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THE TGIF ISSUE

AMC theatre to bring traffic to Downtown

Report warns traffic impacts will be 'significant,' 'unavoidable'

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Several key intersections Downtown will see "significant and unavoidable impacts" if a proposed movie theater is built where a parking structure now stands, according to an environmental impact report.

Plans put the proposed AMC-12 at a block-busting 70,000 square feet of floor area, which will include 2,167 seats, 2,500 feet of retail space and 2,250 feet of restaurant and lounge area that would be open to the public.

It would stand 56 feet tall, with two of the

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Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*
GONE: **A movie theatre is planned for this spot.**



BUCKET LIST

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*
Ryan Morris fills in the answer to the question on the community mural project entitled, 'Before I Die' at the Flying Saucers Cafe on Pico Boulevard Thursday. The mural encourages members of the public to share their most heartfelt hopes and deepest dreams, scrawling them in colored chalk as part of the public art installation.

New political mailer irritates neighborhood activists

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE A neighborhood organization leader called on candidates supported by a developer-backed group to repudiate a recent mailer which some felt co-opted the organization's name for political gain.

Gregg Heacock, president of the Santa Monica Mid City Neighbors, implored candidates Shari Davis, Ted Winterer, Gleam Davis and Terry O'Day to publicly denounce a mailer by Santa Monicans for a Responsible Future (SMURF) that read "Mid City neighbors support:" followed by the candidates' images and names.

That lower case "n" isn't enough of a distinction for Heacock.

The mailer is problematic for the group because it implies that Mid City Neighbors actively endorses the four candidates, which it cannot do as a nonprofit organization, Heacock said.

Some residents have been confused by the mailer, believing that the group has taken sides in a fight that it cannot enter, Heacock said.

"It compromises us in the sense that we have to go to the state and say that we don't endorse anyone, but people in town say that we have," Heacock said.

The matter is further complicated by Heacock's project to pass along information

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Civility efforts seek better behavior on campus

BY ALAN SCHER ZAGIER
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, Mo. Jewish students in the University of California system labeled terrorists for their support of Israel. Black high school students pelted by bananas on a Tennessee campus tour. A hostile student in Maryland challenging his professor to a fight after the teacher limited the use of cell phones and laptops during lectures.

In a society where anonymous Internet commenters freely lob insults, and politicians spew partisan barbs, the decline of basic civility isn't limited to academia. But the push for more polite discourse — often

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Nov. 2, 2012

From the heart
Santa Monica College
Theatre Arts Studio Stage
1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
The Santa Monica College Theatre Arts Department is pleased to present the world premiere production of "Heart Mountain," a drama that includes dance and powerful imagery and tells the story of a family in a World War II Japanese internment camp. The show runs through Nov. 11. Tickets: $10. For more information call (310) 434-4319 or go to www.smc.edu/eventsinfo. Parking is free on Friday evenings and weekends.

License to drive
The Santa Monica Little Theater
12420 Santa Monica Blvd., 8 p.m.
Santa Monica Rep will present Paula Vogel's award-winning play, "How I Learned to Drive," which explores the dynamic between Li'l Bit, a young girl coming of age during the 1960s, and her much-older Uncle Peck, who engages his well-endowed niece in an unsettling relationship while giving her driving lessons. Tickets: $20 general admission; $15 for seniors and students. A special opening night price of $35 includes a post-show champagne toast and reception with the cast and creative team. For more information go to www.santamonicarep.org.
The production runs through Dec. 1.

For the kids
Fairmont Miramar
101 Wilshire Blvd., 5 p.m.
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica's 37th Annual Auction & Dinner celebrates the more than 7,000 youth served each year, and is a primary source of unrestricted funding that is essential to sustaining and improving the club's services and programs in education, character and leadership, health and life skills and more. Tickets: $275. For more information, go to www.smbgc.org/auction/

Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012

What is jazz?
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 11 a.m.
Jazz pianist Eric Reed takes young people on a journey through history and back again to fire up a love of American music. Everyone will leave with toes tapping, swinging to beloved classics and introduced to new ones. To purchase tickets call (310) 434-3200 or visit http://thebroadstage.com/index.php

Celebrating those gone
Woodlawn Cemetery
1847 14th St., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Create a coronita (crown) of fresh marigolds and papel picado (perforated paper) to honor a loved one who has passed. Tour the grave sites and explore Santa Monica's ancestors. Learn the philosophy and history of the day. Watch a documentary and discover how a small town in Mexico prepares for Dia de los Muertos. Admission is free. For more information call (310) 458-8688

Opera impostors
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Vineyard Touring Opera is a non-profit, charitable corporation dedicated to bringing quality performances of opera to different cities in Southern California at a price everyone can afford. This Saturday they will be offering "impostors of Opera," a humorous introduction to some very famous music sung by characters who are not what they seem. Tickets: $20 for preferred seating; $10 general admission; $5 for students and seniors. For more information visit www.vtopera.org/ or call (855) 575-0005.

Planet of the ape
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Attend a free screening of the Oscar-nominated documentary "Project Nim," which tells the true story of Nim, a chimpanzee who was taken out of his natural environment and raised like a human child to discover if he could learn to communicate with language.

Day of the Dead
Highways Performance Space
1651 18th St., 8:30 p.m.
Participate in a ritual ceremony to welcome and honor all ancestors and departed with theater, live music, traditional pan de muerto and tamales, and a celebration of the cycle of life. Admission is free. For more information call (310) 315-1459 or visit http://highwaysperformance.org/highways/

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Bulger's lawyer pleads for delay in trial

BY DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON A lawyer for mobster James "Whitey" Bulger asked a judge Thursday to delay his trial by eight months, while a prosecutor argued that Bulger has already received "a 16-year continuance" by fleeing Boston and staying on the run all those years.

U.S. District Judge Richard Stearns didn't immediately rule on the defense request to move the trial from March until next November. Stearns said he expects to issue a written decision within the next few days.

Bulger, the former leader of the Winter Hill Gang, is accused of playing a role in 19 murders during the 1970s and 1980s. His lawyer has said Bulger plans to testify about his claim that he received immunity to commit crimes while he was an FBI informant on the Mafia. Bulger, now 83, fled Boston in late 1994 and was not captured until June 2011, when he was found in Santa Monica, Calif.

Bulger's lead attorney, J.W. Carney Jr., has repeatedly complained about the large volume of materials he needs to review before the trial, including more than 364,000 pages of documents turned over by prosecutors.

"We cannot possibly be ready to start the trial in March," Carney said Thursday. He said it is critical for the defense to be fully prepared in order for Bulger to receive a fair trial.

But Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Kelly said prosecutors are opposed to the delay and accused Bulger of "continually trying to stall this case."

Stearns has twice rejected a defense request that he recuse himself from Bulger's trial.

Bulger's lawyers say Stearns should not preside at the trial because he was a federal prosecutor during a time in which Bulger claims he was given immunity for crimes he committed while he was also an FBI informant on the Mafia, his gang's main rival.

In a written response denying Carney's motion for the second time, Stearns said there is no connection between his former position as chief of the criminal divi-

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Suspects wanted in forgery

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN The Santa Monica Police Department is requesting the public's help in identifying two women suspected of conning victims out of thousands in a counterfeiting and forgery scam.

The two women allegedly approach victims and ask them to deposit a counterfeit check into their account. The victim then withdraws an equivalent amount of cash and gives it to the suspects who, in turn, give the victims a small amount of money for helping, according to the police.

It takes a few days for the bank to discover that the check is fraudulent, and then the victim is out the remainder of the cash, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the police department.

So far, four victims have come forward. Each were approached as they were leaving the Bank of America on the 1300 block of Fourth Street, and the average loss is between $4,000 and $5,000.

Although police believe that the suspects have approached customers of other area banks, no one else has made a report, Lewis said.

"For every one that's agreeing to this, there are hundreds who are saying no. The attempts are many," Lewis said.

One of the suspects has been caught on surveillance video inside the bank as one of the fraudulent transactions was taking place. She is described as an African-American female between 25 and 30 years old with medium to muscular build.

She has long dark hair with blond highlights, dark eyes and a tattoo of a cherry or a heart on the right shoulder, according to the police.

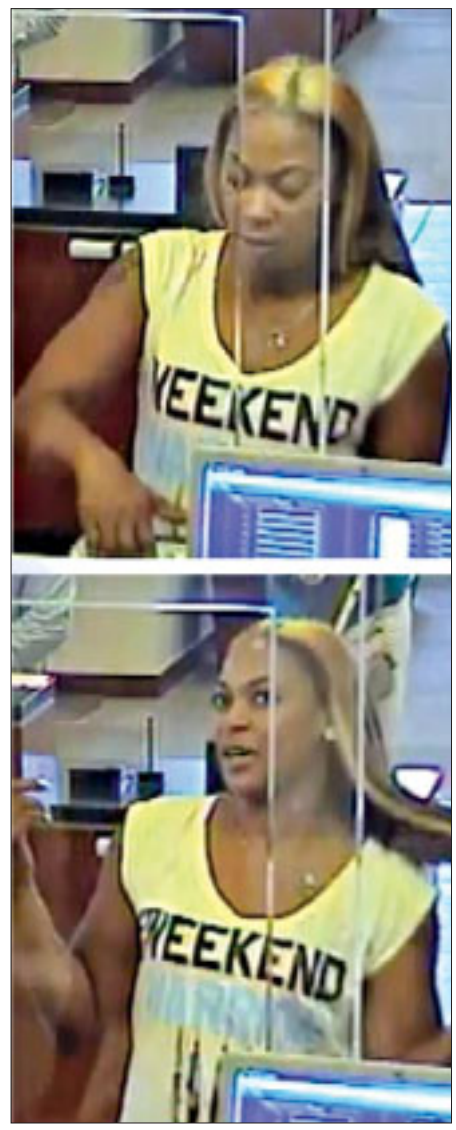
The second suspect is only described as an African-American female.

Investigators are requesting assistance and anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Robert D'Andrea at (310) 458-2201 ext. 6679, Sgt. Henry Ramirez at (310) 458-8453 or the Santa Monica Police Department (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

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DOWNTOWN
Big Blue changes

The Big Blue Bus has issued the following service alerts for Route 5 and Route 7/Rapid 7.

• Route 5

Due to the 2012 Walk to End Alzheimer's event in Century City Sunday, Nov. 4, Route 5 will remain on Olympic Boulevard while traveling in both directions between 6 a.m. and approximately 12 p.m. (or until bus service may safely resume into Century City).

During the event hours, stops on Constellation Boulevard at Century Park East, at Avenue of the Stars and at Century Park West will be closed.

Riders are advised to use the temporary stop on Olympic Boulevard and Century Park West in both directions.

• Route 7/Rapid 7

Due to road work, the stops on Pico Boulevard at Sepulveda Boulevard will be closed in both directions until about Jan. 31, 2013.

Instead, use the stop on Pico Boulevard at Military Avenue (east of Sepulveda) or Pico and Sawtelle boulevards (west of Sepulveda).

Riders with questions can contact BBB's customer service line at (310) 451-5444, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

– KEVIN HERRERA

BERGAMOT STATION
Auction to save 'Chain Reaction'

In an effort to save Pulitzer-Prize winner Paul Conrad's sculpture "Chain Reaction," the famous cartoonist's family will be auctioning off a bronze sculpture he made of civil rights icon Martin Luther King, Jr., along with a hand-signed cartoon.

All proceeds from the auction will go toward the restoration of the iconic 26-foot-tall mushroom cloud art piece that has stood in the Santa Monica Civic Center since 1991.

A structural engineer in September said the art piece is in need of repairs and regular maintenance, which may cost more than the City Council is willing to spend. Originally it was thought that the sculpture's structure had deteriorated and may collapse. Original estimates for repair were between $227,000 and $423,000.

The Conrad family, along with activist Jerry Rubin, have been leading a fundraising effort to keep the sculpture in place. Those interested in donating to the cause can send a check payable to the Santa Monica Arts Foundation, Cultural Affairs Division – Chain Reaction, P.O. Box 2200, Santa Monica, Calif., 90407-2200.

The arts foundation is a nonprofit so donations are tax deductible.

The auction is scheduled for noon on Nov. 11 at Bergamot Station, Building C, Santa Monica Auctions, 2525 Michigan Ave., Santa Monica.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Gruber isn't a developer's lackey

Editor:

In his column Bill Bauer describes Frank Gruber as "probably the most openly pro-development council candidate," but this comment ignores the substance of Frank's record both as a planning commissioner and as a local columnist for 11 years ("Leading the City Council race," My Write, Oct. 22).

