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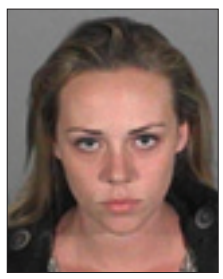
THE BET THE FARM ISSUE

Woman pleads to vehicular manslaughter in death of rugby star

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

DOWNTOWN A part-time model pleaded no contest Thursday to vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated in the August 2012 death of an Australian rugby player who was hit and killed while vacationing in Santa Monica with his family, the District Attorney's Office announced.

Cara Maree Cameron, 28, is facing up to four years in custody and will be ordered to pay $100,000 in restitution to the family of Gary Mara, Deputy District Attorney Kevin Liu said.


CAMERON

Cameron is scheduled to return to the Airport Branch Courthouse on Jan. 17 for sentencing. Cameron had faced life in prison.

Mara, a former rugby star with the Balmain Tigers and Parramatta Eels, entered a crosswalk on Colorado Avenue between Fourth and Main streets on Aug. 21, 2012 with his wife and their 8-year-old daughter against the light when he was struck by a car driven by Cameron, prosecutors said.

Mara's wife said her husband picked up their daughter and threw her out of the way of the car, saving her life.

The daughter suffered minor injuries. Mara died the next day at a local hospital.

Prosecutors filed a murder charge against Cameron after they discovered that she had an alcohol-related car crash in 2007.

Police said Mara and his family had just finished having dinner to celebrate his 50th birthday when they entered the crosswalk despite a "Don't Walk" signal.

Cameron initially pleaded not guilty to one count of murder and one count of gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated. She posted bail of $1 million.

Traffic investigators told the Daily Press the day after the crash that Cameron was traveling around 40 mph when she hit Mara and side-swiped his daughter. Cameron stopped her car and cooperated with officers.

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Developer gets more offices with Planning Commission green light

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Planning commissioners prioritized office space in their recommendation of the Hines commercial and housing development planned for the eastern edge of Santa Monica.

After several close votes on Wednesday night, Hines will go before City Council with its proposal of 472 apartments, 374,434 square feet of creative offices, 15,500 square feet of restaurants, and 13,891 square feet of retail — a total of 737,000.

The commission has been debating the

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

HERE COMES THE TRAIN: A worker dumps a load of dirt at the site of the future terminus of the Expo Light Rail Line last month.

What Culver City's Expo station says about Santa Monica's future

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

CULVER CITY "When the train comes ..."

When talking about any aspect of Santa Monica's future, those words start a lot of sentences.

"... everyone will sell their cars, eradicating all traffic jams and pollution."

"... no one will care because this is a city where people like to drive."

Culver City's train came a year and a half ago on Dec. 20. It's early, but city officials have seen some things change and other things stay the same.

Santa Monica, which is much larger than

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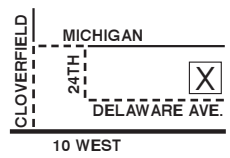
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Merchants in one of Santa Monica's most unique shopping districts are wrapping presents, striking up the bands and sending invites to the big man himself — Santa Claus — to make this year's Holiday Walk the most fun and festive yet. For more information, visit montanaave.com.

Book it
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade,
7 p.m.
Enter for a chance to win a Lionel train set during Polar Express Storytime.

It's a plaid thing
Santa Monica College, Theatre Arts Main Stage
1900 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
"Plaid Tidings" is a charming holiday extravaganza by Stuart Ross. Adapted from "Forever Plaid," the performance features vocal and musical arrangements by James Raitt, Brad Ellis, Raymond Berg and David Snyder. The production runs through Dec. 15. For more information, visit smc.edu.

Saturday, Dec. 7, 2013

Merry-go-run
2600 Barnard Way, 6 a.m.
The Santa Monica-Venice Christmas Run is Los Angeles' largest holiday running event and a great fundraiser which has a 5k and a 10k run that winds through the beautiful streets of Santa Monica and Venice, including a long stretch along the famous Venice Beach Boardwalk. Kids course is on Barnard Way. For more information, visit christmasrun.com.

Merry photo op'
Santa Monica Place
395 Santa Monica Place,
11 a.m. — 8 p.m.
Santa will be available for photos and visits at his winter wonderland house, located in Center Plaza. For more information, call (310)260-8333.

Main event
Main Street, 5 p.m.
Join Main Street's merchants for their annual holiday extravaganza that begins at the California Heritage Museum at 2612 Main St. There will be pictures with Santa, two tree lightings and plenty of parties at a number of stores in this popular shopping district. For more information, visit mainstreetsm.com.

Write-opolis
Barnes & Noble,
1201 Third Street Promenade, 2 p.m.
Meet local authors before they hit it big. Writopia Lab Los Angeles works with students from local schools to build their creative writing skills. Hear completed stories, poems and scripts from some talented young writers. For more information, call (310)260-9110

Seasonal vibes
The Broad Stage at the SMC Performing Arts Center,
1310 11th St., 4 p.m.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Tips to keep pets warm

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles is advising Santa Monicans to take extra care of their pets due to this week's cold weather.

When it comes to the chill in the air, the organization advises owners to keep dogs warm by having them wear jackets or sweaters that are their size.

The organization also advises owners to keep their pets in a warm and dry place for sleep and to have them secured in a crate or with a seat belt harness when driving in a car.

In addition, owners are encouraged to keep their dogs on their leashes during a storm since they could panic or run away when one occurs.

Furthermore, the society urges owners to not leave their pets inside their cars during cold weather and to wipe off wet paws after they are outside.

Lastly, the organization advises residents to tap the hood of their car to scare animals that may be taking shelter underneath. You don't want to run over a tail.

The society advises pet owners to have their pets wear a collar with identification tags and a microchip.

The society is accepting blankets, coats, and sweaters at all locations to keep their shelter pets warm this winter.

– BRIAN ADIGWU

CITYWIDE

Santa Claus calls for backup

You better watch out, you better not cry, you better not pout. Why? Santa Claus is coming — to Santa Monica!

That's right, Santa will be distributing good cheer and thousands of candy canes as part of the 21st annual Candy Cane Drive this Saturday, Dec. 7.

And he's not alone. Santa Monica firefighters and police officers will be helping jolly ol' St. Nicholas as he makes his scheduled stops:

10:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.
Douglas Park - California Avenue and 25th Street

11:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Christine Reed Park - California Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard

12 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Third Street Promenade - Third Street and Wilshire Boulevard

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Virginia Avenue Park - 2200 Virginia Ave.

2:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.
Marine Park - Marine and 17th streets

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Clover Park - Ocean Park Boulevard and 25th Street

Children are encouraged to look and listen for the lights and sirens of public safety vehicles and parents are encouraged to bring their cameras.

For more information about the Candy Cane Lane event, call the Santa Monica Police Department, Community Relations Unit at (310)458-8474.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Mathews propels Samohi to tourney's final round

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Samohi's Jonah Mathews has a game that is mature beyond his years.

The sophomore guard dropped 41 points on Harvard-Westlake Wednesday in the second game of the Santa Monica Tournament at Samohi to lead his Vikings to a 85-73 victory.

"I think this proves we can beat anybody," Mathews said after his six 3-pointer performance. "I think we're pretty good."

Mathews' outburst comes at an opportune time for a Samohi team that is replacing a starting five that made it to the CIF Division 1 state championship game last year.

Mathews and junior guard Nuwr'iyl Williams form the foundation of this new unit, and through two games it's working.

The two combined for 39 points during a season-opening win over Westside rival Palisades earlier this week and again paced the Samohi offense against Harvard-Westlake with 58 total points.

The game began close enough with both Harvard-Westlake and Samohi exchanging early leads.

Mathews scored 10 for Samohi in the first quarter to keep things close, with Harvard-Westlake ending the frame up 16-15.

The second quarter fell Samohi's way as the Vikings entered the half up, 38-34.

It was after half time when Mathews and Co. would seize hold of the game.

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Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*

BIG GAME: Samohi's Jonah Mathews (center) leaps into the air to make a layup as Harvard-Westlake defender Bryan Polan tries to block the shot on Wednesday.

Ridley-Thomas wins race for Westside Assembly seat

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A Democrat won a special election Tuesday for a vacant Southern California legislative seat, bolstering the party's supermajority in the state Assembly.

Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, an aide to Los Angeles City Councilman Curren Price Jr., defeated former Culver City mayor and city clerk Christopher Armenta, 60 percent to 36 percent. He will fill the Assembly District 54 seat vacated this summer when then-Assemblywoman Holly Mitchell, a Democrat, resigned after she was elected to the state Senate.

Another Democrat in the race — real estate broker John Jake — captured 4 percent of the vote.

Ridley-Thomas is the son of former state legislator Mark Ridley-Thomas,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Cookie monsters return

Editor:

In April of 2011 your paper did a bold story about corruption concerning doormen insisting taxi drivers pay them illegal kickbacks (cookies) at the major hotels in Santa Monica if they wanted to be allowed to pick up hotel guests ("Slaying the cookie monster: Cab drivers say doormen demand bribes for fares," April 13, 2011).

The story was picked up by the L.A. Times and USA Today and had the effect that the drivers had hoped for when the City Council amended the taxi franchise law and made it illegal for doormen to solicit or accept kickbacks (cookies) in exchange for rides.

Since that time little has changed and it's business as usual for the doormen. Not one doorman has been cited for solicitation of kickbacks even though taxi drivers are asked for kickbacks each and every day. It remains that if you're a taxi driver and refuse to give a kickback then you'll not get a good ride in most cases.

It would be nice if the taxi commissioner and police in Santa Monica did some type of investigative sting operation and held these doormen accountable for breaking the law and making it difficult for taxi drivers to earn a living and support their families. What good is having the law on the books if it's not going to even be attempted to be enforced? It's about time sting operations were set up so the offenders can be held accountable.

I both live and work in Santa Monica and I'm ashamed of the lack of enforcement of the law as it relates here. Taxi drivers are forced by City Hall to jump through hoops every day, but the doormen are not?

Sandy Clair
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Rockin' Jerry Rubin rocks to save 'Chain Reaction'

IN 1957 THERE WAS A CATCHY ROCK 'N' ROLL song, "Rockin' Robin," by Bobby Day that swept the nation's AM airwaves. Admittedly not terribly profound, it was about a bird that "bopped in the treetops all day long."

Activist Jerry Rubin, aka "Rockin' Rubin," bops all day long at the Third Street Promenade, relentlessly promoting world peace.

In fact, in the past 35 years, Jerry has organized 200 peace, environmental, and other progressive events. In 1991, along with his wife Marissa, he hand delivered a 1 mile-long "Teach Love, Not War" peace scroll to the United Nations.

In 2003, in Santa Monica Superior Court, Jerry legally added "Peace Activist" as his middle name. Lastly, while he's run for City Council six times, he predicts, "Lucky seven may be the charm."

In addition to being one of the founders of Treesavers, who tried to rescue ficus trees in Downtown Santa Monica, Jerry's also the co-founder of Save Chain Reaction, the landmark sculpture of an atomic blast, created by the late L.A. Times political cartoonist Paul Conrad.

Located in the Civic Center, "Chain Reaction" has stood for the past 22 years as a powerful monument for nuclear disarmament and world peace. But it needs repairs estimated to cost as much as $400,000. (Seem high?) It faces removal if the $400K from the public is not raised by Feb. 1, 2014. But more on this later.

Over the decades, Jerry has received numerous activist awards, including ones from the Los Angeles Human Relations Commission, the Coalition for a Tobacco Free Los Angeles County, the L.A. Weekly and Santa Monica Conservancy.

In my opinion, he should also get the "Defying Convention" award. In 20 years, I've never seen him in a suit and tie or even in a pair of long pants.

At all the candidate debates and all the times he's spoken before the City Council (some speculate he's attended more meetings than actual council members) Jerry's always wearing his "uniform:" sturdy walking shoes, walking shorts and a T-shirt, often featuring the peace symbol.

I wrote about Jerry last year in "The Tale of Two Rubins." I traced Jerry's intertwining relationship with the famous anti-Vietnam War activist, Jerry Rubin, who, at the 1968 Democratic convention, was beaten by Chicago police, arrested and prosecuted in a highly publicized trial known as "The Chicago 7." (As was Tom Hayden, our former assemblyman and state senator with whom the bombastic Rubin often clashed.)

But years later "Chicago 7" Jerry became a millionaire multi-level marketer while Santa Monica Jerry was even more involved in controversial protests. In fact, Jerry's antics provoked businessman Jerry, on a live KABC radio broadcast, to offer $10,000 to change his name. (To … Tom Hayden!)

