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THE NEW COUNCIL ISSUE

Suspected shooter pleads not guilty

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE The man suspected of shooting a woman as she fled a memorial carwash in Santa Monica last week plead not guilty to four felony counts Tuesday, officials said.

Waiverly Thomas, 31, of Colton, was charged with two counts of willful, deliberate, premeditated murder; one count of shooting at an occupied vehicle; and possession of a firearm as a felon, according to the District Attorney's Office.

He is being held on $3,030,000 bail.

Thomas is accused of opening fire on an 18-year-old woman as she ran from a carwash on 19th Street and Pico Boulevard and jumped into a stranger's car at 18th Street and Pico to flee.

The bullets struck the woman and the truck that picked her up. The driver was uninjured.

The driver, whom police describe only as a good Samaritan, took her to the corner of Lincoln and Pico boulevards where paramedics picked her up and took her to a local hospital.

She sustained non-life-threatening wounds, and had refused to cooperate with police as of Monday.

Police caught Thomas an hour after the shooting as he attempted to leave the police perimeter at Delaware Avenue and 16th Street in a 2010 Chevy Impala. Officers also found a handgun believed to have been used in the shooting.

The investigation is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Daniel Larios at (310) 458-8937 or Sgt. Ira Rutan at (310) 458-8959 or, the Santa Monica Police Department (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

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Village Trailer Park clings to life

Negotiations resume over amount of affordable housing included in plan

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council narrowly voted to toss back a development agreement that would have replaced the Village Trailer Park with high-end condominiums and apartments because it did not meet local affordable housing requirements.

The 4 to 3 vote sends city staff and part-owner Marc Luzzatto back to the negotiating table to try to increase the amount of affordable units included in the project, a number that veered downward after the developer agreed to cede some of his property to keep 10 of the original trailer pads

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HIGHS AND LOWS

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

With rain on its way and a California king tide expected the next few days, there was calm before the storm with a low tide low enough to expose the otherwise mostly obscured breakwater off of Santa Monica Beach on Wednesday. Showers are expected today with temperatures in the upper 50s. A king tide is the season's highest.

O'Connor appointed to fourth mayoral term

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer



O'CONNOR

CITY HALL It took five rounds of voting, but the new City Council elected Pam O'Connor and Terry O'Day to serve as mayor and mayor pro tem for the next two years.

This is O'Connor's fourth term as mayor. She succeeds Richard Bloom, who was recently elected to the California Assembly. O'Day, who was reelected to the City Council in November, takes over for Gleam Davis as mayor pro tem.

"It's an exciting time in Santa Monica, a challenging time," O'Connor said. "We adopted the (Land Use and Circulation Element), now we have to figure out how to implement it, what pace to implement it. Those are things we will be grappling with over the next year or so."

The mayor is mainly a ceremonial post. They are charged with helping the city manager set council agendas, run council meetings and attend community events. The mayor earns $16,139.16 a year, while council members receive $13,449.12, according to City Hall's latest salary schedule.

The real cachet behind the mayoral position is not the money, the slight increase in scheduling power or even the opportunities to wield large, flashy scissors in ribbon cuttings.

Instead, it's the intangibles — managing the meetings, calling on fellow council

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, Dec. 13, 2012

Talking films
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 2 p.m.
A down-on-his-luck screenwriter (William Holden) falls into a mercenary romance with a faded silent-film star in "Sunset Boulevard." Followed by a talk with film scholar Vivian Rosenberg. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Block party
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 p.m.
Use your creativity to build something special with Lego blocks. Ages 4 and up. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Winter melodies
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
This annual Winter Choral Concert features all of the students in the Santa Monica High School choral music program. Choirs are strategically situated throughout Barnum Hall, with songs following each other without applause, from one piece to the next. For more information, visit samohichoir.org.

Big Will
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Poisoning, beheading, cross-dressing, and betrayal become fresh and frisky thanks to Fiasco Theater's inventive production of Shakespeare's rarely seen epic romance "Cymbeline." This up-and-coming New York theater company brings us a young ensemble of six versatile actors who resolve the twisted fates of 14 characters with live music that ranges from a cappella madrigals to bluegrass. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com.

Friday, Dec. 14, 2012

Very fashionable
Free People
395 Santa Monica Place
Third Street and Broadway, 4 p.m.
Free People Santa Monica kicks off a night of fashion. It's an early evening soiree to celebrate the season, complete with in-store DJ, sweet treats, surprise giveaways, and of course, bohemia lover's winter must-haves.

Light the menorah
Third Street Promenade and Wilshire Boulevard
Sundown
Downtown Santa Monica will celebrate the Chanukah season with a lighting of a menorah at sundown. There will be a daily lighting throughout Chanukah. For more information, visit downtownsm.com/winterlit.

