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Council preview: Appeal of Crossfit on table

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Neighbors are expected to argue for the appeal of a permit allowing a Crossfit gym to open inside the Edgemar Center for the Arts at the City Council meeting tonight.

The appeal was delayed at the previous meeting after Councilmember Kevin McKeown pointed to several unrelated Edgemar tenants that might have been in violation of the document that governs the property.

The document, the Statement of Official Action (STOA), approved in 1997, states that if an Edgemar permittee violates conditions of the document, no other permits may be approved for Edgemar until the problem is remedied.

The STOA requires that two properties facing Second Street must be occupied by artists that both live and work on the premises, otherwise the windows and doors facing the street must be covered. Code compliance investigators found that the manager of Fresh Interactive, a digital media company in one of the two spaces, lives on-site, city officials said. They also stated that the digital media company met the requirement of an artist. The other space is occupied by a work-live artist.

Violations were found recently at Brick + Mortar restaurant, city officials said, for serving alcohol to unseated patrons. The

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Council considers spending $2.75M in consent agenda

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

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

CITY HALL City Council will consider approving $2.75 million worth of spending at Tuesday night's meeting. The funds are marked for a wide variety of uses including the Santa Monica Pier Carousel, Big Blue Bus and Santa Monica Airport.

WEAR AND TEAR-OUSEL

Maintenance of the Santa Monica Pier Carousel by Roth Management over the next two years could cost City Hall $489,413. Three one-year contract renewals are available pending future council approval.

Roth, the only group to submit a proposal to the city, recently restored the B&B Carousel on Coney Island, N.Y.

City Hall takes in an average of $181,000 a year, which amounts to $362,000 of deferred cost to City Hall over the course of the $489,000 two-year contract.

BOND GUIDANCE

Orrick, Herrington, and Sutcliff could take in up to $250,000 over the next three years. The law firm would aide City Hall

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HORSE POWER: Maintenance of the Santa Monica Pier Carousel by Roth Management over the next two years could cost City Hall $489,413.

Man arrested in fatal hit-and-run of Santa Monica woman

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INGLEWOOD, Calif. Police have arrested a man in connection with the death of a woman struck by a pickup truck just after she placed a child into a car.

Inglewood police say Jesus Cazares, 38, turned himself in Sunday following widespread news coverage of the fatal collision.

Cazares was booked for investigation of a hit and run and is being held on $50,000 bail.

Police say 47-year-old Elisa Alvarez, of Santa Monica, was loading a child into a parked car Saturday night after attending a family birthday party when she was hit by a passing pickup truck. The truck fled the area.

Alvarez was thrown about 30 feet by the impact. She was taken to a hospital where she died.

No one else was injured.


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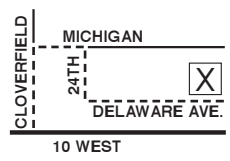
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2013

Computer basics
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 a.m.
All are invited to attend this hands-on introduction to computers. Learn basic computer terms, how to use a mouse and keyboard and all about Windows. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

Stories for the little ones
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
10 a.m. — 10:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Green living
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Learn how to save money and positively impact your family and community at this seminar on healthy and sustainable eating.

Fall concert
Samohi Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica High School Bands will perform their fall concert, featuring the music of Aaron Copeland, Philip Sparke and more. Suggested donation is $10 per adult and $5 per student or senior. Food and beverages will be available for sale beginning 6:15 p.m.

Writer's corner
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m.
All aspiring writers are encouraged to attend this afternoon seminar for story inspiration, guidance and support.

New heroes
Le Merigot hotel
1740 Ocean Ave., 3:30 p.m.
Join the Chamber of Commerce in welcoming the newest heroes to Santa Monica. The "Inspirational Hero Awards" will be given to the top community servants of the past year.

City Council meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council will discuss the maintenance of the Santa Monica Pier carousel, changes to Big Blue Bus payment systems and lighting at Santa Monica Airport. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Movie night
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 6:30 p.m.
Cap your day with a relaxing movie screening. Watch "Promised Land," a 106-minute film starring Matt Damon that focuses on fracking in small-town America.

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2013

So fresh
Third Street Promenade
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Visit one of Southern California's finest Farmers' Markets for the freshest of the fresh. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Story time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
10:30 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Story series for children 3 to 5 years old. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Playwriting workshop
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 1 p.m.
Check out this week's installment of instructor Anna Stramese's playwriting workshop. Learn the basic elements of playwriting, including dramatic structure and the creative process.

Expo Line update
Crossroads School Community Room
1715 Olympic Blvd., 6: 30 p.m.
The Exposition Construction Authority will host a community meeting concerning Phase 2 of the Expo Line project. A short presentation will be followed by an open house session.

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Genser Square fountain dribble-free

The fountain at Ken Genser Square is fully functional, city officials said.

Contractor W.E. O'Neil and designer Fluidity had been working with city officials to fix a minor leak that was occurring on the base of the water feature.

The issue has been resolved and the fences around the fountain were removed for the official opening of the square this past weekend.

Officials will monitor the fountain for 30 days before signing off on the project.

Floating plants, like the ones in the fountains across the street at Tongva Park, will be added once the water levels neutralize, city officials said.

The fountain is a part of the $42.3 million park project, which includes Ken Genser Square and Tongva Park.

The fountain replaced the 52 rose bushes of the Memorial Rose Garden. In honor of the roses, the fountain features 52 basins and 52 water jets. Water ultimately flows to Tongva Park across the street, symbolically connecting the two spaces.

– DAVID MARK SIMPSON

CITYWIDE

Local author Patti Davis pens new book

Patti Davis, Santa Monica-based author and daughter of President Ronald Reagan, has released a new young-adult-fiction book titled "The Blue Hour."

Filled with pages on ghosts and time travel, "The Blue Hour" primarily concerns a 10-year-old boy's struggle to overcome bullying and social rejection.

"He just doesn't feel like he fits in," said Davis, who found inspiration for her protagonist in her own childhood experiences. "I was that kid – chubby, nearsighted in the corner of the playground reading a book because other kids didn't choose me for their teams or play with me. I lived in this world of stories."

"The Blue Hour" is the author's 10th book, but only the second in a "new life" of self-publishing. No longer confined by publishers to writing memoirs and stories about her father, Davis is finally able to enjoy what it's like to be an independent author, not just a president's daughter.

"It has given me an opportunity to have some control of what I publish, when I publish, [and] how I promote it," Davis said. "With my last novel, it was the first time ... that I got to do interviews about my book instead of my life. It was so refreshing."

"The Blue Hour" has been published in both physical and electronic formats, and is available on the online retailer Amazon.com.

– GA

OCEAN AVENUE

Chamber to recognize public servants

The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce will host its 19th annual New Heroes Celebration at the Le Merigot hotel, 1704 Ocean Ave., at 3:30 p.m. this afternoon, Oct. 22.

The event is a welcome celebration for Santa Monica's newest educators, police officers and fire fighters, as well as an honorary ceremony for recipients of a top Santa Monica public service accolade – the Inspirational Hero Award.

The winners of the 2013 award are: Dr. Steve Marcy, longtime Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District educator and local Boy Scout troop leader; Officer Adam Barry and retired police canine Landor, partners of six years who served the Santa Monica Police Department; and Marco Franco, a "young inspirational hero" who has volunteered with the Santa Monica Fire Training Division for two years.

Tickets to the function are available at smchamber.com

– GA



FOR THE VETS

Photo courtesy UnitedHealthcare

More than 200 bicyclists including injured veterans and their supporters arrived at the Santa Monica Pier on Saturday to finish the UnitedHealthcare Ride 2 Recovery California Challenge, a seven-day, 450-mile ride along the scenic California coast from the San Francisco Bay area to Los Angeles. Ride 2 Recovery provides physical and psychological rehabilitation programs for injured veterans, featuring cycling as its core activity.

