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THE BUSY STREETS ISSUE

Employee group wants more testing for chemicals at Malibu High

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER) is calling for soil testing and a site assessment of the entire Malibu High School campus.

The Washington D.C.-based advocacy group also wants the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to test for lead, arsenic, and benzene, not just Polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), the cancer-causing contaminant that has thus far been the focus of the testing.

Last month, a group of 20 teachers wrote a letter to the district expressing fear that three recent cases of thyroid cancer, as well as rashes, migraines, and hair loss could be related to the work environment. The district closed some classrooms on the campus and relocated faculty and students.

Last week, district Superintendent Sandra Lyon announced that PCB levels in caulk samples taken from 10 locations at Malibu High School and Juan Cabrillo Elementary School were high enough to trigger

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Main Street, Broadway bike lanes going green

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

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

CITY HALL Bike lanes make up a majority of the $814,383 that City Council will consider spending in Tuesday's consent calendar.

Most of the items on this agenda won't require City Hall to open its wallet.

The Historical Society Museum wants permission to booze at two fundraisers this year. City Hall is applying for a couple state grants; one to study sea-level rise, the other for the Big Blue Bus.

The big ticket item, bike lanes, will likely be approved for installation on Main Street and Broadway at a price of $523,852. The lanes are set to go in from Colorado to Ozone avenues on Main Street and Sixth Street to Centinela Avenue on Broadway.

They will be the same color — green — and material as the Ocean Park Boulevard bike lanes, which were installed about a year ago.

Work is expected to begin in mid January and be complete by the end of March.

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RIDING HIGH: A cyclist travels west on Ocean Park Boulevard's green bike lane on Monday.

Popular eatery prepares to shut its doors

BY GREG ASCIUTTO
Special to the Daily Press

MAIN STREET The Ocean Park Omelette Parlor, a Main Street staple for almost four decades, will permanently close its kitchen Dec. 18, owner Bob Hausenbauer said.

"After 37 years of serving you and your family, the Omelette Parlor has no choice but to close our location in Santa Monica, as we are not able to come to equitable terms with the landlord," Hausenbauer wrote in an e-mail to customers last week.

A local favorite for omelettes, pancakes and burgers, the restaurant will offer discounted meals over the next few weeks to thank the public for their long-time support.

"A lot of people ... look forward to going there for breakfast and for lunch, so it's disappointing, it's discouraging," said Gary Gordon, executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association. "This is a pretty big loss."

The Omelette Parlor's closing comes after a long period of heated negotiations between Hausenbauer and American Commercial Equities Management, the company that owns the 2732 Main St. building of which the restaurant is a tenant.

After submitting an offer to extend the restaurant's lease last June, Hausenbauer said the property managers returned a letter saying they would not come back to the table and negotiate.

"I made them a very realistic offer based upon my business activity, and you know, what more can you do?"

An American Commercial Equities

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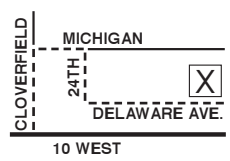


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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Write away
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m.
Get a bit of inspiration, guidance and direction at this free writing workshop.

Lego time
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.
Head down to the library for an afternoon gaming session. Monopoly, chess and Legos will be provided. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

So thankful
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 3:45 p.m.
Stories about Thanksgiving and a craft after. Ages 3 and up. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Council meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
City Council will make the final determination on a pair of affordable hotels on Colorado Avenue and the future of the bridge that connects Ocean Avenue to the Santa Monica Pier. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Living the green life
Humanities & Social Science Building, Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
The latest chapter of Santa Monica College's Environmental Issues Lecture Series will feature Denny Zane, former Santa Monica mayor and executive director of Move LA. Zane will share his views on how Los Angeles is creating a transportation model for the nation. For more information, call (310) 434-4743.

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2013

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

Photos with Santa
Santa Monica Place
395 Santa Monica Pl.,
11 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Bring your kids down to Santa's winter wonderland house for visits and pictures.

Preschool story time
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11:15 a.m.
Story series for children aged 3 to 5. Visit the Youth Reference Desk to get a ticket to the first-come, first-served event.

Get your skates
Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue
2 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Hit the rink at ICE at Santa Monica, a popular holiday attraction. For more information, call (310) 461-8333.

Thanksgiving dinner
St. Monica Catholic Community
725 California Ave., 3 p.m.
St. Monica Catholic Community will host its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for anyone in need of a hot meal or good conversation. The dinner, free of charge, is prepared by volunteers and served in a family-style atmosphere. After dinner, guests are welcome to browse a "Clothing Boutique" for free, new and used clothing. The event will be held in the auditorium, located on Seventh Street between California and Washington avenues.
For more information, visit stmonica.net/thanksgiving.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM BAY

Video of 'second flush' highlights plastic pollution

A recent blog from the Natural Resources Defense Council's ocean expert Leila Monroe includes a video shot by Santa Monica High School teacher Benjamin Kay following the "second flush" of rain in California last week.

The video documents the waste and plastic pollution that flowed into Santa Monica Bay as a result of the rainstorm.

See video here:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=ifgka3iG5OQ

"Most of California is a very dry state, so when it finally starts to rain the pollution built up over the dry months – whether plastic bags, bottles, or toxins – washes from inland streets to storm drains and rivers, then out to the ocean," Monroe writes in her blog, which can be found at switchboard.nrdc.org/blogs/lmonroe.

"The first rain of the season in early November was fairly light, so the massive flow of waste didn't make its way to the ocean until this week's major downpour," she adds. "Now, imagine this scene replaying across the state and all around the world, and you'll understand why globally, oceans are overwhelmed with plastic waste."

An NRDC report released in August showed that litter cost local governments in California $428 million annually.

"We all can take action to stop plastic pollution from harming our seas. As an individual, the best thing to do is to avoid single-use plastic packaging whenever possible," Monroe writes. "[W]e also need to call on companies to use less packaging and ensure that packaging is fully recyclable. We also need producers of plastic packaging to pitch in, supporting important actions such as the expansion of recycling infrastructure and storm water management."

She encourages people to join an effort to stop plastic pollution by visiting www.stopplasticpollution.org.

