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THE PHAT NEWS ISSUE

Officials ease food truck enforcement

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Under pressure from an association of food truck owners, City Hall has backed away from its policy of requiring mobile vendors to move to a new location every 30 minutes when parked on a public street, much to the chagrin of some Downtown business owners.

The 30-minute rule, intended to prevent vendors from occupying prime spots for extended periods and siphoning off business from brick and mortar establishments, is still on the books but is no longer being enforced at the direction of the City Attorney's Office, said Santa Monica Police Officer Mike Rosenberg.

The change came after the Southern California Mobile Food Vendors Association challenged a citation one of its members received in April for violating the 30-minute rule.

Matthew Geller, the association's president, said his group chose to fight the citation on grounds the rule violated a section of California's vehicle code that says local government regulations that relate to mobile vending on public streets must be solely for the purpose of public safety.

Cases in Los Angeles and Santa Ana, among other jurisdictions, have already validated the association's position, Geller said.

City Hall this month dismissed the citation, and Rosenberg said he's been instructed to allow food trucks to do business from a single public parking space for as long as posted time restrictions permit.

Reached on Thursday, a lawyer in the City Attorney's Office, Yibin Shen, declined to comment on the change.

"We're still waiting for an official policy change from the city of Santa Monica, but from what we can tell now, they've stopped enforcing [the 30-minute rule]," Geller said.

City Hall's move adds another grievance to a long list of food truck complaints voiced by Downtown business owners.

"It becomes more of a concern when there isn't a 30-minute time limit. The

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RAISE 'EM UP

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Seniors participate in a 'Matter of Balance' exercise class during Fall Prevention Day at WISE & Healthy Aging's Adult Day Service Center on Pico Boulevard on Thursday.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Xrds coach likes what she sees

BY PATRICK HOURIHAN
Special to the Daily Press

XRDS Crossroads High School, under head coach Catie Vagneur-Mintz, has had a tremendous start to their girls' volleyball season. The Roadrunners have a very respectable 2-1 record so far — after a season-opening loss to Chadwick High School, the girls recorded wins against Milken Community High School and most recently, Vistamar High School.

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Pollution study underway at SMO

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO The four-day closure of the Santa Monica Airport this week for runway maintenance was more than a welcome respite from fly-over noise for neighboring residents — it was also a chance for scientists to take baseline air quality measurements that could result in a better understanding of the airport's pollution impact.

Officials from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) this week were in the midst of a three-week data gathering period at SMO aimed at gauging ultra-fine particle and black carbon, or soot, levels.

Ultra-fine particles, or particles less than 0.1 micron in diameter, are thought to be a dangerous pollutant for humans because they're small enough to pass through lung tissue and enter the blood stream.

While the EPA regulates larger particles,

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

St. Monica faces new foe with familiar look

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

BRENTWOOD When St. Monica football takes the field on Saturday against Brentwood for the first time ever, the Mariners may think they are looking into a mirror.

Each team likes to pass the ball all over the field and is forced to cope with a small roster. Both squads feature players who often play on both offense and defense and, apparently, they both have a fair share of respect for each other.

"[Brentwood] is just really well coached," said Larry Muno, St. Monica's second-year head coach. "They don't appear to do anything wrong."

On the other sideline, Brentwood Head Coach Patrick Brown, who has coached the Eagles for 30 years, has taken notice of what Muno has been able to do in his short time

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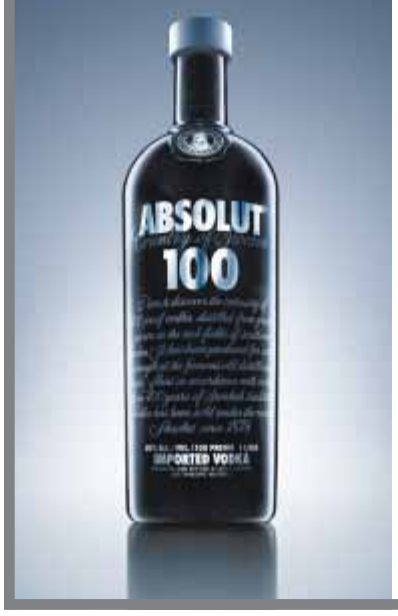
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS

Friday, Sept. 24, 2010

Get your hands dirty
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
Bring your chairs, blankets and snacks for the city's free movie screenings. Tonight's movie Dirt!, a documentary about a man's relationship with dirt, is sponsored by the Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

Buying with a purpose
Citywide
To celebrate the Sustainable City Plan's "sweet 16" businesses taking part in the Buy Local Santa Monica program are offering perks for patrons who are friendly to the environment. The promotion lasts from Sept. 20-25. For more information and a list of participating businesses, visit buylocalsantamonica.com/sustainable.

[Fire]fighting cancer
Barney's Beanery
1351 Third Street Promenade
3 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Santa Monica firefighters are putting on an event to fight children's cancer. They will shave their heads in hopes of benefiting St. Baldrick's Foundation, which funds childhood cancer research.

A diamond is forever
Civic Auditorium
The International Gem and Jewelry Show is coming to Santa Monica for a sparkling two days. Don't miss the opportunity to exchange gold for cash or get a free appraisal. Tickets are $8.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010

Glow in the dark
Santa Monica Beach, Pier and Pacific Palisades
7 p.m. — 3 p.m.
The city of Santa Monica puts on Glow: Dusk and Beyond, a bi-annual, late-night arts and culture event. Previous years drew crowds of more than 200,000 people. Expect art installations, exhibits and fun in the dark, as you explore the festivities until the early morning. For more information, visit glowsantamonica.org.

Yoga for the planet
Santa Monica Pier, west end
Yoga with Grace on the west end of the pier to benefit Heal the Bay. Bring your own mat and dress warmly. $5 minimum donation. Please RSVP via info@yogaforchange.com or call (310) 883.4358.

Coastal cleanup
Santa Monica Beach
9 a.m. — 12 p.m.
More than 14,000 volunteers will wake up early today to help clean up Los Angeles' coastline. In coordination with Heal the Bay, Santa Monica is hosting its own Coast Cleanup Day.

Smithsonian Day
Santa Monica Museum of Art
11 a.m. — 6 a.m.
Head on down to Santa Monica's Museum of Art for a free day. Today is free museum day around the USA. Visit smithsonianmag.com to download the Museum Day Card, which is valid for two people.

My way or the highway
Highways Gallery
1651 18th St.
5:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Highways Gallery presents contemporary artists Linda Besemer, Diana DeAugustine, Sherin Guirguis and Olga Koumoundouros in their latest show. Tonight's opening reception will kick off the exhibit titled "Permissions," which honors Eva Hesse, whose innovative practice helped influence a generation of artists.

Meet the candidates
Santa Monica Republican Headquarters
3004 Santa Monica Blvd.
6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Join KRLA 870 AM radio talk show host Kevin James as he talks to the Republican candidates. For more information, call (310) 264-6116.

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Meet the City Council candidates

ELECTION 2010

Santa Monicans have critical decisions to make come November when they will be asked to cast votes for candidates running for the City Council, SMMUSD school board, the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees and the Rent Control Board. To help make those decisions easier, the Daily Press created a questionnaire that asks candidates to give their opinions on key issues affecting the city by the sea. Here they are, published in the order in which candidates will appear on the Nov. 2 ballot.



BOB HOLBROOK

• **NAME:** BOB HOLBROOK
• **AGE:** 68
• **OCCUPATION:** COMMUNITY PHARMACIST
• **MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** MARRIED TO JEAN ANN; CHILDREN: BOB, CINDY AND CRAIG
• **YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD? HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED THERE?:** I HAVE RESIDED IN THE NORTH OF MONTANA NEIGHBORHOOD FOR THE PAST 41 YEARS. I WAS BORN IN OCEAN PARK AND LIVED THERE UNTIL I WAS MARRIED
• **YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION/MODEL, MAKE AND YEAR OF YOUR RIDE?:** FORD THUNDERBIRD 2005
• **OWN OR RENT?:** OWN.

• **DUE YOU SUPPORT MEASURE Y, THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX INCREASE? IF SO, DO YOU THINK HALF OF THE MONEY GENERATED BY THE INCREASE SHOULD GO TO THE LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS?**

Yes. If City Hall doesn't receive more revenue, then we will have to reduce services to our residents. Our public schools are suffering severe financial problems due to the state budget woes and a lack of foresight to recognize the tell-tale signs. If we don't

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JON LOUIS MANN

• **NAME:** JON LOUIS MANN
• **AGE:** 65
• **OCCUPATION:** FLIGHT ATTENDANT/TEACHER
• **MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** SINGLE AND AVAILABLE! TWO BOYS, AGE 37 AND 7
• **YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?** HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED THERE?: I'VE LIVED IN PICO NEIGHBORHOOD, SUNSET PARK AND OCEAN PARK FOR OVER 30 YEARS
• **YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION/MODEL, MAKE AND YEAR OF YOUR RIDE?:** 2007 MOTOBECANE FIXED-WHEEL BICYCLE, AND THE BIG BLUE BUS
• **OWN OR RENT?:** RENT AT PRESENT. I'VE BEEN A RENTER AND AN OWNER IN SANTA MONICA

• **DO YOU SUPPORT MEASURE Y, THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX INCREASE? IF SO, DO YOU THINK HALF OF THE MONEY GENERATED BY THE INCREASE SHOULD GO TO LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS?**

Absolutely not. Audit the school budget online, and cut all the fat; reduce administrators' salaries, etc.

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JEAN MCNEIL WYNER

• **NAME:** JEAN MCNEIL WYNER
• **AGE:** 70
• **OCCUPATION:** COMMUNITY LIAISON FOR SANTA MONICA-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER & ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL
• **MARITAL STATUS/CHILDREN:** MARRIED, ONE ADULT SON
• **YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD/HOW LONG YOU'VE LIVED THERE?:** WILMONT, 15 YEARS
• **YOUR MODE OF TRANSPORTATION/MODEL, MAKE AND YEAR OF YOUR RIDE?:** MOSTLY WALK; OWN BLACK 2004 THUNDERBIRD
• **OWN OR RENT?:** RENT

• **DO YOU SUPPORT MEASURE Y, THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX INCREASE? IF SO, DO YOU THINK HALF OF THE MONEY GENERATED BY THE INCREASE SHOULD GO TO LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS?**

Yes, with condition: this measure should be binding with the schools receiving half the funds.

• **WHAT ARE YOU READING**

Mysteries, travel, adventure.

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Don't disrespect the flag

Editor:

In the Sept. 8 edition of the Daily Press there is an article stating, "Muslims consider the Quran to be the word of God and insist it be treated with the utmost respect, along with any printed material containing its verses or the name of Allah or the Prophet Muhammad. Any intentional damage or show of disrespect to the Quran is deeply offensive."

And [there was] a big uproar about a preacher in Florida [who wanted] to conduct a public burning of the books of the Quran.

