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Hotel design, animal shelter and ethics complaints at City Council

BY MATTHEW HALL
Daily Press Editor

Councilman Tony Vazquez will get an early present this year.

Today's council meeting will open with the installation of Mayor Pro Tem Vazquez as Mayor, and Councilmember Ted Winterer as Mayor Pro Tem. The newly reorganized council will then embark on several significant items.

First up will be an appeal related to a proposed hotel on Wilshire Blvd.

In 2012, the council approved a development agreement for a new 271-room hotel and 15,210 square feet of retail/restaurant at 710 Wilshire Blvd. As part of the agreement, the developer will retain and incorporate the landmarked office building on the site into the project with a bridge connecting the existing building to new construction.

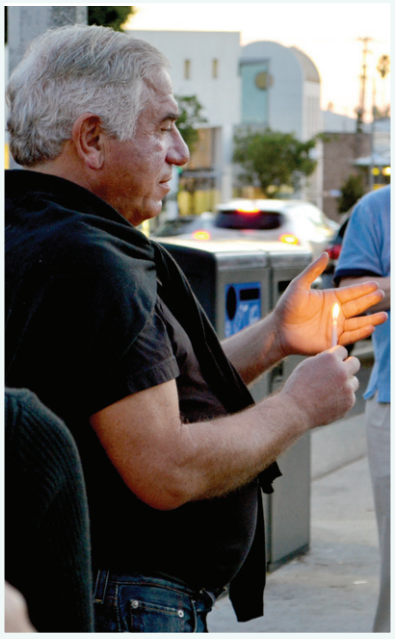
The project required approval from both Landmarks and Architectural Review Board. The city created a Joint Design Review Body (JDRB) composed of four Landmarks Commissioners and three ARB members to review the project.

The group approved the permits related to the use of the landmarked building but rejected the ARB elements that include building, design, colors, materials, landscaping and lighting.

The developer is appealing the JDRB decision to council and staff is siding with the appeal citing the work done to meet the council's concerns.

"The JDRB's denial was primarily based on three key issues including the lack of an architectural concept, concerns about the East elevation, and bridge connection details. Staff believes that the applicant has sufficiently addressed the concerns raised by the JDRB throughout the

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MENORAH LIGHTS

Matthew Hall editor@smdp.com

Santa Monicans joined Chabad-Rabbi Chaim Teleshevsky for a menorah lighting outside Whole Foods on Montana Ave. to celebrate the first night of Chanukah on Dec. 6. Teleshevsky said this year's Chanukah celebrations bring added significance as Jewish communities worldwide celebrate the year of Hakhel, a once-every-seven-years opportunity to celebrate Jewish unity and learning. Throughout the year, Jewish synagogues and organizations are hosting communal gatherings for men, women and children dedicated to encouraging Jewish observance.





Rift escalates over Little League board election

Votes to be recast tonight following protests over protocol

BY JEFFREY I. GOODMAN
Daily Press Staff Writer

Tensions are flaring within the Santa Monica Little League over a board election that is being repeated following months of disputes over protocol and accusations of misconduct.

The results of tonight's vote will replace those of the youth baseball organization's September election, when David Harris defeated Wes Terry for president. The new election was ordered after district and regional Little League executives were informed of complaints about the voting process in the initial election.

The imbroglio comes as officials in the local league worry about declining membership and mull a potential merger of its two divisions, another contentious issue.

The feud has also rekindled conversations among some league members about race relations, a topic that has sparked debate in Santa Monica in recent months following several race-related incidents.

The rift in the local Little League stems from last year's contentious election. Terry, a parent who has served as a coach and board member over the last decade, attended the 2014 election meeting

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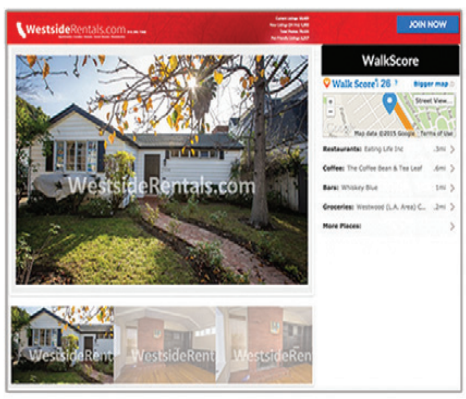
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

December 8

Beach=Culture: Tongue & Groove Readings

Tongue & Groove is a monthly offering of short fiction, personal essays, poetry, spoken word + music founded 12 years ago by producer Conrad Romo. This month T&G joins us at the Beach House with a stellar lineup: Matthew Specktor (American Dream Machine), Chris Wells (the Secret City Series), Amanda Gorman (Los Angeles' Youth Poet Laureate) and music by Malik 'the FreQ' Moore. 6:30 p.m., Annenberg Community Beach House, 415 Pacific Coast Highway. RSVP at http://annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture

City Council Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica City Council. 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1685 Main St., www.smgov.net/departments/council.

Menorah Lighting

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Hour of Code

Let's celebrate Computer Science Education Week by joining millions around the world for an Hour of Code. Learn basic computer science and coding skills using your imagination. Computers will be available, all levels are welcome. Space is limited, all the branch to register. 4 p.m., Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd.

December 9

Montana Mystery Book Group: Shakespeare's Landlord

When a woman who runs a cleaning business discovers the body of her landlord in a garbage bag one night, she becomes a suspect in the case. Now she must clear her name. The beginning of a series set in the small town of Shakespeare, Arkansas. 7 - 8:30 p.m., Montana Avenue Branch, 1704 Montana Ave.

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

Regular meeting of the Santa Monica Commission on the Status of Women. 7 p.m., Ken Edwards Center, 1527 4th St., www.smgov.net/departments/clerk/boards.

"A Window Into My World" Teen Photography Exhibit and Reception @ Main

See beautiful photography by local teens in celebration of the Library's 125th anniversary. Refreshments provided. Exhibit will move to Main Library lobby and be on display from December 10-17. 7 - 9 p.m., Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

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Color Me Calm

Relax, enjoy some soothing music, hot cocoa or tea, and indulge your inner child with coloring for this drop-in program. Attendees will also have a chance to win some art/coloring door prizes. 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.,

Holiday Decorating Party

Help us decorate the library and get volunteer credit. Snacks provided. Grades 6 & up. 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Citywide

LAX operator fined $2.4 for underground storage tank violations

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) has reached a $2.4 million settlement with Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) for allegedly violating leak prevention requirements for hazardous substances in underground storage tanks located at the Los Angeles International Airport, L.A./Ontario International Airport and the Van Nuys Airport.

The State Water Board began an investigation in 2011 under the Government Owned and/or Operated Tanks (GOT) Initiative after alleged violations were identified during inspections conducted at nine underground storage tank facilities owned and operated by LAWA. The alleged violations included failure to monitor tanks and product piping; late testing of monitoring equipment; and failure to install secondary containment. In addition, the State Water Board discovered three unpermitted and unmonitored underground storage tank systems located at the Los Angeles International Airport "burn site," a facility used to simulate airplane crashes and fires by combusting dispersed aviation fuel under a steel mock-up of an airplane fuselage.