– KEVIN HERRERA

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY

Cops training to stop mass shooters

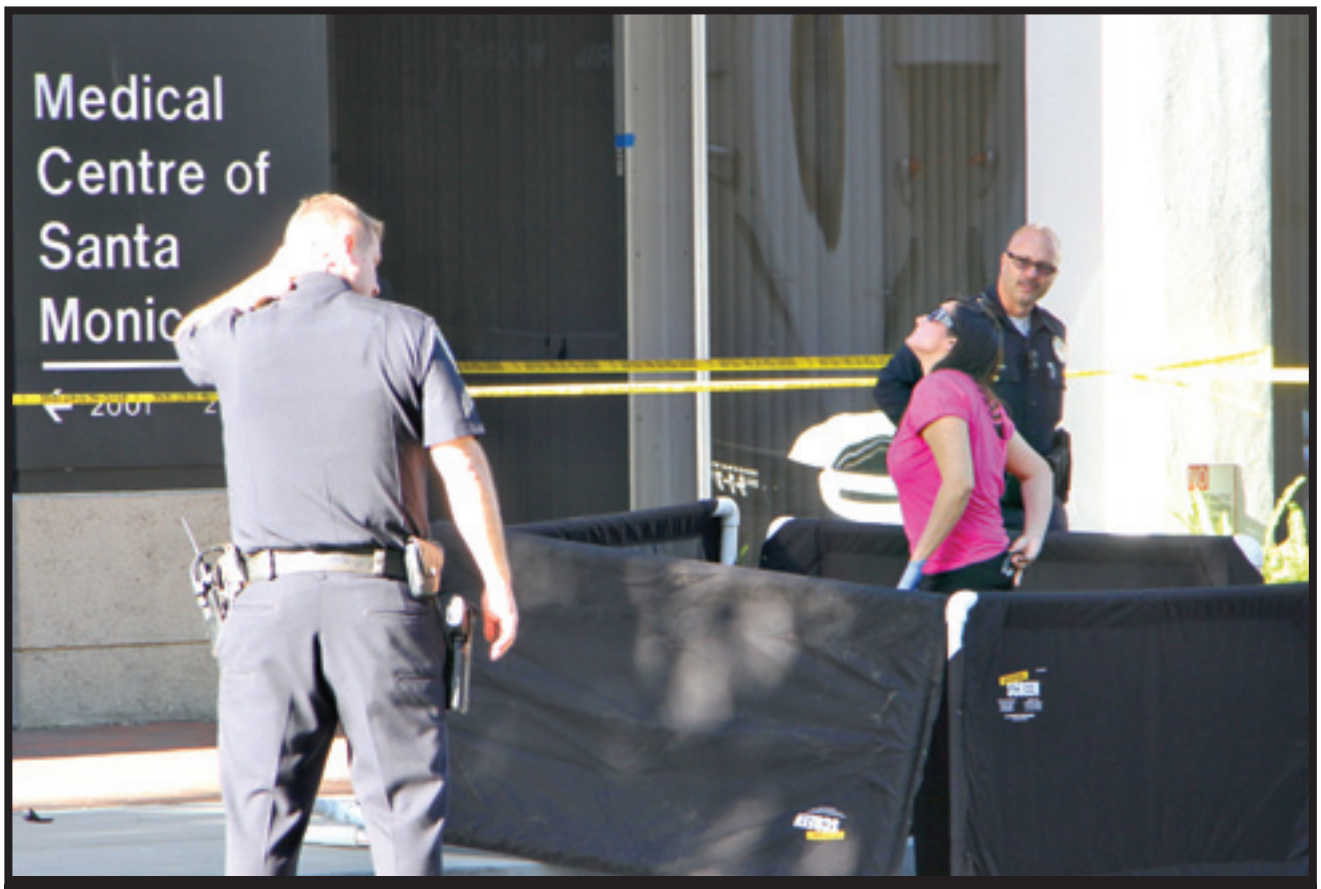
For two months, Santa Monica Police Department officers have been training to respond to a host of critical incidents, including active shooters like the one who went on a rampage through Santa Monica, killing five before being shot and killed at Santa Monica College.

During the months of September through November, the SMPD has used funding from the Department of Homeland Security as part of its Urban Area Security Initiatives.

"While the police response to the June 7, 2013 mass shooting was swift, immediate and effective, the Santa Monica Police Department continues to expand its capability to effectively respond to such incidents," a news release from the SMPD states. "The joint response by officers from the (SMPD) and the Santa Monica College Police Department on June 7 was based upon a strong history of 'active shooter' training involving both agencies."

Officers from both departments receive ongoing training on the rapid response to an area of gunfire with the focused priority of suppressing deadly behavior instead of just setting up a perimeter and waiting for a SWAT team to arrive.

– KH



TAKING A LOOK

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A medical examiner (center) looks up from the scene of a suicide on Monday afternoon. Santa Monica police report that a 25-year-old man jumped from a medical building on Santa Monica Boulevard after visiting a pharmacy there. No identification has been released. As a result, police shut down Santa Monica Boulevard from 20th to 23rd streets to clear the scene.

Thanksgiving-Hanukkah overlap spurs thanks, angst

JEFF KAROUB
Associated Press

FARMINGTON HILLS, Mich. When life gives you Hanukkah on Thanksgiving, make a menurkey. Or a turkel.

That's what students at suburban Detroit's Hillel Day School are doing — creating paper-and-paint mashups of menorahs and turkeys, and the birds combined with dreidels.

The recent class projects at the Farmington Hills school illustrate one way U.S. Jews are dealing with a rare quirk of the calendar on Thursday that overlaps Thanksgiving with the start of Hanukkah. The last time it happened was 1888 and the next is 79,043 years from now — by one estimate widely shared in Jewish circles.

The convergence of the secular and sacred holidays is presenting opportunities for many Jews and challenges for others — including concerns about everything from extra preparation and party planning to those who think they will dilute or devalue both celebrations.

The dilemma is best illustrated by Hillel Day School teacher Lori Rashty, who recently watched eighth-grade students help second-graders plant their freshly painted hands onto paper to make the turkey, then transform the four finger feathers into candles to incorporate a menorah.

"I think it's a nice way to integrate the two holidays," Rashty said. "Since we're not going to see it again for 79,000 years, it's kind of an exciting way for the kids to realize that it's a special occasion for them."

Still, she added, the double-barreled holiday extracts a personal toll.

"For me it's a little overwhelming 'cause I don't have time to get ready for Hanukkah," she said. "I feel like personally it takes away a little bit from Hanukkah."

The lunisolar nature of the Jewish calendar makes Hanukkah and other religious observances appear to drift slightly from year to year when compared to the U.S., or Gregorian, calendar. Jewish practice calls for the first candle of eight-day Hanukkah to be lit the night before Thanksgiving Day this year, so technically "Thanksgivukkah," — or "Thanksgivvukah," as the Hillel students spell it — falls on the "second candle" night.

Kerry Elgarten, host of an annual Hanukkah party for family and friends at his apartment in New York City's Bronx borough, calls the convergence "a conundrum." Because of guests' Thanksgiving commitments, he's moving the bash to

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Shocking comparison

Editor:

Kudos for starting a dialogue on the pay levels of different departments in the city. I have made additional comparisons to Pasadena.

- Legal department: Santa Monica, 17; Pasadena,1
- Fire department: Santa Monica, 29; Pasadena, 1

We lose. Forty-six people in Santa Monica's legal and fire departments made more than $200,000 in wages in 2011 to two in Pasadena.

The Santa Monica legal department reported 44 employees, including 24 attorneys, 17 of them earning over $200,000. Remember these are wages alone. Total wages for the department was $6,362,415.

Pasadena, with about 50 percent more residents than Santa Monica, had only 30 employees, including 16 attorneys. The department head was the only individual that earned over $200,000 in their legal department. Even that one individual's salary was $60,000 less than Santa Monica's head attorney. Total wages for their department was $3,303,716. Santa Monica paid 92.6 percent more in salaries to its legal department than Pasadena.

The wages paid to the 17 highest paid attorneys in Santa Monica were about $3,535,000; in Pasadena it was $1,890,000. This is a difference of $1,645,000, about $100,000 a person.

Comparing the fire departments shows similar disparities. Santa Monica's five divisions in its fire department show a total of 147 employees; of these 29 made over $200,000.

Pasadena has 178 employees and only one made more than $200,000 and that was the chief.

Santa Monica is paying the top 29 employees in its fire department about $6,000,000; Pasadena pays its top 29 fire department employees about $4,800,000. This is $1,200,000 less, $41,000 a person.

The disparity in wages for both the legal and fire departments is striking and they need to be fully explained by the city.

City Manager Rod Gould said the county grand Jury report was flawed on its report of wages in the legal department. It would be interesting to learn how it was flawed. The numbers shown in that article are the same the city sends to the state controller.

Have there been any audits done on various parts of the city administration? I note there is no controller or auditor listed in the city finance department. Are audits being done and by whom?

All numbers are from the State Controller's Office Report, Government Compensation in California for 2011.

Keep up the good work, Daily Press; shine light on other major city departments, the pension plans, the self-funded health plan, etc.

Bob Wolff
Santa Monica



Our Town

Ellen Brennan and Zina Josephs — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Development to bring traffic to a halt

HINES IS A PRIVATELY OWNED, international real estate firm. Currently, the firm controls assets valued at approximately $24.3 billion around the globe.

Hines is seeking a development agreement (DA) to develop the Bergamot Transit Village Center on Olympic Boulevard between 26th and 28th/Stewart streets to replace the 200,000-square-foot Papermate factory with 766,897 square feet of development, cut down from the original 957,521 proposal City Hall rejected. The proposed project is still 50 percent larger than Santa Monica Place, still far too large for the gridlocked area where it is located. It will consist of five buildings, each built by a different developer. Hines is seeking entitlements that can be sold with the land, which they do not intend to develop.

They propose a mixed-use project consisting of 472 rental-housing units, 76 affordable units, up to 374,434 square feet of office space, and a few square feet for a restaurant and neighborhood-serving business. In their environmental impact report (EIR), they estimated the amount of traffic the project will generate, based on 286 square feet per office employee, an obsolete number used in a 2008 study for USC. This formula predicts an estimated 7,585 new car trips per day.

