup in sales, said Rodney Ramcharan, research director at the University of Southern California's Lusk Center for Real Estate.

"You could have the situation where the Chinese investors anticipating that the currency will fall in value even more will now rush to buy more property either in California or elsewhere," Ramcharan said.

China's central bank devaluated its currency last Tuesday and Wednesday, saying the move was an attempt to make the country's exchange rate more responsive to the market. A weaker yuan also benefits China by making exports cheaper to overseas customers.

When it comes to buying a home listed for sale in dollars, however, a weaker yuan reduces Chinese investors' purchasing power.

That's a reversal of a trend the past six or so years, during which the yuan had steadily strengthened versus the dollar.

So even with the recent devaluation in the yuan, it's likely Chinese who are interested in buying real estate won't pull back now, said Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the National Association of Realtors.

"Just five years ago $1 used to buy 7 yuan. And now $1 gets 6.5 yuan," Yun said. "Compared to five years ago, they have more purchasing power."

At the close of stock trading Friday, the dollar was buying 6.391 Chinese yuan, little changed from the previous day.

For now, that difference is likely not enough to dissuade the well-heeled homebuyers from China, said Wei Min Tan, a real estate broker who caters to investors looking to buy condominiums in Manhattan.

"My clients may say, 'OK, I'll just negotiate an extra 5 percent off," said Tan, whose clients tend to buy condos priced between $1 million and $5 million.

U.S. home purchases by Chinese investors and other foreign buyers represent a sliver of overall sales. And they were steadily declining since 2010 before spiking last year.

In the 12 months ended in March, roughly 209,000 U.S. houses were sold to buyers living outside the U.S. or immigrants in the country for less than two years, according to data by the National Association of Realtors.

That represents about 4 percent of all sales of previously occupied homes in the same period.

All told, U.S. home sales to foreign buyers fell 10 percent in the 12 months ended in March compared to the same period a year earlier.

In recent years, Canadians have made up the biggest share of foreign buyers of U.S. homes. At the same time, home sales to buyers China have been steadily increasing.

In the 12 months ended in March, buyers from China, Taiwan and Hong Kong accounted for 16 percent of all homes purchases, while Canadian buyers made up 14 percent.

Chinese buyers also accounted for the largest portion of home sales on a dollar basis, spending $28.6 billion. That's more than a quarter of the $104 billion in home sales to international buyers.

Half of the home sales to international buyers were in Florida, California, Texas and Arizona.

Most such buyers bought properties in cash. Among Chinese buyers, between 70 percent and 80 percent of them buy homes in cash.

Chinese investors typically buy a U.S. home as a vacation property or to turn it into a rental. But often the main reason for investing in the U.S. housing market is to protect their money.

"They want a safe place to park their assets," Tan said. "A lot of my clients were not expecting the Chinese economy to be strong indefinitely. A lot of them started moving assets to safer countries a few years ago."

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The following is a summary of Ordinance Number 2493, which was adopted by the Santa Monica City Council at its meeting of September 8, 2015.

Ordinance Number 2493 amends the Municipal Code to update the listing of those members of the Police Department who have enforcement authority to reflect reorganizations in the department and thereby accurately specify which departmental personnel have actually may enforce laws. Specifically and among other things, the ordinance adds Public Service Officers and Pier and Harbor Services Officers to the definition of "enforcement officers".

Ordinance Number 2493 will become effective 30 days after its adoption. The full text of the ordinance is available from the Office of the City Clerk at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California 90401; phone (301) 458-8211.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NEW YORK

David Letterman to take part in series about climate change

David Letterman will return to TV next year to help draw attention to the effects of climate change when he appears on an episode of "Years of Living Dangerously."

The National Geographic Channel series, which Thursday was renewed for a second season, has signed Letterman for his first announced appearance since leaving his job hosting CBS' "Late Show."

Fellow correspondents will include Ty Burrell, James Cameron, Don Cheadle, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Olivia Munn, Ian Somerhalder and Cecily Strong, among others.

Each will give first-person accounts of conditions at locations from across the planet where the effects of climate change are most prevalent.