Study: 15 percent of U.S. youth out of school, work

PHILIP ELLIOTT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Almost 6 million young people are neither in school nor working, according to a study released Monday.

That's almost 15 percent of those aged 16 to 24 who have neither desk nor job, according to The Opportunity Nation coalition, which wrote the report.

Other studies have shown that idle young adults are missing out on a window to build skills they will need later in life or use the knowledge they acquired in college. Without those experiences, they are less likely to command higher salaries and more likely to be an economic drain on their communities.

"This is not a group that we can write off. They just need a chance," said Mark Edwards, executive director of the coalition of businesses, advocacy groups, policy experts and nonprofit organizations dedicated to increasing economic mobility. "The tendency is to see them as lost souls and see them as unsavable. They are not."

But changing the dynamic is not going to be easy.

The coalition also finds that 49 states have seen an increase in the number of families living in poverty and 45 states have seen household median incomes fall in the last year. The dour report underscores the challenges young adults face now and foretell challenges they are likely to face as they get older.

A young person's community is often closely tied to his or her success. The Opportunity Nation report tracked 16 factors — Internet access, college graduation rates, income inequality and public safety among them — and identified states that were doing well for its young people.

Topping the list of supportive states are Vermont, Minnesota and North Dakota. At the bottom? Nevada, Mississippi and New Mexico.

"Their destiny is too often determined by their ZIP code," said Charlie Mangiardi, who works with Year Up, a nonprofit that trains young adults for careers and helps them find jobs.

"We have the supply. We don't have a lack of young people who need this opportunity," Mangiardi added.

Just look at some of the nation's largest cities. Chicago, Houston, Dallas, Miami, Philadelphia, New York, Los Angeles, Atlanta and Riverside, Calif., all have more than 100,000 idle youth, the Opportunity Nation report found.

"Often times they lack the social capital in life," Mangiardi said. "There's a whole pool of talent that

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Share the waves

Editor:

No disrespect to Bill Fordes, but if one shows up at a certain tower and there are a team of kids from the local schools surfing for PE, they have just as much of a right to be there as you ("Surf camps getting out of hand," Letters to the Editor, Oct. 15).

As someone who grew up in the 1970s surfing beaches from Trestles to the county line, everyone knows the rules of surfing are not in any Department of Motor Vehicles-style rule book. There is a thing known as common sense. Inexperienced surfers better watch out when entering a zone occupied by some local bad boys who will gladly engage in a fist fight for losing a wave to anyone they consider to be a kook.

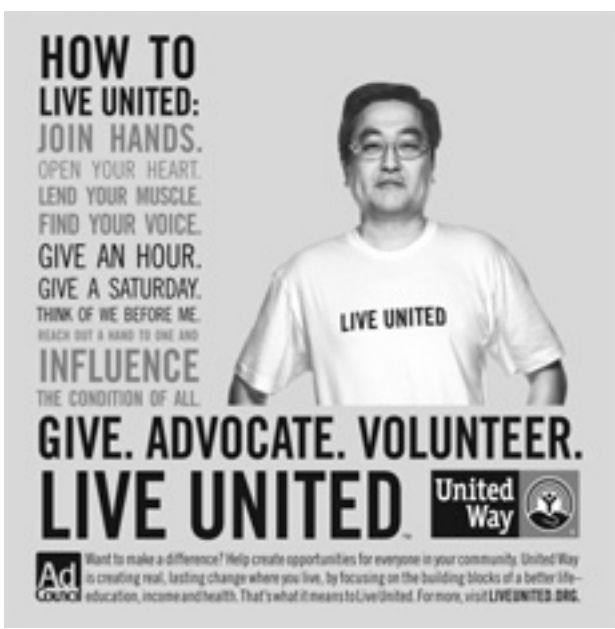
But, in the case of one particular tower south of Bay Street, the junior and senior high school kids who do PE, as well as those who are on a competitive surf team, are well known to be on a particular schedule at their regular tower. Perhaps, for those surfers, like myself, who find it hard to co-exist with too many groms at once, it may be best to not interfere with the kids and surf at another spot when they do their thing. The kids deserve a place like this to not be bothered by grumpy old-schoolers like ourselves.

As far as the private surf schools that teach mostly tourists, I think that is another issue all together. In my day, our motto was "tourists go home." But, in reality, tourists deserve to use the beach just as much as any of us locals – especially kids from the inner city who never get to the beach. In fact, experienced local school-kid surfers mentioned above volunteer several days per year to teach inner city kids how to surf. The group is known as Surf Bus (lasurfbus.com) and is operated by people who live in Santa Monica. If one looked into it, one would find that most private surf schools are operated by those who do not even live in Santa Monica, but get a permit to run schools for profit.

The random surf schools who are really in it for the money, more than the stoke, mostly teach inexperienced people with too many students per instructor. And the instructors are not really that experienced as instructors, either. At least one school was running deals on Groupon, attracting bargain hunters who will get their one cheap lesson, to never come back again. It's a handful of those who are running a school to make a buck (from one timers) rather than really teaching someone to get good form in the long term that is more of a problem, in my humble, but observant opinion. There is a big difference between the local public school program and the private schools. The Surf Bus affiliates are teaching kids good etiquette and to also be stewards of the sea and environment.

The debate should really be about how to limit the private schools from creating an overcrowding situation with too many non-experienced first timers that has been occurring everywhere, at all towers and in between, because of lax oversight of the permitting situation.

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Our Town

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Residents need a buffer zone

WHILE THE LAND USE & CIRCULATION Element (LUCE) promises preservation of neighborhoods, certain residential lots that buffer neighborhoods are now threatened. They're called "A" lots.

If you look at a zoning map of Santa Monica you'll notice notations of R1, R2, R3, R4 and R1-A through R4-A. The "R" stands for residential. The numbers indicate the height and density allowed in that zone.

So what does the "A" stand for? Actually, it's a parking district overlay. It indicates a surface parking lot used by a commercial business located on a boulevard. A-lots are located all over Santa Monica. Some you might recognize are the parking lots behind Whole Foods on Montana Avenue, behind Bristol Farms at Berkeley and Wilshire, behind Starbucks at 15th and Montana, and behind Vons at 14th and Wilshire.

The "A" indicates that the lot is used for surface parking, but is still zoned as residential. Here's what the Santa Monica Municipal Code says about "A" lots:

"9.04.08.38.010 Purpose: The A Overlay District is intended to provide adequate parking facilities to support important commercial corridors and neighborhood commercial areas in the City, while assuring that each facility will not adversely impact the environment of nearby residents or diminish the integrity of the subject residential zoning district. . . . Any parcel classified as 'A' shall also be classified in one of the Residential Districts.

"9.04.08.38.070. Property development standards for non-parking uses. All non-parking uses developed on property in the A Overlay District shall be developed in accordance with the same property development standards required for the underlying residential district."

In other words, if an R2-A lot is no longer used for parking, it must be developed by the same development standards as a residential R2 lot for height and density. These lots were intended to be buffers between commercial and residential zones and have a history of being used in that way for many years.

When Century West Partners filed for a development agreement on the property at 3032 Wilshire Blvd., members of Northeast Neighbors filed a public records request. Going over the file they discovered that the development agreement covered two different lots; one at 3032 Wilshire that is zoned commercial and another at 1210 Berkeley St., which is zoned residential. The latter was an A-lot; the parking lot behind and around Bank of America. It was subject to development under the underlying residential zoning, which limits development to two stories and about 23 feet in height. However, the developer is proposing to build to commercial development standards — five stories and 60 feet high, three stories higher than current zoning permits.

Century West Partners recently held a public meeting to present their project to the public. More than 200 concerned residents attended, including representatives from four neighborhood associations: Northeast Neighbors, NOMA (the North of Montana Association), Wilmont (the Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition) and Santa Monica Mid-City Neighbors. With the exception of two attendees, all had concerns about the proposal.