From the very start of the update process for the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the General Plan, back in 2004, Frank was the most persistent voice saying that the LUCE called for too much commercial office development and that this would lead to worse traffic.

I know this because as the LUCE was being adopted I frequently was the only person making this point when I testified before the Planning Commission and the City Council, and I knew that Frank's columns on the LUCE were my principal support.

Meanwhile, as the LUCE headed towards adoption, anti-development groups in the city, like the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City (SMCLC), spent their time worrying about a few feet of height on the first floor of buildings, which of course had nothing to do with traffic. Frank was the one who, until the end, was arguing that there was too much office development in the plan, and that is what causes our big traffic problems with commuters.

The LUCE, weighted toward commercial development, went on to be approved in 7-0 votes by both the Planning Commission and the City Council (including yes votes from current council candidates Ted Winterer, Gleam Davis and Terry O'Day).

What is ironic is that in the candidate forums, it seems that now all of these candidates (including Mr. Winterer, who has the support of the SMCLC), have adopted Frank's view that we need to cut down on commercial office development and build more housing – especially near the office projects, so instead of driving, employees can walk or bike to work.

I believe Frank did not get the support of the developers' PAC because he carefully looks at the facts – balancing all the complexities of land use, economics, transportation and quality of life, and avoiding sound bites and slogans. Bottom line: Frank Gruber will support projects that enhance the community, and oppose or modify those that detract from it.

Paul Rosenstein
Santa Monica

Right on

Editor:

Fellow Santa Monican Steve Schwab got it exactly right in his letter regarding Rent Control Board incumbent candidate Robert Kronovet ("Kick out Kronovet," Letters to the Editor," Oct. 13). Kronovet is not working on the behalf of renters to maintain, let alone expand, their rights under rent control to fight frivolous evictions and landlord abuses.

I've said it before and it still holds true. Robert Kronovet currently holds a seat on a city board that he wishes didn't exist.

Derek Loughran
Santa Monica

Vote for change

Editor:

For those who don't like socialism, the upcoming City Council election presents little choice. We already know what the present members are like. So do you want to clone some more of these, or do you want to vote for candidates that at least may change the composition of the current City Council monolith?

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Against forgetting, cultural imperialism

THIS DAY OF THE DEAD SEASON IN Santa Monica brings some usual challenges. The recent deaths of two Santa Monica homeboys clouds the celebratory day in tragedy and loss. A procession called by the Pico Youth and Family Center (PYFC) on Saturday, Nov. 3 at 5:30 p.m. beginning at St. Anne's Church will address this concern.

It also reminds us that the event was not widely celebrated prior to the momentous 1998 Nov. 2 "Vigil for Peace." As in 1998, Santa Monica's Day of the Dead this year requires a community's reflection and coming together for collective solutions.

The Day of the Dead, a Mesoamerican ceremonial holiday going back several centuries across numerous civilizations, traditionally constitutes a deep collective mediation on the cyclical nature of death, departed ones, family and community. It is also rich in irony, mimicry and celebration.

The Aztecs actually dedicated several months to the ceremonies. When Spaniards violently colonized central Mexico they assigned it a single day. Spaniards demonized Aztec spirituality as satanic to justify military conquest, but couldn't wipe out all Aztec culture (that's why we have chocolate, guacamole, gum, piñatas, tamales, etc.). Like the unstoppable spiritual pilgrimages to sacred sites of Guadalupe/Tonantzin, Mesoamericans continued to practice their spiritual beliefs.

As much as the Castilian priests wanted Aztecs to forget, they could not halt the soulful procession of bodies to the altars of their dearly deceased loved ones.

In Santa Monica, Day of the Dead celebrations have a unique resurgence, and not without our own version of colonialist invasions, hijackings and historical erasures.

One need only take a look at the impressive large black flier circulating throughout the city and notice that the one organization that initiated city-wide celebrations 14 years ago, the PYFC, is missing. Ironically, it has been a year that has seen the city, particularly City Manager Rod Gould, go after PYFC by threatening to pull city dollars. City officials politically attack the PYFC, then ironically claim the Day of Dead tradition as their making.

It's kind of like an old Paul Rodriguez joke: "They love Mexican culture, Mexican food, Mexican holidays, Mexican music… there's only one thing they don't like: the Mexicans!" Ones that speak up are "bad Mexicans."

Teachers like Samohi's Jose Lopez, Tania Fischer and teachers at Edison Elementary have for years taught lessons to their students around this special day. Edison will host another elaborate festival this Saturday afternoon. But starting in 1998, a truly collective and community tradition around Day of the Dead sprouted in the predominantly Latino and African-American Pico Neighborhood.

Pico Neighborhood activists, SMC MEChA and Samohi youth came together to celebrate the holiday. When gang violence erupted in mid-October that year, organizers transformed the event into a "Vigil for Peace." The L.A. Times reported 1,000 people marching through the neighborhood calling for peace and social programs. Organizers then built the PYFC. Day of the Dead celebrations were held every year thereafter.

Indeed, the Westside tradition has evolved. The major event to check out is Paulina and Monica Sahagun's weekend performances at 18th Street Arts Center. A procession on Saturday at 11 a.m. to Woodlawn Cemetery recalls the roots of Santa Monica. The PYFC first inaugurated this procession in 1998, and in 2000 we marched up 20th Street to the southwest section where most of the Californio ancestors are buried. Standing among the tombstones, 17th Street native Sal Galvan gave a lecture on the "hidden history" of Mexican Santa Monica, research from his UCLA master's degree in urban planning.

One ancient concern of Dia de los Muertos was countering trauma by introducing the concept of death to the very young ones. Ceremonies involve playfulness, celebration and sweets. Skull masks mix with music, candles and candy.

On Thursday, Samohi Art Department and PYFC host altar display. As the most engaged educational event, cultural activists traditionally make classroom presentations explaining the meaning of the event. The Association of Mexican American Educators has long been part of this ethnic studies aspect. This year, Fischer worked with Grant school first-graders whose masks will be exhibited.

The Samohi Art Show features a prominent artist, surrounded by altars and figures designed by local students. Past artists have included Danny Flores, Danny Alonzo, Adan Avalos. In 2001 the art show featured rare original prints of Mexican master woodcut artist Jose Guadalupe Posada.

Ironically, for the first time in 14 years, nothing is scheduled at the Pico Youth and Family Center. City officials discouraged staff from organizing "cultural or political activities." A trip to Arizona earlier in the year in solidarity with ethnic studies resulted in a bureaucratic backlash from city officials.

Local officials too commonly equate the center with its director, Oscar de la Torre, but we need to recognize that the PYFC is a community-built institution. Oscar should be commended for his leadership, making the center a dynamic place for youth for over 12 years. But the center is more than its director. It represents a local movement for social justice.

Like the Day of the Dead holiday, Pico residents need to take more ownership. We should see the PYFC as an institution created by its own residents. We have not forgotten ceremonies 1,000 years old. We should not forget institutions we built 12 years ago.

PYFC procession Saturday, Nov. 3 convenes at St. Anne's at 5:30 p.m. ending at 16th Street and Delaware Avenue at 7:15 p.m. with tamales, champurrado, community speak out. Open to all humans and spirits.

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An inconvenient election

WITH HURRICANE SANDY'S HORRIFIC destruction, writing about anything else seems shallow. And yet in 72 hours we have a national election that will dramatically affect all our lives.

But first, I want to briefly mention what I was going to write about before Frankenstorm unleashed its fury. (Sandy is such a benign name for a monster storm. Sandra at least sounds harsher; apologies to readers named Sandra.)

I was going to title the column "Mitt is Meat Loaf's Man," when Meat Loaf (the singer, not the beef dish) enthusiastically endorsed Romney. The only problem with Meat Loaf's endorsement is it turns out that he's not actually a registered voter. Oops.

I was also thinking of writing "Turd Blossom Readies His Return." It would have been about Karl Rove, George Bush's strange deputy chief of staff who I always thought had satanic qualities and at a minimum should have been perp-walked out of the White House for treason. (Outing a covert CIA agent and front company asset during a time of war.)

Turd Blossom is a repulsive nickname Bush gave to Rove that was supposedly a compliment, referring to a flower that grows out of a pie of cow dung. (Yuck.) It's still staggering that for eight years we had a frat-boy president who got perverse pleasure in giving puzzled cabinet members nicknames. (More befitting Animal House than the White House.)

Guess what, if Willard wins Turd Blossom returns with an estimated 70 percent of Bush appointees in a Romney administration. Four years after they ruined our economy we're giving it back to them to fix? It's like we have collective amnesia. (As opposed to "Romnesia," a condition where flip-flopping Willard forgets his past views.) With this gang back in power, if you liked the Iraq war, you may be in for a treat.

Another column that percolated was "Ann Coulter is a Witch," but I thought the title too vague. Coulter is on the Romney bandwagon only because she hates Obama. (Likewise are Gingrich, who has called Romney "a liar," and McCain, who has said, "He consistently takes two sides of every issue. Sometimes more than two.")

Nothing defines Coulter more than an appearance on Bill Maher's HBO show where she was promoting her latest hate liberals book. Loathing Obama has warped her brain, but not her shamelessness.

Coulter was lambasting Obama for bombing Libya during the last days of Gaddafi when Maher and his guests corrected her. "Obama didn't drop any bombs." "Yes he did!" Coulter childishly insisted in her sarcastic tone that makes fingernails on a chalkboard sound like a rhapsody. Finally the other three pointed out to Coulter how completely wrong she was. Oops no. 2.

But Coulter didn't skip a beat, "Anyway, it doesn't matter," she blurted out, and continued hating on Obama. The only saving grace was that the audience thought her combination of ignorance and arrogance was hysterical. (Coulter has since disgraced herself with offensive tweets of "retard" seemingly to anyone who disagrees with her.)

Lastly, I was debating writing about Korean singer and dancer Psy and his inexplicably popular "Gangnam Style" video with 600,000,000 hits on YouTube. You see I inadvertently saw him on Ellen DeGeneres' show where Psy demonstrated to Britney Spears how to dance "Gangnam Style." Afterwards I was convinced the Mayans were right, the end of the world must be near. Which conveniently (no pun intended) leads me to superstorm Sandy. (I love how the media gives catchy adjectives to disasters.)

As I watched the torrents of water flooding Manhattan it reminded me almost exactly of scenes from Al Gore's documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," which was mocked by right-wing outlets like Fox News. Temporarily suspending the campaign, Obama worked tirelessly with New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo and New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie while Willard was busy collecting canned goods.

A frequent critic of the president, Christie had only kind words for Obama, which must have made Willard pull out some of his remarkable head of hair. Actually, because of deficits, Willard called disaster relief "immoral," and wants to eliminate FEMA or at least privatize it. (If there's a corporate buck to be made there's a silver lining to even the worst disaster.)

With Romney if the flip doesn't haunt him, the flop does. For example, Willard wrote an op-ed advocating bankruptcy for the auto industry. But Obama saved the industry so Willard invents a story about jobs going to China that the CEOs of Chrysler and GM label a complete falsehood. Oops no. 3.

Romney's theme is jobs, which is odd because when he was governor Massachusetts was ranked 47th. (Unless Willard's counting jobs he personally outsourced while amassing his fortune.)

In the worst era of wealth inequality ever, how could we elect a plutocrat with Swiss bank accounts, Cayman Island income and elevators for his cars? (Instead of "A chicken in every pot," Romney's campaign slogan could be "An elevator for every car.")

If Willard wins on Tuesday, all I can say is thank God my oven is electric.

Romney Gangnam Style can be seen by clicking on this link: www.collegehumor.com/video/6830834/mitt-romney-style-gangnam-style-parody. **JACK** can be e-mailed by clicking on jnsmdp@aol.com.