First, this preacher [was] being seriously disrespectful. Second, his right to do so is protected by the First Amendment which guarantees him and others the right to freedom of speech, even when such speech and actions are not only disrespectful but dumb and silly.

I note further, however, that in this country when the American flag is burned and/or displayed in a disrespectful manner there is little public uproar. There are no gatherings of concerned, ecumenical ministers or elected officials to protest or shame the perpetrators of such disrespectful actions. I note this is true in Santa Monica, where each Sunday just north of the Santa Monica Pier at the Arlington West exhibition, intended to honor the military who died in our current "conflicts" in Afghanistan and Iraq, the American flag is displayed at half-staff. Such a display is an intentional, continuing act of disrespect to not only those whose lives are commemorated but also to those who continue to serve in harm's way in our military.

The American flag code states: "The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. On Memorial Day the flag should be displayed at half-staff until noon only, then raised to the top of the staff. By order of the president, the flag shall be flown at half-staff upon the death of principal figures of the United States government and the governor of a state (www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagetiq.html).

I wrote you about this last Memorial Day and you did not consider my letter questioning such disrespectful displays of the American flag worthy of your publishing, even after an intern with your paper called me about my letter. Apparently burning some Qurans or flags of Muslim nations would warrant publishing.

Double standards don't work, regardless of "political correctness," and certainly our American flag warrants being treated with the utmost respect, also.

God bless America and God bless us all.

John Medlin
Santa Monica



SMDP EDITORIALS

Glow public transit plan flawed

City Hall wants those who plan to attend the nocturnal art event Glow this Saturday to leave their cars at home and take public transit, bike or walk to Downtown since several streets will be closed and the demand for parking in structures around the Third Street Promenade will most likely be high. When Glow was first held in 2008, those trying to leave were faced with bumper-to-bumper traffic in Downtown. Buses were delayed for several hours and frustrations were high — as were some of those who attended the event (attention people, this is not a rave). Santa Monica's City Hall estimates as many as 200,00 showed up for the party.

This year, Glow is expected to be more subdued with a stronger focus on the art. More time was dedicated to planning the event and crowd control, however, it seems City Hall failed in one key area: public transit. According to the Big Blue Bus, all routes into Downtown will stop short. Bus drivers are ordered to turn around at 11th Street to avoid heading into Downtown and getting stuck in traffic, causing drastic delays. Metro bus lines will also be altered.

While walking roughly 11 blocks doesn't seem like that far of a trek, we have to wonder why a dedicated lane was not created for buses and emergency vehicles to travel into Downtown. We got our answer. It was too expensive. Big Blue Bus officials presented a plan to City Hall in which Colorado Avenue would be turned into a bus-only lane, mimicking the future Exposition Light Rail Line. The plan was to have buses converge on Colorado around the Water Garden. Many city departments were said to be in favor of the idea and excited about the opportunity to test out Colorado, which will be altered when the light rail line comes to town.

Apparently the police department and ultimately the City Manager's Office felt the plan would be too expensive. When BBB officials offered to start the dedicated bus lane at Lincoln Boulevard, they were told it was still too expensive to have officers stand guard at intersections.

We say put your money where your mouth is, City Hall. City officials love to talk about how Santa Monica is at the forefront of sustainability, but when it comes to encouraging people to ride the Big Blue Bus to Glow there just isn't enough money to go around. This decision to stop buses at 11th Street comes as City Hall celebrates Sustainability Week and the release of its Sustainability Report Card, a chance for city officials to brag about being green.

We just can't accept the "it's too expensive" excuse when City Hall goes out of its way, and spends more money than it has to on some purchases, just so it can get the greenest products possible. We support those decisions and can't believe there isn't enough money to extend bus service during Glow. This is the type of event that draws dedicated drivers to take the bus, a novelty that gets those who are public transit resistant an excuse to take a chance and ride. If people find out that they cannot get to their final destination on the bus, it reinforces their belief that public transit isn't reliable, isn't beneficial and that driving is their best bet, even if they have to circle city streets in the hunt for a spot.

And what about those who are not physically able to get to the pier on foot: the disabled, the elderly and families with small children.

We commend City Hall for its sustainable practices and for putting on an event like Glow that celebrates the arts and could possibly spark consumer spending at a time when businesses are struggling. However, we feel City Hall dropped the ball when it comes to the BBB detour. If you want to encourage people to take public transit, you have to make it as convenient as possible and we just don't think City Hall made the effort.

Protect pensions for public safety workers

Earlier this month, Santa Monica police officers were called upon to apprehend a suspect who was acting irrationally in the Pico Neighborhood. It turns out that the young man, who had disrupted a class at Santa Monica College and stole and apple from a nearby cafe, was under the influence of PCP, an intense anesthetic that can cause the user to hallucinate and have suicidal thoughts. Some have been known to have super-human strength while on the drug.

Officers chased the suspect, who twice fought off three to five officers at a time. At one point the suspect scaled a fence and entered a resident's garage. Officers eventually found him naked in the garage. They used a Taser to subdue the suspect but that didn't work. Five officers had to work together to place the suspect under arrest. Three officers suffered injuries.

We mention this violent apprehension to demonstrate the danger public safety employees — police, fire and community service officers — face on a regular basis during the course of their work. These men and women deserve to be protected once they are through protecting us. We say this because we are not supportive of the movement for pension reform when it comes to public safety employees.

The most vocal critics of public pensions often use law enforcement retirement plans as examples of why reform is needed, saying the state is too generous when it comes to police officers and other public safety employees. The topic has gained exposure thanks to California's economic woes and the unfunded pension liability CalPERS is facing (some estimate the bill being more than $500 billion).

Clearly, pension reform is needed. Future public employees must contribute more to their retirement and be expected to pay for some of their healthcare. That is the only way many cities will be able to sustain themselves without large fee and tax increases.

But when it comes to those who protect us daily, we say they should be protected from the reforms. Those who sit behind a desk all their careers should be forced to pay more and most likely will in the coming years. But those who risk their lives catching crooks on PCP shouldn't be put at risk when it comes to their retirement.

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Group saves angels at risk

THEY SAY THAT BAD NEWS SELLS newspapers. The "they" in this case is the Pew Research Center, a "nonpartisan fact tank that provides information on the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world."

Fancy, shmancy.

Pew made this "bad news sells" conclusion after 20 years of polling. My question is, given all the bad news these days, why is the newspaper business so in the tank (Daily Press excluded)? And, considering that Pew is pronounced the same as "phew," maybe they should have taken a poll before they selected their name?

Bucking this negative news notion, hopefully this will be about something positive in our community. Something that was "born and raised" in Santa Monica.

Angels at Risk is a nonprofit organization, which creates a haven for teens and families coping with substance abuse. It was founded 14 years ago by Susie Spain, a friend of mine who is a former addict with 29 years of sobriety.

I'm writing about Angels this week because on Monday, Sept. 27 at 6 p.m., they resume their program at Santa Monica High School. It's open to all teens at risk and their families. On average, some 40 to 50 "angels" age 12 to 18 and about 15 to 25 parents, come to the group weekly. After 14 years, that's a huge number of families who have been helped in a time of crisis.

At the nadir of her own journey in addiction, Susie decided that if she ever made it through, she'd help other kids and families because it was such a lonely journey.

"When I was growing up, it was about the child, not the family, and it was a relentless struggle," she said. "If parents could just get involved, it evens out the pressure on the child. It's like in the movie 'Traffic,' it's about the family, not just about the girl."

"It encapsulates why I do what I do," said Susie, who's a certified addiction specialist.

Most of the kids in attendance have been caught with drugs and/or alcohol in Santa Monica, but they can be from anywhere, from Inglewood to Malibu. Susie said these kids from different backgrounds find they have "the same feelings but a different set of circumstances, and it creates a bond."

The involvement of the family is a key to Angels at Risk's success. "My belief is that an addiction problem in a teenager is a family problem," Susie said. "If parents are willing to take responsibility and say, 'I might have helped you get here, maybe I can look at what I've done, too,' or at least say 'I'm going to help you get through this,' it gives the child a great chance to make it."

Unfortunately, teen drug abuse in America is at alarming levels. In 2002, more than 1.3 million teens in the U.S. age 12 to 17 were dependent on or abused illicit drugs. Perhaps "alarming" is understating it.

The president's 2008 report indicated that overall teen drug use is down, but there are troubling signs. Teens view abusing prescription and over-the-counter drugs as safer than street drugs and therefore, OK. Of even more concern is that busy parents may not be addressing these dangers with their teens.

One statistic that jumped out at me is that eight in 10 felons sent to prison in California abuse drugs or alcohol. Angles at Risk advocates that the crisis requires that the community pull together to help these kids and their families.

IN 2002 MORE THAN 1.3 MILLION TEENS IN THE U.S. AGE 12 TO 17 WERE DEPENDENT ON OR ABUSED ILLICIT DRUGS.

Angels At Risk facilitators talk with parents about the various issues for a teen at risk and suggest counseling by a trained therapist. "If you have a family in a room with a third person, a child will feel more acknowledged seeing that someone is listening and trying to understand."

Angels at Risk also uses a powerful tool called "Notes from the Heart/Love Notes." Parents and teens write to each other, telling what went well that week, what went wrong and what needs to be worked on.

Warning signs of substance abuse include staying out late, anger, failing grades and lack of communication. What Angels at Risk has done over the years is to open up a dialogue between parents and kids that's safe and protected. "When the child gets identified as 'at risk,' if the parents don't blame and shame them, there's hope," Susie said. "If, however, they are constantly the problem and the loser, how can they change? They're getting high because they already don't feel good about themselves."

If any of the above sounds familiar, or you know a family in that crisis, you can phone Angels at Risk at (310) 457 1421, or go to www.angelsatrisk.org. Go to the website anyway. Reading about kids and parents overcoming serious problems is inspiring. Take that, Pew Research.

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The Q Line

Paying to play

A recent development deal between City Hall and Agensys, a cancer research company, calls for community benefits that include a sculpture garden and public cafe.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks: Should the City Council ask for straight cash instead of benefits when agreeing to development agreements?

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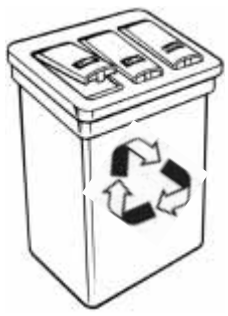
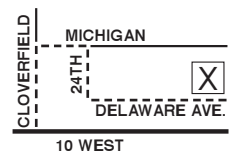
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share the money received from the half-cent sales tax then we will watch the deterioration of our schools and our city services. I am pleased that the City Council voted to give the public the authority to decide this measure on Nov. 2.

• WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Mostly City Council agenda reports and hundreds of e-mails every month from residents. I read local papers every day and love to follow college sports on the sports pages and on the Internet. The last book I read was "On the Trail of Whales," by Dumont and Marion.

• DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS ENOUGH PARKING DOWNTOWN? IF NOT, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT?