Meanwhile, a survey posted by the Wall Street Journal in 2012 states that, "The average for all companies for square feet per worker in 2017 will be 151 compared to 176 today (2012), and 225 in 2010." Therefore, new daily car trips generated by this project could be closer to 15,000 per day rather than 7,585.

Keep in mind that its location is in the most severely gridlocked area of Santa Monica. Gridlock on Olympic kept me in my car for two hours on a trip that would have taken one hour on an MTA Wilshire bus. Once you experience this level of gridlock, you understand the cavalier disregard this developer has for residents of the three major neighborhoods that this project will impact the most (Sunset Park, Mid-City, and Pico Neighborhood), the residents of West L.A., and users of the 10 and 405 freeways.

The east-west corridors — Olympic, Pico, and Ocean Park boulevards — are already traffic impacted in the mornings and between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. The only southbound corridor out of this area of Santa Monica — Cloverfield/23rd Street — is gridlocked much of the day — now, without any further development.

The jobs-housing imbalance in our city, which has resulted from more than 9 million square feet of office/commercial development since the l984 Land Use & Circulation Element was adopted, has created tremendous congestion. A key goal of the LUCE is to "reduce future traffic congestion" and "reduce regional commercial uses."

The DA being requested by Hines violates these basic principles of the LUCE, adding office/commercial space to the existing imbalance and increasing traffic congestion significantly.

The basis of the Bergamot plan was that it would create a new neighborhood where people could live and work in the same area without needing cars, so that the "village" would not produce any net new car trips. The first prediction was that it would produce 700 fewer car trips than before it was built.

However, for that prediction to work, people who work in the Bergamot area need to be able to afford to live there. Surveys have shown that jobs in the area offer wages that support rents between $1,000 and $1,500.

Hines market rent rates will be around $2,400 per month, beyond the reach of most workers. In addition, Hines seeks to fulfill their affordable housing obligations by benefiting households making 180 percent of the area median income (AMI). City staff's response is to focus on households making 150 percent AMI, renaming this focus "Workforce Housing," and designating it "affordable" in the "community benefits" column, as if this was a benefit to the city.

This is unacceptable. Benefits to residents earning 150 percent to 180 percent of AMI are not benefits that should qualify for additional height and density bonus in any DA.

The Hines EIR contains a letter from the Los Angeles city traffic manager which is posted at smclc.net/PDF/Hines/Hines_DEIR_LAcouncil.pdf

Basically, it says that out of 49 intersections studied, nine under L.A. or joint L.A. and Santa Monica jurisdiction, currently operating at or near capacity are likely to be significantly impacted by this project. It goes on to say:

"In particular, we are interested in examining the combined cumulative impacts of recently approved projects with unmitigated traffic impacts at city of Los Angeles intersections or intersections that we share jurisdiction with city of Santa Monica. We believe that previously approved projects from Santa Monica may have had unmitigated impacts that were only looked at individually in isolation. We believe that if the individual unmitigated traffic impacts of each previously approved project were examined in a cumulative fashion, the combined cumulative traffic impacts to Los Angeles would be much higher than currently stated."

Its conclusion: "Therefore, it is the strong recommendation of the Los Angeles Department of Transportation that the project be required to provide additional investigation beyond the impact locations themselves with the expressed intent of identifying a mitigation plan that can reasonably address the projects overall anticipated impacts. In the absence of appropriate redress to the stated probably significant traffic impacts within Los Angles, the project should be directed to remove these impacts through either a scaled reduction or land-use reconfiguration of the project."

The city's goal has been watered down from "no net new car trips" to "no net new p.m. peak hour car trips" to "Oh, yes, I believe that's the citywide end goal in 2030." It remains a mystery how they're going to reduce traffic, especially since the Bergamot Transit Village Center plan itself has so many escape valves for the project manager.

Keep in mind that all DAs approved by City Hall are subject to a referendum.

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Shake, rattle and roll

"IT'S 8:16 ON A CHILLY, WET MORNING. … You've just arrived at work and are pouring a cup of coffee when you become aware of a low rumbling noise. Within seconds, the rumbling becomes a roar, the floor beneath you heaves, and the building begins to pitch and shake so violently that you're thrown to the floor. The roaring is joined by a cacophony of crashing as windows shatter and every unsecured object in the room — from the desk chair to the coffee pot — is sent flying. Shaken loose by the shuddering and jolting of the building, dust and ceiling particles drift down like snow. Then the lights flicker and go out."

That's the arresting start of a new report produced by several governmental agencies that describes what can happen when a magnitude 9.0 earthquake hits what's called the Cascadia Region. That's an area that stretches from the coast of Northern California northward through western Oregon, Washington, and southwestern British Columbia. The quake will be triggered by movement along the faults that lie between the oceanic tectonic plates and the plate on which North America rides. When the plates move suddenly, absolutely enormous amounts of energy are released, with violent shaking of the ground and tsunamis as the result. The report that describes all this is "Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquakes: A Magnitude 9.0 Earthquake Scenario."

Cascadia isn't the only place in danger of having major earthquakes. Most famously, the San Andreas and associated faults in California are a constant threat to local residents. And the New Madrid fault zone, centered where the states of Missouri, Kentucky, and Tennessee come together, is a threat to the lower Midwest. Finally, states as different as South Carolina and Alaska also run the risk of significant earthquakes. In short, the U.S. has a number of regions where enormous amounts of energy can be released over the span of just seconds, with resulting damage to buildings, roads, power lines and pipelines.

The scale used by geologists to measure earthquakes has its complexities. In California, the Loma Prieta quake of 1989 had a magnitude of 6.9. In 2002 a quake with magnitude 7.9 struck Denali Park, Alaska. The Alaskan quake, measuring a single unit higher on the magnitude scale, released over 30 times more energy than the smaller Loma Prieta quake.

THE SAN ANDREAS AND ASSOCIATED FAULTS IN CALIFORNIA ARE A CONSTANT THREAT TO LOCAL RESIDENTS.

The most recent mega-quake in Cascadia is estimated to have had a magnitude between 8.7 and 9.2. It occurred on Jan. 26, 1700. We know about it both from physical evidence and from written records of a tsunami that arrived in Japan. The sobering fact is that we could have a similar event again, and at any time.

It behooves those of us who live in earthquake country — whether in the lower Midwest, California or Cascadia — to educate ourselves about risks. Having several days worth of food and water on hand, and a way to cook up some vittles, are simple goals most of us can achieve.

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The Q Line

Getting to the bottom of things

City officials recently admitted that they have no clue as to how a more developer-friendly zoning map was including in the Land Use & Circulation Element in regards to A-lots ("Residents, City Hall propose corrections to planning document," Nov. 13). That change has already led to one development proposal that currently would not be allowed.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Given that City Hall doesn't know how the change occurred, should an independent investigation be conducted? What do you think happened?

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Judge blocks sale of high-speed rail bonds

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. A judge on Monday tore up California's funding plans for what would be the nation's first bullet train, issuing separate orders that could force the state to spend months or years redrawing its plans for the $68 billion rail line and could choke off some of its funding.

Sacramento County Superior Court Judge Michael Kenny rejected a request from the California High-Speed Rail Authority to sell $8 billion of the $10 billion in bonds approved by voters in 2008, saying there was no evidence it was "necessary and desirable" to start selling the bonds when a committee of state officials met last March.

He said the committee, which included state Treasurer Bill Lockyer, was supposed to act as "the ultimate 'keeper of the checkbook'" for taxpayers, but instead relied on a request from the high-speed rail authority to start selling bonds as sufficient evidence to proceed.

In a separate lawsuit, Kenny ordered the rail authority to redo its $68 billion funding plan, a process that could take months or years, although rail authority officials say they have already started and believe it can be done much more quickly than that. He had previously ruled that the authority abused its discretion by approving a funding plan that did not comply with the law. The judge said the state failed to identify "sources of funds that were more than merely theoretically possible."

It is also unclear who will decide if the new funding plan is sufficient. It will be submitted to the board that oversees the rail line, whose members have been appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown, a project booster, and the Democrat-controlled Legislature.