"Years of Living Dangerously," whose new season is scheduled for fall 2016, was last year's Emmy winner for best documentary or nonfiction series.

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LAS VEGAS

Vegas water managers OK water deal with Los Angeles agency

Las Vegas water officials have approved a $45 million "water banking" deal to send enough water for about 300,000 homes annually from Lake Mead to drought-parched Southern California.

Southern Nevada Water Authority board members on Thursday approved selling 150,000 acre-feet of water to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

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Metropolitan chief Jeffrey Kightlinger says the agreement lets his 19 million Southern California customers buy the water during drought and return it, bucket for bucket, when Las Vegas needs it back.

His counterpart in Las Vegas, John Entsminger, says Las Vegas can spare the water because use has been cut by almost one-third since 2002.

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LOS ANGELES

Seafood dealer sentenced for selling whale meat

A seafood dealer who sold endangered whale meat to a Santa Monica restaurant has been sentenced in absentia.

City News Service says Ginichi Ohira received two years' probation on Friday.

The 54-year-old pleaded guilty in 2011 to a misdemeanor charge of violating the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

He operated out of Gardena but returned to Japan several years ago.

Ohiro sold to The Hump at Santa Monica Airport. An investigation was launched after producers of the documentary "The Cove" secretly filmed meat from the federally protected sei (SAY') whale being served at the sushi restaurant.

The restaurant closed and the owner and chefs have been sentenced to fines and probation.

Ohira was the final defendant to be sentenced.

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LOS ANGELES

US appeals immigration family detention decision

Federal officials on Friday appealed a court order to quickly release immigrant children from family detention centers.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh C. Johnson said in a statement that officials were taking steps to comply with the order by U.S. District Judge Dolly M. Gee but disagreed with portions of her decision. He did not specify which portions.

In recent months, the government has been converting family detention centers into processing centers for interviews and screenings, Johnson said.

"The detention of families is becoming short-term in most cases," he said.

Last month, Gee ruled that the federal government was in breach of a longstanding legal agreement stipulating that immigrant children cannot be held in secured facilities that aren't licensed to care for children.

She gave authorities until Oct. 23 to comply with her order to release them, with their mothers when possible.

Federal court records show the government filed the notice of appeal on Friday.

Peter Schey, an attorney for the plaintiffs, said he expected the government would argue the children are not covered by the 1997 agreement because they arrived on the U.S.-Mexico border with their mothers and not entirely alone.

"We're disappointed that Secretary Johnson is persisting in pursuing a mindless policy that causes extreme harm to innocent children," he said.

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Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 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
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alloa creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	ns	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	F
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	B	A+

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

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 nonprofit environmental organization making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean. We use science, education, community action and advocacy to pursue our mission.

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

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 377 calls for service on Sept. 17.