"What made this case so concerning is that, during our investigation, State Water Board investigators unexpectedly found three large unpermitted and unmonitored tanks that were used to store the hazardous runoff produced from the fire training exercises," said David Boyers, State Water Board assistant chief counsel. "Both LAWA and the local agency responsible for permitting the tanks, in this case the Los Angeles City Fire Department, should have known the tanks were storing hazardous substances that posed a risk to the environment and should have been permitted. We required that LAWA test the soil beneath the tanks in order to ensure that no releases had occurred. Thankfully, there was no contamination that resulted from the violations."

Under the terms of the settlement, LAWA will pay $1.2 million in civil penalties to the State Water Board, $100,000 for reimbursement of enforcement costs, and $1.1 million will be suspended with $650,000 being suspended based on LAWA completing several environmental improvements that enhance compliance at its facilities. The remaining $450,000 is suspended as long as LAWA maintains compliance with the underground storage tank requirements specified in the judgment for a period of five years.

This lawsuit is the third enforcement action by the State Water Board's Office of Enforcement under the State Water Board's GOT Initiative that began in 2010 with the assistance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The purpose of the GOT Initiative is to alleviate the compliance and enforcement disparity between privately and publicly owned and operated underground storage tank facilities.

SUBMITTED BY ANDREW DILUCCIA, STATE WATER BOARD PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

Main Library

Opening reception for teen photography and creative writing

An opening reception for "A Window into My World," an exhibition featuring teen photography and creative writing, will take place on Wednesday, December 9 from 7-9 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room at the Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Boulevard. Following the reception, the exhibition will move to the Main Library lobby, where it will be on display from December 10-17.

The exhibition is the result of a three-part photography and creative writing workshop for teens held in November. Led by professional photographer and writer Grace Singh Smith, "A Window into My World" taught teens professional photography techniques, then gave them two weeks to take photos inspired by three themes: Where I Like to Read; My Community; and Who I Am. The teens then critiqued one another's photos, and each teen wrote a piece to accompany one of his/her own photos, and one of a classmate's photos.

"A Window into My World" is being held to commemorate the Library's 125th anniversary. The workshops and exhibition are made possible by the Friends of Santa Monica Public Library.

This reception and exhibition are free and open to the public.

The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair-accessible. All Library locations are served by the Big Blue Bus. Check bigbluebus.com for routes and schedules. Ride your bike. Bicycle parking racks are available at the library. Inexpensive underground parking is available; enter via 7th Street between Santa Monica Boulevard and Arizona Avenue.

For more information about these and other Library programs, visit www.smpl.org or call the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

-- SUBMITTED BY IVY WESTON, TEEN SERVICES SUPERVISOR

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December 10

"In Case You Missed It:" The Age of Adaline

A young woman, born at the turn of the 20th century, is rendered ageless after an accident. After many solitary years, she meets a man who complicates the eternal life she has settled into. Starring Blake Lively, Michiel Huisman, and Harrison Ford. (112 min.) 6:30 p.m., Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

Rent Control Board Meeting

Regular Rent Control Board Meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall 1685 Main St.

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GED Prep Class

Get prepared to take the Reasoning Through Language Arts subject test of the GED. Class will be held in the Annex, next to Pico Branch Library. Pico Branch Library, 2201 Pico Blvd., 6 - 8 p.m.

Classic Film & Discussion: Double Indemnity

An insurance representative lets himself be talked into a murder/insurance fraud scheme that arouses an insurance investigator's suspicions. Starring Fred MacMurray, Barbara Stanwyck and Edward G. Robinson. Directed by Billy Wilder.(Film runtime - 108 min.) 2 - 4:30 p.m., Montana Avenue Branch Library, 1704 Montana Ave.

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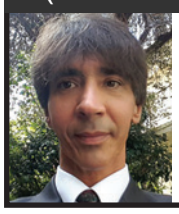


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What's the Point?

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Spike Lee's Chi-Raq a new telling of old story

WHAT GEORGE SANTAYANA WROTE IN The Life of Reason was: "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." Conversely those who remember the past are able to take it, polish it, repackage it, and carry a message to the future.

This is what Spike Lee has done with his latest movie, Chi-Raq, which I watched Sunday night at the Santa Monica Place ArcLight. He took the age-old story of Lysistrata, wherein a strong female lead decides to bring an end to the Peloponnesian war by way of a sex strike, and updated the story into a contemporary statement on the self-destruction that is occurring in Chicago and inner cities across America.

In the original Lysistrata two warring nations are brought to the peace table, not by force, rather by the power of women to make men stop and listen through the withholding of sex. The women on both sides of the war, have had enough of loss, and when they decide to demand that it end, they force their respective men to reach an agreement.

Lee's updated version takes place in Chicago, and claims that there were more American deaths than Iraq and Afghanistan together. I haven't checked the facts, but the point is that in any case, too many Americans are dying on American soil by Americans. The modern Lysistrata has an awakening when yet another death occurs needlessly, and she decides to take action.

This is a moving rendition of the original by Aristophanes. Lee paints with a palette of his usual brilliant characterizations. Samuel L. Jackson plays Dolmedes, the story's guide who keeps us on track. Nick Cannon is the lead and in an excellent performance plays a man who grew up fatherless, only to repeat the sins of his father.

Teyonah Parris is Lee's Lysistrata and she demonstrates an acting skill that keeps you engaged and wanting more. Angela Bassett is the soul of this movie, she is the conscience that lights the way for the leadership of Lysistrata's action that brings about the movie's ultimate resolution.

As I sat in the theater, with the current news cycle still reverberating about the San Bernardino killings and the past summer of death; as the increasing chorus of calls for gun control echoed in my mind, I was struck by how timely this movie is, and how sad it was that there were 11 people in the audience.

Spike Lee has been a lightning rod for controversy essentially from his first movie, She's Gotta Have It, which I thought was brilliant. His career is marked with headlines calling him genius and pariah. He is outspoken and insightful. He doesn't use mealy mouthed, pc talk, to try and appease people to change. His is a direct, seemingly unedited version of his thoughts, which have a sincere and cutting honesty. This latest movie is perhaps his most potent critique of contemporary mores. By adapting a classic story and weaving in the realities of what today's life is like, he has managed to remember the past, and show the present, for a better future.

In the movie a 7-year-old girl is killed. Her mother, played by Jennifer Hudson brings a bucket and a brush to clean up the spilled blood. It is an intensely moving scene that brings home the horror of death. I could not help but think that the tears she was shedding on screen were based on her real life experiences of gun violence and loss. Her mother Darnell, and brother Jason, were shot and killed at their home in Chicago on October 24, 2008. Her nephew Julian Hudson-King, aged seven, was kidnapped and later found on October 27, dead due to multiple gun shot wounds.

In the current calls for gun control, greater registration background checks, and lists of people who are not allowed to own guns, comes a movie that presents an alternative solution. A solution that begins with a call for the violence to stop. We have to start there, but then we have to do something different.

I don't know if the women of the America would ban together to stop the violence like this. I know that the women of Liberia made an impact when Leymah Gbowee organized a sex strike in her country. She won the 2011 Nobel Peace Prize for her efforts. It was by bringing people together, Christian and Muslim, who wanted change that made the difference. We can do it here if we want to.

We can change the world. We can put an end to this killing madness. It will just take new variations of an age-old story.

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Finishing up with gratitude

THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR GIVING me the opportunity to serve you as Santa Monica's Mayor. I'm grateful and honored to have been entrusted with such a significant year.

Major policy decisions came at us, fast and furious. Of all the seventeen years I've been on our City Council, this may have been the one year most full of challenges and opportunities. I'm proud of how well this City Council came together, not only to resolve the pressing issues where circumstances forced us to react, but to chart a progressive course for Santa Monica's future.