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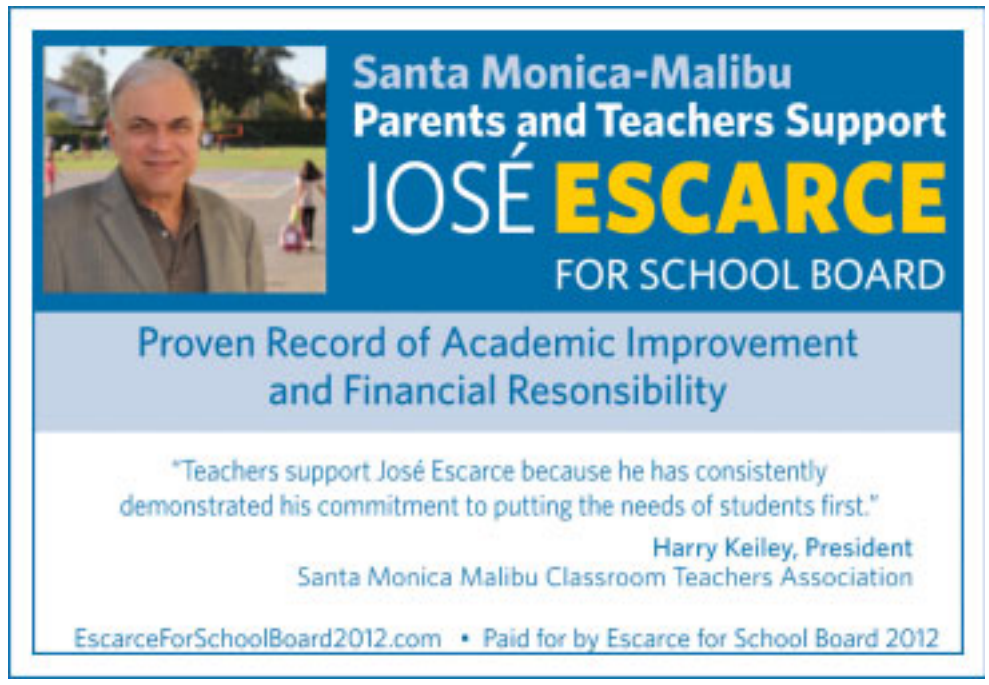
Paying for schools

There are two propositions – 30 and 38 – on the ballot that aim to raise funds for a educational system that has suffered through major hits during the state's struggles through a down economy.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Which of these two propositions will you vote for and why?

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Calif. death penalty opponents say it's too costly

BY PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Death penalty opponents in California are trying a new argument this year: Abolish capital punishment because the perpetually cash-strapped state just can't afford it.

Voters in the state with the nation's largest death row will decide Tuesday whether to repeal the death penalty. Proponents of Proposition 34 say incarceration and litigation costs are too high for too little return.

California has spent about $4 billion since capital punishment resumed in 1977, yet just 13 inmates have been put to death.

An independent analysis says the state would save between $100 million and $130 million a year by converting death sentences to life-without-parole, money supporters say could be put toward public schools and local law enforcement investigations.

"The death penalty is a giant rathole where so much of California's budget is thrown with no discernible benefit," said Diane Wilson, whose husband, a police officer, was killed by a man now on death row.

A supporter of Proposition 34, she said the death sentence given to her husband's killer "didn't change anything. I still don't have a husband and my children and family are devastated."

Opponents say the argument is merely a smoke screen by the American Civil Liberties Union and other longtime opponents of capital punishment.

Promoting Proposition 34 as a budget-saving mechanism is a convenient way to achieve their goal of ending capital punishment and minimizes the rights of victims, say the law enforcement and victims' rights groups who are waging the campaign against the initiative.

"He deserves the ultimate punishment for what he did to my daughter," said Marc Klaas, whose 12-year-old daughter, Polly, was abducted, raped and killed by Richard Allen Davis in 1993. "The crimes these characters have committed are so beyond the pale that you need an extreme punishment."

Klaas, an outspoken Proposition 34 opponent, acknowledged the state's death penalty is broken because so few inmates have been executed. But rather than do away with it, he said, the appeals process should be streamlined so more executions can be carried out, especially one for his daughter's killer.

Three former California governors — two Republicans and a Democrat— have spoken out against the initiative. One, Republican Pete Wilson, co-wrote the official argument against Proposition 34 that says the ACLU, which is pushing the initiative, is largely responsible for the high costs of housing death row inmates and the lengthy appeals process.

That the group would focus on money to be saved if capital punishment ended is hypocritical, he wrote. Repeal also could lead to higher court costs because prosecutors use the possibility of a death sentence as a way to get defendants to plead guilty to a lesser sentence and thus save costs, said Mike Genest, part of the No on 34 campaign.

Citing one study, he said eliminating that bargaining chip could lead to four times as many criminal trials.

Genest, a former state finance director, also said the roughly $100 million a year that might be saved by repealing the death penalty is a negligible amount in a state general fund that typically is more than $90 billion.

"If you're considering voting 'yes' on this because it saves money, that's ridiculous," he said. "It's either incorrect, it won't save money or it's irrelevant — it won't save enough money to have any consequence."

If Proposition 34 passes, it would be only the second time in U.S. history — and the first time since a 1964 election in Oregon — that voters have repealed a state's death penalty, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

Sixteen other states have repealed the death penalty through their legislatures. Five state legislatures have done so in the last five years, including Connecticut this year.

A Field Poll in late September found Proposition 34 failing to gain majority support among likely voters, with 42 percent in favor. Yet the poll also found a softening of support for the death penalty overall, with 45 percent saying California should retain capital punishment. The rest were undecided.

Proposition 34 would strike capital punishment from the state's books and shutter death row at San Quentin State Prison, the country's largest at 725 inmates. The sentences would be converted to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Opponents of Proposition 34 argue that eliminating the death penalty makes the state more dangerous, ignores the wishes of many crime victims and allows some of the most notorious killers, including Scott Peterson, Richard "the Night Stalker" Ramirez and Charles Ng, to escape justice.

Their slogan is "mend it, don't end it." A more streamlined process, including using a single execution drug rather than the current three-drug mixture, will speed up the process and limit expenses, they say.

A federal judge in 2006 halted executions in California and ordered prison officials to overhaul the state's procedures, which included carrying out lethal injections in San Quentin's former gas chamber.

Since then, the corrections department has built a new death chamber that resembles a bright and antiseptic hospital room and adopted new written protocols. Those protocols, though, are the subject of a state judge's order barring executions until they are properly adopted according to California's administrative code.

The last time voters weighed in on the question was 1978, when 71 percent approved expanding the death penalty law passed the previous year by the Legislature. Since then, public opinion surveys have shown consistently that California voters support executions.

Among those supporting the ballot initiative is a victim of a violent crime, J. Rose Steward. She was abducted, raped and left for dead by Dean Phillip Carter, who went on to kill four other women and received the death penalty in 1990. He is still on Death Row, and Steward morally opposes his execution.

"I don't want blood on my hands like he has," she said.

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Costs at ailing Calif. nuke plant top $300 million

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Costs tied to the long-running shutdown at the San Onofre nuclear power plant in California have hit $317 million, and it's not clear if the ailing plant will return to full power, according to documents released Thursday.

The bill for repairs and inspections through Sept. 30 has climbed to $96 million, Edison International, the parent of plant operator Southern California Edison, said in records filed with federal regulators.

With the plant out of service, replacement power costs have jumped to $221 million during that period.

The plant located between Los Angeles and San Diego hasn't produced electricity since January.

The problems center on four steam generators that were installed during a $670 million overhaul in 2009 and 2010.

The Unit 3 reactor was shut down Jan. 31 as a precaution after a tube break. Traces of radiation escaped at the time, but officials said there was no danger to workers or neighbors.

Unit 2 had been taken offline earlier that month for maintenance, but investigators later found unexpected wear on hundreds of tubes inside steam generators in both units. Later tests found some tubes were so badly corroded that they could fail and possibly release radiation.

The company has asked federal regulators for permission to repair and restart the Unit 2 reactor and run it at reduced power. A decision is not expected for months.

In a conference call with Wall Street analysts, Edison Chairman Ted Craver left open the possibility that the generators might eventually be scrapped.

Craver said it's not clear if the plant will ever return to full power. He added, "It appears complete replacement of the steam generators would take some years."

Video: Boy influenced by plot in television show

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVERSIDE, Calif. A 10-year-old boy told police that he figured that if he killed his neo Nazi father, he might not get in trouble because that's what happened on a television program he had watched.

"A bad father did something to his kids and the kid did the exact same thing I did — he shot him," the boy said in a videotaped interview with detectives, as reported by the Riverside Press-Enterprise. "He told the truth and wasn't arrested and the cops believed him. He wasn't in trouble or anything. I thought maybe the exact same thing would happen to me," he said of the episode of "Criminal Minds."

Prosecutors played the video in court on Wednesday, the second day of the boy's murder trial. He is accused of shooting Jeff Hall with a .357 Magnum at point-blank range while he slept on a sofa in their home.

If a judge finds the boy murdered his father, he could be jailed until he is 23. The Associated Press is not identifying the boy because he is a juvenile.

The prosecution claims the boy, now 12, killed his dad to keep him from splitting up with his stepmom, while the defense says the stepmother manipulated the boy to shoot Hall because she was angry he might leave her for another woman.

The boy says in the video that he wanted to end his father's abuse and to ensure he would live with his stepmother because he thought the couple was going to divorce. He said he was scared and angry about his father's temper and threats.

"I thought it would be a good idea to end it — to shoot my dad in the head," he said in the video. "I shot him because I was upset. He was always taking off. He also hit me."

At one point in the video, the boy says he thought his dad would recover. "I was choosing who should leave and I chose my dad," the boy said. "I thought he would get out of the hospital and maybe we could go back to being friends and start over."

As the video was shown, the boy clanked his ankle chains and rested his head on the table. The judge stopped the video at one point because the boy was falling asleep.

The little sister of the boy tearfully testified earlier in the day that her brother had plotted the shooting days in advance.

At the time of the shooting, the girl was asleep, but she said her brother told her of his plans four days earlier.

"Did you know ahead of time that someone planned to shoot your father?" Chief Deputy District Attorney Michael Soccio asked her.

"Yes," she said quietly.

The girl, now 11, also testified that she lied to authorities that stepmother Krista McCary told the boy to shoot Hall.

McCary initially told police she killed Hall but testified Tuesday that she was lying to protect the boy. She has pleaded guilty to one felony count of child endangerment and criminal storage of a firearm.

Soccio said the white supremacist beliefs of Hall, an unemployed plumber who was a regional leader of the National Socialist Movement, had nothing to do with the crime and that the boy's history of violence dated to his first day of kindergarten when he stabbed a teacher with a pencil.

The defense claims the boy was influenced by being raised in an abusive, violent, racist environment where he was taught to shoot, attended Nazi rallies and was taken to the border once on a mission to learn how to keep Mexicans out of the U.S.

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auditoriums completely below grade and two partially submerged, requiring an excavation of up to 36 feet.

The theater will take the place of the existing Parking Structure 3, which would be demolished. That would ax 344 parking spaces, with no replacement parking contemplated in the design of the theater itself.

Residents have until Nov. 26 to get their comments in on the environmental report.

AMC, the company the City Council contracted with in 2009 to bring the project to fruition, sold it as a state-of-the-art theater in a town with mainly aging stock, something that City Hall is itching to fix.

Quality theaters create an anchor that attracts people from other areas who then spend money shopping or eating out, said Jason Harris, with the Housing and Economic Development Department.

"We want a diverse and well-balanced Downtown with a variety of activities," Harris said. "We do have theaters, just not the highest standards and most competitive product you can have."

City Hall is still in negotiations with AMC and Metropolitan Pacific Capital, the partner in the project, over a development agreement for the space. Development agreements are contracts between City Hall and developers that allow projects to go above and beyond the dictates of the zoning code in return for benefits like investment in the transportation system or money for art.

City Hall hopes that the negotiations will finish within the month, Harris said.

Of course, any time a new attraction comes to town, traffic comes with it.

According to the report, intersections at Fourth Street and Broadway, Fourth Street and Colorado and Lincoln and Santa Monica boulevards will see "significant and unavoidable impacts" as a result of the project, regardless of what mitigation measures are in place.

Traffic can be worsened when patrons have issues finding parking.

According to the report, the added pressure on existing parking spaces with increased development with no additional parking included could cause people to drive more in search of a parking space, a practice called "cruising."

"While mitigation may reduce cruising behavior, there is no certainty as to how many vehicle trips would be reduced at affected intersections," the report reads.

Where those extra people will be cruising from or cruising to, however, is hard to define.

Downtown Santa Monica already has several movie theaters, most of which are owned by AMC including the AMC Loews Broadway 4, AMC Criterion 6 and AMC Santa Monica 7. When the City Council directed staff to seek out a company willing to bring a modern theater to town, it specifically required that the total number of seats in Santa Monica remain virtually unchanged.

It was unclear at the time how another company would have been able to deliver on a promise to reduce the number of seats at other private movie theaters in Santa Monica.

AMC proposed to do it by closing the Broadway 4, located in the Promenade Gateway building on Third Street Promenade near Broadway.

Although that was being negotiated in 2009, it's uncertain if that option is still on the table.

The company itself will not comment on negotiations, said Ryan Noonan, a spokesperson with AMC.

A representative of Promenade Gateway, the company that owns the building in which the Broadway 4 is located, declined to comment on the matter Thursday afternoon, and city officials say they have had nothing to do with the negotiations.