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

Drunk driving Cloverfield/Ocean Park 12:20 a.m.
Public intoxication Main/Bay 12:43 a.m.
Prowler 900 block of 10th 12:45 a.m.
Fight 2nd/Ashland 2:58 a.m.
Traffic accident 6th/Wilshire 2:59 a.m.
Traffic accident 600 block of Wilshire 2:59 a.m.
Death investigation 2000 block of 20th 3:12 a.m.
Attempt burglary 2300 block of Santa Monica 4:35 a.m.
Domestic violence 2500 block of Pico 5 a.m.
Petty theft 600 block of Wilshire 5:57 a.m.
Burglary 3000 block of Santa Monica 6:06 a.m.
Auto burglary 1400 block of 4th 6:11 a.m.
Traffic accident 20th/Wilshire 6:56 a.m.
Petty theft 6th/Santa Monica 7:14 a.m.
Auto burglary 200 block of Hill 7:14 a.m.
Domestic violence 1100 block of Ocean Front Walk 7:33 a.m.
Auto burglary 500 block of 10th 7:59 a.m.
Auto burglary 1000 block of 9th 8:06 a.m.
Traffic accident 900 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 8:15 a.m.
Auto burglary 100 block of Alta 8:24 a.m.
Battery 17th/Colorado 8:53 a.m.
Burglary 2200 block of Wilshire 9:14 a.m.
Fraud 900 block of 4th 9:38 a.m.
Hit and run 14th/California 9:47 a.m.
Death notification 500 block of Colorado 10:34 a.m.
Hit and run 100 block of Wilshire 10:48 a.m.
Lewd activity 1400 block of Palisades Park 10:50 a.m.
Vandalism 300 block Santa Monica Pier 11:07 a.m.
Petty theft 1100 block of 7th 12:27 p.m.
Vandalism 2400 block of Santa Monica 12:29 p.m.
Auto burglary 900 block of 7th 12:32 p.m.
Traffic accident Ocean/Seaside 12:33 p.m.
Burglary 11th/Arizona 12:49 p.m.
Vandalism 1300 block of Arizona 1:15 p.m.
Truant juvenile 700 block of Ocean Park 1:23 p.m.
Burglary 2200 block of Wilshire 1:25 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 1:34 p.m.
Vandalism 2400 block of Main 2 p.m.
Grand theft 4th/Montana 2:30 p.m.
Indecent exposure 900 block of 9th 2:45 p.m.
Burglary 100 block of Palisades 3:02 p.m.
Battery 500 block of Olympic 3:59 p.m.
Auto burglary 2800 block of Main 4:06 p.m.
Sexual assault 600 block of Pacific 4:14 p.m.
Auto burglary 1300 block of 17th 4:16 p.m.
Petty theft 1300 block of 17th 5:14 p.m.
Grand theft 1500 block of Ocean 5:18 p.m.
Traffic accident 1500 block of 4th 5:28 p.m.
Traffic accident 4th/Colorado 5:29 p.m.
Hit and run 24th/Arizona 5:41 p.m.
Auto burglary 2000 block of Stewart 6:04 p.m.
Party complaint 1500 block of 9th 7:38 p.m.
Grand theft 20th/Pico 7:41 p.m.
Fight 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 7:58 p.m.
Domestic violence 1700 block of Ocean 8:19 p.m.
Speeding 21st/Montana 8:53 p.m.
Speeding 3000 block of 4th 8:57 p.m.
Traffic accident Lincoln/Pico 9:21 p.m.
Hit and run 23rd/Arizona 9:46 p.m.
Bike theft 800 block of Wilshire 10:35 p.m.
Party complaint 900 block of 11th 10:54 p.m.
Defrauding innkeeper 3100 block of Main 11:11 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 32 calls for service on Sept. 17.

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

Automatic alarm 1500 block of 10th 12:46 a.m.
EMS 4th/Broadway 12:48 a.m.
EMS 300 block of Olympic 12:51 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of 3rd Street Prom 1:56 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of 20th 3:12 a.m.
EMS 2700 block of Pico 5:12 a.m.
Automatic alarm 200 block of Georgina 6:19 a.m.
EMS 100 block of Pacific 6:34 a.m.
EMS Lincoln/Pico 6:37 a.m.
EMS 20th/Wilshire 6:57 a.m.
Automatic alarm 2500 block of Santa Monica 8:14 a.m.
EMS 200 block of Santa Monica Pier 10 a.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 11:12 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of 5th 11:37 a.m.
EMS 1300 block of Euclid 11:57 a.m.
EMS 1400 block of Idaho 12:25 p.m.
EMS 1800 block of Lincoln 12:35 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of 3rd Street Prom 12:46 p.m.
EMS 1200 block of Santa Monica 1:04 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Pico 1:29 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Pacific Coast Hwy 1:30 p.m.
EMS 800 block of California 1:59 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of 3rd 3 p.m.
EMS 2000 block of Santa Monica 3:01 p.m.
EMS 1100 block of 12th 3:26 p.m.
EMS 600 block of Pico 3:40 p.m.
EMS 2400 block of Main 4:57 p.m.
EMS 24th/Arizona 5:41 p.m.
Automatic alarm 800 block of 4th 7:25 p.m.
EMS 400 block of Ocean 7:30 p.m.
Elevator rescue 1400 block of 4th 7:46 p.m.