Protecting renters has always been one of my top commitments, and at the very first meeting I chaired as Mayor we enacted significant improvements in our tenant harassment ordinance. A year later, as I step down, I leave us poised to pass a minimum wage ordinance that will make Santa Monica a reference city for workers' rights. In this year we hired a new City Manager, and already I think we're seeing that Rick Cole is bringing our community together, with an inclusive vision for making Santa Monica an even greater place while keeping it human-scaled.

The year 2015 challenged us all with a non-stop agenda of major issues. We successfully planned a community response to long-term drought, even as we prepared for the short-term event of an El Nino-fueled wet winter. As with so many other sustainability issues, Santa Monica led the way with a plan in place even before the issuance of California state mandates.

The Council came together with unanimous votes on a new citywide zoning code, and on an ordinance to protect housing and neighborhoods against commercial vacation rentals. Both these actions will protect our cherished neighborhoods from the loss of existing housing and from commercial intrusion.

We set priorities for the years to come, including regaining control of the land we own at the airport, and I traveled to Washington to make our case to the FAA. We have hired an in-house expert to be the community's point person on airport matters, including reduced emissions, increased safety, and our ongoing plans for expanded park, recreational, and cultural facilities.

Santa Monica's focus on increased mobility choices and alternatives to choked automobile traffic found a fun solution with the debut of Breeze bikeshare, because every bike in use is one less car on the road. We adopted Vision Zero, a policy that all street planning be designed to end injuries and fatalities. I was privileged to welcome the first Expo light rail train to Santa Monica this summer, and now we are counting the months till the arrival of full passenger service, giving us new access to the growing regional rail system.

We doubled down on our commitment to diversity and affordable housing, approving the first significant new multi-family housing starts in several years. Our Council began serious work on developing new ongoing affordable housing funding, needed to replace lost state redevelopment money, and will engage the community in decisions on which revenue streams to pursue.

Raising money for such programs requires public trust, and our Council dealt forthrightly with pre-existing issues of ethics and transparency. Besides forming an internal audit committee which is holding public meetings, we hired an independent outside reviewer to advise us on better handling of City Charter and campaign finance matters.

As Mayor, I've been particularly excited about our progress toward a fair and just minimum wage. The final vote is coming in January, but we have already decided that in Santa Monica we will join the regional wage scale of $15 by 2020, and also protect tips, provide sick days, and continue to honor workers' rights to organize and negotiate the best package of pay and benefits. Going forward, I'll apply every bit of my ex-Mayor's momentum to making sure our minimum wage law really delivers for working families.

Again, thank you. I have enjoyed being your Mayor. The 2014 election gave us a Council that has already shown it can do great things together, and I'll strongly support incoming Mayor Tony Vazquez to make sure we continue to fulfill our potential and provide leadership in making Santa Monica an even better place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Homeless should move to avoid weather

Editor:

In response to the letter from the Thompsons regarding what are the homeless to do during the possible coming El-Nino, here's a crazy idea, they can go somewhere else!

Since they're homeless, they probably lack the property, personal, or employment ties that bind most residents of Santa Monica to the Southern California area. They are much more readily able to pick up and move.

I sympathize with the gentleman that the Thompsons befriended, however, ask yourself what circumstances originally brought him to Santa Monica? I'm sure that his Social Security and disability payment would provide for a proper roof over his head in an area with a far lower cost of living than Santa Monica. Why should taxpayers further subsidize his desire to live in an expensive area by providing him with Section 8 housing?

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In search of solutions to our housing affordability crisis

LAST WEEK, SANTA MONICA'S HOUSING Commission published several draft reports on our city's housing affordability crisis, laying out the scope of the problem and potential solutions.

Santa Monica Forward would like to reiterate its strong support for the production and preservation of affordable housing in our city. We would also like to thank the Commission for its efforts in researching, defining, and offering some solutions for Santa Monica's dire housing affordability crisis.

While we appreciate the efforts on the part of the Commission to attempt to lay out a strategy for addressing our current housing crisis, we do believe the draft reports are lacking. Specifically, we should not downplay the vital role the city's Affordable Housing Production Program has played in creating affordable homes in Santa Monica, and, we must look at the broader context and causes of the current crisis.

In the past year, President Obama has sought advice on how the United States, one of most inequitable advanced economies in the world, can once again be a place of opportunity for all.

A recent white paper by Jason Furman, the chair of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, a group selected by President Obama to analyze and interpret economic developments and advise him on issues of national economic importance, illustrated that throughout the country, local no-growth housing policies have been widening the gap between rich and poor by increasingly making it harder for middle- and low-income workers to access homes near quality jobs.

Furman's findings were echoed by New York Times columnist and distinguished economist Paul Krugman recently. And, last year, the California Legislative Analyst's Office, a nonpartisan State office based in Sacramento that provides fiscal and policy advice to state lawmakers, published a report that outlined, in great detail, the negative impact of decades of minimal-growth housing policies on our state's coastal cities.

We continue to ignore the mounting body of evidence that restrictive zoning is exacerbating our housing affordability crisis at our own peril and - perhaps more importantly - the peril of future generations that will inherit a Santa Monica even more inaccessible than it is today, unless we make substantive changes to our housing policies.

Santa Monica's population has only grown from 88,314 in 1980 to 92,472 in 2014. Yet, in those 34 years, rents and home prices have skyrocketed and traffic has only gotten worse. The people who make our city run - waiters, hospitality workers, police officers, firefighters, teachers - are forced to commute great distances by car because of decades of minimal housing growth.

The severity of our housing crisis means we cannot afford to dismiss any strategies that would help address our affordable housing shortage, especially Santa Monica's very successful Affordable Housing Production Program (AHPP), which was adopted by the City Council after voters approved Proposition R in 1990. Proposition R requires that 30 percent of all new housing built in Santa Monica be affordable to low and moderate income households. The AHPP provides this affordable housing at no cost to the City since the developers subsidize it.

Since that time, about 1,000 units of affordable housing have been produced by private housing developers. That's in addition to the preservation and new housing construction accomplished with public funding by nonprofits like Community Corporation of Santa Monica (CCSM), resulting in around 2,000 affordable homes.

Recent changes in Sacramento have meant that we have lost the redevelopment funds that were available to the City to finance nonprofit affordable housing developers like CCSM. This amounts to a loss of about $15 million annually. Until we find new funding sources for publicly-subsidized affordable housing projects, the AHPP remains the single most effective tool we have to bring new affordable housing online in Santa Monica and to address our jobs/housing imbalance and resulting traffic congestion. Nearly two-thirds of the 68,000 people who work in Santa Monica, but don't live here, are low or moderate income.

While we had the opportunity to create much-needed revenue for affordable housing construction and preservation through measures placed on the 2014 ballot by the City Council, that opportunity was defeated due to very low voter turnout. With a larger turnout in 2016 inevitable, we are happy to see that the Housing Commission is recommending a similar kind of affordable housing measure be placed on the ballot.

This year alone, assuming the City Council approves the new project at the former Norm's site tonight, the City will have approved 54 new affordable homes as part of new market-rate housing projects and with no public funding required.

The AHPP alone isn't enough to produce the housing we need at all affordability levels in Santa Monica. But it is a major part of the solution to our housing crisis and, as such, should not be dismissed when we discuss affordable housing policies.