Proposition 1A, which voters approved in 2008, required the rail authority to specify the source of the funding for the first operable segment of the high-speed rail line and have all the necessary environmental clearances in place. Kenny had said the agency did not comply with either mandate in approving the start of construction from Madera to Fresno, about 30 miles.

The plaintiffs, a group of Central Valley residents and farmers, believe the requirement applies to the first 300 miles stretching as far as Bakersfield with a projected price tag of $31 billion. But the rail authority contends it applies only to the first "useable" segment of track in the Central Valley.

"The court said, look, you've only got 28 miles with completed environmental clearances. I order that you have to have 300 miles of environmental clearances," said Michael Brady, an attorney for residents who had sued to halt the project. "It's taken them five years to do 28 miles, so how long will it take them to do 300 miles?"

Still, Kenny stopped short of blocking the project altogether, and rail authority officials characterized Monday's rulings as a setback rather than a fatal blow.

"Like all transformative projects, we understand that there will be many challenges that will be addressed as we go forward in building the nation's first high-speed rail system," rail authority Chairman Dan Richard said in a written statement.

The authority's CEO, Jeff Morales, disagreed with claims by the opponents that the judge's rulings would send high-speed rail planners back to the drawing board, saying officials are confident they can address the judge's concerns quickly. When asked how much time it could take, he said, "Not long. We don't think that addressing that will have any material effect on the project."

The rail authority had argued that it has already updated its funding plan and that it intends to spend $3.2 billion in federal money before tapping the state bonds. It also argued that only the Legislature could intervene to stop the project.

The plaintiffs had also asked Kenny to block spending of the federal funds and rescind construction contracts, including a $1 billion deal signed this fall, but the judge declined to do so Monday, saying there was no evidence "that there has been any impropriety" in spending.

He also did not invalidate the bonds, merely saying that officials would need to present more evidence about why they need to be sold and when before the committee should approve the sales. But without authorization to sell bonds, the bullet train's financing sources could dry up.

California has already issued more than $705 million in Proposition 1A bonds, about $400 million for high-speed rail and about $305 million for related rail-improvement projects that could eventually be connected.

The plans have changed significantly since voters approved the train, along with the costs — from $45 billion in 2008 to more than $100 billion in 2011 and, now, $68 billion for a 520-mile line connecting San Francisco and greater Los Angeles through the Central Valley.

Political considerations and opposition by local residents statewide have also forced repeated changes. Jon Coupal, executive director of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association, which had sued over the bonds, blamed the ever-changing plans for the judge's decisions Monday.

"The project now is so divergent from what the voters were told that I don't think he had any other choice," Coupal said.



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the following weekend.

"I feel a little bit weird about pushing it off — it was just too much holiday for one weekend," he said. "Honestly, I will even cheat on the candles. I'll fill up the whole menorah ... and just pretend."

In California, Bruce Sandler has no plans to move or modify the annual Thanksgiving eve party he throws for the staff and other affiliates of his medical supply business. The party's kosher offerings typically include a turkey and his wife's nondairy cornbread. Hanukkah, he said, doesn't call for any changes.

"I don't think it's a big deal — I think maybe it adds a little bit to it," said Sandler, who is president of Young Israel of Northridge near Los Angeles. It's worth noting that Sandler is fond of having fun with holiday mixing and matching — he recently hired a man to paint Santa Claus riding a medical scooter while spinning a dreidel on his storefront window.

Back at Hillel Day School, students entering the library see a colorful poster designed to provoke thoughts about the convergent holidays: Under a Thanksgivvukah headline are several questions, including "How are Thanksgiving and Hanukkah alike?"

"I think it's a great honor to be able to have Hanukkah and Thanksgiving on the same day," said Jason Teper, an eighth-grader who was helping the second-graders with their menurkeys. "Also, it's really good for kids because they get presents and they get to eat good food on the same day. For Hanukkah, you usually just get presents and then for Thanksgiving you just eat. Now everything is just mixed together and I think that's a great thing."

Saul Rube, Hillel's dean of Judaic studies, said the light-hearted combinations of Thanksgiving and Hanukkah icons underscore a deeper bond: The Talmud, one of Judaism's core texts, describes Hanukkah as a "holiday of thanksgiving."

"The fact that you could meld our Jewish culture and the popular culture is such a wonderful opportunity, when so many times in December observant families feel ... torn. They want to be part of that whole holiday season," he said.

Rube said his Thanksgiving dinner table will have one notable addition: a challurkey, a loaf of Jewish challah bread in the shape of a turkey. Some Detroit-area bakeries are selling them but he found one he liked online from a kosher bakery and ordered it. It was only $12, but a good bit more for shipping.

"I splurged — I told my wife if we amortize the cost over 80,000 years 'til it happens again, it's not so bad," he said.

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Environmental Protection Agency involvement.

PCB was found at levels of at least 50 parts per million, the trigger level, but SMMUSD has not released the specific results. One member of the district's environmental task force stated that the results would first have to be peer-reviewed. Lyon said that the results would be released soon.

The EPA will oversee a cleanup of the areas in which the levels are highest.

In 2011, SMMUSD removed soil from an area that was found to have PCBs. PEER is calling for further soil testing of the area, pointing out that post-removal the study done by Arcadis highlights several other "compounds of potential concern" including benzene, toluene, lead, arsenic, and cadmium.

Soils were only removed from parts of the project footprint, PEER said in its release.

"It is utterly irresponsible for the district to further delay investigations to discover the true extent of the contamination on campus," said PEER Senior Counsel Paula Dinerstein. "By taking evasive half-measures, the district is only fanning fears and breeding distrust."

Lyon defended her actions, pointing out that they are now taking directives from government experts. She responded to critics who have consistently pointed to the fact that she previously said that new soil testing would be performed.

"I think I said that the second or third day of this when I didn't even know where we were and I'm not an assessment expert," she said "And clearly, now, that determination won't be made by me, it'll be made by the experts."

Officials from the California Department of Toxic Substance Control, who will make that determination, said that the Arcadis' report looks good after a preliminary examination. They will continue to review it to determine if further soil testing is needed.

PEER criticized the district's updates, calling them "partial, conflicting, and unhelpful."

"The district is only compounding its potential liability by trying to ignore rather than investigate what is really present on campus and why," Dinerstein added.

PEER's release insinuates that the district contradicted itself in a series of updates released last week, but Lyon said that has been falsely reported. The initial release stated that airborne levels of PCB were well below EPA standards, which is true. The second release reported that tests of two other samples — bulk and wiping, not airborne — came back higher than PCB trigger levels.

Communication came up at last week's Board of Education meeting as Lyon suggested hiring an outreach consultant.

"It is hard to run a school district and keep everyone informed on everything that is going on all the time," she said at the meeting. "We try, and I know we fall short often, so having some assistance there will be helpful."

Boardmember Oscar de la Torre was particularly concerned with the issue of communication.

"We need to commit like never before to transparency because people need to trust in the Board of Education and they need to trust in the school district that we have their best interest in mind," he said.

de la Torre spoke with some parents at last week's meeting who were alleging that the district was involved with a cover-up. He backed Lyon's leadership throughout the process.