By the fire
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
For the fourth year in a row the Miles presents the "Fireside at the Miles" series. Enjoy seven weekends and 16 separate events featuring contemporary music, storytelling, opera, jazz, dance, poetry, beat boxing, a capella singing and more. Performances take place beside the huge vintage fireplace with a cheery eco-log fire. For more information, call (310) 458-8634.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



SoCal home sales jump in November

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO Southern California posted its highest number of November home sales in six years as the region's housing market continued to recover, a research firm said Wednesday.

There were 19,285 new and existing houses and condominiums sold in the six-county region last month, up 14.2 percent from November 2011, DataQuick said.

It was the highest November tally since 23,005 homes changed hands in 2006.

The median price last month in the region was $321,000, up $6,000 from the previous month and an increase of 16.7 percent from $275,000 last year. The 51-month high is $330,000.

Low borrowing rates are fueling the recovery, especially in mid- and high-priced areas, DataQuick said.

Sales below $300,000 fell 7.8 percent from the same period last year, while sales between $300,000 and $800,000 jumped 34.6 percent and sales above $800,000 soared 46.8 percent.

Orange County, with a median home price of $450,000, saw sales jump 25.3 percent from last year. Ventura County, with a median price of $370,000, reported a 31.2 percent sales increase.

San Diego County ranked third in the region with a median price of $358,000 and saw sales rise 22.4 percent.

San Bernardino County posted the lowest median price of $183,000 and was the only area to see sales slip. Homes in the county sold at a brisk pace during the foreclosure crisis, but November sales declined 3.1 percent from last year.

Foreclosed properties made up a smaller portion of the Southern California sales mix. That drove the overall median price higher because foreclosures tend to sell at steep discounts.

Homes that had been foreclosed upon during the previous year accounted for 15.3 percent of existing home sales, down from 31.6 percent a year earlier and 56.7 percent from February 2009.

Buyers continued to face limited pickings.

The California Association of Realtors' index of unsold houses in the Los Angeles area stood at 3.3 months in October — the latest period available — compared to 5.8 months a year earlier.

The figure represents how long it would take to sell all existing single-family homes at the current sales clip. Supply in a normal market is considered to be six to seven months.

Judge revokes Lindsay Lohan's probation, sets hearing date

DERRIK J. LANG
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES A judge revoked Lindsay Lohan's probation on Wednesday and scheduled a hearing that could result in more jail time for the closely watched "Liz and Dick" star.

The ruling in Los Angeles came as the 26-year-old actress — who did not appear in court — faces misdemeanor counts of reckless driving, lying to a police officer and obstructing an officer from performing duties after an accident in which her Porsche slammed into the back of a dump truck in June.

Lohan told police in Santa Monica that her assistant was driving, but detectives now believe the actress was behind the wheel as she headed to a movie set.

Lohan was on probation at the time after previously being convicted of the misdemeanor theft of a necklace and two DUI charges.

A probation violation hearing was set for Jan. 15. A judge could sentence the actress up to 245 days in jail after the Santa Monica case is resolved.

Lohan was not required to appear in court Wednesday. She was represented by her attorney, Shawn Holley.

Lohan also faces a misdemeanor assault charge in New York after a woman claimed she was hit by the actress at a nightclub.

The jewelry case sparked months of court hearings and morgue cleanup duty for the star who has struggled personally and professionally since being arrested twice in 2007 for driving under the influence.

After being removed from supervised probation in March, Lohan attempted to mount a comeback, filming two movies and a cameo with Charlie Sheen in the latest installment of the "Scary Movie" franchise.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Photo courtesy Rebecca Kendall/UCLA

BIG CHECK: **(From left) Diane Wilson and Chris Miller, from OPCC, UCLA student Jamecelle Ventura and John Maceri from OPCC. The funds will help support OPCC's Access Center.**

UCLA

Students distribute grant to OPCC

A class of undergraduate students at UCLA awarded $20,000 to Santa Monica-based homeless services provider OPCC (formerly known as the Ocean Park Community Center) earlier this month.

The funds are expected to be used to support the organization's Access Center, specifically its mental health and SWASHLOCK program where homeless individuals can access restroom and shower facilities and lockers so that they can work to find more suitable housing, said Chris Miller, OPCC associate director.

"There isn't anything like it in Santa Monica," Miller said. "The vast majority of our clients are on the streets. They're in the parks. What we are trying to do is engage them, bring them inside, we start to do case management ... . We want to bring people off the streets and get them into permanent housing as quickly as possible."

The funds were distributed as part of a class — Philanthropy as Civic Engagement — that teaches students about the role of philanthropy, particularly the nonprofit sector of Los Angeles.