The lack of affordable housing is a big problem and it will likely not be solved in one generation; this is a problem that took decades to create. The severity of the crisis does not mean that we can't do anything about it, however. On the contrary, the severity of the crisis demands we act now, lest our children inherit an even worse problem.

But we must begin all discussions of the current crisis with a frank assessment of its root causes. We no longer have the luxury of pretending that we can maintain a no- or minimal-growth position and simultaneously support an affordable Santa Monica. The ideas are incompatible and irreconcilable, as is demonstrated by a mounting body of evidence.

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COUNCIL

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review process in addition to the eight design conditions imposed by the Council in the approval of the development agreement," said the report.

According to the staff report, Council's decision is final.

"If the appeal is upheld, the applicant would move forward to the plan check process in order to obtain a building permit for the project. The Council may also deny the appeal with or without prejudice," said the report. "If the appeal is denied with prejudice, the applicant would be required to file a new ARB application for a project design that is not substantially the same as the prior project and seek JDRB approval of the revised ARB application."

Following the appeal hearing, Council will consider the formation of a new non-profit to partner with the Santa Monica animal shelter.

According to the staff report, Council approved staff's proposal to incorporate a non-profit entity to partner with the Santa Monica Animal Shelter in 2014 and directed staff to establish articles of incorporation and bylaws. Staff estimates the cost would be $850 but the payoff could be far greater.

"The Animal Shelter non-profit's primary role would be fundraising for the Animal Shelter," said the report. "Funds and services resulting from the corporation's fundraising efforts could be utilized for Shelter programs, equipment, and comfort items for housed animals as well as sustainability for the Police Department's Mounted Unit and K-9 programs."

Currently, the Police Department operates the shelter which houses lost/stray animals, animals that have suffered abuse, confiscated animals, animal evidence and sometimes city animals such as police dogs or police horses. The shelter also cares for animals displaced during disasters.

"The quality and quantity of services provided at the Shelter are currently limited to the funds provided by the City's budget and some limited donated funds and services," said the report.

The proposal calls for a five-member board, initially nominated by the Animal Shelter Public Services Administrator and a multi-disciplinary team comprised of the City's leadership staff.

At the end of the night, council will hear a request from current Mayor Kevin McKeown that staff prepare an ordinance clarifying and implementing the Oaks Initiative prohibition against public officials accepting employment from City contractors.

The request follows the recent settlement between former City Manager Rod Gould and the Transparency Project. Gould contends the city has not adequately incorporated elements of its ethics rules into its processes.

City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 1685 Main St.

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ELECTION

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and was joined by supporters who intended to vote for him. A squabble ensued when the membership status of many of Terry's supporters was called into question and Harris was ultimately elected. Terry said he maintained the 2014 election was unfair but said he attempted to alleviate the unrest by accepting the vice president position.

Harris was not responsible for organizing the 2014 election but said there was confusion over voter eligibility at that time and the large turn-out caused additional problems.

"Admittedly, we did not do a great job of letting people know who would be a voting member and who would not be one," Harris said.

Fast forward to this year's board election, when the local league was slated to vote for its 2015-16 president. The morning of the Sept. 15 election, an email notified the league community that members did not have to stay for the entire meeting to vote.

Terry's camp contends that Harris supporters knew about the so-called "drop-in" option before the day of the election and notified their likely voters about the system before sending out the league wide email. Harris won reelection this year but Terry's accusation is that Harris gave his supporters advanced notice and was therefore able to bring out more of his voters.

Harris denied any wrongdoing and said he did not give his supporters any inside information in advance of the email. He said that after the 2014 controversy, he sought guidance from Little League officials on membership issues before this year's election.

"The reason why the notice went out late was that we never assumed that 106 people were going to show up," Harris said. "In a perfect world, should we have sent that out earlier? You could make that argument. But the reality is it wasn't anything that we felt would impact people's vote. It was a matter of, 'How do we make it as convenient as possible for people to make their voices heard?'"

Complaints about the election came to the attention of officials beyond the local league, including district administrator Marty Hoy and regional director Dave Bonham.

In a Sept. 24 email to Harris, Bonham said he had heard concerns about "questionable" balloting practices and asked Harris to use Little League International's election guidelines, which differ from those in the local league's constitution.

"Without sounding as if I am being judgmental or arbitrary, it would appear that the process is exclusionary by design," Bonham wrote. "When parents in a local league feel that they are not being heard or shut out of the opportunity to serve they will leave. When enough leave there is no league."

In a Nov. 6 email to Bonham, Harris outlined the local league's quorum and membership requirements and mentioned that the situation had become "destructive" to the league.

A week later, Bonham ordered the local league to conduct another election.

"A lot of people came to me and said, 'If we redo this election, this is giving in,'" Harris said. "They felt the election was being held hostage. By giving this vocal minority another opportunity at an election they lost would compromise the integrity of the community."

Terry, who is black, said the botched election underscores larger problems of racial inequity and prejudice in the organization.

"I was ready to leave, but I could not look my son in the eye and tell him I'm running away from something like this, so I stuck it out," Terry said. "I don't want this to be about race. But it got to the point where they were literally changing the rules. And now we're here with a new election."

Harris said he was personally offended by the insinuation that race played a role in the election process. While some parents said the league does need to discuss racial equity, others said race had nothing to do with the election and that inserting race into a debate over parliamentary procedure is inappropriate.

Tonight's election will be held at 7 p.m. at VCA Antech, 12401 W. Olympic Blvd. Harris said it will follow the umbrella organization's procedures and that district and region officials have been invited to monitor the proceedings.

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Mom of newborn found buried alive in California is arrested

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A woman who allegedly buried her newborn daughter alive near a Compton bike path has been charged with attempted murder and child abuse.

The woman was identified Monday as Porche Washington, 33. No hometown was given. She was arrested Thursday in Compton and remained jailed Monday. She has no attorney of record. Bail is set at $500,000.

Washington didn't want people to know she was pregnant, Los Angeles County sheriff's Sgt. Richard Ruiz said.

"Basically she was stressed. She did not want to deliver the baby at first," Ruiz said. "She was afraid." She had hidden the pregnancy from family and friends.

She gave birth at a hospital on Nov. 23 and was released with the child on Nov. 26.

The next day, passers-by heard a baby's cries, and sheriff's deputies were called to a bike path near a river bed in Compton. The baby, who was wrapped in a hospital blanket, was found under pieces of asphalt in a crevice. She is hospitalized in good condition.

Social service workers have said they will try to find her an adopted home.

Washington was being held at the Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood.

If convicted as charged, Washington faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

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Steve Sarkisian sues USC for contract breach after firing

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AP Sports Writer

Steve Sarkisian sued the University of Southern California on Monday, alleging the school breached the football coach's contract and discriminated against him on the basis of a disability when it fired him this fall.

Sarkisian's attorneys also alleged wrongful termination and invasion of privacy in the complaint filed in Los Angeles County Court. Sarkisian contends he is owed at least $12.6 million left on his USC contract, along with other damages for "extreme mental anguish."

"Instead of honoring the contract it made with Steve Sarkisian, USC kicked him to the curb," the lawsuit reads.

USC spokesman Carl Marziali said the school won't comment on pending litigation.

In the 31-page lawsuit, Sarkisian gives his first detailed public descriptions of the events surrounding his firing Oct. 12, five games into his second season in one of the highest-profile jobs in college football.