Residents feel strongly that the development of the Berkeley lot behind the Bank of America building should be no more than two stories to maintain this important buffer and transition to the rest of the residential neighborhood.

What does the LUCE say? The executive summary of the LUCE, in a highlighted box headlined, "What the Community Said Is Important," states the following:

"During this process, the community expressed its vision for a City in which the best of the past is not only preserved but enhanced for current and future generations. The community's core values form the basis of the LUCE. The community identified the following core values:

"1. Preserve Existing neighborhoods. The highest priority of the community was the preservation of the existing character and scale of Santa Monica's neighborhoods."

On page 12-5 under the heading "Preserve Neighborhoods and City Values," the LUCE states:

"Participants identified neighborhood preservation as the highest priority of the planning process. They were concerned about the gradual loss of neighborhood character and open space as existing buildings are torn down and replaced with new infill development that is larger and out of scale with its surroundings. They endorsed the principles of maintaining the scale and character of existing buildings, requiring new buildings to be well designed and compatible with the established neighborhood context, encouraging greener landscaped streets, creating more open space … ."

You can read this section of the LUCE for yourself if you go to the city website, www.smgov.net. In the upper right corner is a search box where you can key in "LUCE." The link to the document will come up. Open it and under "Resources" in the right top corner you'll find the document, which you can download. Then look for "Neighborhood Preservation."

Residents throughout the city feel strongly that these residential buffer lots should not be re-zoned or developed to commercial standards. To do so would be a betrayal of the LUCE promise to residents.

We've been advised recently by planning staff that the LUCE map changed the designation of some of these A-lots from a parking overlay over a residential zone to "mixed-use boulevard" (whatever that means), contrary to what residents expected and were promised by the LUCE. Nobody remembers this ever being discussed at the Planning Commission or City Council. Consequently, there is considerable consternation on the part of many residents over this recent discovery.

We're told that the topic of A-lots will be included in the zoning ordinance discussion at both the Planning Commission and City Council.

Councilmember Kevin McKeown said the zoning code discussion will be a multi-meeting event at both the Planning Commission and the City Council, so you should have several opportunities to express your concern. This discussion about zoning is expected to take place in early spring or before.

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What's the Point?

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Gala season has arrived

IT SEEMS THAT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF candy corn comes the deluge of invitations to charity balls, gala fundraisers and holiday parties for the latest cause du jour. Being a divorce lawyer, I'm on everyone's list to donate.

I get between five and 20 invites each year, most of which I choose to ignore for a variety of reasons from the mundane, "I don't have a date" to the selfish "I don't want to spend that much on a bland dinner and a boring speech."

Honestly, the foundations all seem to follow the same playbook in their marketing: Find a cause, say you want to end it and print pretty pictures of idealized men and women.

That is why I was surprised when the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica called me to talk about their annual dinner. I was skeptical at first, but quickly I was charmed.

They invited me up for a tour of the facility. (How often does that happen when they're trying to sell you a ticket?) I was very impressed with the quantity of services and opportunities they provide.

From the typical basketball court, donated by the Lebron James Family Foundation, to the film and media lab where they teach the kids claymation, filmmaking, and new media technology, the organization is caring for kids in direct and tangible ways. The number of programs that they are providing is impressive, from a healthy cooking class to a fine arts class.

It's easy to see why they are so successful in helping kids develop a life plan that suits their needs and abilities. The people working at the club are many times graduates of its programs who have come back to give back.

The Boys & Girls Club operates nine locations throughout Santa Monica, providing a safe learning environment for over 4,000 students. Ninety percent of their kids go on to college and it's a safe bet that few of them are out putting up graffiti in alleys and tagging buildings.

When it came time to sit down and talk about their 38th annual Auction & Dinner, I was just as surprised by the quality of the silent auction items as I was about the Boys & Girls Club.

I was hoping they were going to have a fireman for auction, but, alas, they only have some awesome items like a seven-night trip to a Balinese home that includes domestic staff for cooking, driving and easy access to scuba diving, and sight seeing with a car and driver.

The "Be a NASCAR driver for a day" was certainly getting my attention and I know of about five guys that would gladly bid on that item. If you've ever wanted to golf Riviera Country Club, but couldn't get on, now's your chance with a three-day package up for auction.

After you're done hitting the links, perhaps you want to host a dinner party for 25 at The Galley. They're auctioning off a three course, sit down dinner. I'd like to see some of the other restaurants in town top that! The Fig is trying to with a dinner for two and a night at the Fairmont, but I'm thinking those are playing to radically different demographics.

The Loews Hotel is stepping it up a notch by donating a two-night package. But they are also donating a one-year membership to their gym/spa. As a member at the gym, I can tell you that it's lovely and I hope that someone fun and attractive gets this item!

For sports lovers there's the opportunity to play a game of Horse with Michael Cooper from the Lakers, and also rumor of a Clippers suite.

I want the week's rental of the Hacienda Cerritos outside of Cabo San Lucas. The only question is, which nine of my friends should I take?

The fundraiser is happening Nov. 1 at the Fairmont Miramar. This year they are honoring Jack Jones, a longtime benefactor of the community and Community Corporation of Santa Monica.

I love the work the Boys & Girls Club is doing. I love the fact that they have such a high success rate and are making such a huge difference in the lives of the children in this city.

And I'll be eternally grateful to anyone that buys me the Balinese house vacation.

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The Q Line

Give it up

Daily Press Editor-in-Chief Kevin Herrera recently wrote about his experience living without a car for the last five years. He took to biking after his car was stolen.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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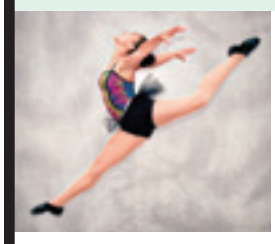
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Work begins on California bullet train, locals angry

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Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. Trucks loaded with tomatoes, milk and almonds clog the two main highways that bisect California's farm heartland, carrying goods to millions along the Pacific Coast and beyond. This dusty stretch of land is the starting point for one of the most expensive U.S. public infrastructure projects: a $68 billion high-speed rail system that would span the state, linking the people of America's salad bowl to more jobs, opportunity and buyers.

Five years ago, California voters overwhelmingly approved the idea of bringing a bullet train to themost populous U.S. state. It would be America's first high-speed rail system, sold to the public as a way to improve access to good-paying jobs, cut pollution from smog-filled roadways and reduce time wasted sitting in traffic while providing an alternative to high fuel prices.

Now, engineering work has finally begun on the first 30-mile (48-kilometer) segment of track here in Fresno, a city of a half-million people with soaring unemployment and a withering downtown core littered with abandoned factories and shuttered stores.

Rail is meant to help Fresno, with construction jobs now and improved access to economic opportunity once the project is finished. But the region that could benefit most from the project is also where opposition to it has grown most fierce.

"I just wish it would go away, this high-speed rail. I just wish it would go away," says Gary Lanfranco, whose restaurant in downtown Fresno is slated to be demolished to make way for rerouted traffic.

Such sentiments can be heard throughout the Central Valley, where roads are dotted with signs such as: "HERE COMES HIGH SPEED RAIL There goes the farm." Growers complain of misplaced priorities, and residents wonder if their tax money is being squandered.

Aaron Fukuda, a civil engineer whose house in the dairy town of Hanford lies directly in one of the possible train routes, says: "People are worn out, tired, frustrated."

Voters in 2008 approved $10 billion in bonds to start construction on an 800-mile (1,300-kilometer) rail line to ferry passengers between San Francisco and Los Angeles in 2 hours and 40 minutes, compared with 6 hours by car now during good traffic. Since then, the housing market collapsed, multi-billion-dollar budget deficits followed, and the price tag has fluctuated wildly — from $45 billion in 2008 to more than $100 billion in 2011 and, now, $68 billion.