Miller said OPCC has been able to double the UCLA grant by leveraging it into a matching gift from another donor.

Funding for the UCLA class was provided by the Texas-based Once Upon a Time Foundation. The organization has committed funds that will help UCLA run the class at least once more.

– KEVIN HERRERA

DOWNTOWN

Time to sign

The Santa Monica Girls Fastpitch Softball League is inviting young ladies ages 4 to 14 to sign up for the spring season.

The all-inclusive league is affiliated with the Amateur Softball Association of America and is "committed to promoting healthy, productive and confident girls through the softball experience," those affiliated with the league said in a news release. The league is a nonprofit run entirely by volunteers and has served Santa Monica for more than 30 years.

Practices begin in February, with games starting in late February and concluding in early May. Visit the league's website at www.santamonicagirlssoftball.org to sign up and obtain more information.

Registration costs $80 for the 6U division, $140 for 8U through 14U divisions. Save $30 by registering before Dec. 31.

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In response to

Editor:

In reply to the responses in your Dec. 8-9 Q-Line, "Cutting classes," we members of the Emeritus College Executive Council wish to clear up some of the misrepresentations expressed by anonymous chatterers.

Emeritus College is governed by Santa Monica College; however they are two separate entities. Santa Monica College may have received a valuable monetary gift; that does not mean Emeritus College received any money from the gift.

Emeritus' endowment account ensures there will be an Emeritus for present and future students; the much appreciated donations to the operating account go toward supplying teachers' supplies, replacing worn furnishings, computers, etc. At every fundraiser, the committee explains where donations go.

Disparaging, racist remarks about well-meaning, hard-working college officials has no place in a free, public-service college. We are proud to have many nationalities represented at our college.

Recently 650 students signed a letter to the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees expressing their understanding of the reason there is no winter session and their appreciation to the board for their support of Emeritus College. In particular, we are extremely fortunate to have Ron Furuyama as our associate dean during these trying times.

Some public colleges for seniors have been eliminated completely because of budget restraints.

Where else will you find a free college for adults with a beautiful building of their own and excellent instructors? We will not have a five-week winter session, but we will have a strong spring semester.

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With all due respect

Editor:

With deep respect for Judaism, and the celebration of Chanukah, I am greatly puzzled! There is no recognition of the Christmas season whatsoever on the Third Street Promenade, reasons for which I do not understand.

For years there have been decorations celebrating Christmas, not particularly religious in nature, but there are absolutely no decorations this year celebrating Christmas on the Third Street Promenade! Yet, there is the lighting of the menorah at the Third Street Promenade and Wilshire Boulevard, which is clearly a celebration of the Jewish holiday of Chanukah, which is a religious holiday!

I am deeply disturbed by this lack of homage by the city of Santa Monica in honoring the celebration of Christmas, while at the same time there appears to be an acceptance of the menorah lighting on the promenade! My question then is, is their a growing discrimination against Christians, which recent events seem to indicate? And, if that is the case, why is the city of Santa Monica seemingly the leader of the pack? Jesus was, after all, a Jew!

I would ask the city of Santa Monica, a city I was a resident of for many years, and a city I loved, to explain what exactly is going on?

What I am asking for is an explanation for their seeming acceptance of one religious icon on the promenade, that of Judaism, while seemingly rejecting those of Christmas. Perhaps I am missing something, but this is a call for the city to come forth with their stance.

With all due respect to Judaism.

Julia Reeves
West Los Angeles



Life Matters

JoAnne Barge & Katrina Davy **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Lack of work causing problems at home

DEAR LIFE MATTERS,

My wife works six days a week and I only work one or two. I'm trying to find a more steady gig, but in this economy I can't seem to get work. This has put a strain on our relationship.

What should I do to make our relationship better? I don't want her to be so angry with me? There is real tension in our relationship and things seem to be souring fast.

Signed,
Under-employed

DEAR UNDER-EMPLOYED,

It is no secret that employment can be difficult to come by for many people in this terrible economy. California has been particularly hard hit, but the good news is that the economy does seem to be improving. In the meantime there are all kinds of variations on this theme amongst couples.

Traditionally it has been the man that works more outside of the home and the wife who works less or stays at home to raise the children. This has been changing for some time and most couples find that two incomes are required and these days often the wife works more or is the only one working.

However, this really is not news so I am wondering why she is so angry with you?

Does she feel that you have not tried hard enough to get work and if so, is she correct? Do you have children and if so, who does the majority of the childcare and household chores?

If you are one of those men who feels like it is not manly, somehow a threat to your manhood to do what has typically been "women's work," this could be a major problem.