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Chair wheel
7 Successful songs
11 Refer
12 Skip
13 Came down
14 Painter Cassatt
15 Jordan's capital
16 Permitted
17 Low digits
18 Live
19 Previously owned
21 Outlaw Kelly
22 Online shows
25 Tennis star Shriver
26 Script unit
27 Annie, for one
29 Ailurophobe's fear
33 Recoils
34 Tycoon
35 Garr of "Tootsie"
36 Yacht spot
37 Aphrodite's love
38 Lucky charm
39 Misplaced
40 Fix

DOWN

1 Garnet unit
2 Crockett's last stand
3 Snail trail
4 Deli order
5 Perfect place
6 Danger signal
7 Abodes
8 John Lennon song
9 Diatribes
10 Did salon work
16 Enticed
18 Amber, originally
20 Miserly Marner
22 Medal recipient
23 Dominions
24 Propriety
25 Mail-related
28 Bank job
30 Like tumblers
31 Ready to play
32 Grayish
34 Jerry Herman musical
36 Impair

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Yesterday's answer

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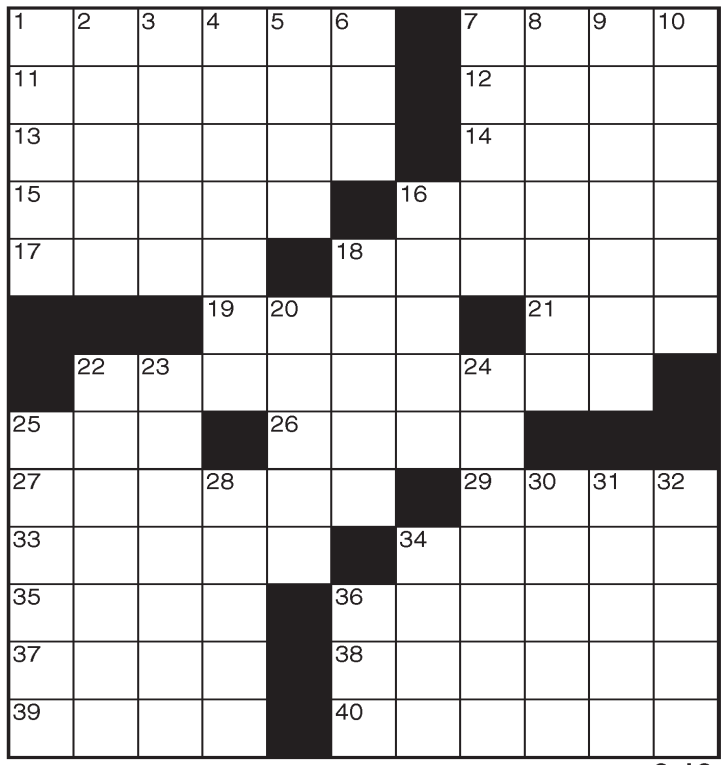

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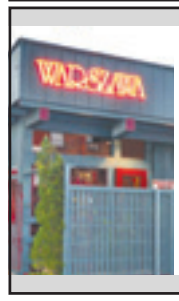

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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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

GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 9/16
5 7 24 31 39
Power#: 7
Jackpot: 208M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 9/15
7 20 35 49 56
Mega#: 9
Jackpot: 20M

SUPER LOTTO
Draw Date: 9/16
6 8 21 34 35
Mega#: 25
Jackpot: 9M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/17
6 16 26 29 32

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/18
MIDDAY: 2 8 8
Draw Date: 9/17
EVENING: 6 3 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 9/17
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 01 Gold Rush
RACE TIME: 1:40.09

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WORD UP!

shibboleth
1. a peculiarity of pronunciation, behavior, mode of dress, etc., that distinguishes a particular class or set of persons.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1893 – Women's suffrage: In New Zealand, the Electoral Act of 1893 is consented to by the governor giving all women in New Zealand the right to vote.

1916 – During the East African Campaign of World War I, colonial armed forces of the Belgian Congo (Force Publique) under the command of General Charles Tombeur captured the town of Tabora after heavy fighting.

1934 – Bruno Hauptmann is arrested for the kidnapping and murder of Charles Lindbergh, Jr..