Barely enough today, but not enough during the holidays and certainly not enough once the economy recovers. Ironically, although it would seem that we need to build more, mostly we need to price the parking differently to achieve a dispersal of the demand to locations across Downtown. In addition, on Friday nights and weekends we need to keep our traffic directors on duty at our busiest intersections to keep traffic flowing and directing people to available parking. We have had good results directing people to parking at the Fourth Street structure across from the Doubletree Hotel, the parking lot directly across from City Hall adjacent to the RAND Corp. and the parking lot beneath the Main Library at Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. I believe that if we must build another parking structure it should be between Fourth and Fifth Streets between Arizona and Santa Monica Boulevard.

• NOW THAT THE BROAD MUSEUM IS OUT OF PLAY, WHAT SHOULD CITY HALL DO WITH THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT?

Bring another museum into play. I would like to see a world class museum built that will attract people to the heart of our city.

• WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

A pilot. Now that I am grown up, I want to be a cruise ship captain!

• LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS THE REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP? HOW CAN CITY HALL HELP THOSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE STRUGGLING IN THE CURRENT ECONOMY?

City Hall, through its ownership of some retail properties in Downtown, should keep the rents as low as possible to attract a variety of businesses. We have also reduced the license fees on the lowest grossing businesses to help them survive. We will continue to keep our business districts well maintained and creating destinations like the pier, promenade and Santa Monica Place to attract new businesses that can benefit from local residents and visitor shopping, dining and being entertained.

• L.A. RECENTLY GREATLY REDUCED PATIENT'S ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA. DO YOU SUPPORT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN SANTA MONICA?

No. Medical marijuana is only beginning to be regulated and since dispensaries in nearby Los Angeles can deliver to Santa Monica, our residents who require such medical treatment can receive their supplies promptly.

• SHOULD SMOKING BE BANNED WITHIN APARTMENTS?

If smoking in an apartment circulates smoke into other non-smoking apartments, then smoking should be banned in that building.

• WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE SANTA MONICA MORE BIKE FRIENDLY?

A dedicated bike path is planned to run beside the new light rail right-a-way. I would offer a plan to develop connecting bike paths to and from the neighborhoods it passes through across Santa Monica.

• WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

The lack of adequate funding for our Santa Monica schools may lead to a deterioration of the quality of education our residents expect and our students deserve. The ability of each child to attend and receive an excellent public school education is a key factor in preserving and enhancing the quality of life in Santa Monica.

• DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES OWNED BY CITY HALL. SHOULD PARKING BECOME THE TOP PRIORITY OR SHOULD HOUSING BECOME FIRST?

Presently there is a greater need for parking than housing in Downtown.

• DO YOU SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF SANTA MONICA AIRPORT IN 2015? IF SO WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO REPLACE IT WITH AND HOW WOULD YOU MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS IN REVENUE GENERATED BY AIRPORT OPERATIONS, LEASE AGREEMENTS?

I would support closure only if a careful and deliberate public process leads us to that conclusion. Personally, I see the airport property as an opportunity to provide some new recreational activities, while generating revenue through the inclusion of limited commercial and/or retail development including possibly, a family-oriented moderate hotel on part of the airport site.

• DO YOU BELIEVE IN PENSION REFORM AND SHOULD SANTA MONICA EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE MORE TOWARD THEIR HEALTHCARE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS?

Yes, I believe in pension reform. Both City Hall and the employees will have to pay part of the employees' costs because those costs are escalating rapidly.

• WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING PUBLIC BENEFITS FROM DEVELOPERS, WHAT SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PUBLIC ART, CASH MONEY, BIKE LANES OR CARPOOLING?

Affordable housing.

• WOULD YOU SUPPORT PLACING A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN SPEAK ON A PARTICULAR ITEM DURING MEETINGS?

Yes. Anything worth saying could be said in 15 minutes or less.

• WHEN IS THE LAST TIME YOU RODE A BIKE OR TOOK A BIG BLUE BUS?

Took the Big Blue Bus about a month ago.

• DOES THE HOUSING-FIRST MODEL WORK FOR ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS ISSUE OR SHOULD WE FOCUS ON BUILDING MORE EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS IMMEDIATELY?

Housing first is working and is my first priority.

• FREE FORM: WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?

The state taking millions of dollars of Santa Monica city funds to balance their massive deficit budget!

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• WHAT ARE YOU READING?

Just finished "The Year of the Flood," by Margaret Atwood.

• DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS ENOUGH PARKING DOWNTOWN? IF NOT, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT?

More than enough. If elected I would fight the rest of the council to make buses free! The city is rich and could afford it if council members would stop bribing city employees to get their endorsement, and spent tax revenues more on services that benefit the voters and residents!

• NOW THAT THE BROAD MUSEUM IS OUT OF PLAY, WHAT SHOULD CITY HALL DO WITH THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT?

Charge people to park there if they won't take the free buses, and put in a safe Rollerblade facility that is free for kids.

• WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

Musician and I was, for awhile.

• LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP? HOW CAN CITY HALL HELP THOSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE STRUGGLING IN THE CURRENT ECONOMY?

Give small business owners a break; lower taxes so locals won't have to drive out of the city to shop!

• L.A. RECENTLY GREATLY REDUCED PATIENTS' ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA. DO YOU SUPPORT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN SANTA MONICA?

I support legalizing all victimless crimes. Socialize gambling and prostitution, and put the Mafia out of business. I haven't smoked pot in years and don't recommend it, but I support Prop. 19. If it passes, the city should grow industrial marijuana (hopefully at the Santa Monica Airport) to increase revenues tenfold over just taxing it. Oakland is already letting large grow operations corner the profit. Why let the tobacco companies profit? I would hire any homeless who are talented in this kind of horticulture and monitor very carefully how the harvest is dispensed.

• SHOULD SMOKING BE BANNED WITHIN APARTMENTS?

I don't smoke tobacco, either, but City Hall has gone way overboard in restricting smokers. They can't enforce these new laws any more than you can stop people from smoking pot. People drank more alcohol during Prohibition than ever before. Here's another radical idea; have City Hall take over all cigarette sales within city limits, set up kiosks and hire unemployed Santa Monica residents to man them.

• WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE SANTA MONICA MORE BIKE FRIENDLY?

More bike lanes would impede traffic even more, but then people would have to take the free buses or ride bikes! I would also crack down on reckless bicyclists on the sidewalks; also skateboards, rollerblades, and those who don't observe safety regulations. I would also crack down on pedestrians on the bike path!

• WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

The current City Council and city staff, and alll the parasites feeding off the public trough!

• DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES OWNED BY CITY HALL. SHOULD PARKING BE THE TOP PRIORITY OR SHOULD HOUSING COME FIRST?

Low-income housing for people working here and only earning a living wage. The police earn enough to buy their own homes, but other candidates will disagree because they know they will be elected if they receive the SMPD endorsement.

• DO YOU SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF SANTA MONICA AIRPORT IN 2015? IF SO, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO REPLACE IT WITH AND HOW WOULD YOU MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS IN REVENUE GENERATED BY AIRPORT OPERATIONS, LEASE AGREEMENTS?

First of all, what revenue is left over after costs? I was the first to call for airport closure and I lost my only endorsement as a result. Now other candidates are jumping on the bandwagon. It won't be easy because the FAA is extremely powerful. To increase revenues, grow medical marijuana. Let's see the DEA storm troopers bust the city!

• DO YOU BELIEVE IN PENSION REFORM AND SHOULD SANTA MONICA EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE MORE TOWARD THEIR HEALTHCARE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS?

Absolutely, even if it means they won't endorse me! If there is a way to take over Saint John's for criminal over billing, and turn it into a single-payer medical provider with all profits going into better healthcare for the poor. It may get me excommunicated, but investigate and prevent all medicare and insurance fraud; jail the white collar (and white cowl) perpetrators!

• WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING PUBLIC BENEFITS FROM DEVELOPERS, WHAT SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PUBLIC ART, CASH MONEY, BIKE LANES OR CARPOOLING?

I say screw the developers and do our own contracting; make those people in building and safety do some honest work! Use Habitat for Humanity for affordable housing.

• WOULD YOU SUPPORT PLACING A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN SPEAK ON A PARTICULAR ITEM DURING MEETINGS?

Yes, and even more important, put a two-time limit on terms, ranked voting and clean money; yeah!

• WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU RODE A BIKE OR TOOK BIG BLUE BUS?

Today.

• DOES THE HOUSING-FIRST MODEL WORK FOR ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS ISSUE OR SHOULD WE FOCUS ON BUILDING MORE EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS IMMEDIATELY?

Both, but we need to stop fostering dependency. Get rid of the bloodsuckers in the social service industry (especially the SMRR people) and hire the homeless to clean up the city, etc. They do it already collecting cans and bottles!

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• DO YOU BELIEVE THERE IS ENOUGH PARKING DOWNTOWN? IF NOT, WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO ABOUT IT?

No. I would build underground parking at the old RAND facility. Also replace parking lost to new AMC theater.

• NOW THAT THE BROAD MUSEUM IS OUT OF PLAY, WHAT SHOULD CITY HALL DO WITH THE CIVIC CENTER PARKING LOT?

Lower parking costs. Have trams to transport people to shopping areas.

• WHEN YOU WERE A KID, WHAT DID YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GREW UP?

A detective!

• LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND REVENUES, YET SANTA MONICA HAS A REPUTATION FOR BEING A DIFFICULT PLACE TO DO BUSINESS. HOW WOULD YOU ENTICE MORE BUSINESSES, DIFFERENT BUSINESSES, TO OPEN UP SHOP? HOW CAN CITY HALL HELP THOSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE STRUGGLING IN THE CURRENT ECONOMY?

There is often a two-year delay to get a Conditional Use Permit; must be speeded up to no more than 12 months. Temporarily, lower taxes for those businesses that are struggling.

• L.A. RECENTLY GREATLY REDUCED PATIENTS' ACCESS TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA. DO YOU SUPPORT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN SANTA MONICA?

No.

• SHOULD SMOKING BE BANNED WITHIN APARTMENTS?

Yes.

• WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO MAKE SANTA MONICA MORE BIKE FRIENDLY?

Build more bike paths.

• WHAT'S THE BIGGEST THREAT FACING THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN SANTA MONICA?

Traffic.

• DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES OWNED BY CITY HALL. SHOULD PARKING BE THE TOP PRIORITY OR SHOULD HOUSING COME FIRST?

Parking.

• DO YOU SUPPORT THE CLOSURE OF SANTA MONICA AIRPORT IN 2015? IF SO, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO REPLACE IT WITH AND HOW WOULD YOU MAKE UP FOR THE LOSS IN REVENUE GENERATED BY AIRPORT OPERATIONS, LEASE AGREEMENTS?

No.

• DO YOU BELIEVE IN PENSION REFORM AND SHOULD SANTA MONICA EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTE MORE TOWARD THEIR HEALTHCARE AND RETIREMENT BENEFITS?

No.