As we end 2012 and enter 2013, it is quite realistic to think of househusbands and/or men helping with the grocery shopping, household chores and work that is related to the children. Cooking dinner, or being responsible for it, if she is the one working three times as much as you, is definitely something you should be doing or considering. Doing the grocery shopping on those days when you don't work and helping with bathing the children, getting them to bed, driving them to school, helping with their homework are all things that men tend to share and do these days.

In the eyes of most women, it makes you more of a man, not less of one when you step up to help out and are not locked into some traditional role that says you are not masculine if you do what you think of as women's work. It is the insecurity in a man of his own masculinity/manhood that actually makes him less of a man and often unattractive to today's modern woman.

Having said this, it may be truer here than in other parts of the country because there are surprising differences in how people think and feel in different parts of our country.

I am assuming you are in Los Angeles and what I am saying here is certainly true for most folks both here and in other major metropolitan cities across the country. However, if you are from another part of the country or both you and your wife are from different backgrounds and have different expectations about your marital roles, then this is surely part of the problem.

Again, I am very curious about why she is so angry with you. It cannot be for no good reason. You must have very different expectations and it sounds like you are not able to really talk these through.

Many couples these days find themselves in financial and employment situations that are not ideal, but they are able to recognize the economic climate and because they love each other and talk it through, they come to some type of understanding that serves them for the time being.

You really need to ask yourself why she is so angry with you. What can or should you be doing differently? Are you trying hard enough to get work? Do you care that she works more than you do? If you care and can't get equal work, are you doing enough to help with work around the house?

Are you doing what you can to be empathic and helpful to your wife or are you in some kind of standoff or power struggle?

Don't let pride get in your way. If you truly want to have your wife be less angry, try to understand what is going on and talk with her. Apologize if you need to and ask her what you can do to help things be better between you.

And I certainly wish you more work, if you want it. Hopefully better days are ahead for all of us.

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Most Googled in 2012: Whitney, PSY and Sandy

RYAN NAKASHIMA
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The world's attention wavered between the tragic and the silly in 2012, and along the way, millions of people searched the Web to find out about a royal princess, the latest iPad, and a record-breaking skydiver.

Whitney Houston was the "top trending" search of the year, according to Google Inc.'s year-end "zeitgeist" report. Google's 12th annual roundup is "an in-depth look at the spirit of the times as seen through the billions of searches on Google over the past year," the company said in a blog post Wednesday.

People around the globe searched en masse for news about Houston's accidental drowning in a bathtub just before she was to perform at a pre-Grammy Awards party in February.

Google defines topics as "trending" when they garner a high amount of traffic over a sustained period of time.

Korean rapper PSY's "Gangnam Style" music video trotted into second spot, a testament to his self-deprecating giddy-up dance move. The video is approaching a billion views on YouTube.

Superstorm Sandy, the damaging storm that knocked out power and flooded parts of the East Coast in the midst of a U.S. presidential campaign, was third.

The next biggest trending searches globally were a pair of threes: the iPad 3 tablet from Apple Inc. and Diablo 3, a popular video game.

Rounding out the Top 10 were Kate Middleton, who made news with scandalous photos and a royal pregnancy; the 2012 Olympics in London; Amanda Todd, a Canadian teen who was found dead of an apparent suicide in October after being bullied online; Michael Clarke Duncan, the "Green Mile" actor who died of a heart attack in September at age 54; and "BBB12," the 12th edition of "Big Brother Brasil," a reality show featuring scantily clad men and women living together.

Some trending people, according to Google, were:

• Felix Baumgartner, an Austrian skydiver who became the first to break the sound barrier without a vehicle with a 24-mile plummet from Earth's stratosphere;

• Jeremy Lin, the undrafted NBA star who exploded off the New York Knicks bench and sparked a wave of "Linsanity";

• Morgan Freeman, the actor whose untimely death turned out not to be true.

The Internet also continued its rise as a popular tool for spreading addictive ideas and phrases known as "memes." Remember LOL? If you don't know what it means by now, someone may "Laugh Out Loud" at you.

This year, Facebook said its top memes included "TBH (To Be Honest)," "YOLO (You Only Live Once)," and "SMH (Shake My Head)." Thanks to an endlessly fascinating U.S. presidential campaign, "Big Bird" made the list after Republican candidate Mitt Romney said he might consider cutting some funds for public broadcasting.

Yahoo said its own top-searched memes for the year included "Kony 2012," a reference to the short film and campaign against Ugandan militia leader Joseph Kony; "stingray photobomb" for an unusual vacation snapshot that went viral; and "binders full of women," another nod to Romney for his awkward description of his search for women cabinet members as Massachusetts' governor.