Political and financial compromises led officials to scale back plans that now mean trains will be forced to slow down and share tracks in major cities, leading critics to question whether it will truly be the 220-mph (355-kph) "high-speed rail" voters were promised.

The high-speed rail business plan says trains will run between the greater Los Angeles area and the San Francisco Bay Area by 2029. But construction has been postponed repeatedly, and a court victory this summer by opponents threatens further delays; a Sacramento County Superior Court judge said the state rail authority's plan goes against the promise made to voters to identify all the funding for the first segment before starting construction.

Even the former chairman of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, Quentin Kopp, has turned against the current project, saying in court papers that it "is no longer a genuine high speed rail system."

In the Central Valley, there is intense distrust of the authority, which has started buying up property, land and businesses, some of which have been in families for generations.

At the dimly lit Cosmopolitan Cafe, office workers line up alongside farmers and paramedics to order sandwiches as waitresses expeditiously call out order numbers. Four decades' worth of memorabilia and yellowing newspaper restaurant reviews line the faux-wood walls in the space that Lanfranco has owned for most of his life.

Lanfranco says the sum he was offered to buy the property does not come close to replacing the space he owns, debt-free. The adjacent parking lot — a rare commodity — is packed with pickup trucks and cars each day at lunchtime. Lanfranco declined to say how much he was offered, and the offers are not public record.

"It's not like it's just a restaurant that I've owned for a couple of years and now I can just go replace it. It's something that I've put the last 45 years of my life into," the 66-year-old says.

His is just one of hundreds of properties the state needs to buy for the rail project or seize through eminent domain if they cannot reach a deal. Many owners are resentful after years of what they say have been confusing messages and misleading information.

Rail officials acknowledge that the agency hasn't always communicated with those most affected by the project, and part of their work in the Central Valley is strictly public relations.

"Frankly, it set us back, because we, in effect, created questions and even opposition by just failing to give people answers," says Jeff Morales, the authority's chief executive officer since 2012.

For supporters, high-speed rail is the solution to California's future transportation needs, when the state's already jammed, rutted highways and busy airports won't be enough for a population expected to hit 46 million by 2035.

It will create hundreds of good-paying jobs for several years as officials tear down buildings, draw engineering plans, survey wildlife and, eventually, lay track. It will also help move the Central Valley beyond the dominant low-wage agriculture sector, Morales says.

"By connecting Fresno, Bakersfield and the other cities of the Central Valley to Los Angeles and San Francisco ... it just creates more opportunities for people," he says. "It creates a whole different sort of economy that'll just raise the Central Valley."

Gov. Jerry Brown calls rail "cheaper than the alternative, and it's a hell of a lot better." The project also offers the 75-year-old Democrat a chance at a legacy. What is less certain is what the legacy will be, and whether high-speed rail will ever be what was once promised. Critics say the ridership projections are inflated and rely on low ticket prices that would require government subsidies, although the federal Government Accountability Office has called them reasonable.

The Obama administration promised $3.2 billion for the first phase as part of the federal stimulus package, but that is just a fraction of the money needed to complete the system, leaving many of the valley's 6.5 million residents to suspect California taxpayers will be on the hook for the rest. The state's independent analyst calls current funding plans "highly speculative."

Prison crowding deadline extended

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Federal judges on Monday gave California an additional month to reduce its prison population, as negotiations continue over a longer-term delay.

The judges said in a one-paragraph order, without comment, that a court-appointed mediator needs more time to seek agreement on how the state should reduce inmate crowding.

The delay could signal that the judges see some progress in talks orchestrated by state Appellate Judge Peter Siggins, based on his confidential report and recommendations to the court.

It came a week after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the state's appeal of a lower court's order requiring California to reduce crowding to improve conditions for sick and mentally ill inmates.

However, Michael Bien, an attorney representing inmates, said that to his knowledge there have been no meetings with Gov. Jerry Brown's administration and none were scheduled.

"Justice Siggins is a very experienced mediator and we assume that he sees a reason to continue the process. Based on that, we're hopeful," Bien said.

Deborah Hoffman, a spokeswoman for the administration and state corrections department, said she could not immediately comment.

Brown and state lawmakers want a three-year delay to give proposed rehabilitation programs time to work. Under a new state law, the alternative is to spend $315 million this fiscal year to house thousands of inmates in private prisons and county jails.

If the judges grant the delay, part of the money that would have gone to lease cells would instead go to fund programs designed to keep criminals out of prisons.

Under the court order, the state must reduce the population of its major prisons to about 110,000 inmates by the end of February. It has taken steps to comply but still is about 4,400 inmates above the population cap set by the courts.

Meanwhile, a state Assembly committee on Monday had the first of a planned series of hearings on problems with the state prisons system that led to the judges' orders.

Prosecutor: American planned to aid al-Qaida

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AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A 24-year-old American charged with attempting to assist al-Qaida in international terrorism was enticed into confessing to an undercover FBI agent who posed as a recruiter for the extremist organization and provided him with a false passport, a prosecutor told a judge Monday.

In an extensive inquiry, U.S. District Judge John Walter demanded more information on the case against Sinh Vinh Ngo Nguyen of Garden Grove, expressing skepticism about some of the evidence. His questioning revealed new facts about the case that depicts Nguyen as a wannabe terrorist with no special skills to offer al-Qaida.

Nguyen appeared in court with his hands shackled to his waist. His appearance was dramatically changed from the time of his arrest, when he had long hair and a beard. He was clean shaven with a close cropped haircut and made no comment during the hearing. He was ordered held without bail.

Nguyen has pleaded not guilty to two charges of making a false statement on a passport and attempting to provide material support and resources to a terrorist organization.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Judith Heinz said evidence against Nguyen was gathered by a confidential informant and an undercover FBI agent who posed as an al-Qaida recruiter. Nguyen had reached out on the Internet and on his Facebook page to join the terrorist group, the prosecutor said.

He was arrested Oct. 11 at a Santa Ana bus station as he prepared to board a bus for Mexico with plane tickets to his ultimate destination in Pakistan, authorities said. The undercover agent escorted him to the bus and had told him they would be meeting "his sheik" in Peshawar, the prosecutor said.

When agents moved in to arrest him, Nguyen exclaimed, "'How did you guys find out?'" Heinz said.

The prosecutor said Nguyen had his fake passport, $1,850 in Syrian currency and a pamphlet with extensive instructions on shooting and setting up battle plans.

In his home, she said they found three swords, two large axes, two hatchets and a copy of the famous tome, "The Art of War."

Heinz said the government would allege that Nguyen planned to offer himself as a trainer of some 30 al-Qaida forces for an ambush against coalition forces in Syria, where he had already spent five months fighting with rebels.

"He would train them in shooting," Heinz said.

The judge noted that Nguyen was never a member of the U.S. armed forces, having been rejected because of a hearing problem.

"I don't see evidence that this defendant had any particular skill in firearms," he said, "or that he had the ability to procure or deliver weapons to these 25-30 individuals. This is the part of the case that escapes me."

Walker set a Dec. 3 trial date and urged the government to quickly analyze the content of eight computers and four cellphones taken from Nguyen's home.

As the judge pressed Heinz for more information, she said Nguyen waived his Miranda rights shortly after his arrest and began a series of tape recorded interviews that continued for 50 hours, much of it detailing his experiences in Syria.