The coach says he was fired by email, one day after athletic director Pat Haden put Sarkisian on a leave of absence when Haden said Sarkisian showed up to the school in no condition to work.

Sarkisian claims he should have been allowed to seek treatment for his alcoholism disability while keeping his job. The lawsuit describes Sarkisian's descent into alcohol dependency in steady detail, citing the extraordinary stress of the USC job combined with his wife's decision to file for divorce earlier this year.

Sarkisian also says he has completed inpatient treatment and a detoxification program during more than 30 days in rehabilitation. He has stopped taking medications prescribed by a USC doctor, and is sleeping well "for the first time in over 20 years."

"Steve Sarkisian was ready to return to work, both physically and emotionally and in time to coach USC's two remaining games of the regular season and any games beyond that," the lawsuit reads. "Unfortunately, there was no job waiting for him. Steve Sarkisian took responsibility for getting help for his disability. USC refuses to honor its responsibilities."

Sarkisian was an assistant coach at USC under coach Pete Carroll during the 2000s, and he returned to the school as head coach in December 2013 after five years at Washington.

Sarkisian's behavior was first scrutinized last August when he slurred his words and used profanity in a speech at a preseason pep rally. He claims he was affected by two light beers and two prescription medications for anxiety.

The lawsuit says Sarkisian had no more issues with alcohol until a 17-12 upset loss on Oct. 8 to Washington. Sarkisian's "depression and anxiety worsened and his consumption of alcohol when he was not working increased," the lawsuit states.

"That weekend, however, Steve Sarkisian began to finally come to grips with the fact that he had a problem with alcohol, needed serious help, and needed it now," the lawsuit states, citing Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia's decision to seek alcohol treatment a few days earlier as a factor in Sarkisian's decision.

Sarkisian arrived at school Oct. 11 still feeling the effects of drinking heavily and sleeping poorly. The coach claims he wasn't drunk in a morning team meeting, but a combination of drinking, sleep deprivation and prescription medication made him "not appear to be normal."

Sarkisian alleges Haden was unsupportive after the coach left the school that day before practice, claiming the athletic director "derisively yelled" at him over the phone before putting Sarkisian on leave and appointing Clay Helton as the Trojans' interim coach.

"Unbelievable! Can't you even go back to the office to finish the day?" Haden said, according to the lawsuit.

"No, I need to get help," Sarkisian replied, according to the lawsuit. "I'm not right."

Sarkisian says he didn't learn he had been fired the next day until he stepped off a flight to an inpatient treatment facility, getting an email with an attached letter of termination. The coach claims Haden never asked Sarkisian if he had been drinking before the team meeting.

"That is because Haden did not care what had happened or what the facts were," the lawsuit states. "Haden jumped at what he would later claim was 'cause' to fire Mr. Sarkisian and not pay him his rightful salary."

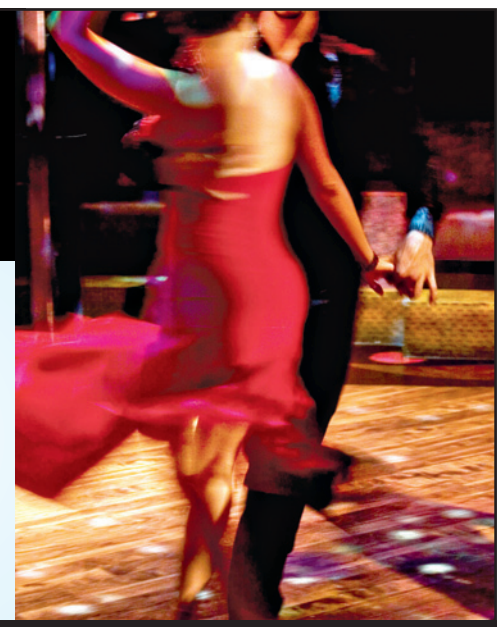
Helton, a Trojans assistant since 2010, was named USC's permanent coach last week. After winning the Pac-12 South while going 5-3 under Helton, the Trojans will face Wisconsin in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 30.

USC has been hit with several lawsuits in recent years surrounding its football program, which only emerged in 2014 from several years on NCAA probation amid heavy sanctions for alleged misdeeds committed during Carroll's wildly successful tenure.

Former players Brian Baucham, Morgan Breslin, Bryce Dixon, Armond Armstead and Stafon Johnson have all sued USC in recent years, alleging various mistreatments by the football program and the athletic department.

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FBI:

Killers had been radicalized 'for quite some time'

AMANDA LEE MYERS & JUSTIN PRITCHARD
Associated Press

The San Bernardino killers had been radicalized "for quite some time" and had taken target practice at area gun ranges, in one instance just days before the attack that left 14 people dead, the FBI said Monday.

In a chilling twist, authorities also disclosed that a year before the rampage, Syed Farook's co-workers at the county health department underwent "active shooter" training in the very conference room where he and his wife opened fire on them last Wednesday.

It was not immediately clear whether Farook attended the late-2014 instructional session on how to react to a workplace gunman, San Bernardino County spokeswoman Felisa Cardona said.

On Monday, two employees who had been in the room during the attack on a holiday luncheon said colleagues tried to do just as they had been trained - drop under the tables and stay quiet so as not to attract attention.

"Unfortunately, the room just didn't provide a whole lot of protection," said Corwin Porter, assistant county health director.

Farook, a 28-year-old restaurant inspector who was born in the U.S. to a Pakistani family, and Tashfeen Malik, a 29-year-old immigrant from Pakistan, went on the rampage at about the same time Malik pledged allegiance to the Islamic State group on Facebook, authorities said. The Muslim couple was killed hours later in a gunbattle with police.

"We have learned and believe that both subjects were radicalized and have been for quite some time," said David Bowdich, chief of the FBI's Los Angeles office.

He added: "The question we're trying to get at is how did that happen and by whom and where did that happen? And I will tell you right now we don't know those answers."

He also said the couple had taken target practice at ranges in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, with one session held within days of the rampage.

In addition, authorities discovered 19 pipes in the couple's home in Redlands, California, that could be turned into bombs, Bowdich said. The FBI previously said it had found 12 pipe bombs.

Newly released emergency radio transmissions from the fast-moving tragedy show that police identified Farook as a suspect almost immediately, even though witnesses reported that the attackers wore black ski masks.

An unidentified police officer put out Farook's name because Farook had left the luncheon "out of the blue" 20 minutes before the shooting, "seemed nervous," and matched the description of one of the attackers, according to audio recordings posted by The Press-Enterprise newspaper of Riverside.

In addition to the 14 killed, 21 people were hurt. At least six remained hospitalized, two in critical condition.

President Barack Obama said in a primetime address Sunday night that the attack was an "act of terrorism designed to kill innocent people."

The killers had "gone down the dark path of radicalization," he said, but there was no evidence they were part of a larger conspiracy or were directed by an overseas terror organization.

The two assault rifles used in the attack had been legally purchased by an old friend of Farook's, Enrique Marquez, authorities said, but they are still trying to determine how the couple got the weapons.

Marquez has not been charged with a crime.

The FBI would not release details on where the husband-and-wife killers practiced their shooting.

But John Galletta, an instructor at Riverside Magnum Range, said in a statement that Farook had been there on Nov. 29 and 30, two days before the attack, and "nothing was out of the ordinary regarding his behavior."

Galletta told reporters that he never spoke to Farook and that no one had seen Farook's wife around there.