• WHEN IT COMES TO GETTING PUBLIC BENEFITS FROM DEVELOPERS, WHAT SHOULD BE THE TOP PRIORITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING, PUBLIC ART, CASH MONEY, BIKE LANES OR CARPOOLING?

Affordable housing.

• WOULD YOU SUPPORT PLACING A LIMIT ON THE AMOUNT OF TIME COUNCIL MEMBERS CAN SPEAK ON A PARTICULAR ITEM DURING MEETINGS?

Yes

• WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU RODE A BIKE OR TOOK BIG BLUE BUS?

Two months ago.

• DOES THE HOUSING-FIRST MODEL WORK FOR ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS ISSUE OR SHOULD WE FOCUS ON BUILDING MORE EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS IMMEDIATELY?

Housing-first model.

• FREE FORM: WHAT'S PUTTING A BURR UNDER YOUR SADDLE?

The Arizona boycott. Perhaps the City Council members should live in those trailers for a few weeks and see how they like it. Those trailers have to be replaced pronto instead of becoming victims of misplaced political positions.

MANN

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OK, you asked for it. Where to begin?

I am so tired of special interests dominating policy by determining who gets elected. Do not vote for incumbents, or any candidate with special interest endorsements, they are compromised! It's called conflict of interest.

How about if the Santa Monica Daily Press advertises and promotes candidate debates before they occur, instead of just covering them after the fact? Put that in the SMDP and smoke it! That would get more people to come and learn that true, cost effective, democratic socialism is for the people! If I was on the council I would spend the hundreds of millions of dollars City Hall collects in revenues on the people.

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I have run for City Council 10 times now and lost. What does that tell you about who really runs this city? Down with all special interests, up with the people! I'm last on the ballot, but the last will be first and the first (guess who!) will be last!

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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.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 19, AT 4:36 P.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2200 block of Wilshire Boulevard (Whole Foods) regarding an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they were advised by security that the suspect entered the business, grabbed a bell pepper and then tried to leave without paying. When confronted by security, the suspect allegedly attacked a guard with a sock that contained rocks. The suspect fled. Officers located the suspect a short distance away. The suspect, Eric Madden, 35, a transient, was booked for robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and manufacturing a dangerous weapon. His bail was set at $50,000.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 14, AT 8:40 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 600 block of Wilshire Boulevard (7-Eleven) regarding an intoxicated person waving a stick around. When officers arrived, they saw the suspect doing "karate" moves in front of the business. The suspect appeared to be intoxicated and was yelling at a homeless person. Officers approached the suspect and placed him under arrest for public intoxication. He was identified as Vaughn Maher, 45, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $250.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 16, AT 11 A.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol in the area near Olympic High School when they saw a vehicle parked in the alley behind the school. As officers approached the vehicle, three of the four occupants got out of the car. Officers interviewed the four and learned that the driver was not a student at the school. He was allegedly in possession of hash brownies, liquid cannabis, marijuana, a scale and garden shears. One of the suspects who exited the vehicle was allegedly in possession of marijuana. The two suspects, John Sanchez, 18, of Santa Monica and a 17-year-old juvenile, were arrested. Sanchez was booked for possession of pot for sale, possession of concentrated cannabis, possession of more than 28.5 grams of marijuana, possession of burglary tools and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. The juvenile was booked for possession of pot in a vehicle. He was released to his mother. Sanchez' bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17, AT 11:47 A.M.,

Officers were flagged down by an employee of Jack-in-the-Box, located in the 2000 block of Lincoln Boulevard, regarding a drunk person making a scene at the fast food joint. When officers made contact with the suspect they determined he was under the influence of a controlled substance, which was later determined to be an opiate. The suspect was also allegedly in possession of a hypodermic needle. The suspect was arrested and booked for being under the influence, possession of a hypodermic needle and for a probation violation. He was identified as Alex Saltzman, 33, of Pacific Palisades. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 17, AT 6:50 P.M.,

Officers were working a DUI enforcement operation when they saw a vehicle make a turn from Beverly Avenue onto eastbound Ocean Park Boulevard in violation of a posted sign. Officers conducted a traffic stop near Lincoln Boulevard and Ocean Park. Upon contacting the driver, officers said they could smell the strong odor of alcohol emitting from her breath. Officers believed she was possibly driving while impaired and had her exit the vehicle and perform a series of balance and coordination tests. Upon completion of the tests, officers believed the victim had been driving while under the influence and placed her under arrest. She was identified as Joan Gallagher, 55, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $5,000.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18, AT 9:11 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue (Sears) regarding a robbery. As officers were responding, they were advised that the suspect simulated a weapon to escape. Officers contacted store security who stated that suspect picked up a watch and left the store without paying. When confronted by security, the suspect allegedly reached behind his back and said, "Back up you don't want this. You don't want the 22." The suspect then fled the location. Officers located the suspect and watch a short distance away. The suspect, Robert Griffin, 33, who refused to state his residence, was booked for robbery, petty theft with a prior, possession of marijuana and a warrant. His bail was set at $80,000.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 18, AT 4 P.M.

Officers responded to the 2600 block of Lincoln Boulevard (Vision Works Optometry) regarding a theft suspect from earlier in the week who was back in the area. When officers arrived, they made contact with employees who told the officers that the suspect entered the business on Sept. 15 and stole a $402 pair of Prada glasses. The suspect was on surveillance video taking the items, police said. Officers located the suspect a short distance away. The suspect made spontaneous statements that he did not have any glasses and did not go into Vision Works. Officers arrested the suspect, Saul Vesecky, 51, a transient, for burglary and warrants. His bail was set at $20,250.

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YUM: **Customers wait in line to order at the Mandoline Grill food truck on 31st Street in Sunset Park on Thursday afternoon. The number of food trucks doing business in Santa Monica has skyrocketed in the last two years, and Downtown business interests want City Hall to better regulate the mobile vendors.**

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longer they stay, the more of an impact they have on the district," said Kathleen Rawson, executive director of the Bayside District Corp., an organization that manages and promotes Downtown.

Bayside members have complained the trucks compete unfairly with Downtown restaurants, which have to pay a business district assessment in addition to premium lease rates — two expenses mobile food vendors avoid. Rawson said the district's members are also concerned the food trucks have in effect found a loophole in Downtown's moratorium on fast food restaurants and exacerbate the parking shortage by taking up public spaces.

"Business is tough right now, and certainly restaurants are becoming more vocal about their concerns," Rawson said.

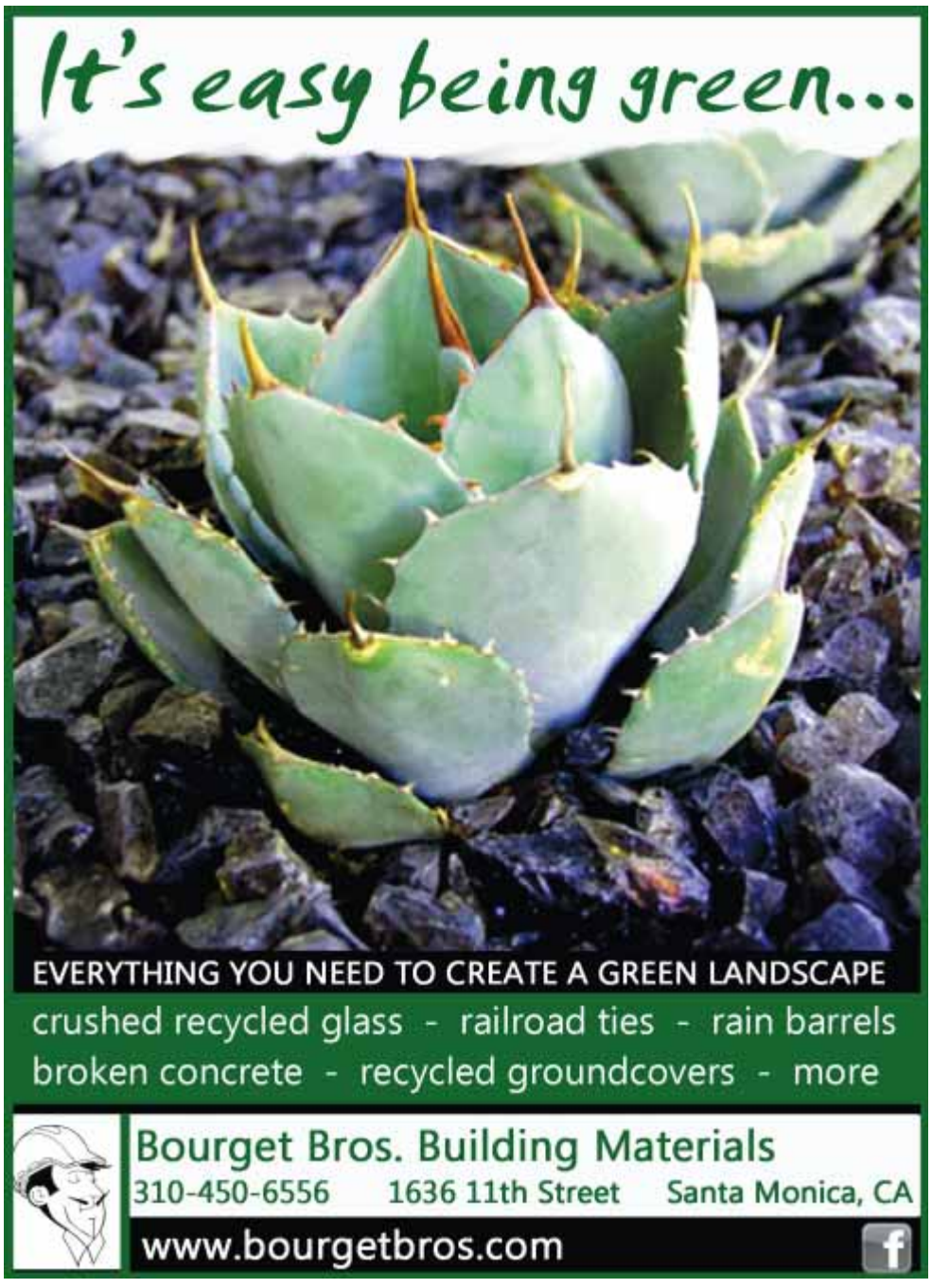
Meanwhile, the number of food trucks permitted to operate in Santa Monica has sharply increased in the past year, with a total of 117 trucks licensed to operate this fiscal year, up from 83 a year ago. During 2008-09, just 33 food trucks had permits to do business in Santa Monica.