"The applicant has not provided a final seat reduction plan to the city," Roxanne Tanemori, a city planner, said. "This component of the project will be finalized through the development agreement."

Rather than jump into that sticky issue, the draft environmental report examines the possibility of closing down the Criterion 6 and turning it into retail space.

That's considered the "worst case scenario" because planners view retail as an intense use that would cause the most traffic and environmental impacts, Tanemori said.

"This reasonable worst case seat reduction scenario was chosen because it identifies the theater space that would create the largest amount of converted retail square footage — and would create the greatest potential impact to traffic and associated parking demand," she said.

According to the report, no other impacts of the project are considered unavoidable.

That may come as a surprise to many Santa Monicans, especially those that attended a meeting held in May 2011 to discuss the project.

Almost every comment collected by staff related to parking in the area, particularly given the demolition of Parking Structure 3 for the project and the rebuild of Parking Structure 6 which will take several hundred parking spaces offline.

Staff believes that the new theater will not open until after Parking Structure 6 is rebuilt. The structure will have almost twice as many spaces as it did before, almost replacing the spaces lost in Parking Structure 3.

The report also mentions that there will be additional parking built into a theoretical development at Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue, directly across the street from the theater.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Man busted for allegedly masturbating in doorway

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 26, AT 7:09 A.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 200 block of Arizona Avenue regarding a report of a man seen masturbating in the doorway of a business. Officers located the suspect two blocks away and detained him until they could speak with witnesses. One told officers that he was walking on Arizona Avenue when he saw the suspect sitting in the doorway with his pants down around his thighs manipulating his penis in plain sight. The man told the suspect to pull his pants up. The suspect didn't appreciate the advice and began yelling at the man. The suspect was placed under arrest after allegedly fighting with officers. He was booked for lewd acts and resisting arrest. He was identified as Marc Alexander Powell, 46, of Banning, Calif. in Riverside County. His bail was set at $10,000.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28, AT 8:14 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 500 block of Olympic Boulevard to meet with a woman who said she had been physically assaulted several hours earlier while she was sleeping on a sidewalk. When officers arrived they made contact with the woman and immediately noticed that she had several bruises and scratches around her face and neck. She told officers that she was sleeping on the sidewalk in front of the OPCC Access Center for homeless people when she and another person were awakened by a man asking for food. When the woman said she did not have anything to eat, the man allegedly kicked over a water bottle, soiling her bedding. She threw the bottle into the street and some water splashed onto the suspect. He became enraged and started punching the woman before allegedly choking her for several seconds. She struggled with the suspect, who eventually walked away. He was detained a short time later in the 1600 block of Seventh Street. He was identified by the woman and a witness and placed under arrest for assault and a probation violation. He was identified as Michael Lee Calloway, 42, a transient. No bail was set.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27, AT 12:10 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 100 block of Broadway — Makai Lounge — regarding a report of an assault that had just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with a woman who said she and another friend were on the dance floor near the DJ dancing when she was bumped by the suspect. An argument ensued. The suspect allegedly threw a drink at the woman and the glass struck her along her right eyebrow, causing a cut. She was treated at the scene by paramedics. The suspect was taken into custody without incident and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. She was identified as Jovan Nichole Gamble, 32, of Los Angeles. Her bail was set at $30,000.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27, AT 10:35 A.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Ocean and Colorado avenues regarding a drug sale witnesses by a Downtown Service Officer. When police arrived they spoke with a suspect who admitted that he had just purchased pot from two men. Officers located one of the suspects, who allegedly told them that he sold some of his medical marijuana. Officers searched him and found eight individually-wrapped bindles in his jacket. The suspect was arrested for possession of pot for sale. He was identified as Abdias Mendes Salazar, 53, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

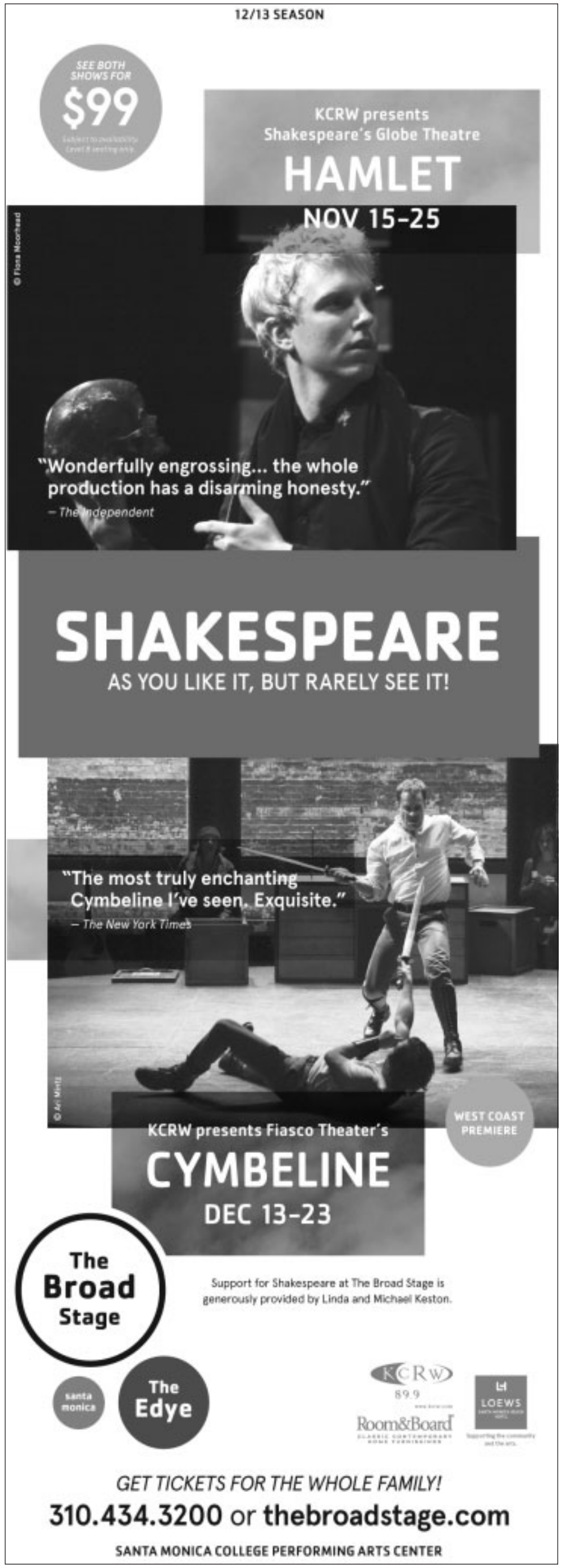
FRIDAY, OCT. 26, AT 5:30 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol on the 1100 block of Santa Monica Boulevard when they saw a man in an alley. Officers decided to see what he was doing and approached him for a chat. During their conversation, the man allegedly consented to a search and inside his shorts officers said they found a glass pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamines. The man then told officers that he had some of the drug in his pocket. He was placed under arrest for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. He was identified as Carl Daved Thomas, 42, a transient. His bail was set at $10,000.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 24, AT 6:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1600 block of Cloverfield Boulevard — Ralphs — regarding a report of two shoplifters in custody. When officers arrived they made contact with store security who said that they saw two women enter the store with large handbags. They went directly to the hair and skin care section and allegedly began putting items in their bags. They then left the store without offering to pay for the items. Security detained the suspects and the stolen property was recovered. Officers took them into custody and learned that both were on probation for burglary. They were placed under arrest for the probation violation, burglary and conspiracy. They were identified as Khadijah Pilgram, 18, of Compton, and Clarissa Wade, 18, of Los Angeles. Bail was set at $20,000 for each.

MONDAY, OCT. 22, AT 12:56 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 600 block of Broadway regarding a report of two people trespassing. When officers arrived they made contact with one of the suspects, who was found to be on probation. Officers searched him and said they found a pipe used to smoke meth. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia, a probation violation and illegal camping. He was identified as Joshua William Williams, 21, a transient. His bail was set at $10,250.

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MISINFORMATION? **Members of Mid City Neighbors and the Ocean Park Association are upset that an independent expenditure committee is sending out mailers that look like they came from the groups.**

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about candidate forums and meet-and-greets — just not fundraisers — in an attempt to involve more people in the election process.

"We're not advertising, we're just doing these as public events," he said. "When this comes up, it compromises us and makes it look as though the group is advocating."

The mailers are not meant to suggest that neighborhood organizations support or do not support any candidate, said Adam Englander, a publicist for SMURF.

In fact, roughly the same mailer was sent out to residents all over the city, with slightly different text depending on the neighborhood.

"Any mailer that SMURF has sent out has not claimed endorsements of any neighborhood groups, nor did any of these neighborhood mailers," Englander said.

Englander's firm arrived at the conclusion that each of the candidates were supported by individuals in each of the neighborhoods by examining their endorsements list, he said.

Mary Marlow, of the Ocean Park Association, doesn't buy it. The mailers are just another example of well-funded independent expenditures campaigning off of the

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reputations of neighborhood groups, she said.

"The neighborhood associations in (Santa Monica) have worked long and hard on big issues facing (Santa Monica) — including overdevelopment and traffic, not the values falsely ascribed in these mailers so the reputations of the groups themselves are being negatively impacted by this message and by endorsements none of them has or would make," she said.

The four candidates sent out a joint statement when SMURF first began sending out mailers acknowledging the outside group's support and their utter lack of control.

They each reiterated that sentiment on Halloween, some on their way to festive events around town.

Ted Winterer, a planning commissioner and slow-growth candidate, said that while he had no affiliation with SMURF, he understood how difficult it was for community members to sort through the mixed messages.

"As a former president of the Ocean Park Association, I understand that neighborhood organizations cannot be involved in electioneering and so it is deeply disturbing that SMURF literature implies that Mid City Neighbors or any other neighborhood organization support SMURF's efforts," Winterer said.

People can protect themselves from misleading messaging efforts by reading the name on each mailer, flyer or handout and checking under the hood, said Joanne Leavitt, president of the League of Women Voters of Santa Monica.

"One thing I would say is to look for transparency," Leavitt said.

She praised SMURF not for the message, which she did not comment on, but for the tote bag that has been handed out around town which clearly states who's funding the group.

"Some you have no idea who's funding them," she said. "Those are the ones I don't pay attention to."

The League of Women Voters puts out recommendations for voters. Those interested at the local level can check out the issues at the City Hall site smvote.org and additional information on state contests and issues can be found at Votersedge.org, Leavitt said.

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BULGER
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sion of the U.S. attorney's office and the organized crime strike force.

Bulger claims that Jeremiah O'Sullivan, a former federal prosecutor who led the New England Organized Crime Strike Force, gave him immunity. O'Sullivan, who died in 2009, denied protecting Bulger from prosecution for violent crimes during his testimony to Congress in 2002.

In a written response filed in court Wednesday, Kelly called Bulger's immunity claim "absurd" and said his decision to flee Massachusetts is "entirely inconsistent" with someone who believed he had immunity.

"Obviously, James Bulger never once thought he had legal immunity for his crimes and that is why he remained a fugitive for so long," Kelly wrote.

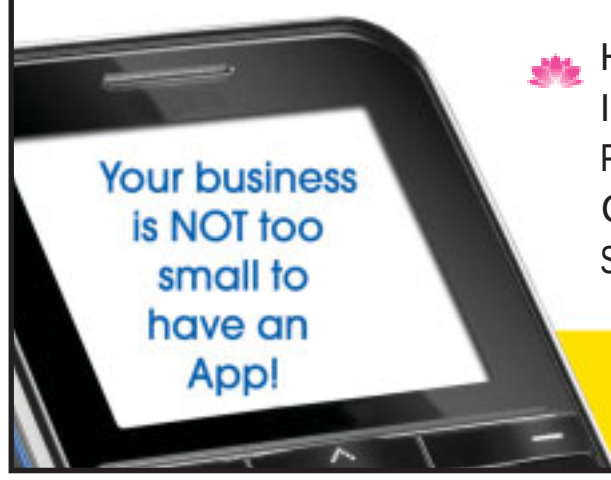
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Bloomberg endorses Obama

BY JOSH LEDERMAN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg backed President Barack Obama over Republican Mitt Romney on Thursday, saying the incumbent Democrat will bring critically needed leadership to fight climate change after the East Coast devastation wrought by Hurricane Sandy.

The endorsement from the politically independent and nationally recognizable mayor was a major boost for Obama, who is spending the campaign's final days trying to win over independent voters whose voices will be critical in determining the winner of Tuesday's election.

Both candidates had eagerly sought the nod from Bloomberg, who didn't endorse a presidential candidate in 2008 and has publicly grumbled about both Obama and Romney. But Bloomberg said the possibility that Sandy resulted from climate change had made the stakes of the election that much clearer.