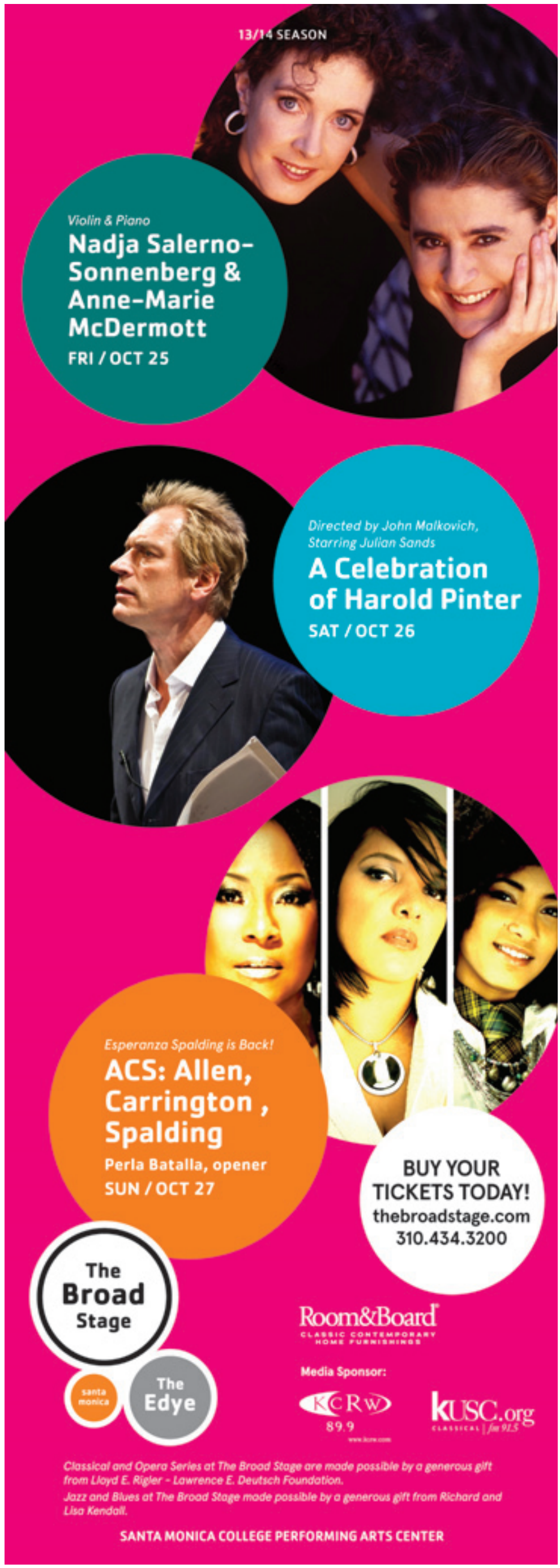
"He confessed on the 50 hours of interviews," the prosecutor said, relating Nguyen's plan to go to Pakistan, fake his own death and assume a new identity "to be a soldier for Jihad."

The FBI operative told Nguyen getting a fake passport would be a lot easier than faking his death and offered help. The prosecutor said Nguyen filled out the passport request with a new name, Hasan Abu Omar Ghannoum, and gave it to the agent, who sent it to the U.S. government which issued the passport.

The judge asked Heinz again to identify the resources Nguyen was providing to al-Qaida.

"He was providing himself," she said.

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when it issues bonds.

City Hall is considering construction of a fire station and renovation to the Civic Center's auditorium. The funds could be used, for example, to bring the law firm in for the issuance of bonds for construction.

BBB FAREBOX UPGRADES

An additional $809,316 could be added to a $7,223,512 contract with an Illinois company tasked with installing Big Blue Bus fare collection systems.

The original contract with LECIP was approved in June of 2012. The additional funds would cover, among other things, employee smartcards, improved wireless LAN routers, and hand held point-of-sale devices.

SMO RUNWAY LIGHTS

City Hall will likely pledge $152,341 to Cindy Bales Engineering for the replacement of the electrical cables and connectors for runway and taxiway lights at Santa Monica Airport.

This is the second part of a two-part project to enhance airfield safety and reliability, according to the city staff report. Part one, also completed by Cindy Bales Engineering, consisted of upgrading the regulators, transfer switch, and electrical vault equipment for the lights.

Cindy Bales Engineering was the lowest of five bidders, beating the engineer's estimate by $1,500.

INSPECTION COLLECTION

The company in charge of inspection of Parking Structure 6 may receive and additional $45,000 because the contractor is re-sequencing masonry work and pouring concrete on Saturdays, which requires additional inspection.

This would be the fourth modification to the April 2012 agreement with Wildan Geotechnical. The inspection company was originally promised $285,000 to complete necessary work but, assuming this fourth modification is approved by council, the agreement will end up costing City Hall $468,000. Unforeseen complications and construction delays are responsible for the previous instances of increased spending.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

LIBRARY HVAC

A $50,000 heating, ventilation, and air conditioning contract for the Main Library will likely go to ACCO Engineered Systems, with options for two one-year extensions bringing the potential total to $150,000. ACCO was the second lowest of eight bidders, but the lowest, BMD Technologies, which beat ACCO by $180, did not meet City Hall's minimum emergency response time of two hours.

NEW EMPLOYEE AGREEMENT

Council will likely give approval for City Manager Rod Gould to execute a new agreement with the Santa Monica Municipal Employees Association, resulting in an additional $417,409 in spending.

The agreement includes a 1 percent cost-of-living increase and will expire in June. It will allow SMMEA employees to cash-out accrued, but unused vacation time.

ANOTHER UNION AGREEMENT

A similar agreement with the Fire Executive Management Association would cost City Hall an additional $42,777. The agreement eliminates the performance bonus, which ranges from a 1 to 7 percent increase in pay, in favor of a 3.8 percent salary increase across the board.

TELECOMMUNICATION UPGRADES

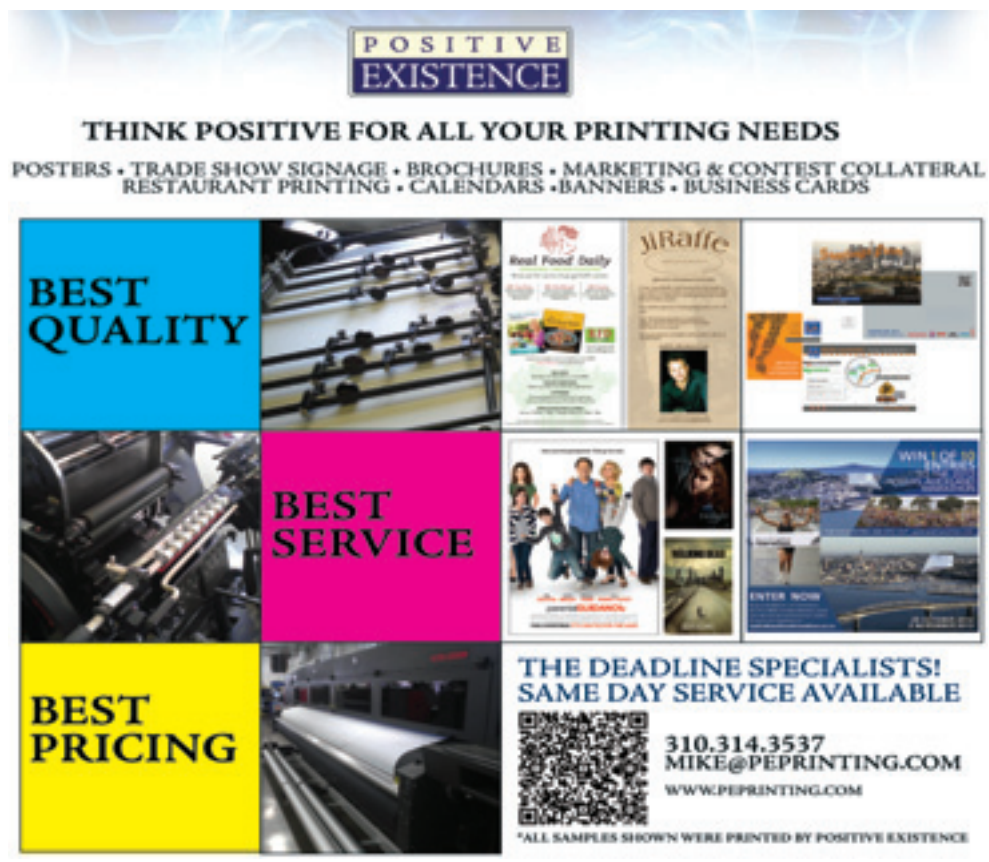
An additional $495,000 will likely be added to a contract with XO Communications, the company charged with providing City Hall with telecommunication services. The original contract, executed in November of 2011, totaled $69,950 for two years. This modification would expand the scope of the agreement and extend it for another five years.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Three addresses may receive Historic Property Agreements. Council approval would give Gould, the city manager, permission to negotiate the agreements with owners of three city landmarks: 642 Kensington Rd., a 1917 Craftsman bungalow; 1001 Third St., The Embassy Hotel Apartment built in 1927; and 128 Hollister Ave., a 1905 American four-square.