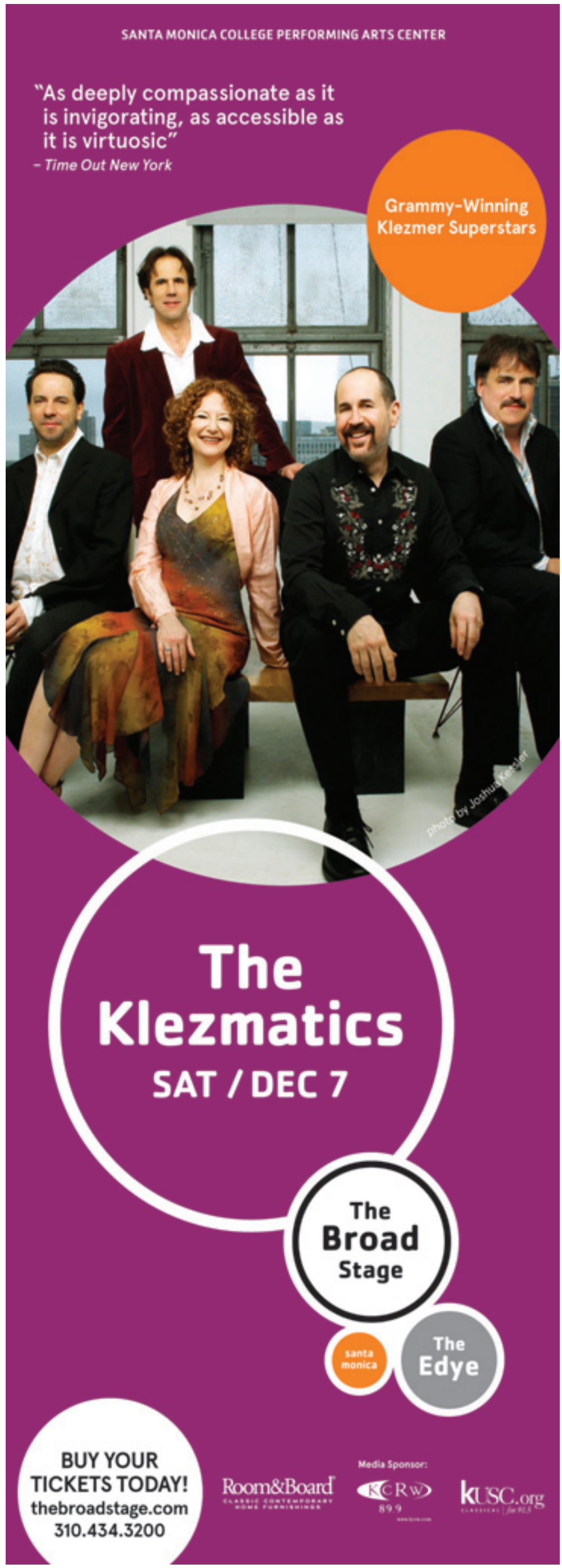
"I think the superintendent moved expeditiously once the concerns came forward," he said. "I can assure everyone that we're doing what we can to communicate on every step that we're taking. There will always be some criticism. From where I'm sitting I don't see that the allegations of a cover-up are, at this point, justified."

Lyon said that everything is safe at the schools and that now the district is following procedures laid out for them by the experts.

"I'm told that if there was danger, the EPA would not allow students on the campus," she said.

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Once Second Street is repaved, it too will get bike lanes from California to Colorado avenues.

Chrisp Company submitted the lowest of four bids and was selected for the project.

REPLACING STOLEN WIRE

A recent rash of copper wire thefts are costing City Hall at least $49,000. City officials will ask council to add a bit less, $45,000, to the annual contract with Electrical Supply Connection, the company tasked with providing electrical and street lighting supplies.

Starting in September, a string of wire thefts from streetlights resulted in outages, mainly in the northern part of Santa Monica. In November, City Hall bought about 95,000 feet of replacement wire and related supplies at the aforementioned price of $49,000. Copper prices are up right now, around $3.23 a pound in October, resulting in thefts from lights and construction sites.

Police have made three arrests, but the thefts persisted, officials told the Daily Press earlier this month.

PAVER PURCHASE

Three City Hall paving vehicles are worn out so council will likely approve the purchase of a cold milling machine for $144,484.

The Wirtgen compact cold milling machine allows workers to get closer to obstacles, like manholes, without damaging them and to work in smaller spaces. It also cuts down on the amount of required hand digging. Nixon-Egli Equipment Co., the only bidder, is recommended to receive the contract.

IRRIGATION TRUCK

City Hall wants a third irrigation truck for landscaped areas like the new Tongva Park. Council will likely approve a $61,047 contract extension with Thorson Motor Center, which provided the first two in June for $118,050.

Those trucks were purchased to replace two irrigation trucks that burned up in a fire at City Hall's Colorado Yard.

PIER LUMBER

The Santa Monica Pier needs twice as much lumber as previously estimated. Council will likely vote to provide the pier with $40,000 worth of additional lumber this fiscal year.

In previous years, Gemini Forest Products was paid to deliver lumber and the amount never exceeded $40,000. This year's contract, which started in July, was for the same amount but as of Oct. 15 Pier Maintenance had already purchased $36,920 in lumber. City officials propose doubling this year's contract to $80,000 and doing the same for next year's potential contract extension.

There's been an increase in deteriorated deck board replacements leading to the need for more lumber. Additionally, several portions of the parking lot deck need replacement.

BBB GRANT APPLICATION

City officials want council's permission to apply for a $534,182 state grant that would allow for security improvements on Big Blue Buses.

These funds would go toward the replacement of old BBB on-board security cameras and adding a wireless downloading capability. The same grant was used to make similar security camera replacements in 2011 and 2012.

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FAREWELL: A sign on the door of the Omelette Parlor on Main Street lets patrons know when the popular eatery is slated to close.

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Management representative echoed a similar claim, stating that the company "tried to bend over backwards" to keep the restaurant on Main Street, but "they were totally unrealistic with their demands to stay in the space."

The only certainty is that the Omelette Parlor will no longer be a part of the Santa Monica community come Dec. 18. Hausenbauer said he is currently in talks to reopen the restaurant outside of city limits, though has no concrete plans for when or where that will be.

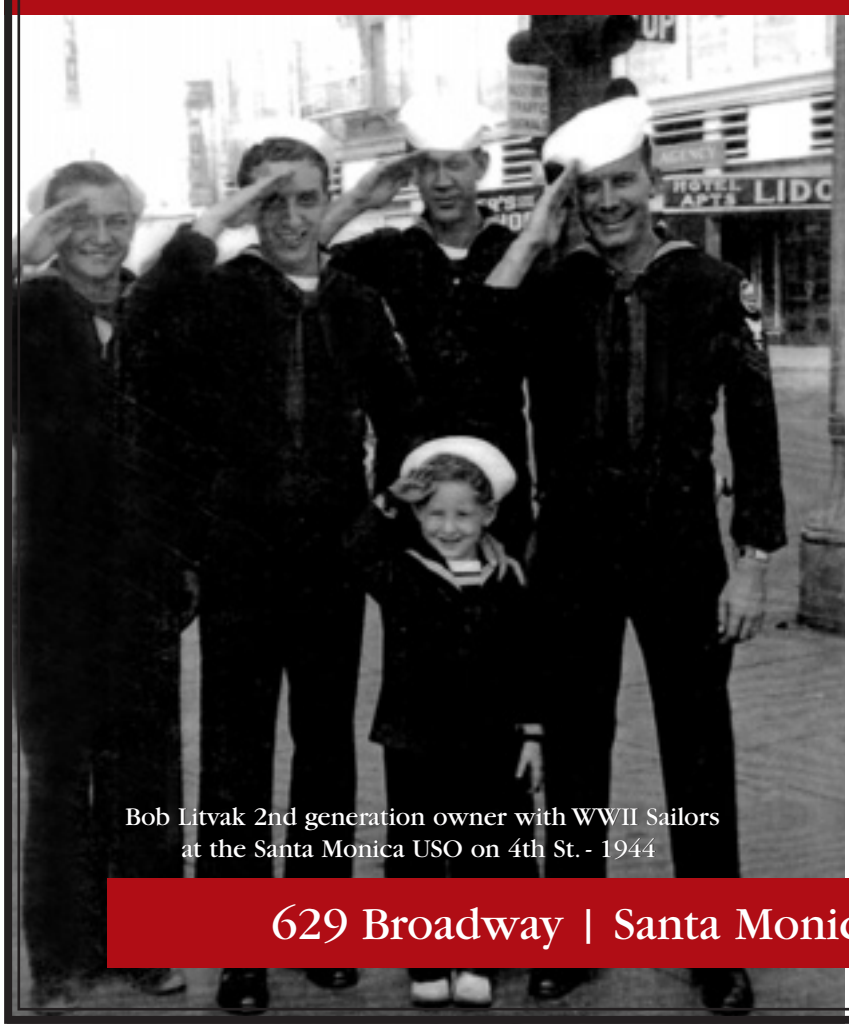
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Stocks end mixed on quiet day

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AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK The stock market paused Monday, ending on a mixed note, after a string of records in recent weeks.