"We need leadership from the White House, and over the past four years, President Barack Obama has taken major steps to reduce our carbon consumption," Bloomberg wrote in an online opinion piece.

A full-throated stamp of approval this was not. Even as he pledged to cast his vote for Obama's re-election, Bloomberg faulted the president for discounting centrists, trading in divisive, partisan attacks and failing to make progress on issues like gun control, immigration and the federal deficit.

The billionaire businessman and former Republican also praised Romney as a good man who would bring valuable business experience to the White House but said Romney had reversed course on issues like health care and abortion. "If the 1994 or 2003 version of Mitt Romney were running for president, I may well have voted for him," he said.

Vice President Joe Biden, campaigning in Fort Dodge, Iowa, said the essence of Bloomberg's endorsement was that "we've got to work together."

"We got to stop this blue, red — I mean we're a purple nation, man," Biden said.

Bloomberg's endorsement could have the effect of injecting climate change and the environment into the national conversation just five days before the end of a campaign where both topics have been virtually absent.

"Our climate is changing," Bloomberg said. "And while the increase in extreme weather we have experienced in New York City and around the world may or may not be the result of it, the risk that it might be — given this week's devastation — should compel all elected leaders to take immediate action."

To the dismay of environmental activists, climate change never came up during any of the three presidential debates and has been all but absent throughout the rest of the campaign. When Romney invoked the environment in his August speech accepting the Republican nomination, it was to mock his rival for making the issue a priority.

"President Obama promised to begin to slow the rise of the oceans and heal the planet," Romney said. "My promise is to help you and your family."

Obama welcomed the endorsement, pledging in a statement to continue to stand with New York in its time of need.







CIVIL
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as an extension of more entrenched diversity efforts — is firmly taking root on campus.

From the University of Missouri to Penn State and Vanderbilt, colleges across the country are treating the erosion of common decency as a public health epidemic on par with measles outbreaks and sexually transmitted diseases.

The Santa Monica City Council approved its own civility agreement last year in hopes of making people feel comfortable enough to speak at public meetings, regardless of their viewpoints. The agreement was modeled after the Civility Accord established by the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

"What we're trying to do is remind me people of what they already know, to get back in touch with things they probably learned growing up," said Noel English, who heads a new Missouri civility campaign called "Show Me Respect," a nod to the state's nickname.

The Missouri campaign comes after two white students pleaded guilty in April 2010 to misdemeanor littering charges for dumping cotton balls outside the school's black culture center during Black History Month; the students were sentenced to 80 hours of community service, two years of probation and had their driver licenses suspended for two months. A 2009 survey of more than 3,500 students found that nearly one in seven reported incidents of harassment on campus, from racial slurs to hostile e-mails.

At a campus civility workshop earlier this week, Eric Waters, a junior from Mansfield, Texas, who is the football team's starting tight end, described how other students often label Mizzou football players as "mean" and "disrespectful" womanizers, sometimes to his face.

"It's not about the stereotypes people put on us," he said. "We try to carry ourselves like true gentlemen."

The University of Tennessee enacted its civility campaign in 2011. There had been a cotton ball incident at the Knoxville school's black cultural center after President Barack Obama's election and, in 2010, bananas were thrown at a group of more than 100 black high school students from Memphis during a campus visit.

"We want to be a campus that's welcoming to all, and hostile to none," said Chancellor Jimmy Cheek, who now outlines the school's 10 "principles of civility and community" at freshman orientation. The shared values range from inclusivity and collegiality to respect and integrity.

In some cases, the campus civility campaigns are being challenged by First Amendment advocates who fear that such programs muzzle unpopular speech in the name of tolerance and diversity.

That was the complaint at North Carolina State University, which revised a residence hall policy that, among other stipulations, prohibited dorm dwellers from wearing T-shirts or hanging posters "disrespectful and hurtful to others" while also requiring students to "confront behavior or report to staff incidents of incivility and intolerance."

The new policy now includes a written caveat calling the civility effort a set of "voluntary expectations" while emphasizing that the school is "strongly committed to freedom of expression."

"Civility is an important value," said Robert Shibley, senior vice president of the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, which protested the Raleigh university's civility policy. "But at the same time, it can't be made the paramount issue in a free society, because there has to be space for people who have intense feelings about things to express those feelings in a way that really communicates the urgency and the depths of feeling that lies behind their opinions."

When campuses attempt to compel civil behavior, Shibley said, they become "so committed to civility that if you say something uncivil, you are going to be penalized In some way, that's going too far. It starts to infringe on the very expressions that are protected by the First Amendment."

Many credit Pier Forni, a professor of Italian literature at Johns Hopkins University, as the dean of the campus civility movement. He started the Hopkins Civility Project 15 years ago, wrote the 2002 book "Choosing Civility" and is a frequent guest speaker on other campuses, including at Missouri earlier this year.

For Forni, the culprits behind contemporary incivility are numerous, from what he called "the crisis of civil engagement" in this country to eroding workplace manners to "radical informality" heightened by Facebook and related social media. Yet he has no interest in making civil behavior a campus requirement.

"Civility should be promoted, not believed in," he said. "Civility is not something to enforce. "

Among the schools embracing those beliefs is the University of Arizona, which last year opened the National Institute for Civil Discourse after the shootings in Tucson, Ariz., that killed six people and injured 13, including Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

In 2010, Rutgers University launched its "Project Civility" just before freshman Tyler Clementi killed himself when a roommate secretly recorded the teen's sexual encounter with another man. English, the Missouri campaign leader, said the New Jersey student's suicide helped influence her decision to start a program on campus.

She, too, favors the voluntary approach, though her initial instincts said otherwise.

"My first thought was, 'I'm a lawyer, we need a rule or a policy,' but then my thinking was, 'That's not really necessary,'" she said. "We can have all the policies in the world, but what we want to do is raise awareness and get people thinking ... We want to change the culture so it just becomes embedded."

Or, as Noor Azizan-Gardner, Missouri's chief diversity officer, put it: "I'm hoping when they graduate they will know what it means to be civil, kind and compassionate."





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A state-by-state look at superstorm's effects

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The massive storm that started out as Hurricane Sandy slammed into the East Coast and morphed into a huge and problematic system, killing at least 90 people in the United States. Power outages now stand at more than 4.5 million homes and businesses, down from a peak of 8.5 million. Here's a snapshot of what is happening, state by state.

CONNECTICUT

U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano says the federal government will offer as much help as it can to Connecticut homeowners and business owners affected by the Superstorm Sandy. She toured the state's storm-battered shoreline by helicopter Thursday with Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and other government officials. Deaths: 3. Power outages: 350,000, down from a peak of 625,000.

DELAWARE

Governor lifts state of emergency and authorizes National Guard to continue cleanup support. Shelters close. Deaths: none. Power outages: 500, down from more than 45,000.

KENTUCKY

The last remnants of Sandy drop more snow in the mountains on top of a foot that already fell. Deaths: none. Power outages: 3,000.

MAINE

Amtrak's Downeaster resumes service. Governor sends forest rangers to New York City to help with recovery there. Deaths: none. Power outages: none, down from more than 90,000.

MARYLAND

Residents return to polls after storm forced cancellation of early voting for two days. Deaths: 3. Power outages: 47,345, down from 290,000.

MASSACHUSETTS

Storm shifted a dead whale that had been left to rot on the shoreline to a spot where scientists can now recover the bones before it is buried. Deaths: none. Power outages: 19,500, down from 400,000.

MICHIGAN

Cargo shipping on the Great Lakes resumes after high waves subside. Deaths: none. Power outages: 10,000, down from 154,000.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Surprise "microburst" from vestiges of storm topples pines onto lake cottages.

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SANDY
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Trick-or-treating postponed to Sunday. Deaths: 1. Power outages: 16,000, down from 210,000.

NEW JERSEY

Motorists across New Jersey were in long lines at gas stations for a second stressful day on Thursday. Many stations were closed because of a lack of electricity or supplies, or both. At a Gulf station in Newark, a police officer directed traffic as a line of vehicles stretched for about two miles. Deaths: 14. Power outages: 1.76 million, down from 2.7 million.

NEW YORK

Police say the bodies of two missing New York City boys have been found. The 2- and 4-year-olds disappeared Monday night when waves crashed into an SUV being driven by their mother in Staten Island. The U.S. Coast Guard opened the Port of New York and New Jersey on a restricted basis to get gasoline and fuel to the areas hit hardest. Deaths: 45, including 38 in New York City. Power outages: 1.5 million, down from 2.2 million.

NORTH CAROLINA

Sea search continues for the captain of a tall ship that sank. Deaths: 2. Power outages: mostly restored.

OHIO

Cleanup begins after another day of steady rains and gusty winds that led to flood warnings along Lake Erie. Deaths: 2. Power outages: 100,000, down from more than 250,000.

PENNSYLVANIA

Utility crews struggle to restore power in state where most damage was driven by wind, not water. Deaths: 12. Power outages: 475,000, down from 1.2 million.

RHODE ISLAND

Officials say Federal Emergency Management Agency crews are assessing storm damage in Rhode Island. That's one of the first steps that must occur before the president can declare the state a disaster area, which would allow governments and homeowners to apply for federal assistance. About half of Newport's 3.5-mile Cliff Walk has been closed because of extensive damage. Deaths: none. Power outages: 25,000, down from more than 122,000.

TENNESSEE

Elizabethton businesses close off a street and cover sidewalks for trick-or-treaters as snow falls in mountainous areas. Deaths: none. Power outages: minimal.

VERMONT

Amtrak works to restore service to the state after tracks were damaged in other areas. Deaths: none. Power outages: mostly restored, down from more than 10,000.

VIRGINIA

National Guard winds down most recovery operations. U.S. Navy sends three Virginia-based ships toward the Northeast in case they're needed. Deaths: 2. Power outages: 6,190, down from more than 180,000.

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Early voting resumes after being shut down for two days, and hours are extended. Federal workers return, National Mall reopens. Deaths: none. Power outages: mostly restored, down from 25,000.

WEST VIRGINIA

Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin plans to ask President Barack Obama for a federal disaster declaration to help residents and businesses in the hardest-hit areas of the state. Some areas have seen nearly 3 feet of snow. Deaths: 6. Power outages: 136,000, down from about 271,000.

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

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

2612 Main Street, LC-12CA-010, Zoning: CM-2 (Main Street Commercial) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of banners in conjunction with the California Heritage Museum and the approval of sign adjustments for their size and placement on the Landmark building. Applicant: California Heritage Museum. Owner: City of Santa Monica. **(Continued from October 8, 2012 meeting.)**

Colorado Avenue Viaduct, LC-11LM-003, Zoning: RVC (Resident-Visitor-Commercial) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 11LM-003, to determine whether the existing Colorado Avenue Viaduct, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structure meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: City of Santa Monica. **(Continued from September 12, 2011.)**

101 Wilshire Boulevard, 12LM-002, Zoning: RVC (Residential Visitor Commercial) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 12LM-002, at 101 Wilshire Boulevard for consideration of an amendment the existing landmark designation of the Moreton Bay fig tree on the Miramar Hotel site to include the designation of Palisades Wing of the hotel as a landmark building; identify an associated landmark parcel; and, identify contributing elements of the site. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding this amendment based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that one or more of the required criteria are met. Applicant: Ocean Avenue, LLC. Owner: Ocean Avenue, LLC.

1424 4th Street (Central Tower Building), 12LM-008, Zoning: CM-2 (Main Street Commercial) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 12LM-008, at 1424 4th Street for to determine whether the commercial building known as the Central Tower Building, in whole or in part, should be designated as City Landmarks. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Lesley S. Gordon Trust, Renee W. Gordon Decd Trust, Harry R. Goodman.

East side of Main Street in the Civic Center area, 12LM-010, Zoning: CC (Civic Center) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Supplemental Designation Application 12LM-010, to define and describe a landmark parcel related to the 'Chain Reaction' sculpture, a designated City Landmark. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission.

1657 Ocean Avenue, 12LM-009, 12CA-013, Zoning: CC (Civic Center) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation application 12LM-009, at 1657 Ocean Avenue, pursuant to SMMC Section 9.36.120(f), to consider a modification to the existing landmark designation to remove the described parcel from the designation. As an alternative, the Commission will consider Certificate of Appropriateness application 12CA-013, where the applicant is requesting design approval for a proposed trash enclosure, landscaping and other improvements to the site and associated parking lot. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Department of Public Works. Owner: City of Santa Monica.

When: **Monday, November 12, 2012 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
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Consumers give US economy a boost before election

BY CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON A flurry of data issued Thursday sketched a brightening view of the U.S. economy in the final days before a presidential election that will pivot on the strength of the recovery.