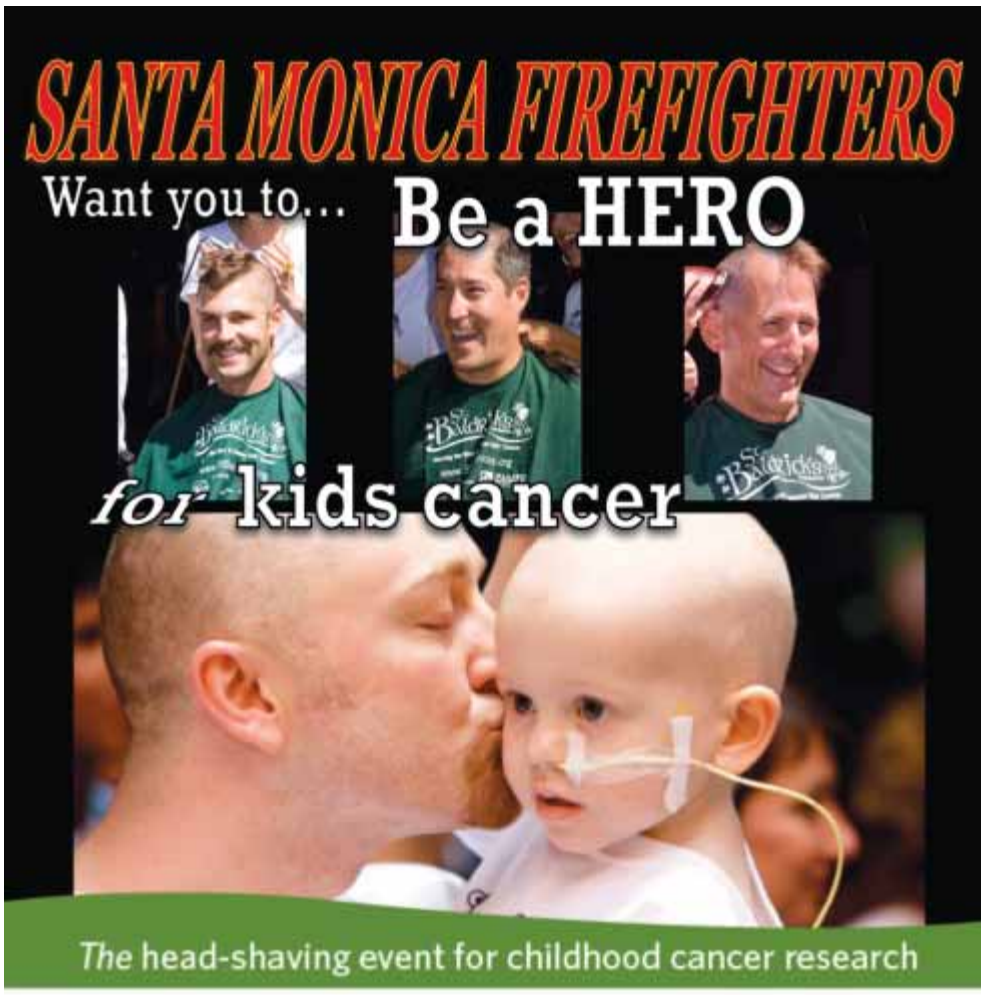
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> **Kathleen Rawson,**
> Executive director of the Bayside District Corp.

Responding to complaints from members, Bayside's Land Use and Asset Committee last week recommended reducing the number of trucks permitted to operate Downtown, and the organization's full board on Thursday night was expected to vote on whether to send the proposal to the City Council for possible action.

"Certainly there's enough concern from businesses in Downtown that this issue cannot be ignored," Rawson said.

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The Roadrunners played Vistamar on Tuesday night, and the Roadrunners won the match in straight games, with scores of 25-14, 25-19, and 25-12.

"Vistamar has always had a good team but I feel that this year our Crossroads team is really strong, we've never been so deep in so many different positions," Vagneur-Mintz said. "We were actually able to try some different things on Tuesday night by getting some players in positions they normally don't play so we can be prepared in case there are injuries in the future."

Vagneur-Mintz was able to take a lot from Tuesday's match and was very pleased with her 14-player roster after their winning performance.

Crossroads senior Arden Shore displayed the team's serving talent by scoring six aces during Tuesday night's game, a team high. But, she wasn't the only player who had a breakout performance against Vistamar. Defensive specialists Mia Hogan and Emma Cohen, both seniors, had five and four kills respectively.

Last season, Crossroads finished with an 11-11 record, and had a 4-6 record in the Alpha League, the team's second year playing in the league.

The Roadrunners made the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section playoffs, but lost in the first round to Western Christian High School from Upland.

This year the leagues have been adjusted for the second year in a row, so their competition is actually tougher — the two teams that the Roadrunners did beat last year were taken out of the league and two competitive schools have replaced them — Campbell Hall and Brentwood high schools. The three other teams in the Alpha League are Windward, Paraclete and Archer high schools.

"We haven't seen Archer in a long time, we've had some good battles with them in the past and I feel like we've had their number for a few years," Vagneur-Mintz said. "Last year our goal was to make the playoffs, which we did, just barely. The league we were in was a bit tougher than what we had previously been in, so we were really proud that we did make it.

"The league has shuffled again this year so we are once again in unknown territory. To make the playoffs again is our goal and to have a winning season is a big goal because we know the new league will present a new challenge."

Crossroads will begin league play with a home game against Archer on Oct. 1.

Their game tonight is the team's home opener at Grisanti Gym on the school's campus, a 5 p.m. tip-off against Santa Monica's New Roads High School. Vagneur-Mintz will also need the team ready for this Saturday's tournament at Whittier High School — they are scheduled to play Ramona Convent, Basset and St. Paul high schools.

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at St. Monica.

While the success is still somewhat modest, Muno took over a program that was in the midst of a three-season losing streak. He led the Mariners to a 3-6 record last year, and has seen his guys begin this season 2-1.

Muno has given the keys to his Mariners to senior quarterback Matthew Partyka, who excels in what the Mariners call their "NASCAR" offense. Partyka has passed for 579 yards thus far and has tossed six touchdowns. The only problem for the senior has been his four interceptions, with three coming during last week's victory over Malibu.

Muno said that he would like to see Partyka bring that ratio down and has pledged to run the ball with backs Sia'anga Moala and Sean Martinez to take pressure off a quarterback who is playing just his second season of football. The two have rushed for a combined 136 yards and three touchdowns.

With the addition of wide receiver Sam Holguin, who missed almost all of last season due to injury, Brentwood's Brown said that he's impressed by St. Monica's play makers.

"You have to contain that quarterback," Brown said. "He can cause a lot of problems if you let him move around."

Brown will counter with a pair of physical defenders in defensive lineman Michael Ceja and linebacker Christian Proctor. On a team that Brown characterizes as under sized, the duo give the Eagles "a little physicality."

"They spread the field," Brown said of St. Monica. "It puts a lot of pressure on us to try to stop their running game. We're small up front, they are bigger than we are."

The game is scheduled for Saturday at Brentwood. It begins at 1 p.m.

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no such standards exist for ultra-fines.

The temporary runway closure offered a rare opportunity to record data when takeoffs were not occurring, said Sam Atwood, a spokesman for the SCAQMD, the air pollution control agency for Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties.

The measurements come after the SCAQMD collected seven months worth of data at SMO during 2006 and 2007, part of an EPA-financed study to characterize the ambient levels of several air pollutants in communities adjacent to SMO and Van Nuys Municipal Airport.

"We know when these aircraft are taking off that we definitely get spikes in the amounts of ultra-fine particles," Atwood said.

The latest measurements will help refine that understanding by establishing a correlation between pollution levels, the types of jets taking off from SMO and the flight paths they're using, he said.

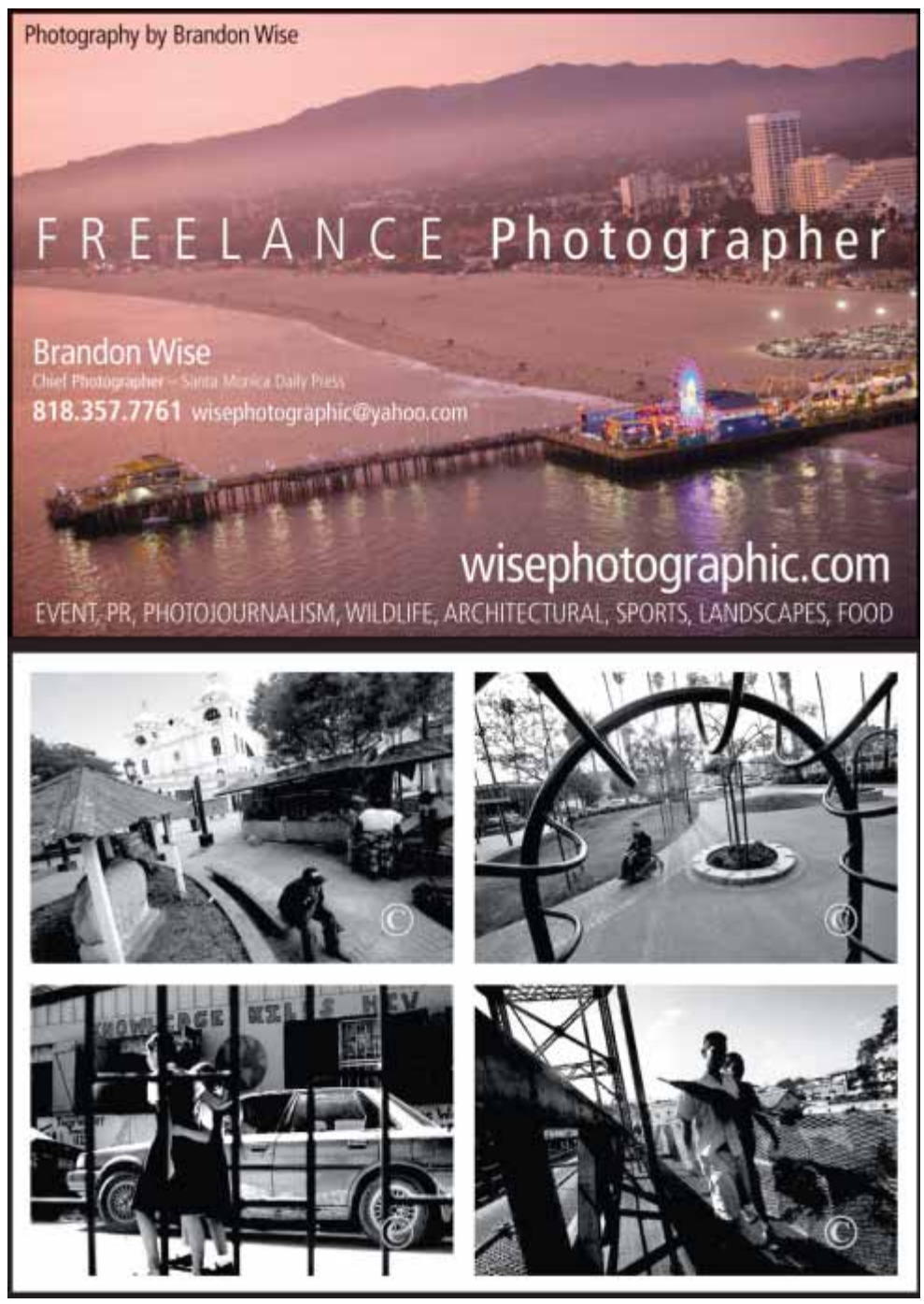
The hope, he added, is that the new measurements "ultimately might give us some information on what potential mitigation measures could be taken."