Investors had little company-specific news to digest, although the U.S. and other world powers reached a deal to limit Iran's nuclear program, an event that pushed down oil prices and energy stocks.

The slow day represented a pause in the market's strong run-up, capped by another milestone on Friday, when the Standard & Poor's 500 index closed above 1,800 for the first time.

Stocks have soared this year as a combination of solid corporate earnings, a strengthening economy and easy-money policies from the Federal Reserve have drawn investors to stocks. Stocks have also gained because they offer an attractive alternative to bonds, where interest rates remain close to all-time lows.

Despite light trade, Monday did feature another market milestone. The Nasdaq rose as high as 4,007.09, a level it hasn't seen since Sept. 7, 2000, during the dot-com bubble. The index ended up 2.92 points, or 0.1 percent, at 3,994.57.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose eight points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,072.54. Meanwhile, the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 2 points, or 0.1 percent, to 1,802.48.

The biggest drags on the S&P 500 were energy stocks. Sunday's deal with Iran was the first significant progress in years to curtail that country's nuclear ambitions. It could reduce the risk of conflict, improve trade and boost global oil supplies by making it easier for Iran to sell its crude onto the global market. That could increase global supply and push oil prices lower in the long-term.

Oil fell 75 cents, or 0.8 percent, to $94.09. Energy companies Halliburton, Transocean and Schlumberger all fell 2 percent or more.

Even with Monday's decline, S&P 500 has risen seven straight weeks and is up 26 percent in 2013, its best performance in 15 years.

However, an increasing number of investors believe that stocks have run their course for 2013 and stocks are due for a pullback soon.

"I would like to see this market take a breather," said Jim Lauder, a fund manager for Wells Fargo Advantage Dow Jones Target Date Funds.

While the Nasdaq is flirting with territory it hasn't seen in 13 years, the index is still down roughly 25 percent from its all-time high of 5,048.62 that it set on March 10, 2000. The index, although still technology heavy, is dominated by highly-profitable companies like Apple, Google and Amazon.

Trading was light Monday and is expected to remain limited all week. Stock and bond markets are closed Thursday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. On Friday, the New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq will close early. Approximately 2.98 billion shares traded hands Monday on the New York Stock Exchange, below the 3.35 billion that is typically traded on an average day.

Investors will focus on Black Friday, when the holiday shopping season officially starts. Due to the lateness of Thanksgiving, the Christmas shopping season is a week shorter than usual, and that could affect the amount of shopping people can do. An increasing number of retailers are opening up on Thanksgiving to draw in customers.

In other news, shares of Wal-Mart rose 62 cents, or 0.8 percent, to $80.43 after the company announced its CEO was stepping down. Alcoa climbed 35 cents, or 4 percent, to $9.59 after Goldman Sachs upgraded the company to "buy" from "neutral," citing potential growth in its aluminum products business.

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Lakers sign Kobe Bryant to two-year extension

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. The Los Angeles Lakers signed Kobe Bryant to a two-year contract extension Monday, securing the fourth-leading scorer in NBA history into his 20th season with the franchise.

Bryant hasn't played this season while recovering from surgery on his torn Achilles tendon in April, but the Lakers didn't wait to renew their commitment to the five-time NBA champion before he got anywhere close to the free-agent market next summer.

Bryant inked the deal with owner Jim Buss and general manager Mitch Kupchak at his side in agent Rob Pelinka's office moments before the Lakers left for an East Coast road trip. Bryant, Buss and Kupchak all had repeatedly stated Bryant wouldn't leave his only NBA home.

The 35-year-old guard quickly tweeted a picture of his signature with the hashtag: Laker4Life.

"This is a very happy day for Lakers fans and for the Lakers organization," Kupchak said in a statement. "We've said all along that our priority and hope was to have Kobe finish his career as a Laker, and this should ensure that that happens."

Bryant has spent more than half of his life playing for the Lakers, and if he fulfills his new contract, he will break John Stockton's record of 19 seasons with one NBA franchise.

But Kobe's legacy in L.A. already is secure: No less than Magic Johnson and Jerry West have declared Bryant the franchise's greatest player, given his fistful of championship rings and his consistent brilliance while scoring more points than anybody in a Lakers uniform.

Although Bryant is taking a pay cut from his $30.45 million salary this season, Kobe and the Lakers didn't exactly agree to a hometown discount, either. ESPN reported the deal is worth $48.5 million, keeping Kobe among the NBA's highest-paid players.

Some fans grumbled online that the contract will limit the Lakers' flexibility in the free-agent market next summer, clouding their starry-eyed dreams of signing Carmelo Anthony or LeBron James. Other fans approved the payout as a reward for an iconic player who still ranked among the NBA's most dangerous scorers before his injury.

Bryant and 39-year-old point guard Steve Nash are the only players signed to significant contracts for next season with the Lakers, who have been anticipating a major roster restructuring in 2014 ever since Dwight Howard fled town in July.

Even if the Lakers waived the oft-injured Nash under a special provision limiting his salary cap hit, Bryant would eat up roughly a third of their room under the projected cap before anybody else joins him next season.

Bryant returned to practice earlier this month, and his return to the court seems imminent, although he isn't rushing back from perhaps the most significant injury of his career. Bryant said last week that he could adjust his game and contribute something to the Lakers right now, but he wants to make a full return when he finally steps on the court for his 18th NBA season.

"It's definitely something where you're kind of champing at the bit a little bit, but we've come so far," Bryant said after practice last week. "I want to make sure, we all do, when you step out there you're ready to go the long haul, and (the injury) isn't something that continues on."

Coach Mike D'Antoni has said Bryant can return whenever Kobe says he's ready. The Lakers are surviving in his absence, improving to 7-7 on Sunday night by beating Sacramento for their third straight victory.

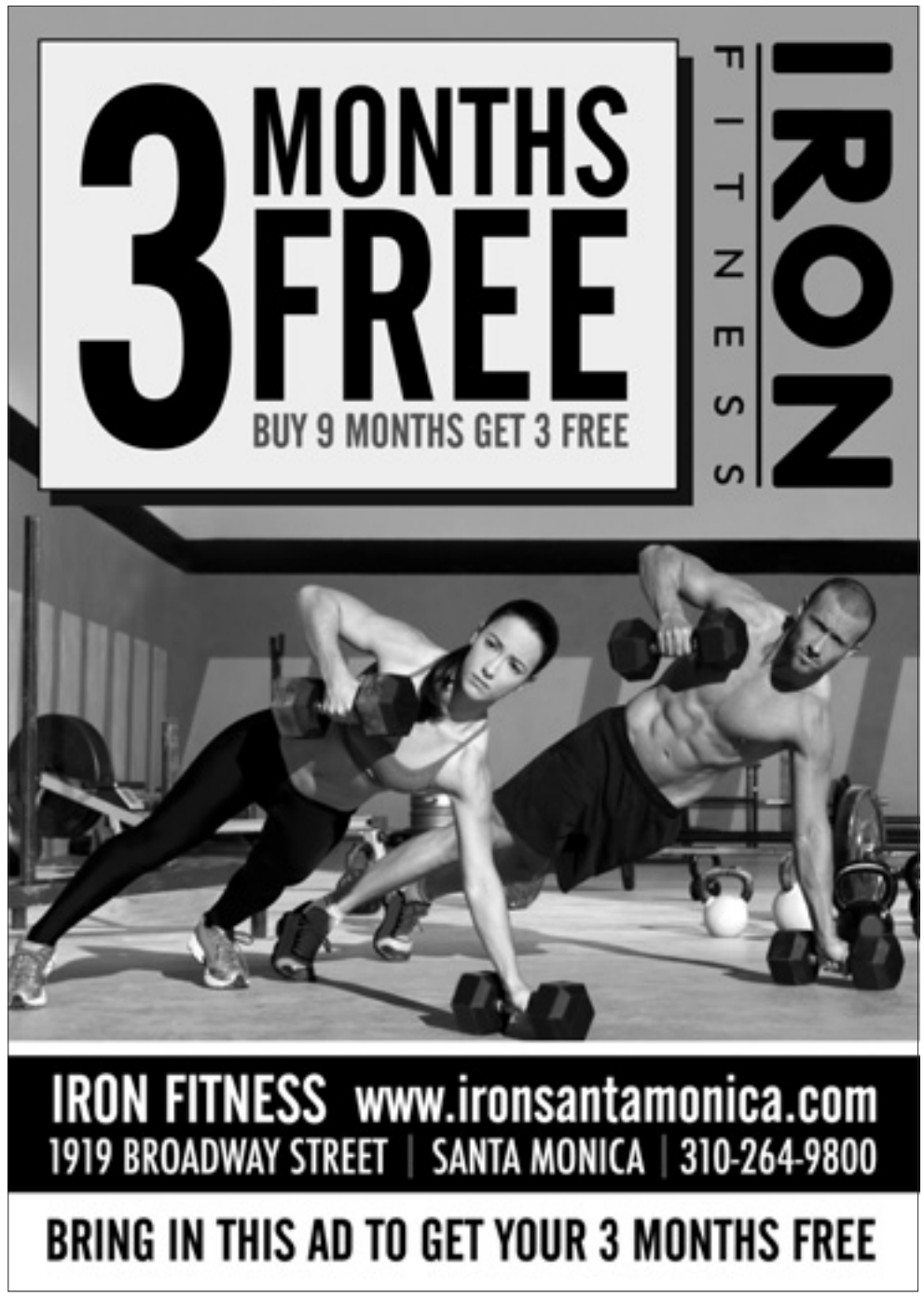
"I've been extremely proud of the way we've competed," Bryant said.