Cheaper gas, rising home prices and lower unemployment have given consumers the confidence to spend more. And retailers, auto dealers and manufacturers are benefiting.

At the same time, many employers remain anxious about the economy, which is why only modest hiring gains are forecast for Friday's jobs report for October. It will be the last major report on the economy before Election Day.

Both presidential candidates pressed their arguments Thursday for why President Barack Obama's economic stewardship should or should not earn him another four-year term. Campaigning in Roanoke, Va., Mitt Romney argued that under Obama, household incomes have fallen behind inflation and poverty has worsened.

Obama, in a speech in Green Bay, Wis., contended that Romney's proposals are the same "top-down policies that crashed our economy." The president said his own economic approach was similar to Bill Clinton's in the 1990s, when the U.S. economy generated tens of millions of jobs and incomes surged.

Friday's jobs report is expected to show that the unemployment rate rose to 7.9 percent in October from 7.8 percent in September. Coming so close to the election, though, the most recent economic figures aren't expected to alter the outcome. Few voters are thought to still be undecided.

"People have given this a lot of thought," said Andrew Kohut, president of the Pew Research Center. "One report, unless it is a real shocker, is unlikely to affect their view of whether Obama has done a good job with the economy or if Romney would do a better job."

This week, Pew released a poll showing that likely voters, by 50 percent to 42 percent, thought Romney would do better at boosting job growth.

Here's what the reports issued Thursday showed about the state of the U.S. economy:

— CONSUMERS:

Americans have taken heart from recent declines in the unemployment rate. They appear increasingly confident that the economy can sustain its modest recovery. That's translating into more consumer spending — the fuel of U.S. economic growth — even though businesses have pulled back and exports have slowed.

Consumer confidence jumped last month. The Conference Board index of confidence reached 72.2, its highest since February 2008, two months into the Great Recession.

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that's consistent with a healthy economy. But it's up from 40.9 a year ago — the sharpest one-year increase since 1994, according to Robert Kavcic, an economist at BMO Capital Markets. And the index is far above its all-time low of 25.3 in February 2009, in the midst of the financial crisis.

Consumers are also spending more at retail stores, a separate report showed Thursday. Sales in stores open at least a year rose 5 percent in October, according to a tally from 21 retail chains by the International Council of Shopping Centers. Some of the increase, though, might reflect higher spending for generators, batteries, water and other supplies in preparation for Superstorm Sandy.

— JOBS:

Job growth will likely remain modest. Most companies are reluctant to make major investments in hiring or equipment, economists say.

Economists have forecast that employers added 121,000 jobs last month — too slow a hiring pace to drive down the unemployment rate quickly. The rate has declined in recent months in part because some people have given up looking for work.

Applications for unemployment benefits fell 9,000 to 363,000 last week, the Labor Department said Thursday. That level suggests that hiring is unlikely to pick up much from its current pace of about 150,000 jobs a month.

A report by payroll provider ADP showed that private companies added 158,000 jobs in October, up from 114,000 in September. ADP updated its methodology for the October report. It has frequently diverged sharply from the government's figures.

The U.S. economy expanded at a 2 percent annual pace in the July-September quarter, up from 1.3 percent in the second quarter. Most economists expect growth may slow a bit in the fourth quarter, partly because of disruptions from Superstorm Sandy.

Still, the economy is growing too slowly to bring rapid relief to roughly 12 million out-of-work Americans. With the unemployment rate still high, steady growth of more than 3 percent is generally needed to create a sufficient number of jobs.

— AUTO SALES:

Americans are buying more big-ticket items, like cars and appliances. Auto companies reported steady sales gains last month despite losing three days of business to the storm in heavily populated areas of the Northeast.

Toyota said its sales rose nearly 16 percent for the month. Volkswagen reported a 22 percent jump. Honda's sales gained 8.8 percent. Chrysler's sales rose 10 percent, General Motors' 5 percent and Ford's less than 1 percent.

— MANUFACTURING:

Steady consumer spending is supporting gains in U.S. factory production. That's true even though businesses in the United States and overseas have reduced their demand for high-cost manufactured goods.

The Institute for Supply Management, a private trade group, said its index of factory activity ticked up to 51.7 in October from 51.5, slightly below the average for the past year of 52.2. A reading above 50 indicates expansion.

The ISM said new orders and production rose. The increase came mainly in consumer-oriented industries such as furniture, food and beverages, and computers. Demand for machinery, chemical products, steel and other metals fell.

U.S. businesses have become more cautious in recent months. Some are concerned that Congress will fail to reach a budget deal before January. If lawmakers can't strike an agreement, sharp tax increases and spending cuts will take effect next year and could trigger another recession.

Many American companies are also nervous about the economic outlook overseas. Europe's financial crisis has pushed much of that region into recession and cut into U.S. exports and corporate profits.

In a rare dose of healthy news for the global economy, China's manufacturing improved in October, two business surveys showed Thursday. The world's second-largest economy may be recovering from its deepest slump since the 2008 global crisis.

Analysts expect China's growth to strengthen this quarter. But they caution that the rebound will be too weak to drive a global recovery without improvement in the United States and Europe.

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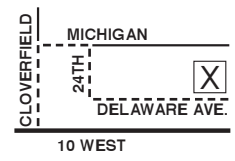


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City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Development Agreement 07-005 and Tentative Tract Map 12-001
Village Trailer Park
APPLICANT: Village Trailer Park LLC
PROPERTY OWNER: Village Trailer Park Inc. and Village Trailer Park LLC as tenants-in-common

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request which was continued from the July 24, 2012 and August 28, 2012 City Council meeting, at the request of the applicant:

The applicant is requesting that the City Council consider a Development Agreement for a mixed-use project consisting of 377 residential units and up to 24,940 sf of neighborhood retail space (of which up to 4,250 sf could be converted to production space). The project involves the partial closure of the existing Village Trailer Park with 99 out of the 109 trailer spaces being closed. The applicant is proposing to retain 10 trailer spaces on a separate parcel facing Stanford Street. The proposed residential units would consist of 99 rent-controlled apartments, of which 10 would be deed restricted for very low income households and 6 would be deed-restricted for extremely low income households. The remainder of the residential units would be 62 market-rate apartments and 216 market-rate condominiums. The project would include surface easements for an extension of Pennsylvania Avenue from Stanford Street to the western property line and a New Road to provide project access from Colorado Avenue. The project would have a building height that ranges between 35 feet and 57 feet. The project would have 799 parking spaces in a two-level subterranean parking garage.

The City Council will consider the Development Agreement, which includes Tentative Tract Map 12-001 and Tenant Relocation Plan. In doing so, the City Council will review the Tenant Impact Report prepared to disclose the impacts of the closure and proposed conversion of Village Trailer Park to a mixed-use project.

Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.48.150, the City Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed development agreement and accept, modify, or disapprove the proposed development agreement.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012 AT 6:30 P.M.**

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

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

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Village Trailer Park Development Agreement (07DEV005)
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jing Yeo at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at jing.yeo@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve 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.

ESPAÑOL
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NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for:

BID #4042 FURNISH AND DELIVER ONE (1) NEW AND UNUSED STAKEBED AS REQUIRED BY FLEET MANAGEMENT DIVISION.
• Submission Deadline Is November 19, 2012 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

BID #4043 PROVIDE ASBESTOS & HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ABATEMENT SERVICES, AND CONSTRUCTION DEMOLITION WORK AT VARIOUS CITY OF SANTA MONICA FACILITIES, AS REQUIRED BY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.
• Submission Deadline Is November 20, 2012 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

BID #4045 PROVIDE AND INSTALL MECHANICALLY ATTACHED PVC ROOFING SYSTEMS AT FAIRVIEW LIBRARY, FIRE STATION #3, AND WOODLAWN CEMETERY, AS REQUIRED BY FACILITIES MAINTENANCE.
• A mandatory job walk will be held on November 8, 2012 at 9:00 AM. Vendors are to meet at Fairview Library, 2101 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, CA, in front of Fairview Library's main entrance.
• Submission Deadline Is November 20, 2012 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.

The bid packets can be downloaded at:
• http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm

Request for bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Santa Monica, 1717 4th St., Suite 250, Santa Monica, California, or by e-mailing your request to Regina.Benavides@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

Vendors interested in doing business with the City of Santa Monica are encouraged to register online at http://www.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/



Syrians wary of US push to overhaul opposition

BY KARIN LAUB & ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT Members of Syria's opposition-in-exile bristled Thursday at the Obama administration's suggestion that Washington will handpick more representative leaders at a crucial conference in Qatar next week.

The new U.S. push appears aimed at creating a unified leadership that could work more closely with the West. But there are signs of resistance among deeply fractured opposition groups wary of attempts by foreign backers to dictate strategy in the civil war against President Bashar Assad.

"This direct tutelage and these dictates are not acceptable to the Syrian people anymore," said Zuhair Salem, the London-based spokesman for Syria's banned Muslim Brotherhood opposition group. The Brotherhood is part of the main political opposition group, the Syrian National Council, which is dominated by exiles.

Syrians and the U.S. administration have grown increasingly frustrated as the opposition proved unwilling or unable to coalesce. The U.S. and its allies have long bemoaned the lack of a cohesive leadership, and there is little doubt that this has held back more robust foreign aid and involvement to bolster the opposition in its fight.

With the battle for control of Syria almost certainly to be decided on the battlefield, the political opposition led by exiles is being further sidelined.

On Wednesday, the Obama administration said it would push for a major shakeup in the opposition leadership so that it better represents the fighters risking their lives on the frontlines. At least 36,000 people have been killed since the uprising began 19 months ago, according to anti-regime activists.

It was a signal that Syria's political opposition is increasingly irrelevant, as it's become clearer that the conflict will be decided by fighters.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the administration was suggesting names and organizations that should feature prominently in any new rebel leadership that is to emerge from a four-day conference starting Sunday in Doha, the capital of Qatar.

The U.S. said a revamped leadership could rally wider international support and help buffer against attempts by extremists among the rebels to hijack the uprising.

Syrian opposition figures have called on the U.S. and other Western supporters to provide the rebels with strategic weapons, such as anti-aircraft missiles, to counter the Assad regime's military superiority and help the rebels break the battlefield stalemate. However, the U.S. has been cool to the idea. It fears that such weapons could fall into the hands of radical Islamists fighting on the rebel side who might one day use them against the U.S. and its allies.

The SNC is widely seen as ineffective and cut off from those fighting on the ground. It has been plagued by infighting and defections. Still Clinton's portrayal of the SNC leadership as out-of-touch exiles kicked up a storm of disapproval inside and outside Syria.

Salem said Clinton's remarks show the U.S. wishes to "tailor the Syrian opposition to specific demands."

The U.S is pushing for a greater role for the rebel Free Syrian Army, the main fighting force on the ground, among other groups. However, the FSA and the Syria-based National Coordination Body, made up of veteran opposition figures, appear skeptical that the disparate opposition groups can fit under one umbrella.

Faiz Amru, a Syrian army general who defected earlier this year, said any transitional government or body created abroad cannot possibly represent those dying in Syria.

"Everyone is trying to push their own agendas," he said dejectedly by phone from the Turkish Syrian border. "The big powers have hijacked the Syrian revolution."

Amru said he does not support any opposition group, saying that none of them care about fighters on the ground.

The U.S. administration responded to the criticism by saying it was not issuing dictates.

"We're not giving them a list," said State Department spokesman Mark Toner. "Ultimately it's up to the Syrians themselves

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: November 5, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
- ARB 12-305, 525 Broadway: Mixed Use
- ARB 12-339, 3401 Exposition Boulevard: Production Facility
- ARB 12-340, 850 Palisades Beach Road: Beach Club
- ARB 12-381, 1820 Santa Monica Boulevard: Automobile Dealership
- ARB 12-387, 111 Santa Monica Boulevard: Restaurant
- ARB 12-389, 1328 9th Street: Residential
- ARB 12-414, 729 Montana Avenue: Retail
- ARB 12-425, 1625 Olympic Boulevard: Design Studio/Architect Office

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail laura.beck@smgov.net, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines, 2, 3, Rapid #3, 7, & 9 serve the Santa Monica Civic Center and City Hall.

LEADERSHIP
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to make those choices. This is in no way telling them what to do."

But Clinton's remarks were seen as damaging by opposition leaders and ordinary Syrians long wary of U.S. meddling in the region. The opposition has been increasingly frustrated by what it perceives as the lack of a coherent U.S. plan to help the rebels.

Muhydin Lazikani, a London-based writer and SNC member, said Clinton had no business criticizing the SNC at a time when the Obama administration has not charted a path for Syria.