About to turn 70, Jerry's philosophical, "It happens to everybody if you live long enough." In true activist style, Jerry's celebrating his birthday with a celebrity-packed "Chain Reaction" fundraiser on



RUBIN

Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Rusty's Surf Ranch on the Santa Monica Pier from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

"Chain Reaction" sculptor, three-time Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Conrad, was fearless in his politics and brilliantly biting in his cartooning. At the conservative L. A. Times, in a career lasting five decades, Conrad boldly addressed poverty, civil rights, the Vietnam War and corporate and political corruption. Criticism of President Richard Nixon landed Conrad on Nixon's "Enemies List," which he regarded as a badge of honor.

Conrad's son, Dave, will be attending the fundraiser. He strongly believes that "Chain Reaction" is, "An irreplaceable work of public art, and a Santa Monica landmark second only to our beloved pier."

Also appearing at Jerry's birthday bash is a star-studded list of activists. It includes Michelle Phillips, former singer with the legendary Mamas and Papas; actress Alexandra Paul, former star of "Baywatch" and current host of "Earth Talk Today"; Q'orianka Kilcher, who, at 10, was a street singer on the Third Street Promenade (where she first met Jerry) and at 14 starred as Pocahontas in the movie "The New World."

Brilliant comedian Rick Overton will supply the humor for the evening while pop balladeer from Pakistan, Tee-M, will share his unique song styling. Chris Carter, popular radio host of "Breakfast with the Beatles," will M.C. the festivities.

In 1991, the City Council accepted the donation of "Chain Reaction," but now insists the public pay for its maintenance. I don't get it. It's as if, when the Statue of Liberty needed repairs, we ordered the French to come fix it or we'd dump it into the ocean.

As for the big birthday bash at Rusty's, it's too bad the late Bobby Day (1930-1990) can't be there to sing, "Go Rockin' Rubin 'cuz we're really gonna rock tonight. Tweet, tweedle-lee-dee!" To which I add, "Happy Birthday Day, Jerry!"

For more party info go to savechainreaction.com or e-mail jerrypeaceactivistrubin@earthlink.net or phone (310) 399-1000. Q'orianka's amazing singing is at www.facebook.com/jerry.rubin.98 and the "Original Rockin' Robin" is at YouTube. The not that amazing **JACK** is at jnsmdp@aol.com.

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Stocks fall on Wall Street; Retailers experience slump

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK The outlook for hiring is improving and the economy is growing at its fastest pace in more than a year, so what's the bad news for the stock market?

Stocks fell Thursday after the government reported that the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits dropped to the lowest in nearly six years last week. Also, the U.S. economy grew at a 3.6 percent annual rate from July through September, the fastest since early 2012.

Investors believe the encouraging signs on the economy will push the Federal Reserve closer to pulling back on its $85 billion-a-month bond-buying program. That stimulus, which is intended to hold down interest rates, has been helping to power this year's record-setting run in the stock market.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped for the fifth time in a row, matching its longest losing streak since September.

"If they do cut the bond purchases, the knee-jerk reaction for the market will be to move down," said Chris Gaffney, a senior market strategist at EverBank.

The S&P 500 index fell 7.78 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,785.03. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 68.26 points, or 0.4 percent, to 15,821.51. The Nasdaq composite declined 4.84 points, or 0.1 percent, at 4,033.16.

Earlier in the week, there were strong reports on manufacturing and construction. Investors will get more insight into how the U.S. economy is doing on Friday, when the government releases its monthly jobs report.

While few investors think that the Fed will announce a reduction to its bond purchases at its meeting this month, many believe policy makers could make the move in March.

Several retailers fell after reporting disappointing results. L Brands, the owner of Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works and other stores, lost $1.07, or 1.7 percent, to $62.18 after reporting that its sales dropped 5 percent last month.

Gaming company Electronic Arts was the biggest decliner in the S&P 500 index after Forbes reported that the company had been forced to delay future games from one of its developers due to ongoing problems with its Battlefield 4 game. The company's stock fell $1.33, or 6 percent, to $21.01.

The S&P 500 index has dipped 1.2 percent since the start of the month and is on course to log its first weekly decline in nine weeks. The loss has pared this year's advance to 25.2 percent.

Stocks have been surging this year as the Fed's stimulus helped keep the economic recovery on track and as corporations produced record profits. Low interest rates have also made stocks more attractive in comparison to bonds.

The stock market may also be sliding this month as investors sell some of their best-performing holdings given the strong returns this year, said Natalie Trunow, chief investment officer at Calvert Investments, an asset management company.

"I just don't know if folks will try to squeeze another percentage point (out of the market), or just sell and go home," said Trunow.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.87 percent from 2.83 percent Wednesday. The yield is the highest it's been in more than two months as traders expect the Fed to reduce its bond purchases.

In commodities trading, the price of oil rose 18 cents, or 0.2 percent, to $97.38 a barrel. Gold fell $15.30, or 1.2 percent, to $1,231.90 an ounce.

Among other stocks making big moves:

— Microsoft fell 94 cents, or 1.4 percent, to $38 after Bloomberg reported a Ford company director as saying that CEO Alan Mulally was staying at the automaker until the end of next year. Mulally is considered one of the leading candidates to take the top job at the software company.

— Morgan Stanley slumped 92 cents, or 3 percent, to $30.21 after analysts at Deutsche Bank cut its rating on the bank's stock to "hold" from "buy," saying volatile trading in bond markets may hurt the bank's earnings.

— Dollar General rose $3.44, or 6.1 percent, to $59.81 after the retailer's earnings topped the estimates of analysts who follow the stock. Dollar General's net income rose as traffic improved and shoppers spent more per transaction.

The Q Line

How much is too much?

A recent Daily Press article discovered that 28 members of the Santa Monica Police Department are earning over $200,000 a year, while just 27 from the Los Angeles Police Department made that much.