The contract allows Santa Monica to authorize property tax reductions for these locations. Presuming the contracts are executed, City Hall's property tax revenue would decrease by $10,291 annually.

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is motivated, loyal and hardworking." They just can't get through an employer's door, he added.

That's why Year Up spends a year working with high school graduates to teach them career skills such as computer programming or equipment repair they can use when the program ends. It also includes life coaching so they can learn skills such as time management. More than 4,500 young adults from urban areas have completed the program and 84 percent of them have found work.

But it's a far tougher time for other young people.

In Mississippi and West Virginia, 1 in 5 young people are idle — higher than their older neighbors. Mississippi has an overall unemployment rate of 8 percent, while West Virginia posts about 7 percent. Like most states, they saw their unemployment rate fall since 2011, but researchers caution that shift could come from fewer residents looking for work and from more who had simply given up their search for jobs.

And it's not as though the challenges emerge from nowhere. Quality early childhood programs help students from poor families overcome societal hurdles, and on-time high school graduation rates often follow quality schools — other factors Opportunity Nation examined in its report.

"A lot of times we don't want to look at data because we don't want to be depressed," said Rob Denson, president of Des Moines Area Community College in Iowa.

But it's an uncomfortable reality that needs to be addressed, he said.

Using previous years' reports from Opportunity Nation, Denson helped rally community organizations in his city to develop a pilot program to help students as young as 14 find summer work.

"When we got the index, it really allowed us to use it as a rallying point for all of the community-based organizations we work with to say, 'Look, this is what the world sees when they look at Iowa,'" he said.

Starting next summer, Des Moines students will be placed in paying jobs, part of a citywide collaboration to help its urban communities. It will help older adults, as well, because crime rates are expected to fall, he said.

"If they're not in school or at work," Denson said, "they're not usually doing something positive."

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restaurant was also cited in December for "conducting nightclub activities," city officials said.

Despite the open violation, city officials recommend that council deny the neighbors' appeal. A staff report claims that the "permittee" is defined as the owner of the property and states that "it is not clear that the property owner/landlord has, in fact, failed to comply with any condition(s)."

The report does acknowledge that the tenant, Brick + Mortar, may be in violation of STOA conditions. Does this legally deter council from allowing the approval of a new use within Edgemar?

"Given this complexity and the novelty of the issues, the outcome would be difficult to predict," the report states.

As for the appeal itself, neighbors say that noise created by Crossfit members entering and exiting the gym in the early morning will disturb the surrounding homes.

FITNESS TRAINER FEES

The proposed Crossfit gym comes in the wake of a recent contentious council ruling on a major fitness issue. An ordinance regulating the usage of city parks for fitness training will get a second reading at Tuesday's meeting.

Since it passed earlier this month, advocates on both sides of the issue have come out in opposition to the pilot ordinance.

The ordinance requires, among other things, flat annual fees from trainers wishing to use parks. Debate centered around Palisades Park, which some said was being overused and others said should be free to be used by all, including trainers.

Fees at Palisades Park were set at a higher rate to reflect the park's high demand. Fees for group trainers were set as high as $8,100.

Santa Monica Outdoor Fitness Coalition spokesperson, Erin Dick, said that the change effectively priced group trainers out of Palisades Park.

One the other side, seven neighborhood groups signed letters to council asking for them to ban commercial fitness from Palisades Park. Three of the seven asked for the council to extend the ban to all city parks.

"Other business interests are not allowed access to our public resources," said a letter from Ocean Park and Pico Neighborhood associations and Friends of Sunset Park. "Allowing commercial interests to exclusively occupy city parks in 'commercial training zones' during daylight hours seems to us special interest use."

McKeown said that he plans on sticking with the ordinance as it is.

"If the commercial trainers ordinance fails to pass on second reading, we go back to what we had, which is no law protecting Palisades Park," he said in an e-mail. "I have to wait and see if anyone else has changed their mind. Otherwise, I still have to vote for the new law to protect Palisades Park at all. Going back to having no law for commercial trainers isn't really an option."

FREE PARKING

Another approved ordinance getting a second reading amends parking codes to allow neighborhood electric vehicles (NEV) with proper state-issued decals to park for free at city parking meters.

California stopped issuing NEV decals in 2011 so NEVs purchased recently are not eligible for free metered parking. City officials said it would be unfeasible for City Hall to issue its own parking decals.

The Daily Press reached out to officials in San Jose, Calif., which has its own decal system.

Drivers who live or work in San Jose can apply for city-issued parking decals, officials said. Decals allow drivers to park for free at metered spots throughout the city.

The permits cost drivers $30 for two years, which San Jose officials say is enough to support the program.

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S&P 500 ekes out a small gain to set a new record

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NEW YORK The Standard & Poor's 500 index eked out the smallest of gains to set a record high Monday as investors assessed third-quarter earnings news.

Earnings will hold investors' attention this week as major U.S. companies including McDonald's, Boeing and Procter & Gamble report their results. Rising profits have been one of the key supports for this year's rally in stocks.

Toymaker Hasbro and the V.F. Corporation, which owns clothing brands including Wrangler and The North Face, were among the biggest gainers in the S&P 500 after reporting earnings that beat analysts' expectations. McDonalds dipped after reporting disappointing revenue.

The S&P 500 closed up a fraction of a point at 1,744.66, an all-time high, its third consecutive record close. Stocks climbed last week after Washington reached a deal to end a 16-day government shutdown and avert a default on the nation's debt.

The index is up 22 percent so far this year, putting it on track for its best year since 2009.

The Dow Jones industrial average edged down 7.45 points, or 0.1 percent, to 15,392.20. The Nasdaq composite rose 5.77 points, or 0.2 percent, to 3,920.05.

Stocks will likely continue adding to their gains, at least until the end of the year, as investors get more confident that the market's rally is sustainable, said Joe Bell, a senior equities analyst at Schaeffer's Investment Research.

"We've had a pretty decent run here," Bell said. "It wouldn't surprise me if we saw the momentum slow a bit through the end of October and then have a nice rally through November and December."

McDonald's fell 61 cents, or 0.6 percent, to $94.59 after the world's biggest hamburger chain's revenue fell short of Wall Street analyst's expectations.

Hasbro surged after reporting that its net income rose 17 percent as sales increased. Its adjusted results and revenue topped analysts' estimates. The stock climbed $2.48, or 5.2 percent, to $49.72. V.F. Corporation rose $6.93, or 3.4 percent, to $211.23 after its earnings beat analysts' expectations.

Netflix jumped in after-hours trading after the company said its net income quadrupled to $32 million, or 52 cents a share. That beat analyst expectations for 48 cents a share.

Companies in the S&P 500 are expected to report earnings growth of 3.2 percent for the July-to-September period, according to the latest data from S&P Capital IQ. About 60 percent of companies that have reported earnings have beaten analysts' expectations.