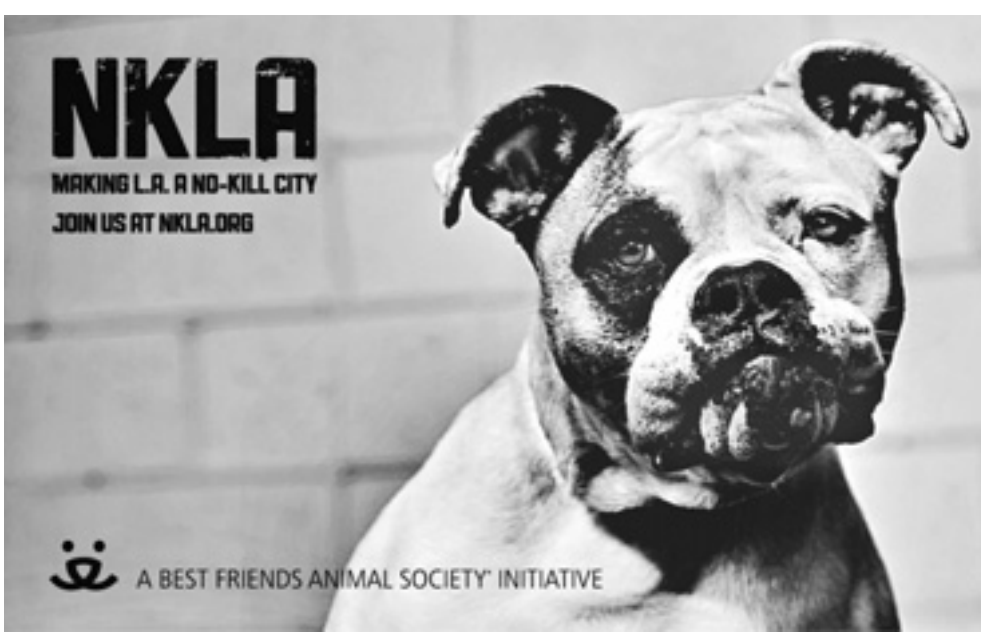
The contract is another milestone in Bryant's remarkable career. He was a 17-year-old high schooler when the Lakers acquired him after the Charlotte Hornets chose him in the first round of the 1996 draft, and Lakers fans watched as he evolved into one of the most dominant scorers in NBA history, dazzling fans with his offensive inventiveness and drawing critics for his ball-dominating style of play.

Bryant won three championships with Shaquille O'Neal from 2000-02 and added two more with Pau Gasol in 2009 and 2010, winning the NBA finals MVP award after each of those titles. He won his only NBA MVP award in 2008 and his scoring titles in 2006 and 2007, also earning 15 selections to the All-Star game — with four MVP awards from the showcase — and two Olympic gold medals with the U.S. national team.

Bryant hasn't given up hope of adding a sixth championship ring to his trophy case, even while the Lakers struggle to keep up with the NBA's best teams. With his immediate future secure, Bryant can focus on getting back to full strength on his injured leg.

"It's always a much greater appreciation for it," Bryant said of his imminent return. "You understand the mortality that comes with being on that doorstep. There's always a sense of enjoyment when you come back."





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Minor WNW swell; small SSW pulse; conditions remain favorable

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small blend of WNW and SSW swell fades

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Gradual increase in WNW groundswell and possible bump up in NW windswell; wind/weather may be an issue; stay tuned, storm dependent

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** Knee to chest high
WNW groundswell tops out; watching wind/weather; stay tuned, storm dependent

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **November 20, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 8
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 8
- Number of wet days -- 1
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 18 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	B	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	B	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	F	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	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	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DBW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	ns

LEGEND

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

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

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Hannah and her Sisters (PG-13) 1hr 43min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-3924

Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
4:10pm, 7:15pm

Ender's Game (PG-13) 1hr 54min
4:00pm

Captain Phillips (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
10:45pm

About Time (R) 2hrs 04min
1:15pm, 4:30pm

Oldboy (R) 2hrs 00min
10:00pm

Best Man Holiday (R) 2hrs 02min
1:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:30pm, 10:25pm

Free Birds (PG) 1hr 30min
1:30pm

Black Nativity (PG) 1hr 32min
10:00pm

Homefront (R) 1hr 40min
8:00pm

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R) 1hr 33min
1:40pm, 7:00pm

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

Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
10:00pm

Frozen 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
7:00pm

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
11:10am, 12:15pm, 2:50pm, 3:45pm, 6:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm, 10:45pm

Last Vegas (R) 1hr 30min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:10pm

Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 6:45pm, 10:00pm

Delivery Man (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:35pm

Dallas Buyers Club (R) 1hr 57min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

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1332 Second St.
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All Is Lost (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 7:20pm

Book Thief (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Blue Is The Warmest Color (La Vie d'AdÃ¨le) (NC-17) 2hrs 59min
1:00pm, 4:45pm, 8:30pm

Enough Said (PG-13) 1hr 33min
4:30pm, 9:55pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

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EXERCISE TONIGHT, ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You'll manage to pull a workable situation out of a potential failure. An animated discussion is likely to follow, which is exactly what you want. Be aware that you could be misunderstood. Tonight: Exercise first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your words finally make sense to someone who has created a barrier between the two of you. Discussions will be lively and fulfilling to all parties involved. Make an effort to bridge the distance between you and a loved one. Tonight: Be a little naughty and nice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your thoughts will be on your family, your home and the upcoming holiday. You might feel the need to have a serious discussion with a loved one whose opinion you respect. You need to be aware that you might not like what you hear. Tonight: Follow your gut. Be spontaneous.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind, but be willing to hear others' feedback, even if it is not to your liking. Be aware of your boundaries and honor them. Someone might melt when you finally do open up. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ What you think you have to offer might be important, but it's not nearly as important as your poise. Others recognize that you are more than capable of handling a touchy situation. Tonight: Consider calling it an early night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You know how you feel about a situation, but you might find it difficult to communicate those feelings. You will find a way to open up, and you will see results. You also will experience better communication. A meeting adds to your certainty about a choice. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You could be more restrained than usual, and others might take notice. Sometimes actions speak louder than words. By assuming the role that you do, you will communicate exactly what is necessary. Tonight: Not to be found.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Realize what is happening with a friend. You might want to confirm what you are seeing or what you think this person is communicating. A conversation enlightens you about even more information. Know what you want from this situation. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You are in the position of picking and choosing your battles. What you believe to be difficult might be a lot easier than you realize. Once a conversations starts, the cards will fall in your favor. Express your appreciation for someone's support. Tonight: Manage your popularity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ News floats in that you take very seriously. You might not be exactly sure how to respond; you might even ponder this issue. Pick up the phone, ask questions and communicate. You will be delighted by how positive this news could be. Tonight: With favorite people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Someone will approach you with care. You are well aware that this person feels as though a serious matter needs to be discussed. You might feel energized and ready to gain a greater understanding of where this person is coming from. Tonight: Out with a close friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Do you feel as if someone acts like a mini-dictator in your life? Perhaps your attitude comes across and is far more visible than you realize. Be open but not hurtful. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

Tuesday, November 26, 2013

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

This year you might notice that your immediate response often is slightly negative. Try to let go of that bias, especially as many positive opportunities head in your direction. If you are single, you dislike your time alone more than usual. As a result, you are anxious to form a bond. The good news is that someone special will enter your life in the next 10 months. This person will seem nearly perfect. Still, take your time getting to know him or her. If you are attached, the two of you flourish when you work together. Make togetherness more of a theme this year. VIRGO might be difficult to work with, as he or she can be very critical.