Ask.com said the top trending news question was related the 2012 Olympics: "How many medals did the U.S. gymnastics team win?" Other top queries on Ask.com included "When is the Facebook IPO?" and "Why was Trayvon Martin shot?"

And people were happy to pass on popular Twitter posts by retweeting them. According to Twitter, the year's most popular retweets were President Barack Obama's "Four more years," and Justin Bieber's farewell to six-year-old fan Avalanna Routh, who died of a rare form of brain cancer: "RIP Avalanna. i love you".

The Q Line

Planning Downtown

City Hall is in the process of developing a Downtown Specific Plan that will dictate development in the heart of Santa Monica. There was a workshop last week that let residents voice their opinions about the direction the district should take.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What would you like to see Downtown look like and why?

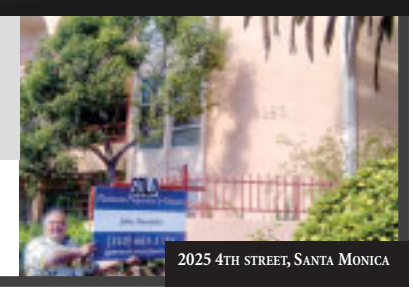
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MAYOR
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members to speak and, perhaps most importantly, winning the seven-person popularity contest needed to hold the center seat.

It's something that Councilmember Kevin McKeown, who's been on the City Council since 1998, has never been allowed to do.

McKeown is known for his commanding style and pointed questions on the dais. He is largely seen as the voice of the people, often bringing forward items to the council that came to him from local constituents.

Over the years, that has served to alienate him from colleagues, a source said.

"Kevin's greatest strength is also his Achilles heel," the source said.

McKeown almost secured the center seat Tuesday night, at one point garnering three of four votes for a split term that would have awarded Davis with the title of mayor for the first year with McKeown taking the reins in the second. That would have allowed him to run as the mayor if he sought another term. Titles can be critical in swaying the average voter who may not be tuned into local politics.

Newly-elected Councilmember Ted Winterer nominated McKeown for the top spot and, when that failed, offered up the split-term compromise.

That concept gained traction in the fifth round of voting with Davis ultimately deciding to support the split ticket alongside Winterer and McKeown.

Newly-elected Councilmember Tony Vazquez, Councilmember Robert Holbrook and O'Connor voted in O'Connor's favor in each of the five rounds, leaving O'Day the final swing vote. He switched his support from Davis for a two-year term as mayor after voting in her favor in the previous four rounds and threw his support behind O'Connor.

"Pam was the better choice," O'Day said Wednesday, going on to enumerate O'Connor's accomplishments in the realm of the environmental, public transportation and regional governance.

McKeown was visibly disappointed Tuesday night, but went on that night to push through a motion to throw the Village Trailer Park development agreement back to planners.

"I may never chair a meeting, if that is the will of the other elected councilmembers, but I can assure residents that whether or not I'm in the middle seat on the dais I will be up there to represent them, prepared, knowledgeable on the issues at hand, and willing to stand up for what is right, even if that puts me in the minority," McKeown said Wednesday.

The mayor pro tem position was less contentious.

Only Davis and O'Day were nominated for the pro tem position. Winterer and McKeown voted for Davis, and Davis nominated O'Day herself.

O'Connor was first elected to the council in 1994. O'Connor's special interests are transportation and environmental sustainability, according to her bio on City Hall's website. As a professional planning consultant, O'Connor specializes in historic preservation. O'Connor holds masters' degrees in planning and in technology management from Eastern Michigan University and a bachelor's degree in communications from Southern Illinois University.

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for current residents.

The decision comes only two weeks after the agreement between City Hall and Luzzatto received final approval from the City Council.

Councilmember Kevin McKeown brought the matter back to address new information raised by Sue Himmelrich, an attorney with the Western Center on Law and Poverty, that alleged that staff miscalculated the amount of affordable units required for the project.

Only 16 are included, but it should be more like 70 because the land swap for the trailer pads does not make up for the remaining units, Himmelrich said.

"This (development agreement) does not comply with the general plan, specific plan and consequently is void because it's illegal," Himmelrich said.

City Attorney Marsha Moutrie rejected the argument, saying that in the context of development agreement negotiations, City Hall was not required to meet the letter of the affordable housing production policies it laid down for most developments.

"If we thought it was illegal for you to approve this DA, we would have told you," Moutrie told Councilmember Gleam Davis.

McKeown and newly-elected Councilmember Ted Winterer expressed concerns about the precedent that it would set if the developer were let off the hook for affordable housing at a time when City Hall is scrambling to pay for it.

Luzzatto protested the action, noting that the project has been in the pipeline for over six years despite losses on the property in order to negotiate the best possible relocation package for Village Trailer Park residents, many of whom are seniors or disabled.