"All they try to do is blame the SNC," said Lazikani.

Mohammad Sarmini, a Turkey-based SNC spokesman, said the U.S., through this new push, is "trying to make up for its shortcomings and impotence to stop the killings and massacres in Syria."

Shadi Hamid of the Brookings Doha Center was also critical of the U.S. approach.

"The U.S. does not seem to have a real end game here," he said. "Where does this lead? What happens after you have a unified opposition? It will still have to be fought out between armed groups."

The shift in the U.S. position came after months of fruitless attempts by the Obama administration and its allies to cajole the notoriously fractious SNC to broaden its base, according to two American officials.

The U.S. wants the SNC to include representatives of all Syria's diverse ethnic and religious groups as well as members of the armed opposition not affiliated with extremist groups or causes, said the officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the plans publicly.

Those potential members, including opposition figure Riad Seif, are among hundreds of opposition figures that U.S. diplomats have been impressed with in discussions during the course of the crisis, the officials said. Seif is a former reformist lawmaker who was frequently jailed even before the uprising began.

Syrian opposition leaders confirmed that Seif was among the top candidates being considered to head a transitional government. Seif, who suffers from cancer, was beaten up by security forces at a protest in October last year before he finally left the country. He could not immediately be reached for comment Thursday.

In addition to a greater role for the Free Syrian Army, the U.S. is also pushing for more representation of local coordinating committees and the mayors of liberated cities who are already displaying skills at local leadership and governance, the officials said.

Some have accused the fundamentalist Brotherhood of dominating the Turkey- and Qatar-backed SNC and using it as a front. Different branches of the Brotherhood have been gaining power across the Middle East in Arab Spring uprising against dictatorships — particularly in Egypt where the group now holds the presidency and dominated in parliamentary elections.

Hundreds of Syrian opposition figures are expected to take part in the Doha conference. They will aim to choose a new leadership, said George Sabra, an SNC spokesman. More than 400 delegates are to select a 40-member general secretariat, a 15-member executive bureau and a new leader.

The conference will discuss the possibility of setting up a transitional government for Syria, but it is not expected to declare the formation of that body.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

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

The Planning Commission will hold study sessions on the following items:

Presentation and discussion on the initiation of a citywide Pedestrian Action Plan, including but not limited to project approach, analysis, and upcoming outreach. [Staff: Beth Rolandson]

Presentation and discussion on draft residential design guidelines for the Zoning Ordinance update by consultants John Kaliski and Vivian Kahn.

Discussion of economic analyses (fiscal impact analysis, economic impact analysis, value enhancement analysis, and financial feasibility analysis) in the context of development agreement negotiations. The discussion will include, but not be limited to, issues identified in the course of reviewing developer-prepared economic analyses and potential changes to the content and preparation of economic analyses. [Staff: Jing Yeo]

WHEN: **Wednesday, November 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

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, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. 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.

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, November 13, 2012**

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

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

Use Permit UP 12-004, 1560 Twelfth Street. The applicant (AT&T) requests approval to modify an existing unmanned wireless communications facility on the roof of a commercial building located on the subject property. The proposed project includes the removal of two (2) existing omni antennas, and the addition of twelve (12) panel antennas, twelve (12) remote radio units (RRUs), six (6) DC surge suppressors, and one (1) GPS antenna mounted behind roof-mounted RF screening. New equipment will be added to the existing equipment enclosure located within the building. As proposed, the project does not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic or parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: AT&T Wireless/Capital Innovations, Inc.

Use Permit UP 12-002, 1918 Main Street. The applicant requests approval to remove six (6) existing AT&T panel antennas and install twelve (12), four-foot tall panel antennas which will be concealed by screening and/or painted to match the building. In addition, the applicant proposes to install twelve (12) new radio remote units (behind antenna panels), six DC surge suppressors (behind antenna panels), a new roof-mounted GPS antenna and new equipment rack and power cabinet inside the existing roof penthouse. The proposed antennas do not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Sprint Nextel/Beitler Commercial Realty Service. **This public hearing was continued from the July 10, 2012 Zoning Administrator Hearing.**

Variance VAR 12-013, 643 Navy Street. The applicant requests a Variance for modifications to development standards in the OP-1 (Ocean Park Single Family) Zoning District for a proposed approximate 220 square foot addition to an existing, one-story, single family residence. The applicant requests a side yard setback modification to encroach into the 4-foot minimum required side yard setback. The applicant also requests a 1-foot setback (including projections) along the west side yard for a deck/trellis and a 2-foot setback (including projections) along the east side yard. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.20.10.030(d), the applicant may request modifications to required side yard setbacks on parcels having a depth of 90-feet or less and a width of 39-feet or less. The subject parcel is 25-feet in width and 80-feet in depth (2,000 square feet).. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Amy Rowat.

Variance VAR 12-015, 135 Wadsworth Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a Variance to allow eaves to encroach 18 inches into the required side yard setback for a new single family residence with an attached garage. The proposed dwelling has previously received approval from the Architectural Review Board and one of the conditions of approval was to either redesign the eaves to comply with side yard setback requirements or obtain a Variance to allow the originally designed eaves to encroach into the required yard setback. SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1) permits the modification of yard setbacks on parcels having a width of 39 feet or less. The subject property has a parcel width of 31 feet. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: James Coane/Rob Zeitinger.

Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Modification FWHM 12-0007, 528 Twenty Fourth Street. The applicant requests approval of a hedge height modification within the front, side and rear yard areas. A 20-foot high ficus hedge is proposed along the northern side property line. The hedge would start 5-feet back from the front property line and span a length of approximately 47-feet along the north side property line. The applicant also requests approval of a hedge height modification for the existing, approximately 20-foot high bamboo hedge along the side and rear property lines. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080, fences, walls, or hedges cannot exceed the maximum height of 42-inches within the required front yard; fences and walls cannot exceed 8- feet and hedges cannot exceed 12-feet within the required side yard and rear yard setback areas, as measured from the lowest grade. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification to the height limitations in the front, side and rear yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT/OWNER**: Erick and Tara Hirshberg.

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

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

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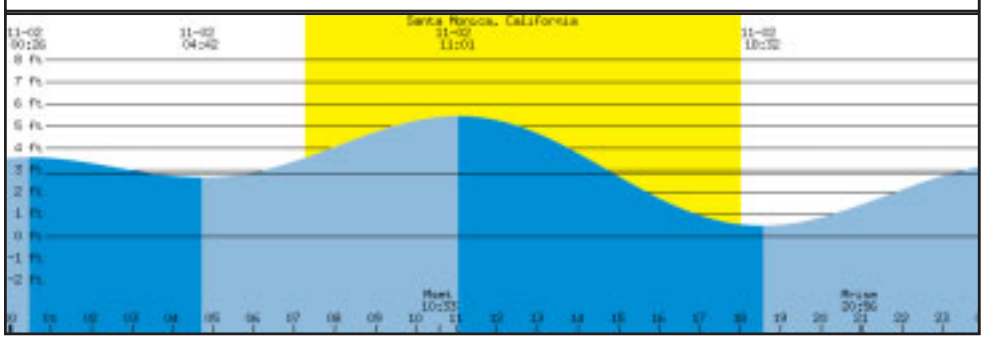
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Long Range Synopsis

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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 Lechusa and Las Alias creeks.	ns	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 Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	A+	A
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 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	B	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A
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.	F	B
Ballona Creek at Dockweiler State Beach mouth.	A+	F
Culver Blvd. drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
World Way (south of CIWW jetty) at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Imperial Hwy drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- oppsite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Grand Ave. drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	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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Fighting for Your Unemployment Benefits

In these tough economic times many people are finding themselves out of work, sometimes for the first time in their lives. More than three million Americans are fired each year. After the initial shock of being fired has worn off, the practicalities of having to navigate the unemployment insurance system come into sharp focus.

Generally, you are entitled to unemployment benefits if you are unemployed through no fault of your own, for example, if you were laid off, fired for a reason other than misconduct, or quit your job for good reason. Once the Employment Development Department (EDD) has received your application for benefits, it usually conducts a telephone interview with you, and also with your employer, to find out why you were fired.

Unfortunately, some unscrupulous employers challenge their former employee's application for benefits even when that employee was fired through no fault of his or her own. In this case, the employer usually claims that the employee was fired for misconduct.

If your application for benefits is denied, you have 20 days to file an appeal. If you believe that your benefits were unfairly denied, it is very important that you file a timely appeal. You will receive a hearing date about 4-6 weeks later. Sometimes, the employer does not even bother to show up to the appeal hearing; they were counting on the fact that you wouldn't fight the denial of your benefits.

The hearing is your chance to explain your side of the story to an Administrative Law Judge. It is natural to feel nervous before the hearing, but you will feel better if you are properly prepared to present your case. You should ask to review the EDD's file on your case, which will include the interview notes with your employer. This means you will get a chance to see what your employer said about why you were fired. You can also send a written request to your employer asking to inspect your personnel file pursuant to Labor Code Section 1198.5. You can ask witnesses who can corroborate your version of events to come with you to the hearing. If they can't come, you can ask them to give you a written statement to take along with you. You can also ask the EDD to subpoena witnesses for you. Finally, you should familiarize yourself with the law that applies to your case. A good starting place is the "Benefit Determination Guide" on the EDD website: http://www.edd.ca.gov/UIBDG/default.htm.

You don't have to bring an attorney with you to the hearing, although you may feel more confident with the support of an attorney experienced in this area. The Legal Grind can put you in touch with an attorney who can help you through the process, from advice on preparation to representation at your appeal hearing.

Depending on the circumstances of your termination, you may also wish to seek legal advice to determine whether you have any legal claims arising out of your discharge. Although most workers in California are "at will" employees, which means they can be fired for any reason or for no reason at all, even "at will" employees cannot be fired in certain circumstances. For example, an employer cannot fire its employee for a discriminatory reason; or because s/he made a health and safety complaint; or because she took time off to perform jury duty. This is a complex area of the law, and an attorney can advise you on whether you may have grounds for a wrongful discharge suit.

Upon investigation of the circumstances of your termination, an attorney may also identify violations which took place during your employment. For example, you may have an overtime claim if your employer did not pay overtime pay (time and a half) for all hours over eight in a day, and forty in a week, or a claim for meal period premium pay if you were unable to take an uninterrupted 30 minute meal break per five hours worked. Exploring potential claims with an attorney may help to give you some peace of mind in this difficult time.

Nina Baumler is an attorney who practices exclusively in employment law. Ms. Baumler can be reached through the Legal Grind at 310-452-8160 or by visiting www.legalgrind.com.

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4:00-5:00 pm (1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Criminal Law, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes, with former deputy D.A. Jacob Glucksman

TUESDAY
9:00am-12:00pm Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso. (By appointment only)

4:00pm-5:00pm (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month). Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, personal injury, medical malpractice, and wrongful death. (By appointment only)

5:00 - 7:00 pm Wrongful termination, harassment; discrimination; wage and hour ;denial of unemployment benefits; and general counseling on issues in the workplace w/ attorney Nina Baumler. (Call for Appointment) at the 2901 Ocean Park location of the Novel Café.

WEDNESDAY
11:00am-3:00pm Special Education Law (By appointment only. Also available by appointment on Mondays or Fridays from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm) Attorney Alison Arkin has extensive experience working with parfents of special needs children with a wide range of disabilities, and can help them obtain appropriate services from both school districts and regional centers. She has experience with every level of the process including obtaining appropriate assessements, representation at IEP meeting, mediations, settlement negotiations and hearings.

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1328 Montana Ave.
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A Liar's Autobiography: The Untrue Story of Monty Python's Graham Chapman (NR) 1hr 25min
7:30pm & 9:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Looper (R) 1hr 58min
5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
6:45pm, 10:00pm

Taken 2 (PG-13) 1hr 31min
5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Seven Psychopaths (R) 1hr 49min
5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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

Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) 1hr 31min
8:00pm

Flight (R) 2hrs 19min
5:10pm, 6:00pm, 8:25pm, 9:30pm, 11:30pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:10pm

Chasing Mavericks (PG) 1hr 51min
5:20pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 1hr 42min
5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Hotel Transylvania (PG) 1hr 31min
5:30pm, 10:25pm

Wreck-It Ralph in 3D (PG) 1hr 48min
5:55pm, 8:45pm, 11:15pm

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

Bay (R) 1hr 24min
7:50pm, 10:10pm

Searching for Sugar Man (PG-13) 1hr 25min
8:00pm, 10:15pm

Other Son (Le fils de l'autre) (PG-13) 1hr 45min
7:45pm, 10:10pm

Master (R) 2hrs 30min
8:15pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 1hr 48min
5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Fun Size (PG-13) 1hr 30min
5:00pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

Man with the Iron Fists (R) 1hr 36min
5:30pm, 8:15pm, 11:00pm

Silent Hill: Revelation 3D (R) 1hr 34min
7:30pm, 10:00pm

Silent Hill: Revelation (R) 1hr 34min
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5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Cloud Atlas (R) 2hrs 44min
6:00pm, 10:00pm

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TGIF tonight, Taurus!