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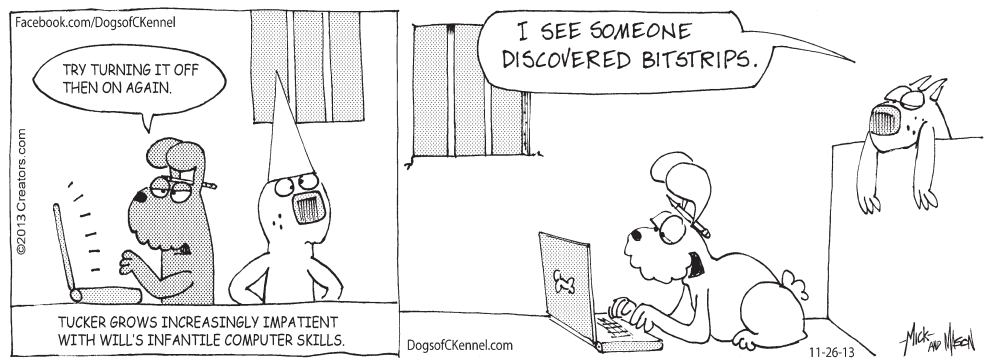
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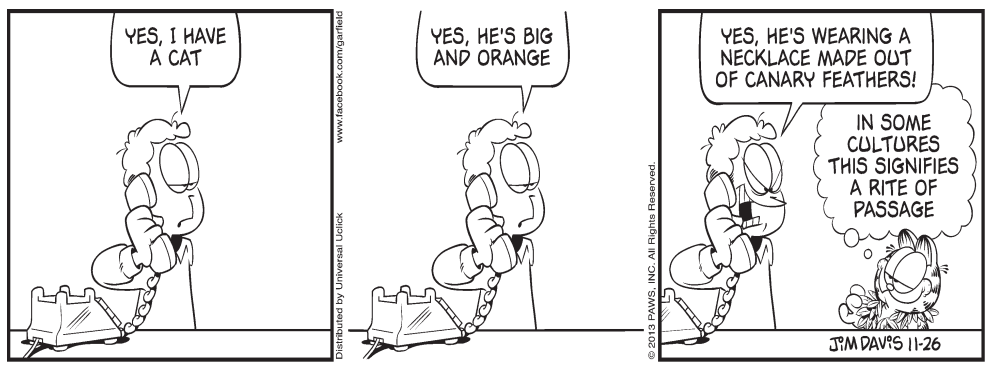
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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By Jim Davis



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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★

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

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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Germany's capital
7 Cain's victim
11 Galahad's mother
12 Secluded valley
13 Setting items
15 Number of people
16 Come together
18 Walk of Fame symbol
21 Fly high
22 Toadies
24 Wilder's "— Town"
25 Down in the dumps
26 "Not — million years!"
27 Open with a key
29 Beach Boys hit "— Around"
30 Beginner
31 Imitate a rodent
32 Worry
34 Piano technicians' tools
40 Mile or meter
41 Canadian coin
42 Dances jazzily
43 Book blunders

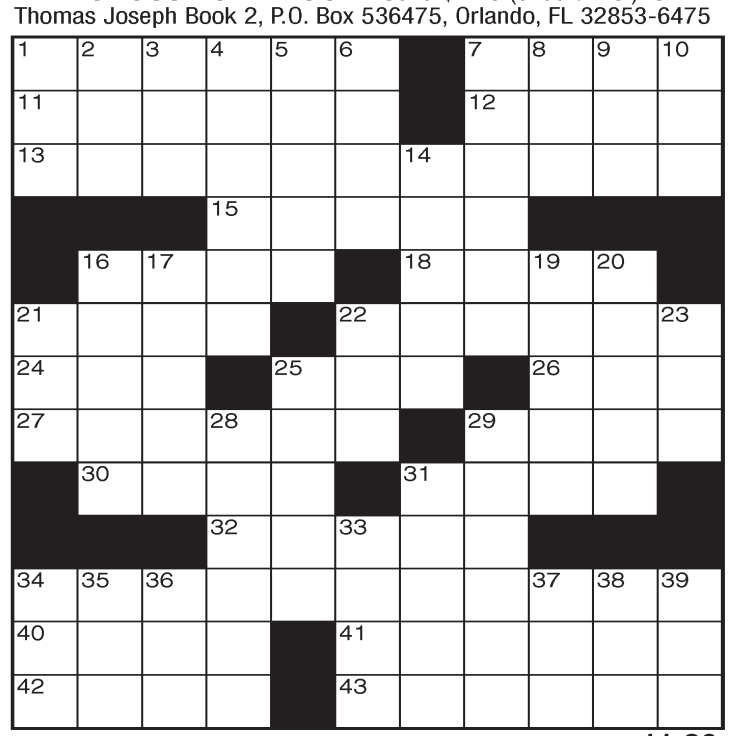
DOWN

1 Nap site
2 Yale student
3 Sprinted
4 Hang around
5 Sluggish
6 Notorious emperor
7 Makes one's own
8 Saloon
9 Caribou's cousin
10 French article
14 Combined by melting
16 Camera support
17 Before dawn
19 Friendly señorita
20 Make fresh
21 Old French coin
22 Shaggy beast
23 Washington baseballer, for short
25 Derision
28 Planet paths
29 Not alfresco
31 Really like
33 Gawk at
34 Rickety boat
35 One, for Juan
36 Winter air quality
37 Gene messenger
38 Young fox
39 Yacht spot

C	O	N	G	A	■	L	A	T	E	R
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Yesterday's answer

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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 11/22
17 23 35 36 44
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: $205M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 11/23
9 17 22 32 47
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: $39M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 11/25
12 13 18 27 38

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 11/25
MIDDAY: 1 7 0
EVENING: 5 9 8

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 11/25
1st: 06 Whirl Win
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In July, just days after the one-year anniversary of the spree killing of 12 people at the Century 16 Theaters in Aurora, Colo., Cassidy Delavergne was arrested after he entered the NCG Trillium theaters in Grand Blanc Township, Mich., wearing full body armor and carrying a loaded gun and a fake CIA badge (and alarming some but not all bystanders). Delavergne explained that he wore the equipment only because he did not want to leave it in his car while he watched the movie -- and thought the badge might alleviate other patrons' fears.

■ Update: Person-to-person fecal transplants have been mentioned here several times for the bizarre but therapeutic idea that gastrointestinal illness results from an imbalance between healthy and unhealthy gut bacteria -- and that a transplant of healthier antigens may relieve the sickness. But what happens if no "compatible" donor is available? Emma Allen-Vercoe and her team at Canada's University of Guelph are thus creating artificial gut bacteria ("robogut") under demanding control conditions, for implantation. (Allen-Vercoe grumbled to Popular Science in August that the most disagreeable part of the job is disposing of excess sludge -- the process for which causes "the whole building" to "smell like poop.")

TODAY IN HISTORY

1913 - Phi Sigma Sigma is founded at Hunter College in New York City.

1917 - The National Hockey League is formed, with the Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Wanderers, Ottawa Senators, Quebec Bulldogs, and Toronto Arenas as its first teams.

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