"Earnings so far have been excellent," said Jerry Braakman, chief investment officer of First American Trust. "Earnings are coming in and beating (expectations) by a penny here and there, and we're very comfortable with that."

Company earnings will likely continue to grow as the outlook for the global economy brightens, as Europe continues to recover from its recession and growth in China picks up, Braakman said.

The continued stimulus for the economy from the Federal Reserve should also help support the economy and corporate earnings. The U.S. central bank is currently buying $85 billion of bonds every month to support the economy.

The government's monthly jobs report for September will be released Tuesday, giving investors more information about the strength of the U.S. economy. The report, which is typically released on the first Friday of every month, was delayed because of the government shutdown.

Economists predict that the U.S. economy added 180,000 jobs in September, according to data provider FactSet. Investors may discount the report though, as it is being published more than two weeks late.

"It's old information, it's not as current as it normally is," said Kate Warne, a market strategist at investment adviser, Edward Jones.

Homebuilders slumped after Americans bought fewer previously occupied homes in September than the previous month, held back by higher mortgage rates and rising prices. The National Association of Realtors said Monday that sales of re-sold homes fell 1.9 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.29 million.

KB Home fell 60 cents, or 3.5 percent, to $16.57. D.R. Horton dropped 35 cents, or 1.8 percent, to $18.67.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year note edged up to 2.61 percent from 2.58 percent Friday.

In commodities trading, the price of oil dipped below $100 for the first time since early July after a government report showed that U.S. supplies continue to rise. Oil fell $1.59, or 1.6 percent, to $99.22 a barrel. Gold rose $1.20, or 0.1 percent, to $1,315.80 an ounce.

Among stocks making big moves:

— General Electric rose 59 cents, or 2.3 percent, to $26.14 after Citigroup added the company to its U.S. Focus List, citing the company's buyback program and cost-cutting plans among some of the reasons to own the stock.

— Gannett, the media company that owns USA Today, fell 59 cents, or 2.1 percent, to $26.90 after the company reported lower earnings and revenue for the third quarter.





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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **65.1°**

TUESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New S swell builds; long period, steep-angled NW swell picks up but bypasses the region; Small west swell starts to show late

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
S swell builds further and tops out; NW swell tops out and small west swell fills in; Larger shoulder high+ sets for select South swell magnets and combo breaks

THURSDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high
S swell holds; Steep NW and West swells continue; Larger shoulder high+ sets for select combo and south swell magnets

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high
Easing S swell; steep NW and West swell eases

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 **October 16, 2013**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - beachreportcard.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / xx
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / xx

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA, and Swain Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alias creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	xx
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	xx
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	xx
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	xx
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	xx
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	xx
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21572 Malibu Rd..	A+	xx
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	xx
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	xx
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	xx
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	xx
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	xx
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	xx
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	xx
Tuna Canyon.	A+	xx
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	xx
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	xx	xx
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	xx
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	xx

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

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
- **xx** -- no sample taken

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Mattingly unsure about future with L.A. Dodgers

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Don Mattingly said Monday that his 2014 contract option vested with the Dodgers' first-round playoff victory over Atlanta, but he isn't sure he'll be back as manager next season.

He said that the organization put him in a difficult position with his players by not exercising a team option going into the final year of his three-year deal.

"It's been a frustrating, tough year, honestly," he told reporters while sitting next to general manager Ned Colletti.

"It puts me in a spot that everything I do is questioned because I'm basically trying out and auditioning, can you manage or can't you manage? That's not a great position for me as a manager."

Mattingly's option worth $1.4 million would allow him to return, but the team has yet to say anything about his future.

Colletti said Mattingly's status would be "resolved very quickly." But it was apparent while Mattingly talked that he would like a multi-year deal.

"It's pretty easy to figure out," he said.

"I like being here, but I don't want to be anywhere where you're not wanted. I don't want to be somewhere where people don't think you're capable of doing the job," Mattingly said.

Colletti made it clear that he supports Mattingly's return. But team President Stan Kasten and the ownership group headed by Mark Walter figure to have the final say.

"I think he did great," Colletti said. "I have a lot of respect for this guy. He kept it steady for a tough period of time."

Mattingly is 260-225 in three years as manager, guiding the Dodgers to the NL championship series, where they lost to St. Louis in six games last week.

When the Dodgers stumbled to start the season, falling to last in the NL West while injuries piled up, speculation was rampant that Mattingly would be fired. Kasten indicated to him at the time that things needed to improve for Mattingly to keep his job.

The team won 42 of 50 games during a torrid midseason stretch to take over first place and eventually won the division by 11 games over Arizona.

"It was quite a remarkable season," Colletti said.

He wouldn't comment on the status of Mattingly's coaching staff, but it's possible changes could be made, although Mattingly indicated he would like to keep it intact.

Conan O'Brien to call horse race at Santa Anita

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARCADIA, Calif. Conan O'Brien will be behind the mic on Friday, just not at his desk on the set of his late-night talk show.

The funny man will call a horse race at Santa Anita under the watchful eye of longtime track announcer Trevor Denman. O'Brien will describe the second race at the host track for next month's Breeders' Cup, the richest event in thoroughbred racing.

Denman says his advice to O'Brien will be "keep it simple and try and have fun with it."

O'Brien hosts "Conan" weeknights on TBS.

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

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Carrie (R) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Escape Plan (R) 1hr 56min
11:05am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

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4:40pm

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1:00pm

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3:10pm, 5:30pm

Muscle Shoals (PG) 1hr 42min
1:50pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Enough Said (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Bolshoi Ballet: Spartacus (NR) 3hrs 35min
7:30pm

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DIG DEEP, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Once more, you jump into a situation and surprise others with your ideas and/or actions. Life is not boring around you. Emotional extremes will help you understand what is happening with others. Tonight: Only where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ A sudden insight puts a different spin on a problem. You open up with ease once you see that your thoughts are welcome. Be aware that controversy will be in the air for a while. Tonight: Accept an offer.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Remain upbeat, even if someone seems a bit off-the-wall. Listen to what this person thinks. You might see some clear logic. Know what is needed to make a situation work. Tonight: Whatever you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Know when to pull back and follow your personal preferences. You might not want to share the process that you are going through. Tonight: Allow your creativity to flourish; see what you come up with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Emphasize what is important to you. A meeting could be more provocative than you might have thought. Insights into those around you could be sudden and jarring at first. Integrate what you are seeing before you open your mouth. Feelings are on the surface. Tonight: Stay centered.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Take a stand, and be aware of what is going on between you and others. You could be overwhelmed by what you see and what you want. The possibilities of manifesting your desires revolve around one particular person. He or she could surprise you. Tonight: In the game of life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your well-meaning caring comes back tenfold, which surprises you. You can deal with these feelings, even if you are a little uncomfortable. Tonight: Use your imagination.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You work best with a partner. This person has a tendency to force you to look at everything around you and the implications involved. You know what to do, and you will do it. Tonight: Share with a special person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your ability to make a difference marks your decisions. A surprise opportunity appears. Do not overthink this -- just go for it. You could be thrilled by the support you get and by the end results. Be prepared when taking any risks. Tonight: Go with the flow of the moment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You usually make work a priority. Today is no different, except a surprise occurs that forces you to re-evaluate plans and head in a new direction. Trust that you will be happier with the end results. You often have a difficult time accepting sudden changes. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to understand more of what is going on with yourself emotionally. You greet a sudden change with a smile and the desire to indulge yourself and others. Do not overspend, and stay within your limits. You will be happier, ultimately. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You feel centered and delighted by events, yet you realize that you missed the obvious signals of what was about to happen. You might question what is going on that you don't seem to understand. Get feedback from a friend. Tonight: Let your imagination call the shots.