Data collection will continue next week, and the results are expected to be part of a public report the agency will release by early next year, Atwood said.

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PETA to celebrate b-day with celebs

SANDY COHEN
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Pamela Anderson posed in a lettuce bikini. Rocker Dave Navarro wore just his tattoos. Bill Maher was photographed in nothing but a baby bonnet. And countless young actresses have gone naked rather than wear fur.

Other celebrities have spoken out against factory farming, bullfighting and the use of great apes in entertainment. They've talked up vegetarianism and put down circuses. They've done all this and more for PETA, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals.

The animal-rights organization has long relied on newsworthy stars to help spread its message in a hip, edgy way — its recent "Ink Not Mink" campaign featured nude, tattooed celebs like Dennis Rodman and Tommy Lee. And PETA is thanking the stars at its big 30th birthday party on Saturday.

PETA is throwing a party at the Hollywood Palladium hosted by Alec Baldwin and honoring a spate of animal-loving stars, including Anjelica Huston, Bob Barker, Woody Harrelson, Navarro and "Glee"'s Lea Michele.

"We're a totally celebrity besotted society. Even if you don't want to look, you have to see what they're up to," says PETA president and founder Ingrid Newkirk, who has enlisted celebrity ambassadors since the organization's early days. "Celebrity compels us to look and listen... They're enormously powerful, and for them to have a compassionate voice for animals is a godsend."

Over the past three decades, PETA workers and volunteers, celebrity and non, have significantly reduced animal suffering in everyday business practices. Revlon, Avon and Gillette bowed to pressure from PETA and stopped testing their products on animals. Juicy Couture, Calvin Klein, Polo Ralph Lauren and other major fashion houses agreed to go fur free. Nike and H&M pledged never to sell any exotic skins and General Motors ceased using primates and pigs in its auto crash tests.

But there's much more to be done, says rocker Chrissie Hynde, a longtime vegetarian and animal activist who was once arrested alongside other PETA volunteers in Paris for protesting outside a KFC restaurant.

"To exploit an animal at any time for any reason, it's the amusement of the devil," Hynde says. "And to make profits out of them, or certainly to torture them, it debases the whole human condition."

When it comes to PETA, Hynde says she's "at their service always" and happy to lend her famous name to any of the group's efforts.

"Celebrities have replaced God in our culture," she says. "If they're the only ones that people will look up to and listen to, then we'll use whatever ammo we've got."

Comedian Bill Maher, who serves on PETA's board of directors, praises the group's use of celebrity and comedy in spreading its message of animal kindness.

"They're very clever in the way they really use humor. They are savvy with the media," he says. "They obviously attract a lot of attention, and some of it is critical, because they take no prisoners in their approach. I'm glad they do it that way, because I think to defend the innocence of the animals, you really have to go the whole nine yards."

That includes having the most recent Oscar host serve as emcee of their anniversary soiree. Baldwin has been involved with the group for two decades, after being introduced to Newkirk and other PETA leaders through his ex-wife, Kim Basinger.

"I became a vegetarian to date my ex-wife," says the actor.

Baldwin and Maher are among those fighting against factory farming. Maher describes the practice as "probably the biggest single horror that goes on, because more cruelty is perpetrated on more animals in that area than almost anything else."

"We're talking about millions and millions of animals," he says. "I think the regular citizen in America is finally becoming aware that the food they eat comes to them only at the expense of making animals' lives a misery while they're on Earth for such a brief time."

Progress sometimes comes slowly, Newkirk notes, but it does come. When she first started PETA in her basement apartment in 1980, few people had considered animal rights.

"The word vegan was unheard of," she says. "That was someone from Las Vegas."

But with the strides PETA has made, the group's two million members and many celebrity volunteers are inspired to work for more social and legislative changes. Newkirk has her eye on circuses and animal parks such as Sea World, which she calls "abusement parks."

"The momentum is there. The public sentiment is there. We just have to push against big businesses," she says. "The battle for hearts and minds and consideration and respect for others is where we began our base and where we continue."

Even small daily decisions can help, she says: Order a veggie burger instead of a hamburger today. Choose animal-free clothing. And give your pet at home your love and patience.

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Disney launches website for user-generated content

BETH J. HARPAZ
AP Travel Editor

NEW YORK Disney upped its social-media profile Thursday by launching a website with the sole purpose of showcasing photos, videos and other user-generated content from park visitors and fans.

It's part of a trend among corporations to connect with consumers, but it's a big deal coming from a company with such a carefully controlled image.

"We're inviting our guests to share their family memories online and in the parks. We're making them the center of this campaign," said Tom Staggs, chairman of Walt Disney Parks and Resorts, at a New York event Thursday launching the site, http://www.DisneyParks.com/Memories.

Disney also plans to use content submitted by fans in TV ads, brochures, print ads and other marketing.

"It's a big deal because No. 1, Disney is doing it, and No. 2, it's an expansion of the social media phenomenon," said Duncan Dickson, a professor at the University of Central Florida's Rosen College of Hospitality Management in Orlando, which offers a theme park major.

The Memories website is part of a new Disney campaign the company is calling "Let the Memories Begin." A national TV ad for the campaign scheduled to begin airing Friday was created from videos posted online by fans. Starting in January, the parks will project images of guests onto Cinderella's Castle at Disney World in Florida and the It's a Small World attraction at Disneyland in California, though a spokesman said most of those projected images would be shot by Disney photographers.

Staggs called the initiative "our first user-generated show and our first user-generated marketing campaign."

"This is part of a larger trend we're seeing," said Amy Webb, CEO of Webbmedia, a digital media consulting firm that focuses on emerging technology. "More and more large corporations are moving in this direction. It's a way of organically growing the brand." She pointed to Ford Motor Co.'s Facebook page, where consumers upload photos of their cars, as an example.

She noted that the new Disney site allows the company to capitalize on the booming popularity of mobile devices.

Peter Yesawich, chairman of the Y Partnership marketing firm, was commissioned by Disney to study how consumers view vacation memories. He concluded that social media sites are "the new scrapbooks" and that Americans are increasingly "trying to capture those memories in real time and posting them online to share with friends."

Dickson, who worked at Disney for nearly 20 years, said "people love to post those kinds of things on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube, and this gives them another outlet for it. I take my picture and Disney's going to post it on their website and people are going to be able to see me!"

Staggs said that the campaign allows "real fans to become the stars," and Dickson said Disney will benefit by getting authentic material for its ads.

"I'm in Sheboygan and I see somebody like me enjoying themselves in the Magic Kingdom," Dickson said. "These aren't scrubbed actors perfectly placed in a Disney setting. These are real people, and the Joe Lunchboxes of the world can picture themselves there too."

Guests at the Disney event included actor Michael J. Fox, who shared photos of his family at Disneyland. "We're official Disney junkies," he said.

All content submitted to the Memories site will be moderated before it is posted. Depending on the volume of submissions, Disney hopes to post what guests send in within one to four hours.

In addition to photos and video, the website will accept text from fans describing their memories of Disney visits. Besides submitting via the new website, fans can submit material via

Facebook.com/WaltDisneyWorld,
Facebook.com/Disneyland,
Youtube.com/DisneyMemories,
or Myspace.com/DisneyParks.

Bad news on jobs forces stocks down

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks slumped Thursday on disappointment about a suprise jump in unemployment claims and more signs of trouble for Europe's economy.

The market got off to a bad start following an unexpected increase in unemployment benefits claims last week and a lower reading on business activity in the 16 countries that use the euro. More bad news came from Ireland, which reported that its economy shrank 1.2 percent in the second quarter.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 77 points. The late-day slide raised doubts about whether a three-week rally that vaulted stocks higher in September would hold. The Dow is still up 6.5 percent for the month, but 4.8 percent below its 2010 high reached on April 26. For the year, it's up 2.2 percent.

Traders were disappointed to see first-time unemployment claims rise last week, breaking a recent trend of declines. The Labor Department said claims jumped by 12,000 and are still at levels that signal employers are not significantly adding new jobs.

"It's all about jobs right now," said Jack Ablin, chief investment officer at Harris Private Bank. "When claims pick up, that's a worrisome sign."

Unemployment claims had fallen consistently in recent weeks, reducing worries that the economy might fall back into recession. Modest improvements in many economic reports have driven stocks sharply higher in September. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 13 of the past 16 days, but broke a five-day winning streak on Wednesday.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 76.89, or 0.7 percent, to close at 10,662.42.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 9.45, or 0.8 percent, to 1,124.83, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 7.47, or 0.3 percent, to 2,327.08.

Falling stocks outpaced rising ones two to one on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 950 million shares.





NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT:

A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 10-010, Variance 10-009, 107 Broadway. The applicant requests a Conditional Use Permit (10CUP-010) to convert eleven [11] existing non-conforming short-term rental units to hotel guestrooms within an existing three-story building and Variance (10VAR-009) to allow the eleven [11] parking spaces plus one additional parking space be located off-site. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.08.12.040(e), a CUP is required to establish a hotel operation in the RVC district and SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030[b] allows the modification of off-street parking requirements through a variance application. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT: Babak Mortazavi, 107 Broadway Lofts & Suites, LLC. PROPERY OWNER: Broadway Ocean Enterprises Ltd.** [Continued from September 15, 2010]

Conditional Use Permit 10-011, 2025 Wilshire Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (10CUP011) to allow the on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine (Type 41) in conjunction with a fast-casual, sit-down restaurant. The proposed restaurant, Veggie Grill, occupies 2,867 square feet and consists of 75 interior seats and 20 exterior patio seats. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.04.10.18.020, a CUP is required for the dispensing and sale of alcoholic beverages. [Planner: Grace Page] **APPLICANT: The Veggie Grill. PROPERTY OWNER: Ideal Properties LLC and Michael Sorochinsky**

Conditional Use Permit 10-012, 2424 Pico Boulevard . The applicant (Josie's Restaurant) is requesting to amend existing Conditional Use Permit 00-011 to allow an expansion of the existing restaurant with on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, and spirits), and requests amendments to existing conditions of approval. The expansion will occupy two adjacent tenant spaces in the building and will provide a new dining alternative for customers. Pursuant to existing CUP00-011, a significant change in the approved concept shall be subject to Planning Commission review. Furthermore, pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.08.22.040(o), a Conditional Use Permit is required to allow the operation of a restaurant with fifty seats or more in the C4 district, and SMMC Section 9.04.10.18.020 which requires a Conditional Use Permit for the on-site sale and dispensation of alcohol. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT: Josie Le Balch. PROPERTY OWNER: Pico 24th Street Partnership.** [Continued from September 15, 2010]

Conditional Use Permit 10-015, 1630 Ocean Park Boulevard. The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (10CUP015) to allow the on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine with incidental off-sale privileges in conjunction with an existing 2,340 square foot restaurant and specialty retail business, Thyme Café & Market. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.04.10.18.020, a CUP is required for the dispensing and sale of alcoholic beverages. [Planner: Grace Page] **APPLICANT: Thyme Café & Market, Inc. PROPERTY OWNER: David J Okeefe Trust.**

WHEN: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

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

City of Santa Monica

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, and #9 provide service to the City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

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Congress sends small business bill to Obama

ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The Democratic-controlled Congress on Thursday sent President Barack Obama a long-delayed bill to help struggling small businesses with easier credit and other incentives to expand and hire new workers.