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You could be more gruff than you realize. You say what you think and do what you say. Be careful, as some people are not used to your forthright style. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ When you're frustrated, no other sign rivals your ability to become overindulgent. You could be attacking your checkbook, or a partner might be acting as if money grows on trees. Tonight: TGIF.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You come off much stronger and more rigid than you might realize, especially right now. You could hear some sharp words, which might be directed at you but really have nothing to do with you. Let those comments slide right off you. Tonight: All smiles, beaming into the night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to funnel your energy -- both negative and positive -- into a project. You could be overwhelmed by everything that comes up. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what is happening within your immediate circle. A child or loved one could act up out of the blue. Tempers will flare, but as long as no one holds a grudge, a resolution is possible. You might be catering to someone more than you wish you were. Tonight: You are the party!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Pressure builds among those around you. Delivering what you promised remains critical. You have the same expectation of others. Do not allow anyone to rain on your parade. Use care with a volatile roommate or family member. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ If you find yourself at an impasse, detach ... at least until you can get a variety of perspectives on the situation. You could be careless around machinery. Tonight: Go with an unusual invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Realize that you are doing an excellent job of juggling various interests. You understand where a partner is coming from, and you get his or her logic. You could be frustrated with yourself and your lack of self-discipline. Tonight: Go along with a loved one's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Do you really think you can sit on your feelings and put up a front? Somehow your body language and facial expressions will tell on you. You are better off gently expressing your anger and frustration with your words so that others can hear what you have to say. Tonight: Remain responsive to a key person in your life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Focus on your ability to get a job done. A friend or loved one might want to pitch in at the last minute; however, you could be more rigid than you think, and someone else's style and organization might irritate you. Tonight: Out with a cohort.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Remain playful and open with others. You could become frustrated with a friend, or vice versa. Try not to get assertive, fussy and/or critical. Someone lets you know just how much he or she is aggravated. Tonight: Follow the fun, and make sure there is music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Be sensitive to a family member who might be distressed by the amount of time you spend with an older friend or a respected associate. Tonight: Stay close to home.

Happy birthday

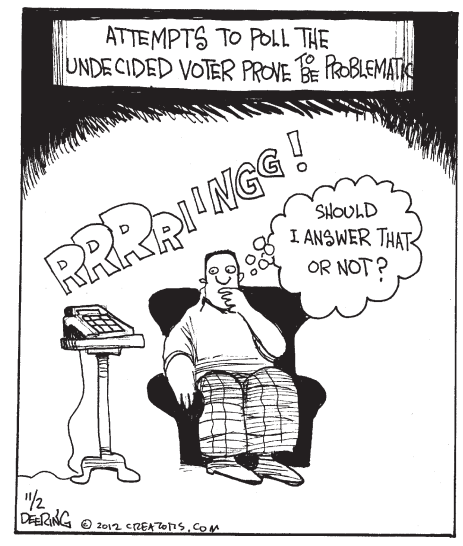
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you are direct and say what you think. Know that you can be open without having to hurt anyone's feelings, though do be aware that you will need to make a conscious effort. If you are single, your high magnetic energy attracts many potential sweeties. You often find that anger destroys relationships. Learn how to express your negative feelings before they evolve into more. If you are attached, you often might have a row with your partner. All the fighting between you has to do with separation. Is that the effect you want? GEMINI can be irritating.

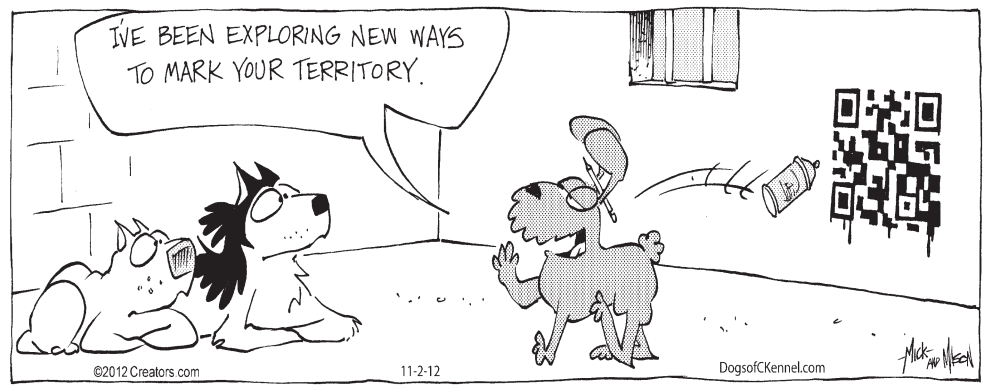
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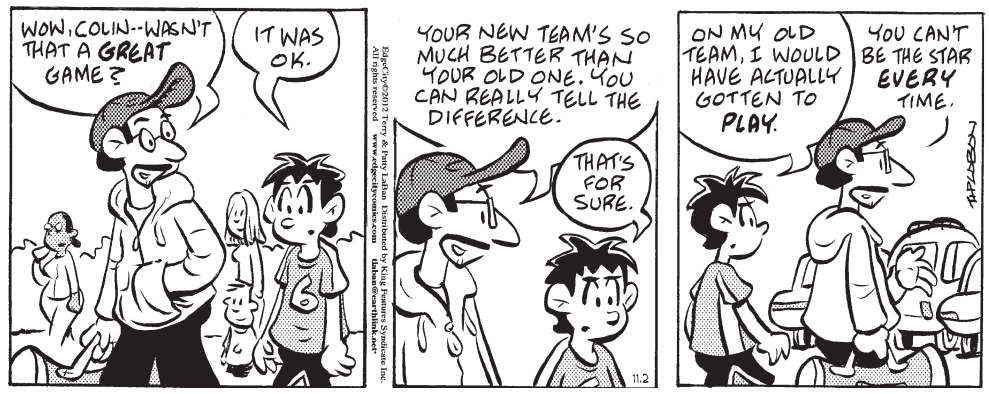
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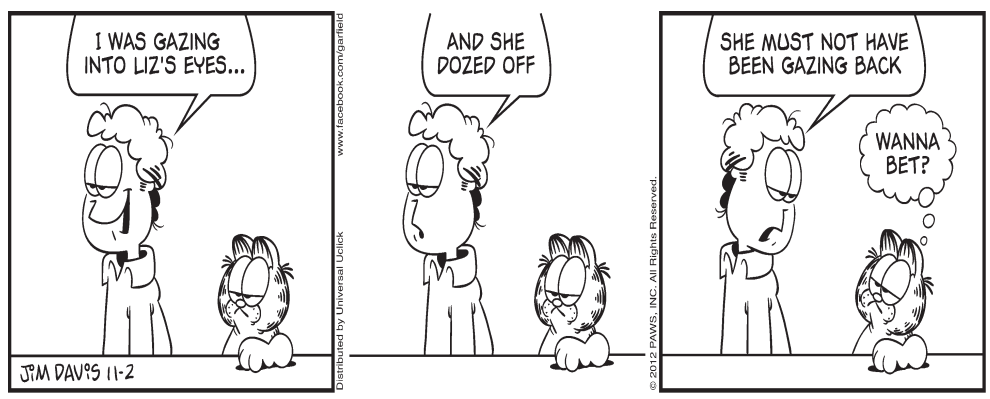
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By Terry & Patty LaBan



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By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
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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 ★★★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Tennis star Becker
6 "Gigi" star
11 Left at sea
12 Find charming
13 Rental contract
14 Photographer Arbus
15 Goal
16 Corrected
18 Deep groove
19 Mafia leader
20 Take a stab at
21 Set eyes on
23 Enterprise doctor
25 Guidebook feature
27 Long time
28 Sub system
30 Came to
33 Plug's place
34 Equip
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37 Green hue
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44 More angry
45 Squash, for one
46 Put forth

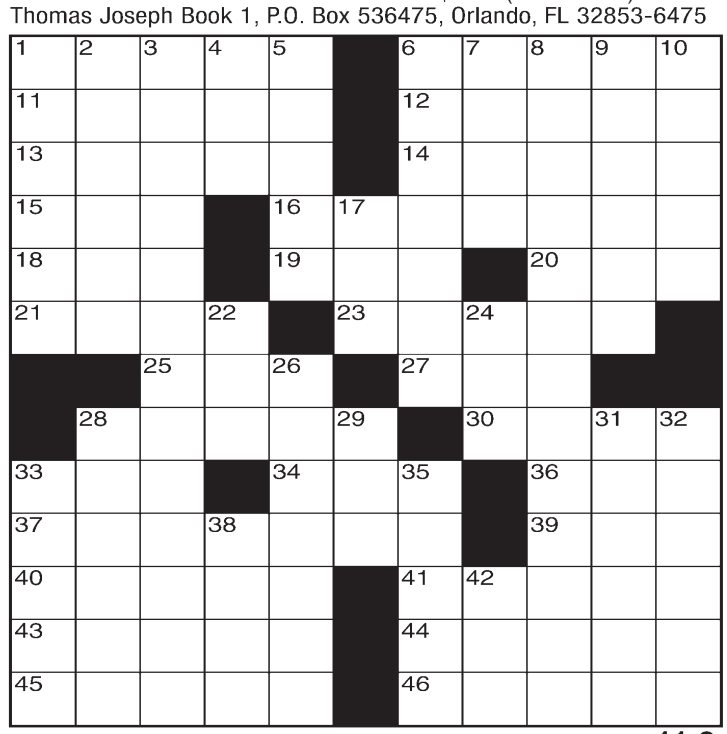
DOWN

1 Farm machines
2 Police order
3 Hope/Crosby comedy
4 Taxing org.
5 Place
6 Marching beat
7 Tennis score
8 Talking Heads song
9 Like old coots
10 Poor
17 May honoree
22 Chestnut
24 Pasture grazer
26 Castle part
28 Be thrifty
29 Disencumber
31 Roll type
32 Pro
33 Some nobles
35 Silly one
38 Singer Vikki
42 Go a round

B	A	C	H	■	■	S	T	A	R	S
A	L	A	I	■	L	I	A	B	L	E
T	O	N	G	■	A	T	R	E	S	T
S	T	T	H	O	M	A	S	■	■	■
■	■	■	S	T	B	R	I	G	I	D
C	A	R	E	T	S	■	■	E	N	E
A	L	I	A	S	■	S	I	E	G	E
P	I	N	■	■	T	I	C	K	E	R
S	T	G	E	O	R	G	E	■	■	■
■	■	■	S	T	A	N	D	R	E	W
B	E	A	T	T	Y	■	T	A	X	I
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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 10/30
5 12 18 29 56
Meganumber: 38
Jackpot: $32M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 10/31
9 16 29 31 40
Meganumber: 20
Jackpot: $8M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/1
3 15 18 19 29

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 11/1
MIDDAY: 0 2 4
EVENING: 6 6 2

SAINT BRIDGET
Draw Date: 11/1
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 08 Gorgeous George
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:43.27

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Seventy people, including 20 children, were discovered in August in an eight-story-high, all-underground bunker in Kazan in the Russian Republic of Tatarstan, and authorities said the quasi-religious sect had probably been there for nearly 10 years without heat or forced ventilation -- or sunlight. The group is nominally Islamist, but according to a dispatch by London's The Guardian, the sect is more likely under the individual control of 83-year-old, self-described prophet Fayzrahman Satarov.

■ The Tax on Worship: When the Roman Catholic Church in Germany warned in September that too many Catholics were opting out of paying the country's "religious tax," many Americans got their first-ever notice that some European democracies actually tax worship. The Catholic Church made it official that anyone backing out of the income tax surcharge would be ineligible to receive Holy Communion or religious burial (although the tax avoider could still receive Last Rites). (Under the German constitution, a church can directly recoup its expenses from members or choose to allow the government to collect the levy on the church's behalf, minus a collection fee. Two German states add 8 percent to whatever the church member's tax bill is, and the other states add 9 percent.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1960 - Penguin Books is found not guilty of obscenity in the trial R v Penguin Books Ltd., the Lady Chatterley's Lover case

1963 - South Vietnamese President Ngô ?ình Di?m is assassinated following a military coup.

1964 - King Saud of Saudi Arabia is deposed by a family coup, and replaced by his half-brother King Faisal.

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