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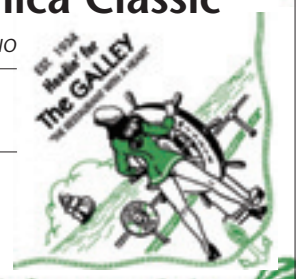


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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **13APP005 (Appeal 13-005 of Planning Commission Approval of 13CUP002)**
1410 Third Street Promenade

APPLICANT: Tucker Management, LLC
APPELLANT: Herb Astrow, President, Yankee Doodle
PROPERTY OWNER: Nathanson Family Limited Partnership

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Appeal of Conditional Use Permit (13CUP002) approval authorizing the conversion of a portion of an existing restaurant (Yankee Doodles). The conversion would result in a reduction of the ground floor restaurant space from 7,500 square feet to 1,225 square feet and 6,225 square feet would be converted to general retail space.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013, AT 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 2nd 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: 13APP005 (1410 Third Street Promenade)
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 Russell Bunim at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at Russell.Bunim@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



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

THURSDAY, NOV. 28, AT 5:24 P.M.,

Santa Monica Police officers responded to the 2500 block of Seventh Street regarding a report of a break-in. A neighbor called police after seeing some movement inside a home next door. The neighbor became suspicious because he knew his neighbor was not at home. He had seen movement in the house for at least a day. Officers made entry into the home and found a suspect inside. In the living room they found items that were moved out of their storage areas and placed on a dining room table. The stove was on and there were signs that the suspect had been living there. A load of laundry was in the washing machine, the bathtub appeared to have been used and the bed slept in. The owners were contacted and confirmed that they did not know the suspect and had given no one permission to be inside while they were away. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary and a parole violation. He was identified as Dontae Jamar Gates, 26, of Lynwood, Calif. No bail was set.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1, AT 7:12 P.M.,

Officers were conducting a periodic check of the area of Olympic Boulevard and the alley east of 12th Street, an area where narcotics are frequently used, when they came upon a parolee. Officers searched his backpack and said they found a syringe. The suspect told officers that he needed the syringe to inject Tylenol. Officers continued to search his backpack and found methamphetamine in one of the compartments, along with a pipe commonly used to smoke the drug. He was placed under arrest for possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia and for a parole violation. The suspect was identified as Demond Jones, 30, a transient. No bail was set.

SUNDAY, DEC. 1, AT 3:20 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2300 block of 28th Street regarding a report of a driver assaulting a traffic officer who was writing up a ticket for illegally parking in a handicap spot. Police said the traffic officer was writing the ticket along the 2600 block of 28th Street when they were "hockey checked" from behind by the owner of the vehicle, who then jumped into his car and drove off at a high rate of speed. The traffic officer had the car's license plate number and police tracked the owner to a home a few blocks away. Officers went to the home and made contact with the driver, who immediately demanded his attorney be present. Officers placed him under arrest after he was positively identified by the traffic officer. The suspect was booked for assault. He was identified as Robin Odysseus Daugherty, 25, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $20,000.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30, AT 6 P.M.,

Officers responded to the corner of Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard regarding a purse snatching. The alleged victim told officers she was walking south out of the alley east of Sixth Street when the suspect asked her for a cigarette. As she looked in her purse, the suspect allegedly grabbed it and walked away. The woman watched as the suspect took items out of the purse and put them in his pocket. When she ran after him to get her purse back the man raised his fist in a striking motion, causing the woman to stop. He then handed the purse back. Officers armed with a description of the suspect located him along the 1300 block of 14th Street. When approached, he spontaneously told officers he did not have the woman's purse. The woman positively identified the suspect and he was placed under arrest for robbery. He was identified as Frank Mantero Allen, 41, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30, AT 2 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2400 block of 33rd Street regarding a burglary that just occurred. While en route, officers noticed a group of people on the 2400 block of 33rd Street who appeared to be holding the suspect for police. Officers detained the suspect and spoke with the alleged victim, who said that he had just come home from seeing a movie with his two sons when he found the suspect inside the home. He noticed that his laptop was missing. He confronted the suspect, who pushed him and ran outside the house. The man gave chase and was able to take the suspect to the ground. The suspect got up and continued running. The man called for help and two men responded, holding the suspect until cops arrived. The suspect was found to have other property on him that belonged to the alleged victim. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary. He was identified as Bohdan Aaron Barragan, 34. His bail was set at $50,000.

FRIDAY, NOV. 29, AT 5:49 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2600 block of Santa Monica Boulevard regarding a fight in progress. When they arrived they spoke with the alleged victim, who said the suspect was acting obnoxious and yelling at them as they sat in their car. The suspect asked the car owner for "a light." He then started punching one of the car's windows and a side mirror, breaking it. The car owner waited there until police arrived and placed the man under arrest for a probation violation, vandalism and disturbing the peace. The suspect was identified as John Eric Phillips, 44, a transient. His bail was set at $10,000.

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SEBASTIAN RIDLEY-THOMAS

ASSEMBLY
FROM PAGE 3

now chairman of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. He touts his experience as a former legislative aide and has endorsements from labor unions and prominent politicians, including Gov. Jerry Brown and former Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa.

Democrats comprise 63 percent of the district's registered voters. Just 11 percent are Republicans while 16 percent have no party preference.

If any candidate wins more than half the vote, there will be no need for a runoff election and the winner will take office before the Legislature reconvenes in January. If no candidate wins a clear majority, the top-two vote-getters will pair off in the special general election.

The district is entirely within Los Angeles County. In addition to Culver City, AD54 includes Century City, Baldwin Hills and the Los Angeles neighborhoods of Crenshaw and Westwood.

Another special election last month restored Democrats' two-thirds majority in the Assembly, if the results hold. Republican Susan Shelley asked for a recount this week after official results showed her losing by 329 votes to Democrat Matt Dababneh in the 45th Assembly District, which includes the western San Fernando Valley and a slice of Ventura County.

Democrats already have a supermajority in the state Senate, giving them the power to raise taxes, pass emergency legislation, override gubernatorial vetoes and put constitutional amendments before voters without Republican support.

HOOPS
FROM PAGE 3

Mathews sunk four 3-pointers in the third quarter, totaling 16 points in the process.

The Vikings entered the fourth with a healthy 63-43 cushion.

Harvard-Westlake and star forward Derick Newton were able to cut the lead to 78-71 with nearly a minute left, but a dunk by Samohi's Victor Costa on a fast break sealed the deal.

"This team has a very high ceiling," Hecht said. "I always tell them to expect nothing and to keep working."

The win advances Samohi to the championship bracket of the annual tournament they are hosting.

Next for Samohi is a Friday rematch with Loyola, a team they defeated in the Southern California regional championship to advance to the state final where they came up short.

The two teams' history runs deep.

Aside from the regional final, Loyola knocked off Samohi in the final of last year's Santa Monica Tournament and downed them again later that season.

"They present a lot of matchup problems," Hecht said of Loyola. "They are solid all around."