VILLAGE TRAILER PARK

"Completely ignored in the equation is the land donation we made and the 40 subterranean parking spaces that are not cheap to build," Luzzatto said.

On Luzzatto's side were Mayor Pam O'Connor, Mayor Pro Tem Terry O'Day and Councilmember Bob Holbrook.

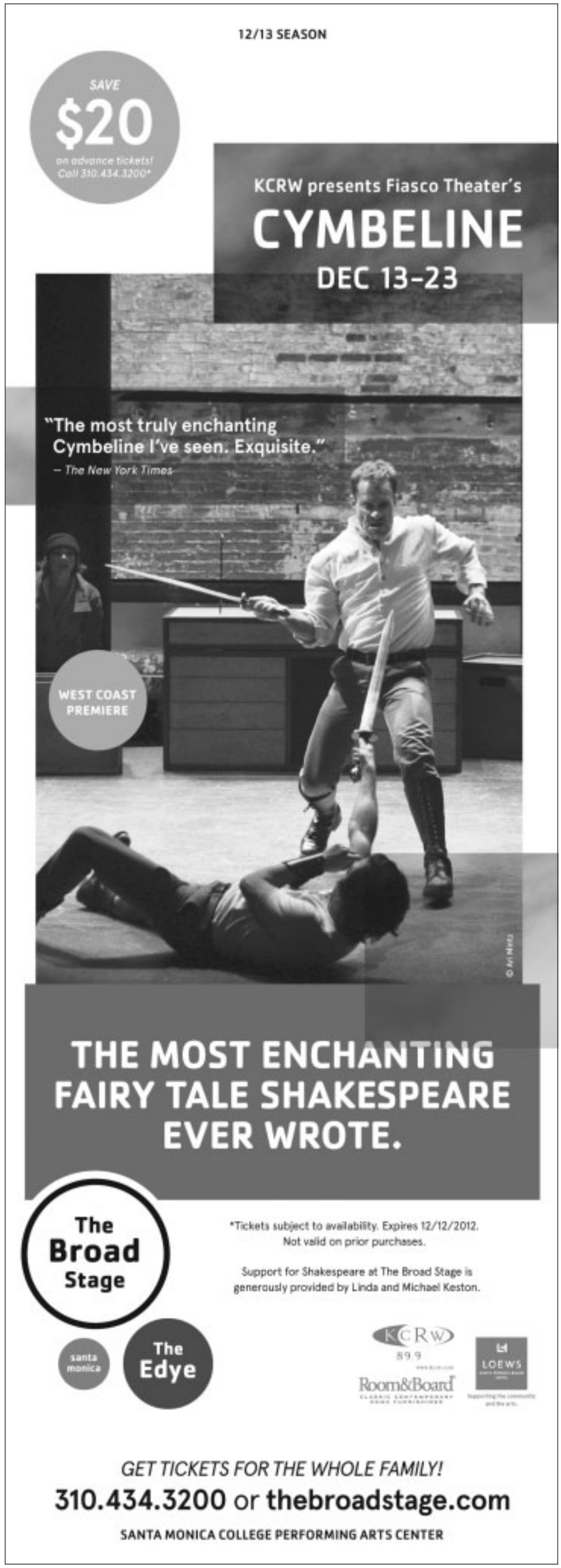
Holbrook and O'Day both argued that if the approved agreement went back to the drawing board it put the rich package of relocation benefits at risk.

In some cases, that included brand new trailers or mobile homes at either another trailer park elsewhere in Southern California or the city-owned Mountain View Mobile Home Park.

"I'm afraid that the great benefit that's been worked out for people … will be lost," Holbrook said. "And that really worries me."

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Culture Watch

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A hit and a miss

"SILVER LININGS PLAYBOOK," BY FAR one of the most enjoyable movies I've seen this year, does a wonderful job of creating believable characters and an un-sappy happy ending.

Directed by David O. Russell, the quirky story is based on a 2008 novel by Matthew Quick and they're perfectly matched. Bradley Cooper is irresistible as Pat, who's been incarcerated in a mental institution after violently attacking his wife's lover, whom he discovers in their shower with her. In the ensuing plea bargain, he loses both wife and house. Don't worry; it's a comedy.

He has some rage issues — he's diagnosed as bipolar — but after spending time in the mental hospital, he's working hard to turn his negative impulses into positive silver linings. He's stopped taking his meds (against recommendations), he's been released to his parents, and he's trying to take control of his own life.

It'll be tricky with a father — both a superstitious and obsessive-compulsive gambling bookmaker — who believes that Pat's his lucky football charm as he bets risky-big on his beloved Eagles.