Asked whether in hindsight he or others in the shop should have been suspicious of Farook, Galletta said: "How are you able to determine what somebody's intents are?"

Meanwhile, most of the county's 20,000 employees went back to work for the first time since the rampage five days earlier plunged the community into shock and mourning.

"To honor them, to express our gratitude for their unimaginable sacrifice, we have to fight to maintain that ordinary," County Supervisor Janice Rutherford said of the victims. "We can't be afraid of our lives, of our community, of our neighbors, of our coworkers."

Authorities tightened security at county buildings and offered counseling and a hotline for employees in distress.

Employees in the environmental health division, where Farook and many of his victims worked, will be off until next week. It was the environmental health division that held the active-shooter training last year.

"We held each other and we protected each other through this horrific event," said county Health Director Trudy Raymundo, who was in the room during the attack, "and we will continue to hold each other and protect each other."

Porter, her colleague, said neither shooter spoke before firing.

"We weren't quite sure if it was an exercise the staff were throwing that they forgot to tell us about," he said, "but we all reacted instinctively and went under our tables."

At the same news conference where the return to work was announced were some of the doctors who rushed to treat the victims.

"What really bothers me most," said Dr. Dev GnanaDev, chief of surgery at Arrowhead Regional Medical Center, "is that none of the 14 who perished had a chance."

Pritchard reported from Los Angeles. Contributing to this report were John Antczak, Sue Manning and Christine Armario in Los Angeles; and Brian Skoloff in Riverside, California.

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TUESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high
WNW swell-mix eases, largest early. Minor SSW swell. Offshore AM winds but high tide is an issue.

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
Fading WNW swell. Minor SSW swell. Big AM high tide is an issue.

THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high
New WNW swell trends up. Winds/conditions may deteriorate in the PM. Big AM high tide is an issue.

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 **January 12, 2015**

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 -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 20
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 19

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

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

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.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

Heal the Bay

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DAILY POLICE LOG

The Santa Monica Police Department responded to 299 calls for service on Dec. 6.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Prowler, 200 block 16th, 12 a.m.
Petty theft, 700 block Broadway, 12:48 a.m.
Fight, 1300 block 5th, 12:57 a.m.
Disturbance, 1200 block 20th, 1:41 p.m.
Fight, 2400 block Main, 1:50 a.m.
Disturbance, 600 block Wilshire, 1:58 a.m.
Battery, 1400 block 2nd, 2:01 a.m.
Assault with deadly weapon, 2900 block Main, 2:18 a.m.
Disturbance, 1900 block Wilshire, 2:38 a.m.
Public intoxication, 1700 block Euclid, 2:53 a.m.
Assault with deadly weapon, Ocean/Arizona, 4:02 a.m.
Vandalism, 800 block Santa Monica, 4:18 a.m.
Petty theft, 1300 block 3rd, 5:35 a.m.
Disturbance, 1300 block 3rd, 8:40 a.m.
Burglary, 300 block Bay, 10:13 a.m.
Petty theft, 2000 block 4th, 10:39 a.m.
Hit and run, 700 block Montana, 11:12 a.m.
Public intoxication, 500 block Colorado, 11:20 a.m.
Strongarm robbery, 17th/Broadway, 11:33 a.m.
Rape, 1700 block 10th, 12:05 p.m.
Auto burglary, 1600 block Ocean Front Walk, 12:37 p.m.
Car crash, 17th/California, 12:38 p.m.
Public intoxication, 800 block Bay, 1:05 p.m.
Disturbance, Main/Ocean Park, 1:15 p.m.
Disturbance, 1500 block Ocean, 1:20 p.m.
Grand theft, 200 block 26th, 1:33 p.m.
Drinking in public, 2700 block Main, 3:06 p.m.
Vandalism, Ocean/Idaho, 3:30 p.m.
Domestic violence, 18th/Wilshire, 3:46 p.m.
Hit and run, 4th/Olympic, 3:59 p.m.
Drinking in public, 900 block Pico, 5:14 p.m.
Grand theft auto, 300 block Olympic, 5:18 p.m.
Auto burglary, 600 block 25th, 6:17 p.m.
Petty theft, 1300 block Wilshire, 6:54 p.m.
Shots fired, 800 block 2nd, 7:47 p.m.
Disturbance, 800 block Maple, 8:20 p.m.
Assault, 2500 block Santa Monica, 9:09 p.m.
Vandalism, 1900 block 17th, 10:56 p.m.
Trespassing, 1400 block 7th, 11:40 p.m.
Disturbance, 500 block Colorado, 11:48 p.m.

DAILY FIRE LOG

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to 35 calls for service on Dec. 6.

HERE IS A SAMPLING OF THOSE CALLS CHOSEN BY THE SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS STAFF.

Emergency Medical Service (EMS), 800 block Broadway, 1:07 a.m.
EMS, 2900 block Main, 2:18 a.m.
EMS, 1800 block 19th, 6:08 a.m.
EMS, 1400 block 4th, 6:16 a.m.
EMS, 300 block Colorado, 7:57 a.m.
Smoke investigation, 22nd/Georgina, 8:28 a.m.
EMS, 800 block 2nd, 8:40 a.m.
EMS, 1900 block Ocean Front Walk, 9:26 a.m.
EMS, 1300 block Ozone, 9:28 a.m.
EMS, 2100 block Ocean, 9:44 a.m.
EMS, 800 block 16th, 11:16 a.m.
EMS, 1700 block California, 12:39 p.m.
EMS, 2800 block Kansas, 12:46 p.m.
EMS, 2100 block Ocean, 12:53 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block Ocean Park, 12:56 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block 20th, 1:25 p.m.
EMS, 2500 block Santa Monica, 1:59 p.m.
EMS, 100 block Washington, 2:07 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 2200 block Ocean, 2:13 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1200 block 16th, 2:15 p.m.
EMS, 400 block 21st, 3:54 p.m.
EMS, 900 block 3rd, 4:05 p.m.
Automatic alarm, 1100 block Broadway, 4:38 p.m.
EMS, 300 block Delaware, 5:28 p.m.
EMS, 1800 block Wilshire, 5:59 p.m.
EMS, 1600 block Bryn Mawr, 6:31 p.m.
EMS, 200 block California, 7:52 p.m.
Broken water main, 17th/Michigan, 9:11 p.m.
EMS, 100 block Colorado, 11:12 p.m.
EMS, 200 block Colorado, 11:17 p.m.
EMS, 1300 block 15th, 11:28 p.m.
Flooding, 2000 block Delaware, 11:56 p.m.
EMS, 2300 block Ocean, 11:57 p.m.