Led by center Thomas Welsh and point guard Parker Jackson-Cartwright, Loyola made it to the championship bracket with a 76-52 win over West Ranch on Wednesday.

The winner of Friday's 8 p.m. game will advance to play for the tournament championship on Saturday.

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development, proposed for a 7-acre plot of land off of 26th Street and Olympic Boulevard, for several weeks and have made changes to the design of all but one of the five proposed buildings. They've also asked for increased community benefits.

The most hotly debated topic Wednesday night was the proportions of retail and office space.

Three commission members — Sue Himmelrich, Richard McKinnon and Chair Jennifer Kennedy — voted against the project as it was recommended. All three attempted to add more housing to the agreement. A jobs and housing imbalance, which they say increases traffic and makes the city unaffordable, was their main concern.

Himmelrich proposed a reduced project with a greater focus on housing. Hines previously said this alternative, which would be 20 percent smaller, was economically infeasible, but Himmelrich and several other suggested this was a bluff. Her attempt failed 3 to 4.

"If we build the project as its contemplated now, without doing more about the traffic, then we are going to create a terrible, terrible nightmare in this city and if we don't do something about the jobs and housing imbalance we are going to have a nightmare here," she said.

McKinnon proposed switching one of the five buildings from commercial to residential, reducing the total office space to 235,000 square feet. This also failed 3 to 4.

He said that he has never "really been on board with the project" and fears that all of the surrounding offices will isolate the residents.

Kennedy proposed making the entire project residential, admitting that it was essentially an attempt to get council to consider requesting bids from other developers. It failed 2 to 5.

City officials say there is a shortage of large creative office spaces in Santa Monica, citing the departure of Google and, more recently, international gaming company Riot Games.

The plan includes tens of millions of dollars worth of community benefits to be doled out over the next 50 years.

Commissioners pushed for 69 affordable housing units. Hines has agreed to build 47.

Hines will drop $1.6 million to build streets and sidewalks in the area, including an extension of Nebraska Avenue.

Then they'll pay more than $8 million toward traffic management associations and another $1.4 million for bikeshare programs during the life of the project, which is defined in the agreement as 55 years.

Early childcare and education programs will get $150,000 every year over the next half century.

"I do feel the proposed package of community benefits and this (Traffic Demand Management) plan is very aggressive and, I think, creates an exciting opportunity for Santa Monica to be a model in helping the Los Angeles region to transform its transportation habits," said Commissioner Amy Anderson, who voted in favor of the project.

Questions were raised over the possibility that the site is located near an active fault line. The California Geological Survey has not yet determined the precise location or the activity of the fault, city planners said.

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THE SPOT: International real estate developer Hines will go before the City Council for final approval of a development slated for this site on Olympic Boulevard after a Planning Commission OK.

PROJECT
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Because of this, planners treat a wide swath of land, including the Hines plot, as potentially active and require developers to build accordingly.

When and if Hines does decide to build, they must submit plans that conform with recommendations from a geo-technical report taken of the area.

"If the project doesn't include those recommendations, we don't issue a building permit," said planner Jing Yeo. "It's as simple as that."

Hines Managing Director Douglas Metzler thanked the commission early in the night.

"I think this project has evolved quite a bit, even in these most recent meetings," he said. "It's been painful from a financial perspective in many ways, but I think it's a much better project and one that we're proud of and excited to see move forward."

The project will go before council early next year for final approval.

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EXPO
FROM PAGE 1

Culver City, gets its Expo Light Rail sometime in 2016. The Daily Press reached out to those in Culver City who deal with traffic, business, and crime to see what might be in store for the city by the sea.

TRAFFIC OUTLOOK

Traffic is a wash in Culver City, said City Engineer Charles Herbertson, with high ridership numbers, but traffic increases around the station.

"I think we looked at it from more of a regional perspective rather than a local perspective," he said. "Based on the fact that any given day the parking lot, which has 500 spaces, is filled up it appears that a lot of people are taking the train in lieu of driving. But there's a local impact around the station caused by that."

That traffic has not been a big problem, he said, because it tends to filter in over the course of the day.

Herbertson is hoping that more people will start taking the bus service, which has been increased in the area, to the station.

Construction from transit-oriented development and from Phase 2 of the Expo, which begins right outside of Culver City's station, is also causing temporary increases in congestion.

Before USC home football games this season, the parking lot filled up three hours in advance and every train was standing room only, Herbertson said, an example of a regional benefit.

"There's a lot of traffic around here on game days," he said. "But can you imagine how much worse it would be at the Coliseum if people weren't taking the train?"

Neither Culver City nor Metro has studied the traffic impacts of the Expo Line, but average weekday ridership for the whole line is over 26,000, which eclipses ridership predictions for 2020.

"It's obvious that there's some reduction of traffic on the freeway — although we don't have any measurement of this — because people are taking the train," Herbertson said.

Getting to the freeway, however, is still a challenge.

"It's always been pretty heavy, especially

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TRAIN
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on National Boulevard, heading to the freeway northbound, and that still is the case," he said.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Expo brought business to Culver City before the station even opened. Two multi-million dollar developments are in the works directly next to the station, said Sol Blumenfeld, community development director.

No financial study has been done, he said, but anecdotally he can tell it's helped local merchants.

"I don't think it's hurt business at all," he said. "Our train station is located a few blocks from our downtown. It's certainly stimulated development (around the station) but it also has improved the local economy."

It makes the city more attractive for employers, he said, because their workers can take the train and leave their cars at home. Business owners at the Hayden Tract, a creative office space, told Blumenfeld that they love the station.

"I've heard from some … that many of their employees use the system, so it's a major help for them because it facilitates trips to and from their business," he said.

CRIME

While the Expo line, the station, and parking lot are patrolled by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Culver City police feared that the train might cause an increase in crime for the rest of the city.

"In general we have not had any measurable increase in crime related to … the increased number of people that are now in our city as a result of taking the Expo line, or anything related to the Expo line," said CCPD Lt. Allen Azran.

Illegal parking is on the rise around the station, he said, particularly before those USC games as the parking lot fills up.

But there was no notable increase in the homeless population, Azran said.

"As far as crime [increasing], even though we thought there was a possibility that may be the case, it actually is not," he said.

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: **Draft Zoning Ordinance Update**

On December 18, 2013, the Planning Commission is scheduled to hold the second of six public hearings on the Draft Zoning Ordinance. The following portions will be discussed: Division IV (Administration & Permits) & Division II (Base & Overlay Districts: Residential Neighborhoods). The Commission will receive comments from the public, discuss the two Divisions and give comments to staff. On February 5, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. the Commission will consider and adopt recommendations for City Council consideration.