The $40 billion-plus bill is the last vestige of the heralded jobs agenda that Obama and Democrats promoted early this year. They ended up delivering only a fraction of what they promised after emboldened Senate Republicans blocked most of the agenda with filibusters.

The Senate passed the measure last week. The 237-187 House vote Thursday that sent the bill to the president split along party lines as Democrats praised the measure for creating a $30 billion federal fund to help smaller banks issue loans to small businesses and for cutting taxes by $12 billion over the coming decade.

"It combines ... tax relief with increased access to critical financing so that our nation's small businesses can move forward on new or delayed expansion plans," said Rep. Chellie Pingree, D-Maine."Small-business growth means job creation."

Republicans, poised for big gains in midterm elections just six weeks away, said the new loan fund is just a smaller version of the unpopular 2008 bailout of the financial system.

"What we have today before us is junior TARP," said Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart, R-Fla.

While community bankers enthusiastically support the measure, it's getting only tepid support from GOP-leaning small-business groups, which are more focused on expiring tax cuts.

"There's some OK stuff in it, but the impact's going to be minimal," said Bill Rys, tax counsel for the National Federation of Independent Business.

The vote gives Obama and his Democratic allies on Capitol Hill a much-needed, but minor, victory as midterm elections approach.

"The small business jobs bill passed today will help provide loans and cut taxes for millions of small business owners," Obama said in a statement. "After months of partisan obstruction and needless delay, I'm grateful that Democrats and a few Republicans came together to support this commonsense plan to put Americans back to work."

Earlier this year, Democrats had ambitious designs to boost "green jobs," provide new funding for roads, bridges and other infrastructure projects, pay for a summer jobs program for disadvantaged young people and renew health insurance subsidies for the jobless.

What was actually enacted was far smaller: more unemployment checks for the jobless; relief from payroll taxes for companies that hire new workers; and billions of dollars in aid for states and local schools.

The new loan fund would be available to community banks to encourage lending to small businesses. Supporters say banks should be able to use the fund to leverage up to $300 billion in loans.

Republicans said that banks have plenty of money to lend but that loan demand is way down.

"It won't do any good. Business doesn't need credit — business needs customers," said Jade West, a lobbyist for the GOP-leaning National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors. "If they don't have a customer base because demand is down, they're not going to borrow because there is nothing for them to borrow for."

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Philly is largest U.S. city with casino

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Associated Press Writer

PHILADELPHIA Philadelphia took the title Thursday of largest U.S. city with a casino when Pennsylvania's 10th gambling hall opened despite years of community protests and delays.

SugarHouse Casino drew a raucous crowd of well over a thousand people to the Delaware River waterfront for a chance to play among its 1,600 slot machines and 40 table games. A string band entertained.

"SugarHouse is the place to be in Philadelphia," said General Manager Wendy Hamilton. "Our doors are open."

Lawmakers and officials, in brief remarks before the opening, praised the creation of some 900 jobs and other economic benefits that came with the project.

The casino conducted test runs of the games on Monday and Wednesday, with the proceeds going to charity, before the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board gave it permission to open.

The business pushes Philadelphia (population 1.55 million) past Detroit (population 910,000) to become the nation's largest city with casino gambling.

Board Chairman Gregory Fajt said he was excited about finally getting SugarHouse off the ground after all the delays, caused mainly by litigation from community protesters, government agencies and disgruntled bidders.

"There was a lot of litigation in Philadelphia that we did not have in other parts of the state," Fajt said. "The public has to understand that these delays were not the result of the developer getting cold feet."

The protesters haven't gone away. The grass-roots group Casino-Free Philadelphia held an opening day protest and plans more as it tries to hurt business at the facility in the city's Fishtown/Northern Liberties neighborhood.

Members gathered outside the casino before the ribbon cutting and unveiled a mural depicting how they think the waterfront should look — without a casino. The mural was drawn by children who live in the neighborhood and included images of gardens and playgrounds.

After the casino opens, the group plans to have volunteers regularly patrol the area in search of problems such as alcohol violations or kids being left in cars while their parents gamble — in hopes of shutting down SugarHouse, said group spokesman Dan Hajdo.

The status of a second casino planned for Philadelphia remains in flux.

The Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board's enforcement division is working to revoke the license it issued to Foxwoods, which doesn't have the money to build right now, board spokesman Richard McGarvey said. Foxwoods has faced daily fines since failing to meet a December deadline to provide information about its financing, design and construction.

But for now, state officials say they're happy to be moving forward with at least one Philadelphia casino.

MEDIA

Former Crossroads star Davis eyes Emmy award

BY PAUL NEWBERRY
AP National Writer

Dear Emmy voters, Baron Davis regrets to inform you that he won't be able to attend the awards ceremony for his documentary film on L.A. gang life.

By then, he'll be busy with his other passion.

The Los Angeles Clippers point guard, and former UCLA and Crossroads star, will already be at training camp when the Emmy awards for news and documentaries are handed out in New York City next Monday.

From afar, though, he'll be rooting for the film "Crips and Bloods: Made in America," which is up for best documentary. Davis served as executive producer, putting up the money and providing entree into a world that he escaped from — largely because of basketball — but hasn't forgotten.

"This is very prestigious," Davis said in an interview with The Associated Press. "We've really been able to tackle a subject that's kind of been picked on, but we've been able to tackle it and really shed some light on it from both sides of the spectrum. We want to let people formulate their own opinions about what's going on in this country and in the impoverished communities."

The 31-year-old Davis longs to be more than just a star athlete. He believes he can be an agent for social change, which is why he decided to form a production company, Verso Entertainment, and pushed to make the film about two of America's most notorious gangs.

He hopes the documentary, which was first released in 2008, sheds light on the root causes of gang life, a world of hopelessness and despair that often leads youngsters to believe they have no other options. It is narrated by Academy Award winner Forrest Whitaker and includes interviews gang members and NFL Hall of Famer Jim Brown — who works with inner-city youngsters.

"We all need to make a concerted effort to attack the problem, really do something as a country, as a nation, to support and restructure the way things are," Davis said. "We have to build roads to success, not roads to the penitentiary."

He knows as well as anyone that it's possible.

Davis grew up in South Central, the hub of Los Angeles gang life. He very easily could have fallen prey to the temptations of crime and drugs, especially when the death of his grandfather at age 14 left him without a positive male role model.

But through basketball, Davis received a scholarship to Santa Monica's Crossroads, which was his steppingstone to UCLA, where he played well enough in two years to be the third overall pick in the 1999 NBA Draft. He's now preparing for his 13th professional season.

Just don't say that he never looked back. Davis is one of those athletes who believes there's more to life than hitting jumpers, doling out assists and cashing big paychecks. Those who escape life on the streets have an obligation, in his eyes, to provide an outlet for others to do the same.

"It's always been something that I thought more and more people should fight for," Davis said. "We've got to start rebuilding our country from the inside out. We've got to build young leaders who will eventually be the ones who take over and help guide us to a better future. I just really think, as a nation, we need to start looking inward and really, really sacrificing for the youth and for our future."

He called for a renewed focus on sports and arts in the inner city. He said they are two of the best conduits for at-risk children to express themselves and learn to work with others, especially if they have mentors showing the way.

"You may not be a professional basketball player," Davis said. "But there are PR. positions. There's the general manager. There's team management. There's computer graphics. There's all sorts things associated with sports and with the arts, so many different jobs. You can be something. You don't have to be a millionaire, but you can definitely have an opportunity to further your life and have a better life."

He looks at filmmaking as one of the most effective means of pushing for social change. That's what he hoped to accomplish with "Made in America," a look at gang life in real words, real actions. He didn't want to perpetuate the stereotypes, but he didn't want to shy away from the brutality, either.

"The most surprising thing for me is that gangs have covered so much of our history. We're taking about five generations of gangs," Davis said. "When I was growing up, I saw it as a kid and then as a teenager. Now, I'm seeing it as an adult, the same things. It's disheartening that there's no road to success, no opportunities for success."

As a native of Southern California, perhaps it was only natural that Davis would gravitate toward films as a way to spread his message. It also gave him a chance to stand out, since he's never played on a team that would be considered among the NBA elite.

Davis played his first six years with the Hornets in Charlotte and New Orleans, followed by a four-year stint with the Golden State Warriors. He's now heading into his third season with the lowly Clippers, perhaps the most woebegone franchise in the league.

"Everybody watches movies. That's my voice. ... I'm not as popular as a Shaquille O'Neal or Kobe Bryant," he said. "I wanted to do something that resonates with people and communities, but also resonated across the entire country to all the inner cities. Film is the best way to explain a point of view or a task at hand."

And it's not all that different than running the fast break.

"You need a team in order to be successful," Davis said. "Everybody needs to play their roles. There needs to be a lot of communication. It's a lot of work, a lot of hard work, a lot of hours. You're watching film over and over and over, just like you do in practice."

Davis is already turning to other projects, including preproduction on a feature film that will be based on the culture of AAU basketball. The script is in the final stages, and he hopes to begin shooting next summer.

After that, he's looking at making a film about his own life in the NBA.





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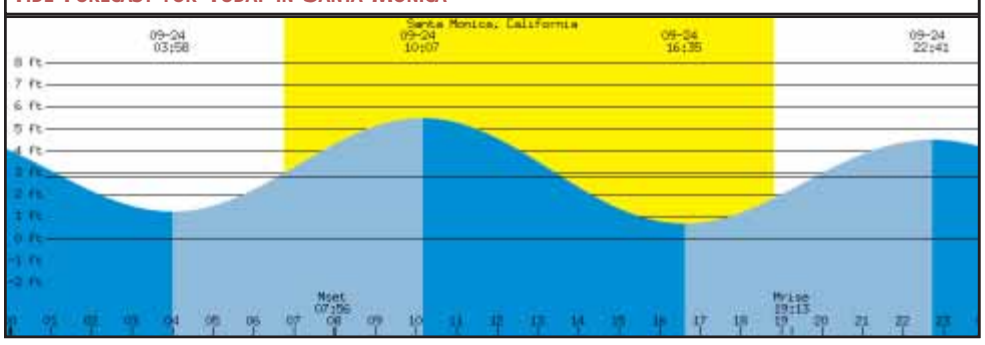
Swell Forecast

Knee to waist most everywhere at best.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks weak for south facing breaks. West facing breaks can expect infrequent NW waves in the waist+ zone, but for the most part, not much swell is expected anywhere in SoCal.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



LEGAL NEWS

Lawyer denies fraud claim in McCourt divorce case

GREG RISLING
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A lawyer who once represented Jamie and Frank McCourt denied Thursday he committed fraud when he switched a key portion of a postnuptial marital agreement that excluded the Los Angeles Dodgers from Frank McCourt's separate assets.