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Suit pieces
6 Window coating
11 Game show host
12 Fashion's Lauren
13 Overindulge with booze
15 Lawyer: Abbr.
16 Cow call
17 Noted Chinese leader
18 Studio time
20 Notre Dame's Parseghian
21 Parrot or puppy
22 Slimming plan
23 Happen again
26 Pal
27 Spirit
28 Quick punch
29 For each
30 Soothe
34 Play division
35 Stayed out of sight
36 Indulgent
37 Come to a quick halt
40 Scout unit
41 When pigs fly
42 Smooths, in a way
43 Watchful

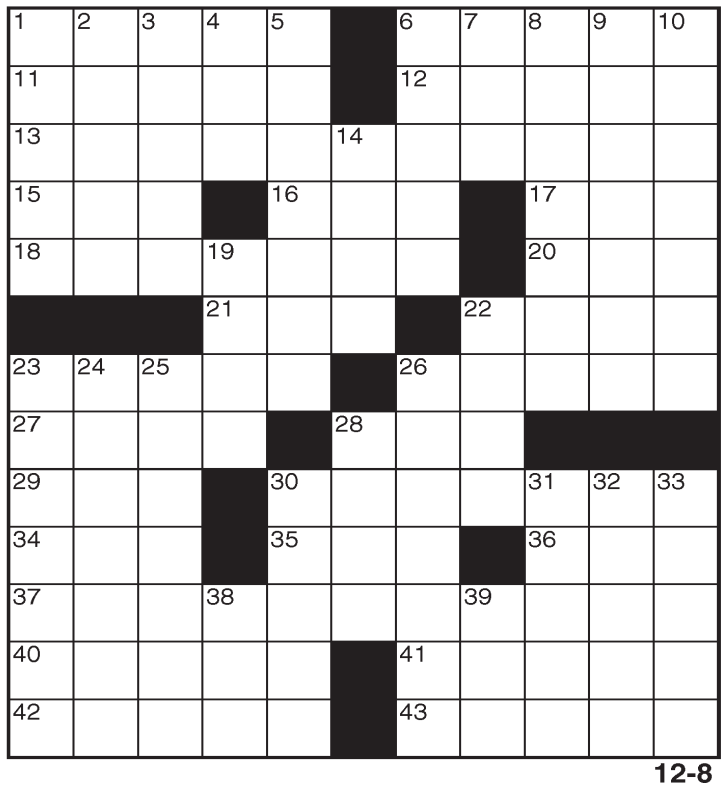
DOWN

1 Gambling mecca
2 Ham it up
3 Edinburgh natives
4 Decimal system base
5 More sordid
6 Refrigerant gas
7 Sprinted
8 Children's card game
9 Grabbed with a toothpick
10 Husky
14 Italy's shape
19 Whirled
22 Works on a soundtrack
23 Meals
24 Sister of Orestes
25 Anime offering
26 Colorful kerchief
28 Sign up
30 Pork servings
31 Martini garnish
32 Debussy work
33 Wield, as power
38 Okra unit
39 Singer Shannon

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Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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

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

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

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Power#: 13
Jackpot: 145M

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Draw Date: 12/4
26 42 47 61 73
Mega#: 6
Jackpot: 57M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 12/5
9 30 37 44 46
Mega#: 8
Jackpot: 22M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/6
2 9 10 22 23

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/7
MIDDAY: 8 5 9
Draw Date: 12/6
EVENING: 8 3 3

DAILY DERBY
Draw Date: 12/6
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 01 Gold Rush
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
RACE TIME: 1:41.17

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WORD UP!

bombinate
1. To buzz; to hum; to drone.
2. to make a humming or buzzing noise.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1987 - The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty is signed.

1987 - Frank Vitkovic shoots and kills eight people at the Australia Post building in Melbourne, before jumping to his death.

1987 - The Alianza Lima air disaster occurs.

1987 - An Israeli army tank transporter kills four Palestinian refugees and injures seven others during a traffic accident at the Erez Crossing on the Israel–Gaza Strip border, sparking the First Intifada.

1988 - A United States Air Force A-10 Thunderbolt II crashes into an apartment complex in Remscheid, Germany, killing 5 people and injuring 50 others.

1991 - The leaders of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine sign an agreement dissolving the Soviet Union and establishing the Commonwealth of Independent States.

1991 - The Romanian Constitution is adopted in a referendum.

1998 - Eighty-one people are killed by armed groups in Algeria.

2004 - The Cusco Declaration is signed in Cusco, Peru, establishing the South American Community of Nations.

NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The manager of the agency in Louisville, Kentucky, responsible for, among other things, development planning, zoning changes and historic landmarks revealed in November that his headquarters has a "boogers" problem and ordered users of the third-floor men's room to stop hocking them onto the walls adjacent to the urinals. According to an internal memo cited by InsiderLouisville.com, Metro Planning and Design Services manager Joe Reverman called the mucus buildup "a very serious situation" and had his executive administrator post signs instructing restroom users on the basics of proper disposal of "anything that comes out of or off a person's body."

■ The exasperated drug enforcement chief of Indonesia told reporters in November (following confiscation of a massive quantity of methamphetamine from China) that the ordinary death penalty was insufficient for drug runners, who should instead be forced to overdose on their own shipments. Budi Waseso also mused that crocodiles would make better prison guards than humans because crocs can't be bribed and later added tigers and pirhanas to the proposed guard roster. Even so, Waseso's boss reiterated that the government is committed to rehabilitation over punishment.

Go for what you want, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your unpredictability works in your favor. News from a distance could perturb you much more than you had anticipated. In any case, you'll manage to create a lot of excitement. Be prepared to deal with a friend. Tonight: Walk the dog or go to the gym. You need exercise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Allow others to express more of their personality. You might be weighing a different approach or attitude. You could be amazed by what a loved one does as a gesture. This person will be very imaginative, and you will be delighted. Tonight: Go along with the program.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Pace yourself, as your mind seems to drift to an unpredictable situation. You might not believe the effect that this matter has on you. On some level, you could be quite amused. A matter involving your family will make you smile. Tonight: Know when to switch gears.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity helps stop any pending problems. Someone close to you delights in having your attention. You can't hide your caring from this person. Let your feelings flow, and you will be a lot happier; there is no point in holding back. Tonight: Be a little naughty.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ A friend has a lot to share. Rather than make a judgment, observe what is occurring behind the scenes. You might want to build a relationship, but you won't be able to if the other party refuses to share. You can't force this person to do what you want. Tonight: Happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind, and listen to the possibilities that others offer. You might feel as if you have few options until a partner or close loved one suggests one that is irresistible. Know that there are solutions, but you can say "no" if you need to. Tonight: Run holiday errands.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep a firm hand on your budget. You might not have the control you desire right now. Understand your limits and remain centered. You have a strong sense of direction, which a key person often fosters. Use it now and clear up a problem. Tonight: In the holiday spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You're on top of the world, looking at new possibilities. When you awoke this morning, you might have thought you were in a different realm. Take this energy and infuse it into your day. Choose and use your creative thoughts well. Tonight: As you like it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You'll sense that there is more going on than what meets the eye. You could try to find out what is happening, or you might choose to ignore your intuition and see what results. Maintain a quiet demeanor until you make an informed decision. Tonight: Know when to vanish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Zero in on a high priority. You can move in a new direction if you stay open and responsive. Others will understand your decision. Allow more creativity to come forward. A friend could play a significant role in your plans. Tonight: Go for what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a way about you that draws many people toward you. Your sense of direction delights a boss, but perhaps not a rival or fellow associate. Don't worry about a conversation with a very moody person; it has nothing to do with you. Tonight: Out late.

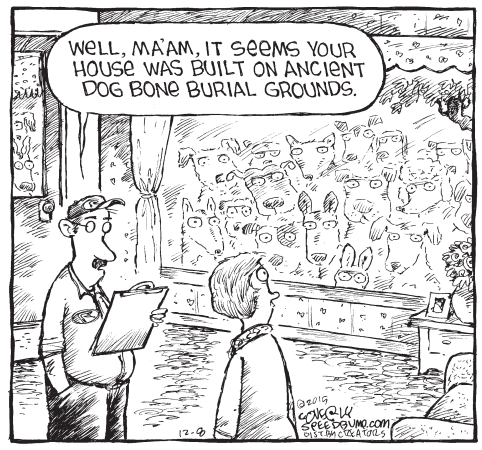
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Detach, and you will see a matter with greater fullness. You could be unpredictable with your spending. Slow down, and you will make appropriate and sound decisions. You have much more to offer than you realize. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of holiday music.