The City of Santa Monica's Draft Zoning Ordinance Update is now available for review at **www.smgov.net/pcd**.

WHEN: **Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 6:00 PM**

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

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Ordinance Extending the Interim Zoning Ordinance**

APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
LOCATION: Citywide

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Introduce for first reading an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Monica amending Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2439 (CCS) to extend the Interim Zoning Ordinance to May 31, 2014

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2013, AT 6:45 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.

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Re: Interim Zoning Ordinance
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MORE INFORMATION

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

LEGEND

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

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Cabaret (NR) 2hrs 3min
All That Jazz (NR) 2hrs 3min
7:30pm
The Annual Montana Holiday Walk followed by an introduction by Sam Wasson, who will sign copies of his new book "Fosse" in the lobby at 6:30pm.
Discussion between films with assistant choreographer Kathryn Doby and first A.D. Wolfgang Glattes.

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

Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 1:40pm, 7:50pm

Out of the Furnace (R) 1hr 46min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
4:50pm, 10:45pm

Oldboy (R) 2hrs 00min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 7:00pm

Black Nativity (PG) 1hr 32min
11:15am, 4:30pm, 9:45pm

Homefront () 1hr 50min
2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

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

Frozen (PG) 1hr 25min
1:20pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:05am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
10:10am, 11:30am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm, 11:05pm

Frozen 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
11:15am, 5:15pm, 8:15pm

Frozen 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
9:45pm

Delivery Man (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Dallas Buyers Club (R) 1hr 57min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
2:05pm, 10:55pm

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

Wadjda (PG) 1hr 38min
4:20pm

Before Midnight (R) 1hr 48min
9:30pm

Blue Jasmine (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:50pm, 7:00pm

For more information, e-mail **editor@smdp.com**

KNOW WHEN TO CALL IT A NIGHT, VIRGO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Focus on friendship, even with a person you work with or maintain distance from. That positive emphasis will make all the difference as to how this person feels and responds to you. Tonight: Where the gang is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take charge, and be willing to lead others. News from a distance could be unsettling at first. Avoid a power play at all costs, but note what is being presented. You will see an excellent example of how people absorb certain information. Tonight: Friends follow your lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ No one has to inspire you to reach out for more information. You could be coming up with new ideas, one right after the other. Your perspective continually changes on the matter at hand. Tonight: Go where there is great music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deal with someone's issues directly; otherwise, his or her testiness could emerge at the worst time. Stay centered, and know when enough is enough. Try to make the best of unusual advice you receive from an odd person. Tonight: TGIF!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Defer to others, and you could get some offbeat information in return. The unexpected might occur when you go to visit someone at a distance. An associate could be difficult and cause a last-minute problem. Bypass a power play. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer,

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You have a lot to do and a lot of ground to cover. The unexpected occurs when dealing with a partner. You have noticed what is happening behind the scenes and/or with this person. Open up to a changing scenario with a loved one. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your imagination adds extra zing to your plans with a friend or loved one. You could have difficulty concentrating on your work and focusing on what is important to get done. Tonight: Go for it!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You will want to play it low-key. Actually, try to work from home if you can. You might decide to change your normal pace to one that is more spontaneous. A conversation opens up and allows greater give-and-take. Share more of what you are feeling. Tonight: At home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Keep a conversation moving in order to get to the bottom of a problem. Someone could come up with an off-the-wall idea that surprises you. Use caution with your finances and also with what a loved one shares. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news over munchies.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be aware of the cost before you agree to an invitation. You might feel a little out of place asking, but it is important to know. You could feel as if someone is pushing you past a point of no return. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You need to understand what is happening with a loved one. An unexpected revelation could surprise you and force you to regroup. You are getting glimpses into what others are thinking. Take an unwanted comment and let it go. Tonight: All smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You won't finish everything you want to get done today unless you isolate yourself from others. You might hear news that forces you to rethink your budget. Do not take action until you are sure of the facts. A friend might be misrepresenting a situation. Tonight: Do what you want.

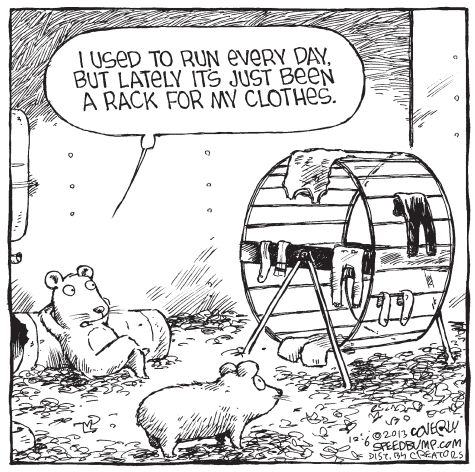
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This year communication flourishes. You will enjoy someone who has a bohemian way of expressing him- or herself. The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. A child or loved one could be spontaneous and full of fun in the next few months. If you are single, dating will be strange. A relationship will be dependent on its ability to provide excitement. If you are attached, you will witness your relationship being revitalized. You seem to enjoy your sweetie more and more. AQUARIUS is a loyal friend.

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

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By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
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 ★★★★