Meantime, Pat is obsessed and deluded by the idea that his wife still loves him, that their love is like no other, and that they're destined to get back together.

When friends attempt to help by connecting him with another "crazy," Tiffany (Jennifer Lawrence), the plot takes off in a wholly unique direction. Tiffany's a young widow who's been tarred with a reputation as a "slut" because in trying to get over her husband's death she partied around a lot.

Who's crazier? Who's helping who get better? Despite a restraining order, Pat recruits Tiffany to get a letter to his wife. As payment, Tiffany persuades Pat to enter a dance contest with her, convincing him that it's a way of proving to his wife that he's on the mend and able to focus on a disciplined goal to win her back.

I won't spoil the ending, but the plot twists are fresh, inventive and very satisfying and the whole film is just so sweet, loving and unexpected.

Don't miss "Silver Linings Playbook."

EMOTIONAL DESERT

"Other Desert Cities" is Jon Robin Baitz's latest play, now at the Mark Taper Forum. The production won rave reviews in New York and has created Pulitzer Prize buzz for Baitz.

A Hollywood family moves to Palm Springs, Calif. to escape the limelight thanks to a scandal involving their oldest son, who presumably committed suicide. Following a lengthy hospitalization for depression, the family's daughter, a one-hit novelist who moved to the East Coast and idolized her brother, returns to the family to announce she's written a memoir about him, which is an indictment of her family.

In all of Baitz's plays the personal and the political are inextricably entwined. Father (Robert Foxworth) is a former B-movie star who chaired the Republican Party; mother (JoBeth Williams), a staunch conservative, long ago starred with her sister in a once popular, now forgotten series; son (Michael Weston) is a hard-partying producer of reality TV. And daughter Brooke (Robin Weigert) has been struggling with the need to break free of the family's pull to comprehend "the truth."

Of course there are ideological battles with some funny and politically astute lines. But the truth is never what it seems in this play.

The parents' conservative "values" may be the root cause of the children's dysfunction; the missing son was involved in a terrorist bombing. The mother is also tending to her drunken sister (Jeannie Berlin), just out of rehab, who gets many of the laughs. And Brooke, the author, wants to tell the

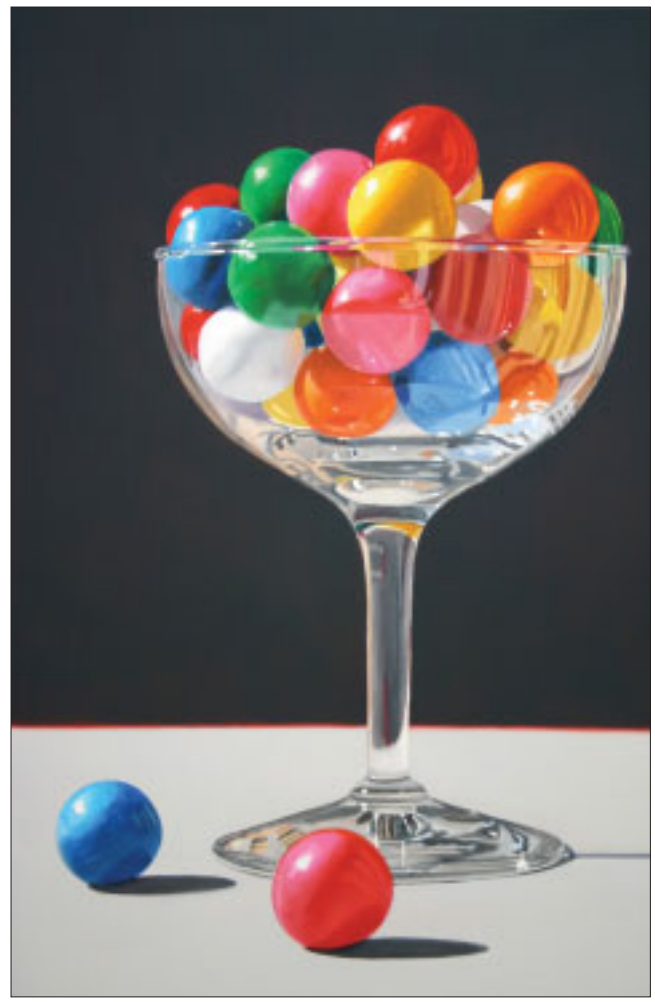


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COOL COLORS: **Daryl Gortner's 'Taste of the Bubbly.' The work is part of 'Candy,' an exhibition at Bergamot Station.**

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Hollywood


Indian sitar virtuoso Ravi Shankar dies at 92

HILLEL ITALIE
AP National Writer

NEW YORK The kids at first didn't seem to know how to respond as Ravi Shankar began his four-hour set on the final afternoon of the Monterey Pop Festival, in the fabled summer of 1967.