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

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

This year you prove to be more inventive when approaching your day-to-day life. You are capable of finding unique solutions. You might do some reorganization of your finances as well. You could be uncomfortable revealing more of yourself than you would like at times. If you are single, you might meet someone who isn't as available as he or she leads on. Be careful with your feelings. Get to know this person better. If you are attached, your relationship demands some personal one-on-one time. As a couple, delight in more weekend escapes. SCORPIO understands you.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



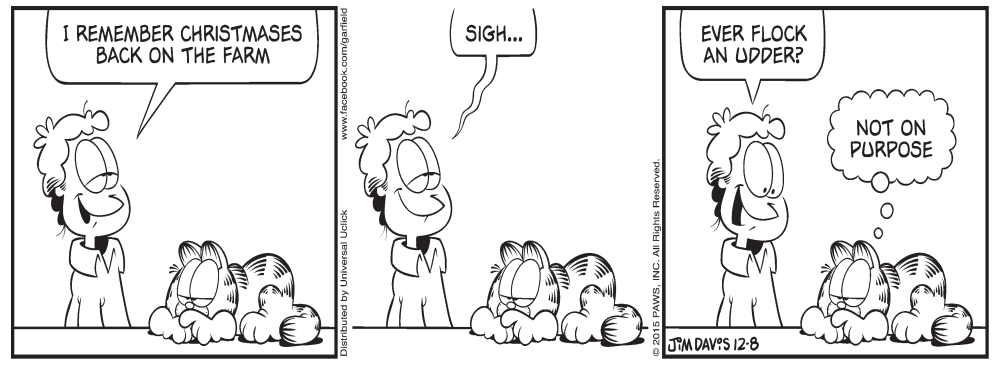
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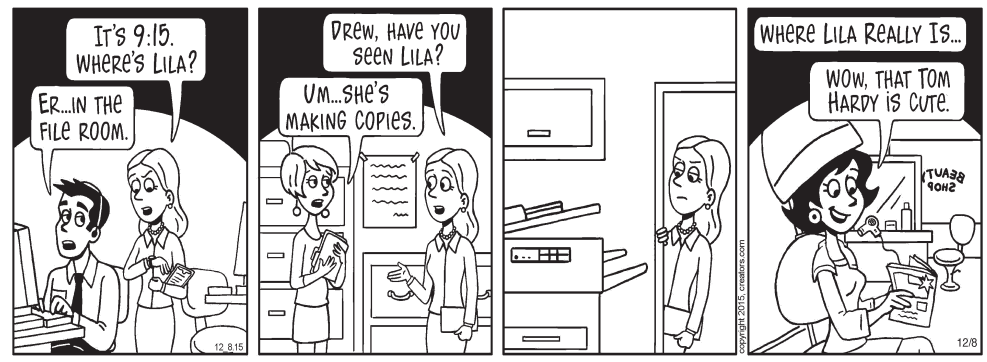
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. SS028464 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of ESTHEFANY MELGAR for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: ESTHEFANY MELGAR filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: AIDEN MELGAR LOPEZ to AIDEN JAMES MELGAR. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date: 01/08/16, Time: 8:30 AM, Dept: K, Room: A203 The address of the court is SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA ñ COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, 1725 MAIN STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: NOVEMBER 05, 2015

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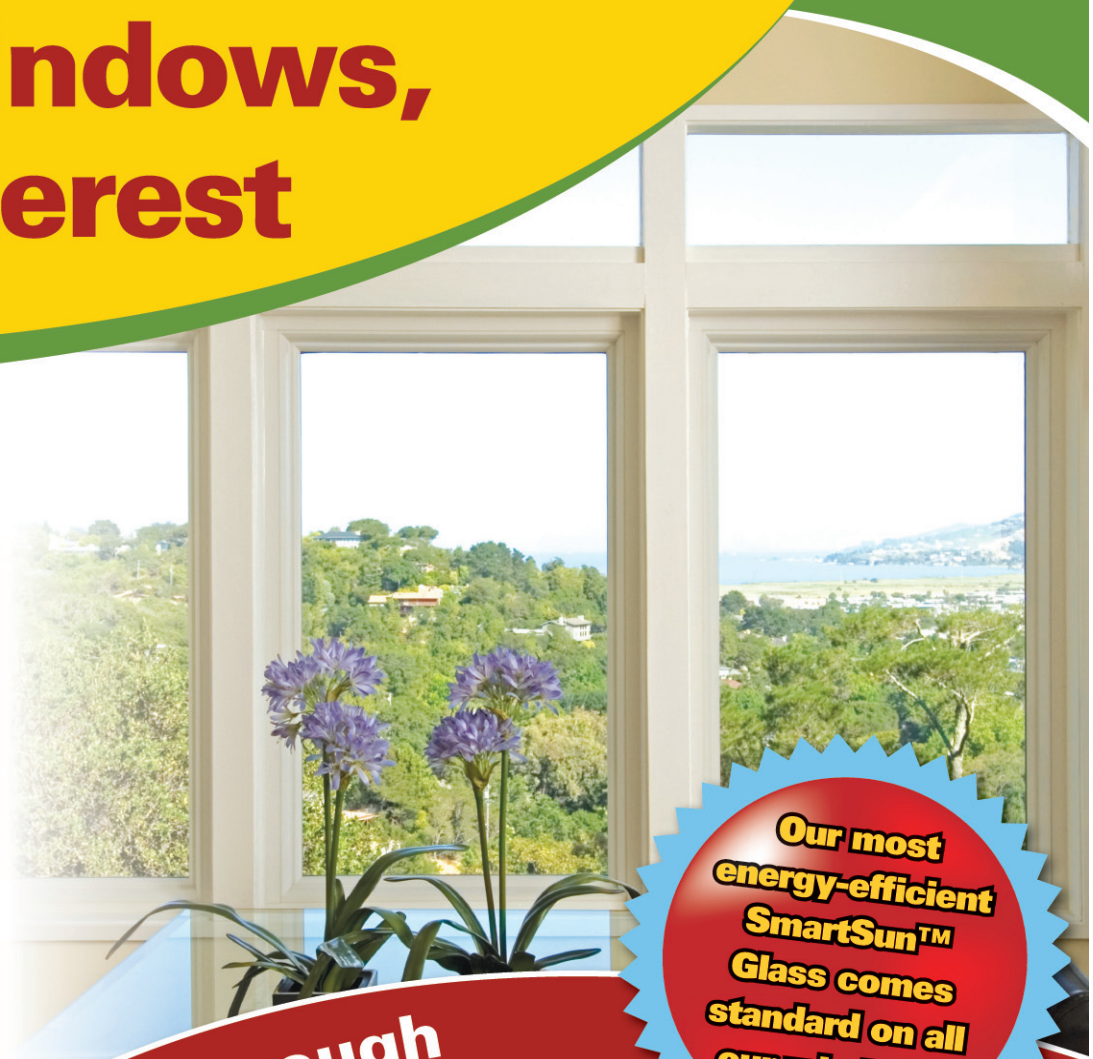
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