Larry Silverstein was on the witness stand Thursday for the third consecutive day in the couple's divorce trial. The McCourts are fighting over ownership of the team, the stadium and the surrounding land, worth hundreds of millions of dollars.

The trial is slated to take a break Friday, when attorneys on both sides are expected to go into mediation, according to a person familiar with the case who requested anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly about settlement discussions.

Jamie McCourt is seeking to have Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon toss out the agreement, allowing her to have a stake in the Dodgers under California's community property law. Frank McCourt believes he is the sole owner and the pact should be upheld.

Silverstein said he regretted not telling the couple about making a change to fix what he called a mistake in April 2004 to a key portion of the agreement that went from excluding the Dodgers from Frank McCourt's separate property to including the team.

"I admit it was not the best practice," Silverstein said.

Jamie McCourt's legal team claimed her husband and Silverstein engaged in fraud by making the correction without telling their client.

When asked by one of Frank McCourt's attorneys if he committed fraud, Silverstein responded, "Absolutely not."

Frank McCourt also denied the claim during his testimony earlier this month.

Silverstein said Wednesday he wrote the word "exclusive" in a draft of the agreement to reflect that the team and the businesses were Frank McCourt's alone. It turns out that Silverstein gave the couple six copies to sign at their Massachusetts home in March 2004, three of which had the Dodgers as Frank McCourt's separate property, and three others that didn't.

On redirect questioning by David Boies, an attorney for Jamie McCourt, Silverstein seemed to be confused with the timeline when the couple signed the agreement. He previously testified he drew a line through a draft that had the "exclusive" language and replaced it with "inclusive" a day before the couple signed the document on March 30.

But Silverstein told Boies that he made the handwritten change a few weeks later on the same day he replaced a copy of the agreement that included the Dodgers as Frank McCourt's separate asset.

Asked outside of court why he posed the question to Silverstein, Boies said the answer showed Silverstein may not be truthful.

"It's mostly just to show his story keeps changing," Boies said.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **September 11, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills - 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather - 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	B	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
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Point 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.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	D	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.	B	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 D&W 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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MOVIE TIMES

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Double feature
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Legend of the Guardians 3D: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (NR) 1hr 30min
1:25pm, 4:00pm, 6:40pm, 9:20pm

Going the Distance (R) 1hr 37min
2:10pm, 4:50pm, 10:10pm

American (R)
7:30pm

Catfish (NR) 1hr 34min
12:00pm, 2:20pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Virginity Hit (NR)
12:55pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Legend of the Guardians 3D: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (NR) 1hr 30min
11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Alpha and Omega 3D (NR)
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:25am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:35pm

Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (NR)
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
12:00pm, 1:00pm, 3:15pm, 4:15pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm, 10:45pm

You Again (PG)
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Who Is Harry Nilsson (And Why Is Everybody Talkin\' About Him?) (NR)
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Teza (NR) 2hrs 20min
1:30pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm

Get Low (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Animal Kingdom (R) 1hr 52min
4:10pm, 9:45pm

Heartbreaker (L'arnacoeur) (NR) 1hr 45min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Town (NR)
10:45am, 1:35pm, 4:35pm, 7:40pm, 10:45pm

Town (NR)
12:00pm, 3:20pm, 6:30pm, 9:40pm

Machete (NR)
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Easy A (NR)
11:15am, 12:15pm, 1:50pm, 2:50pm, 4:25pm, 5:25pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

Devil (NR)
10:55am, 1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:55pm, 8:25pm, 10:50pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Find buddies, Gemini

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Determination sometimes comes off as being rigid. You blow through misunderstandings in order to achieve your desired results. Verify with an associate that you are on the same page. Tonight: Put your feet up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Much that occurs could make you feel uncomfortable. You often feel pressured by a situation that makes you ill at ease. When you can laugh, others will relax. Still, you might not have the flex to behave that easily. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. You are going to need it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might want to approach a friendship or meeting in a different way. You quickly discover that many of your past assumptions could have been off. Stop and regroup. Take advantage of the upcoming weekend. Tonight: Find your friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Knowing full well what you want can help you direct your energy, or at least use it appropriately. Confirm meetings and pick and choose your words. Decide to take nothing personally, as the potential for a misunderstanding is high. Tonight: Could be late!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your mind takes the lead, even over impulsiveness, though the two could merge. Pull yourself out of the here and now, and you will make excellent and supportive decisions. Be willing to forge a new path. Tonight: Think "distant drummer."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A key person in your life might be a bit demanding, wanting exactly what he or she thinks should happen. What does it really hurt to go along for the ride, at least for the day? Make sure that on some level you communicate that you are giving this person's idea a try; it is not a commitment. Tonight: Munchies while visiting with a pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Others have strong opinions, but is this really new? Simply kick back and enjoy yourself. If you see a matter differently from many people in your circle, keep testing it for now. Remain open. Don't overreact to another person's feelings. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Instigate change rather than cause yourself a problem. If you see a matter differently, be aware that others are simply demanding -- for now. Give these people the time to see the net results of their ideas. Tonight: Make it early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Seize the moment, and get out of work or plans as soon as possible. You might be silly to some but intuitive to others. Make hay while you can, which might look like working harder next week. Be careful with a touchy parent or boss. Tonight: You can look at a situation in a new light.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might want to rethink a project more carefully than in the past. You can buy yourself time, especially if it means preventing an error. You might not have all your facts just yet. Tonight: Order in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your ability to communicate gets down to the essence of the moment. You might wonder which way is best. Since you are not getting all the facts, it could be close to impossible to make a decision. Tonight: Flirt till your heart's content.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be aware of the costs of certain negotiations. If you are not comfortable, nothing will work. Trust your inner voice, especially if you believe someone isn't getting your message. Tonight: Say "yes" and only "yes."

Happy birthday

This year, you see life from a renewed perspective. Probably, you will become more willing to flow in a different direction. Understanding evolves between you and others as you learn to listen better than in the past. If you are single, many people could present themselves as a potential suitor, but it might not work or be the right person. The smart Libra will play the field until he or she is sure. If you are attached, be a silent partner this year and let your significant other feel freer and more loved. ARIES tests your limits.

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



MYSTERY REVEALED!

Alejandro Cesar Cantarero II *news@smdp.com*

Ivan Aceves correctly identified this photo of the City Garage Theater in the alley just east of the Third Street Promenade. He will receive two VIP passes to Pacific Park. Check out tomorrow's paper for another chance to play. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Garfield

By Jim Davis



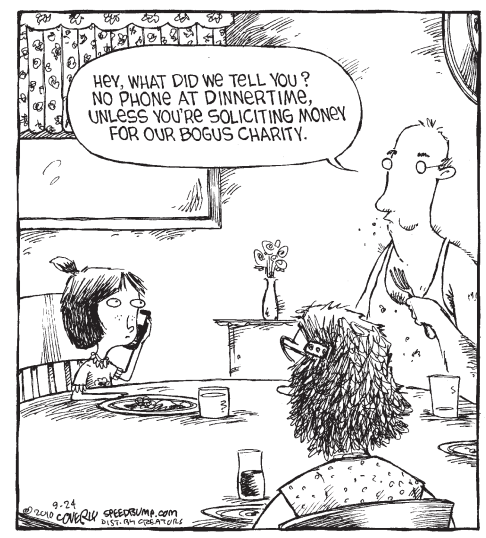
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Dances by jumping up and down
6 "Vacation" singers
11 Bumbling
12 News subject
13 Brawl
14 Home run, in slang
15 Langley org.
16 Frat letter
18 Paris pal
19 Antlered animal
20 Cooking need
21 Ludacris' music
22 Fast pitch
24 Fan publication
25 South American capital
27 Like some Chardonnays
29 Comes to a point
32 NFL player
33 Bro's kin
34 Unconscious
35 Outback runner
36 Sound of delight
37 Merkel of movies
38 Insurance worker
40 Conductor's need
42 Win by —
43 Audibly
44 Makes finer
45 Flat floats

DOWN

1 Fishy sign
2 "Ah, Wilderness" playwright
3 Enjoy
4 Choose
5 Plug
6 Joke teller's question
7 Fertility clinic topic
8 Provoke
9 Kind of band
10 Rank indicator
17 Hamlet's friend
23 Calendar box
24 Ray-gun sound
26 Reception feature
27 Verdi output
28 Designer Giorgio
30 Become depleted
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41 Copying

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Yesterday's answer

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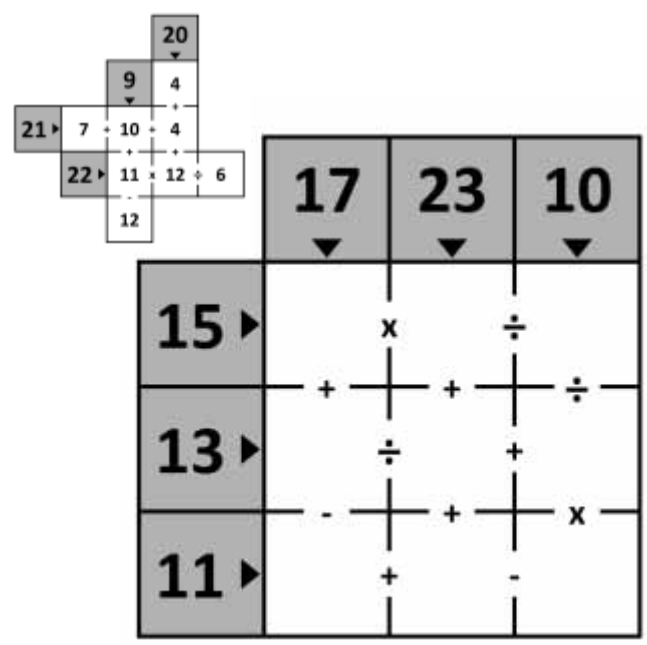
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ After an historic site along the lower Jordan River was closed for a day in July for public health reasons, an environmental group, EcoPeace/Friends of the Earth (Middle East), called for a permanent suspension until the governments of Israel and Jordan (on either side of the river) assure that it is safe from agricultural discharge and untreated sewage. Facing sites on the river both claim to be where John the Baptist baptized Jesus, and pilgrims flock to the sites to be baptized, as well.

■ Lame: (1) Gerald Maxwell, 39, a convicted burglar who was caught in August breaking into the same Sarasota, Fla., home he had broken into last year, quickly tried to explain his innocence to officers. "I was going back in there to leave a thank-you note, because I'm the guy who burglarized this place last year (and) I just got out of jail." (2) Terrance Mitchell was arrested in Waterloo, Iowa, in July, identified from video as the man who tried to shoplift surveillance equipment from a store. Mitchell was thus apparently unaware that stores that sell surveillance equipment might operate surveillance cameras.

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