1939 – World War II: The Battle of K´pa Oksywska concludes, with Polish losses reaching roughly 14% of all the forces engaged.

1940 – Witold Pilecki is voluntarily captured and sent to Auschwitz in order to smuggle out information and start a resistance.

1944 – Armistice between Finland and Soviet Union is signed. (End of the Continuation War).

1944 – Battle of Hürtgen Forest between United States and Nazi Germany begins.

1945 – Lord Haw-Haw (William Joyce) is sentenced to death in London.

1946 – The Council of Europe is founded following a speech by Winston Churchill at the University of Zurich.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "Selfies" continue to take their devastating toll on Americans. On Aug. 30 in Orient, Maine, driver Jordan Toner, 29, attempting to lean into a seven-person selfie among his passengers, crashed into a tree, causing numerous injuries. On Aug. 24, Alex Gomez, 36, of Lake Elsinore, California, tried to take one after draping an angry 4-foot-long rattlesnake around his neck. The predictable bite was damaging but not fatal. On Sept. 1 in Houston, a 19-year-old man taking selfies while clumsily fondling his handgun is no longer with us.

■ A thief grabbed the purse of an elderly woman shopping with her husband at a Fred Meyer store in Spokane, Washington, on July 23 and fled through a parking lot. They had no chance to catch the man, but he happened to run right by hospital nurse Heidi Muat, 42, who surmised the situation and started after him. The thief quickly saw that Muat could outrun him, and he gave up the purse, which Muat returned to the couple. Muat later revealed her alter ego: On her Spokannibals Roller Derby team, she is known as Ms. "Ida B. ChoAzz."

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Save the apes with an app!

'Cause Celeb' with Colin Newton

If only saving an entire species were as easy as playing with your phone.

Well, it's not, but playing with your phone can help solve an environmental crisis. Sections of rainforest are being turned into farmland to produce palm oil, which is destroying the habitat of orangutans.

Ed Begley Jr. – actor (Portlandia, Arrested Development) and environmentalist – is working with the Orang Utan Republik Foundation (OURF) to save these apes. He'll be the master of ceremonies at OURF's second annual Pongo Environmental Awards in Beverley Hills on Sept. 26.

"I'm happy to help anybody who's happy to help them," Begley told Giive a (bleep). One way to help is to cut down on your palm oil footprint. "It's in just about anything you can imagine. "So to eliminate it from your life is quite difficult."

But there are a couple of apps – one from the El Paso Zoo and another from the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo – that tell users what products use palm oil from sources that aren't harming orangutans.



You can also donate to groups like OURF, which works with local officials to make rainforests safe.

For more information, visit OrangutanRepublik.org. Or search the Causes directory at giive.org for local nonprofits that protect animals and the environment.

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Play it low-key, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A conversation could be responsible for a gloomy mood. Just listen to your inner voice. You are likely to stun others with your behavior and at the same time lighten up the moment. Know that someone could be making a fuss about your actions. Tonight: Be adventurous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You could be in the mood to negotiate a better resolution to an old problem that continues to persist. The other party will let you know in his or her charming way that he or she is not interested. Go off and make the most of the moment. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could witness a backfire as your ruling planet, Mercury, once more does the retrograde dance. Try to stay out of someone else's way, especially if this person is prone to angry outbursts. Keep the moment light and easy. Tonight: Don't take yourself too seriously.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take the day off, and stop apologizing for changing people's schedules. Everyone needs to take time for him- or herself, you included. Your communication excels and helps others to understand you better. You'll receive appropriate responses. Tonight: Make it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You have a talent for sniffing out fun, especially if you have a loved one around you. You might discover that this person is not feeling up to snuff. Do whatever you can to help the emotional climate around the two of you. Tonight: Treat this person to dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Tension builds around you, but you'll steer clear of this type of stress and negativity. Your sense of humor kicks in when an inevitable conflict of interest occurs. Why not allow everyone to have it his or her own way for the next few days? Tonight: Let a friend take the lead.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Communication flourishes to such an extent that you can't be found except by phone. Even in that case, you are unlikely to respond. Someone might inadvertently express hostile feelings. This person's words seem twisted and not grounded. Let it go. Tonight: Hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You see a situation quite differently from how others see it. Your values often differ from those held by the people around you. Share your views, but understand that others might find it hard to grasp them. Not everyone views things the way you do. Tonight: Make it your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might be ready to forge ahead, but at what cost? Someone you care about easily could refuse to budge. On one level, you'll find this behavior to be a nuisance; on another level, you'll see that this person has a valid reason to be reluctant. Tonight: Honor your needs first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Stay focused on what you want right now, even though you are likely to be surrounded by a bunch of people. Let go of a need to be serious, and allow yourself to touch base with your inner child. Someone close will want to celebrate with you. Tonight: Play it low-key.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Friends rank high as a priority in an Aquarian's life. You might be more dependent on them than you realize. When people surround you, you have little to complain about. Listen to a loved one who seems to want to share some recent happenings. Tonight: Celebration is in order!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might be somewhat hesitant to let it all hang out. Whether you are the host or hostess of a happening or simply responsible for one other person will make little difference. Your determination to facilitate an event or situation dominates. Tonight: A must show.