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

This year you often will be on the receiving end of a surprise. Organization and control are two different issues that you battle with. As you greet the unexpected, you will start enjoying the excitement. If you are single, you might never know who could appear next. One minute, when you least expect it, you could meet the love of your life. If you are attached, the two of you will function well with the unexpected. You will start to laugh more when events throw your life into chaos. Learn to flex. GEMINI is a hoot to hang out with.

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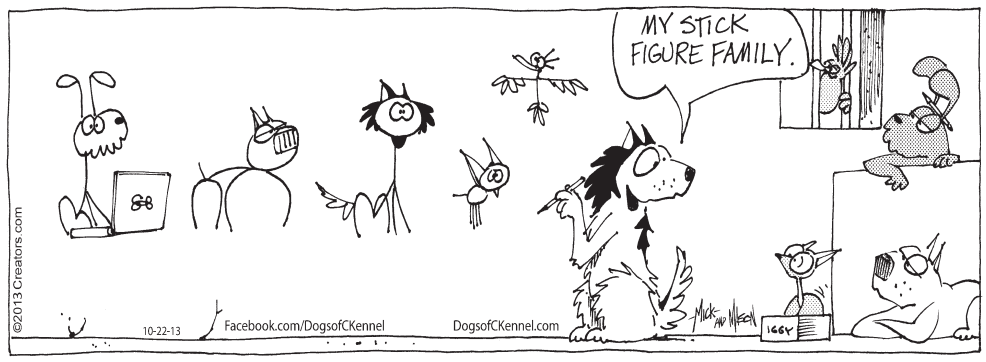
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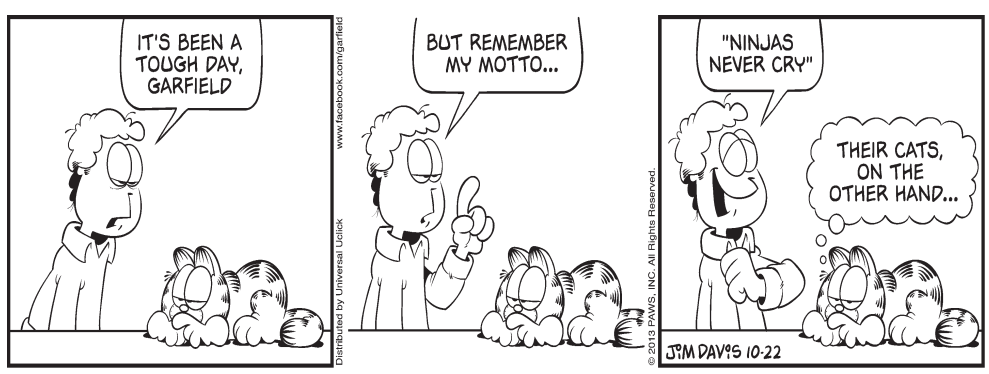
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

5			6	9	7			8
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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

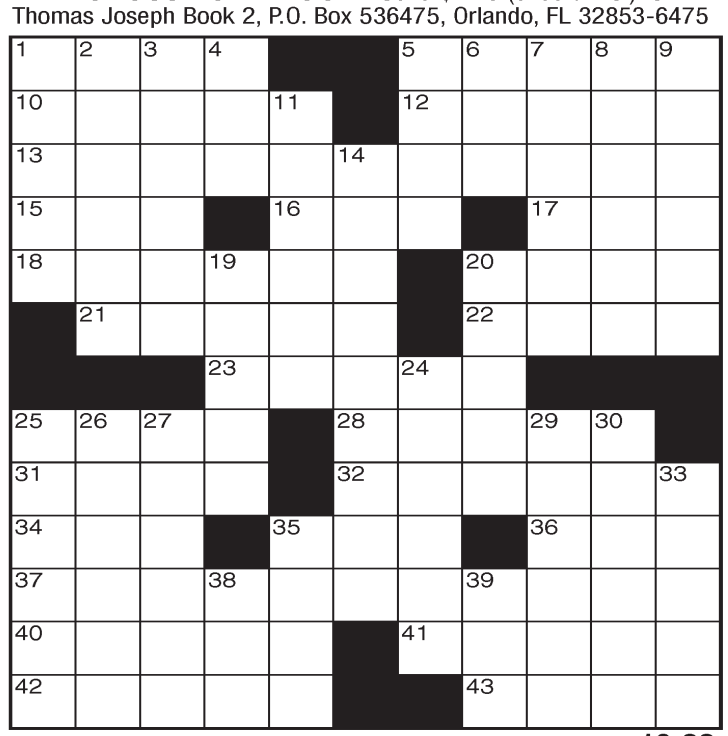
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21 Clairvoyants
22 Robbers' chasers
23 Houston player
25 Metric mass
28 Dutch earthenware
31 Speeds (up)
32 Nostalgic songs
34 High card
35 Ram's mate
36 Gangster's gun
37 Baseball competition
40 Painter Degas
41 Blood fluid
42 Appears
43 Boston orchestra

DOWN
1 Flat vessels
2 Friends
3 Posture
4 Witch
5 Casual eatery
6 Boxing great
7 Ornamental style
8 2.5 miles at Indy
9 Floppy caps
11 Copter parts
14 Start of a gridiron possession
19 League members
20 Bawl out
24 Finds a new tenant for
25 Vineyard harvest
26 Fall back
27 Get satisfaction for
29 Barber of opera
30 Service item
33 Rose parts
35 Headphones site
38 Saigon setting
39 House member, for short

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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/18
5 20 45 48 56
Mega#: 1
Jackpot: $55M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 10/19
4 21 33 38 41
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: $21M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 10/21
13 19 27 28 30

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 10/21
MIDDAY: 7 2 3
EVENING: 5 9 7

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 10/21
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 11 Money Bags
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "Close Enough for Government Work": The security contractor USIS, which does $2.45 billion worth of background checks for the National Security Agency and other departments (and had cleared file-leaker Edward Snowden and the Washington Navy Yard shooter Aaron Alexis), gets paid only for completed files. However, full background checks often require months of work, and at some point, reported The New York Times in September, when USIS needed cash, it would "flush" still-open files, treating them as completed, and submit them for payment -- as happened with the files of Snowden and Alexis. In both cases, reported the Times, subsequent, crucial information failed to make it into the flushed files.

■ (1) In separate incidents of suspected thefts in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, in January (all within about a month), police arrested John Lennon Ribeiro Siqueira, John Lennon Fonseca Ferreira and John Lennon Camargos Gomes. (2) Convicted for drug possession in May in Rockland County, N.Y.: Mr. Genghis Khan, 23. (3) Charged with carjacking in July in Hilo, Hawaii: Mr. Alkapone Cruz-Bailes, 19. (4) Mr. Beezow Doo-doo Zoppitybop-bop-bop, featured in News of the Weird after his December 2011 drug arrest in Madison, Wis., was arrested in August on drug charges in Washington County, Iowa.

TODAY IN HISTORY

2007 – Raid on Anuradhapura Air Force Base is carried out by 21 Tamil Tiger commandos. All except one died in this attack. Eight Sri Lankan Air Force planes are destroyed and 10 damaged.

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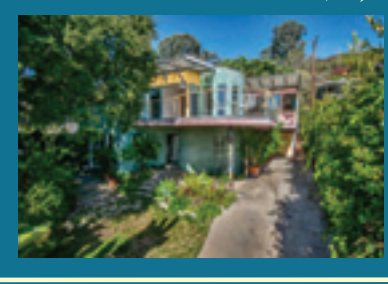
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- Raw Land/Teardown - West of 10th Street, either North of Wilshire or North of Montana - Up to $4,500,000

Average Price of **ALL** Santa Monica
Single Family Homes
From **ALL** agents in **ALL** companies
Listed for Sale as of Late October 2013

Santa Monica Canyon	=	**$ 2,499,200**
North of Montana	=	**$ 4,399,200**
Between Wilshire & Montana	=	**$ 2,675,516**
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