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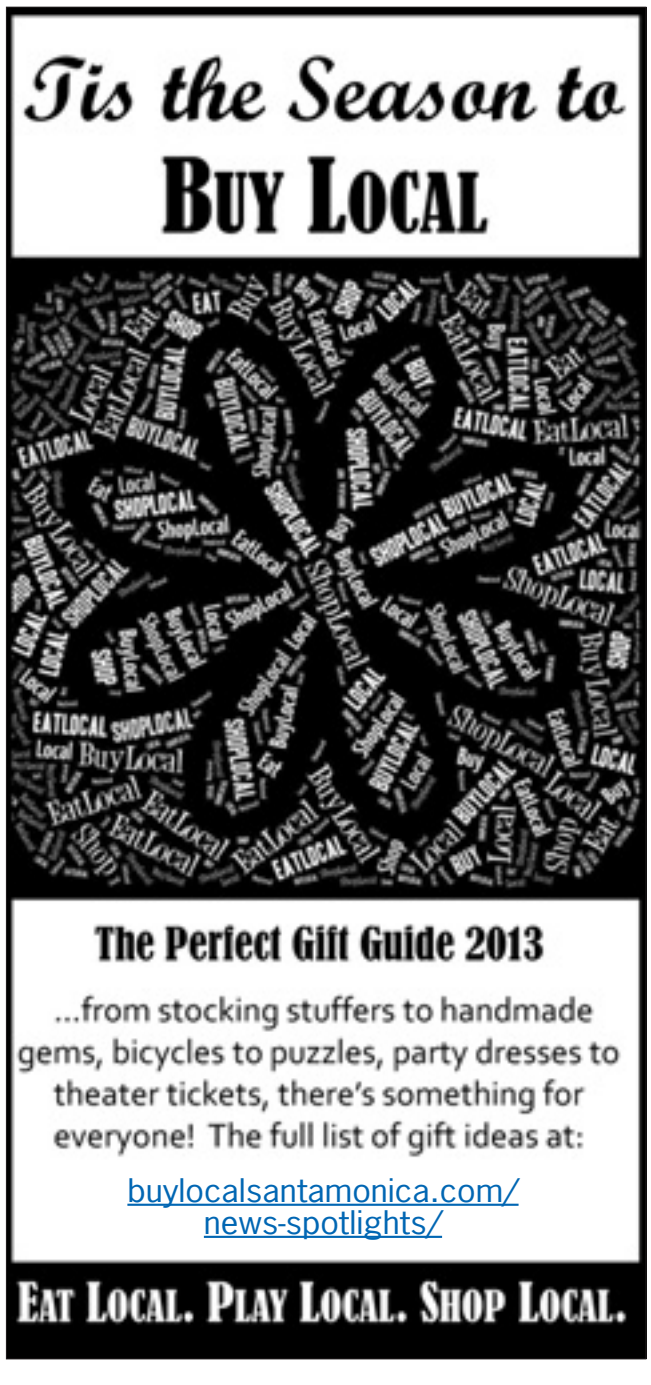
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GETTING STARTED

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

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





MYSTERY PHOTO

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Fast food quaff
5 Belfry bunch
9 Milky stones
11 Provinces
13 Showed again
14 Pitch choice
15 Make a misstep
16 Symbol of solidity
18 Sci-fi weapons
20 "This is tasty!"
21 Jimmy of "Dexter"
22 Band boosters
23 "60 Minutes" network
24 Circle segment
25 Flock member
27 Surgery aid
29 Outback runner
30 Albatross or auk
32 Pecan candies
34 Tell tales
35 Extreme
36 Superman's real name
38 Candidate of 1996
39 Sailor's cry
40 Sharon's "Cagney & Lacey" co-star
41 Crumb carriers

DOWN

1 Kitchen gadget
2 Verdi works
3 "Lonesome Dove" writer
4 Imitating
5 Some football players
6 In — (stuck)
7 "Who Asked You?" writer
8 Stockpile
10 Pig parts
12 Appears
17 Solution: Abbr.
19 Singer Barry
22 Mecca resident
24 "The Last Frontier"
25 Abate
26 Charm
27 Curved letter
28 Mass leader
30 Roofing material
31 Shoulder muscles
33 1982 Disney movie
37 Gardner of "Mogambo"

O	M	A	R	■	■	S	H	I	R	E
F	A	M	E	D	■	H	U	M	A	N
F	L	O	O	R	■	E	N	A	C	T
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D	A	G	G	E	R	■	■	I	D	A
■	■	■	O	U	I	S	■	N	I	P
■	B	I	T	S	■	A	M	E	N	■
N	A	N	■	S	A	F	E	■	■	■
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S	W	A	G	G	E	R	■	R	A	E
H	A	N	O	I	■	I	R	A	T	E
O	R	G	A	N	■	S	E	P	A	L
W	E	E	D	S	■	■	B	E	T	S

Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	■	■	5	6	7	8	■
9				10	■	11				12
13					■	14				
15			■	16	17					
18			19				■	20		
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12-6

DAILY LOTTERY

POWERBALL
Draw Date: 12/4
6 9 11 31 44
Power#: 25
Jackpot: $100M

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/3
7 12 41 44 59
Mega#: 3
Jackpot: $291M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 12/4
7 24 28 43 46
Mega#: 13
Jackpot: $44M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/5
2 11 19 22 31

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/5
MIDDAY: 7 7 7
EVENING: 8 0 0

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 12/5
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:43.27

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Not Ready for Prime Time: Derek Codd, 19, apparently left his cellphone, by accident, at the house in Lake Worth, Fla., that he had burglarized in November, and just as investigating officers were arriving and noticed it, the phone rang. ("Who is this?" an officer asked. The caller answered innocently, "Derek Codd's mother." Derek was arrested a short time later.)

■ Among the medical oddities mentioned in a December (2008) Wall Street Journal roundup was "Jumping Frenchmen of Maine Disorder," in which a person, when startled, would "jump, twitch, flail their limbs, and obey commands given suddenly, even if it means hurting themselves or a loved one." It was first observed in 1878 among lumberjacks in Maine, but has been reported also among factory workers in Malaysia and Siberia. It is believed to result from a genetic mutation that blocks the calming of the central nervous system (but could be merely psychological, from the stress of working in close quarters).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1884 – The Washington Monument in Washington D.C. is completed.

1897 – London becomes the world's first city to host licensed taxicabs.

1904 – Theodore Roosevelt announced his "Corollary" to the Monroe Doctrine stating that the United States would intervene in the Western Hemisphere should Latin American governments prove incapable or unstable.

1907 – A coal mine explosion at Monongah, West Virginia kills 362 workers.