Weekend Edition, September 19-20, 2015

This year you experience better relationships and an ability to create much more of what you want. You also enter a new 12-year life and luck cycle. You'll feel the energy from this as soon as December, but the transit will be exact in August 2016. In the period before, eliminate what no longer works well in your life. If you are single, you could meet someone somewhat deceptive. Listen to your instincts with any potential suitors. If you are attached, you and your sweetie often mysteriously disappear. You both enjoy your alone time together. SAGITTARIUS seems to unintentionally cause tension.

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

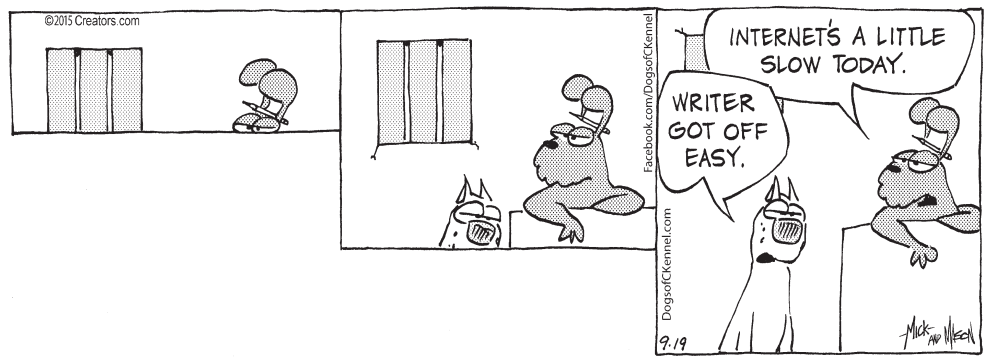
Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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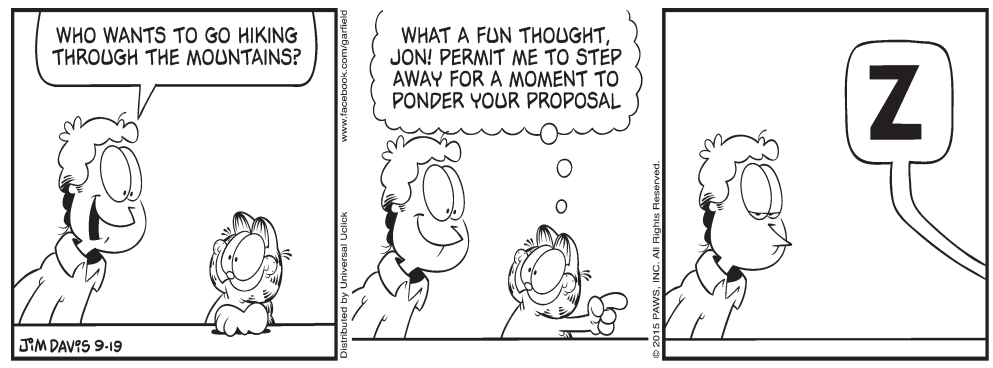
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
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