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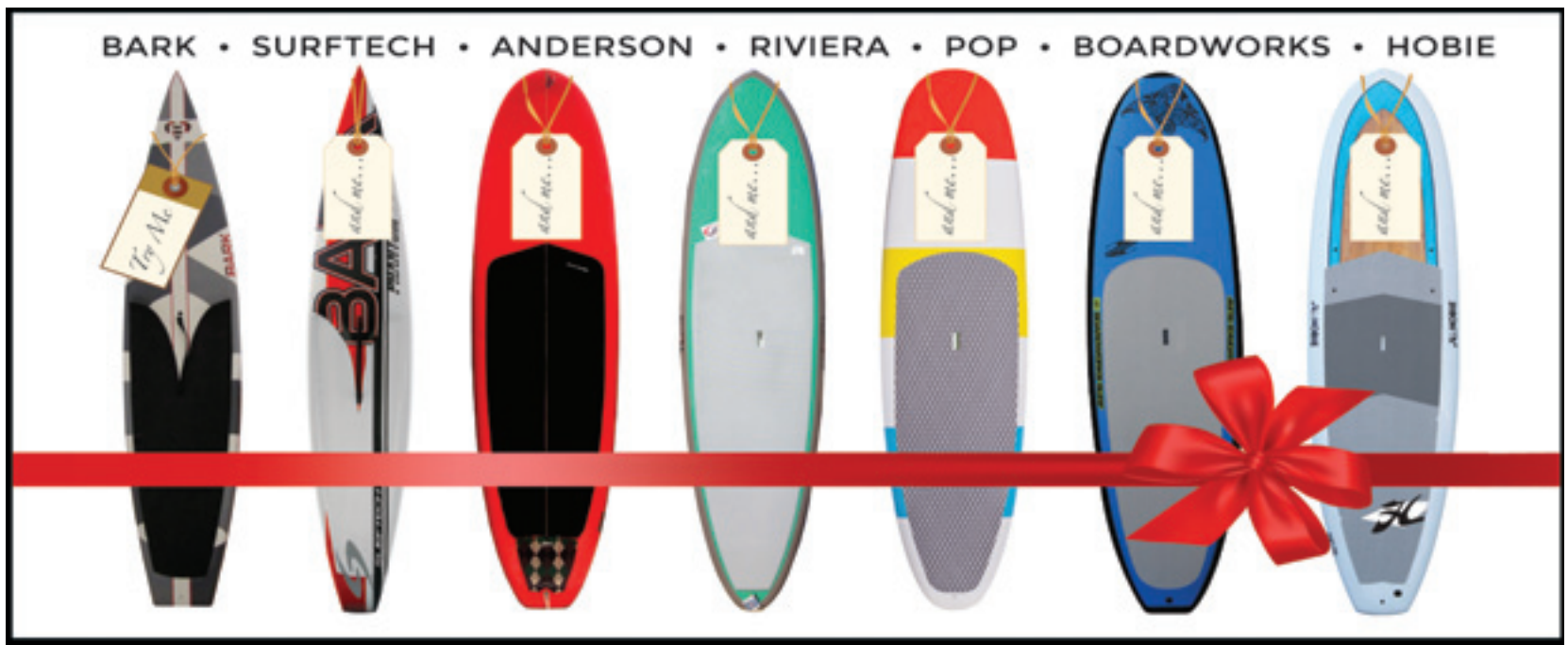
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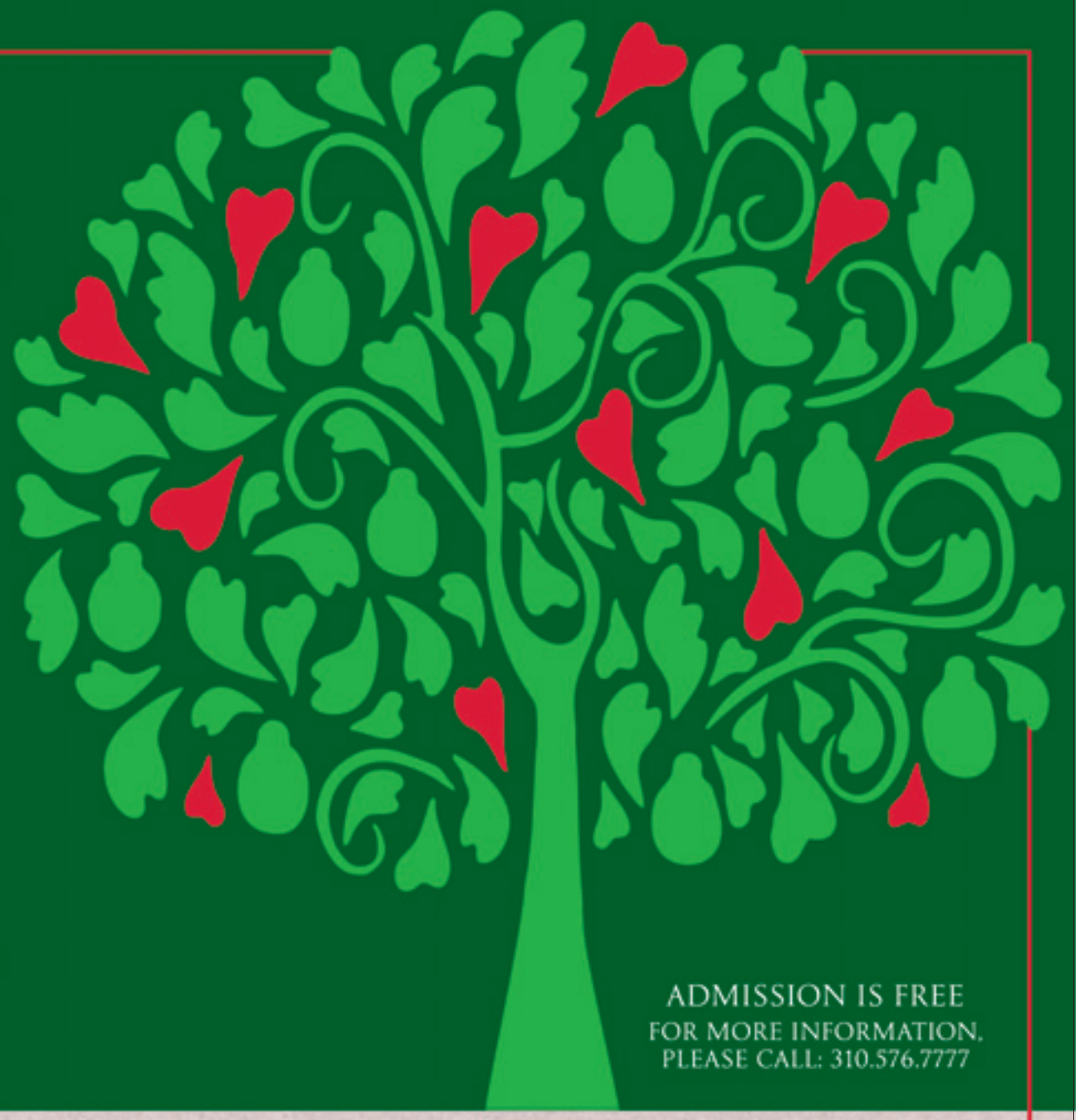
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