As captured in D.A. Pennebaker's documentary, some nodded along and smiled; Jimi Hendrix listened carefully. Others dozed, or chatted. A few hippies danced wildly, as if they couldn't tell — or didn't care about — the difference between Shankar's raga and a Jefferson Airplane jam. But as the performance accelerated from isolated strains to a pace that could exhaust the speediest rock star, eyes opened, minds expanded and Shankar and his fellow musicians left to a long standing ovation.

Labeled "the godfather of world music" by Beatle George Harrison, Shankar helped millions of Westerners — classical, jazz and rock lovers — discover the centuries-old traditions of Indian music. From Harrison to John Coltrane, from Yehudi Menuhin to Andre Previn, he bridged, sometimes unsteadily, the musical gap between East and West, between what Shankar noted as the classical East's emphasis on melody and rhythm and the classical West's foundation of "harmony, counterpoint, chords, modulation and other basics."

"Indian music was the original 'world music' — appealing to a generation of educated, middle-class Western listeners," said producer Joe Boyd, who has worked with everyone from Pink Floyd to Nazakat & Salamat Ali. "Shankar and Ali Akbar Khan were the first musicians to reach that audience in a profound way that transcended cultural boundaries."

Shankar died Tuesday at age 92. A statement on his website said he died in San Diego, near his Southern California home with his wife and a daughter by his side. The musician's foundation issued a statement saying that he had suffered upper respiratory and heart problems and had undergone heart-valve replacement surgery last week.

"My Dad's music touched millions of people," his daughter, musician Norah Jones, said in a statement. "He will be greatly missed by me and music lovers everywhere."

Through Shankar and his bond with Harrison, countless rock acts absorbed Eastern sounds, including the Beatles, the Byrds, Aerosmith and R.E.M. Shankar also became a conscience for all popular musicians when he helped pioneer the rock benefit show with the 1971 Concert For Bangladesh, where featured acts included Harrison, Ringo Starr and Bob Dylan. His last musical performance was with his other daughter, sitarist Anoushka Shankar Wright, on Nov. 4 in Long Beach, Calif. The multiple Grammy winner received a lifetime achievement honor Wednesday from the Recording Academy.

"It's one of the biggest losses for the music world," said Kartic Seshadri, a Shankar protege, sitar virtuoso and music professor at the University of California, San Diego. "There's nothing more to be said."

As early as the 1950s, Shankar began collaborating with and teaching some of the greats of Western music, including violinist Menuhin and jazz saxophonist Coltrane. He played well-received shows in concert halls in Europe and the United States, but faced a constant struggle. Shankar was amused after he and colleague Ustad Ali Akbar Khan were greeted with admiring applause when they opened the Concert for Bangladesh by twanging their sitar and sarod for a minute and a half.

"If you like our tuning so much, I hope you will enjoy the playing more," he told the confused crowd, and then launched into his set.

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truth as she perceives it and turns out to be wrong, thanks to a dark family secret.

Maybe because of its dazzling cast and director on Broadway or maybe because many of the jokes poke fun at California and Hollywood clichés, the play had a lot more going for it in New York. Here, it's pretty flat and drowning in exposition. And while the beautiful set will take your breath away, the direction feels wooden and the characters are emotionally un-engaging.

As a longtime fan of Baitz, I wanted to like this play. But it just doesn't work in this staging. "Other Desert Cities" runs through Jan. 6 at the Mark Taper Forum. For more information visit www.centertheatregroup.org.

AROUND TOWN

Bergamot Station Arts Center, located at 2525 Michigan Ave., holds its Holiday Open House this Saturday, Dec. 15 from noon to 5 p.m., featuring food, fun, music, and, of course, all those art galleries! For more information, go to www.bergamotstation.com.

A special treat from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. is the artists' holiday reception for "Candy," a bright shining new show that's perfect for the holidays. Works by artists Daryl Gortner, Tracey Sylvester Harris, Lori Larusso, Dave Lefner, Kelly Reemtsen, and Robert Townsend are delightfully colorful and delicious to look at. Skidmore Contemporary Art will keep them on view through Dec. 29 in their gallery, located in Building D-2 at Bergamot: www.skidmorecontemporaryart.com.

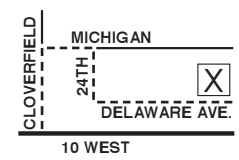
Family is the theme of "Shine: Bright Stories of Positive Change," the series based on true stories, taking place at the Westside YWCA on Thursday, Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. Featuring award-winning storytellers and writers, guest story tellers are selected from the audience through a random drawing. Find out more at www.StoriesBloom.com.

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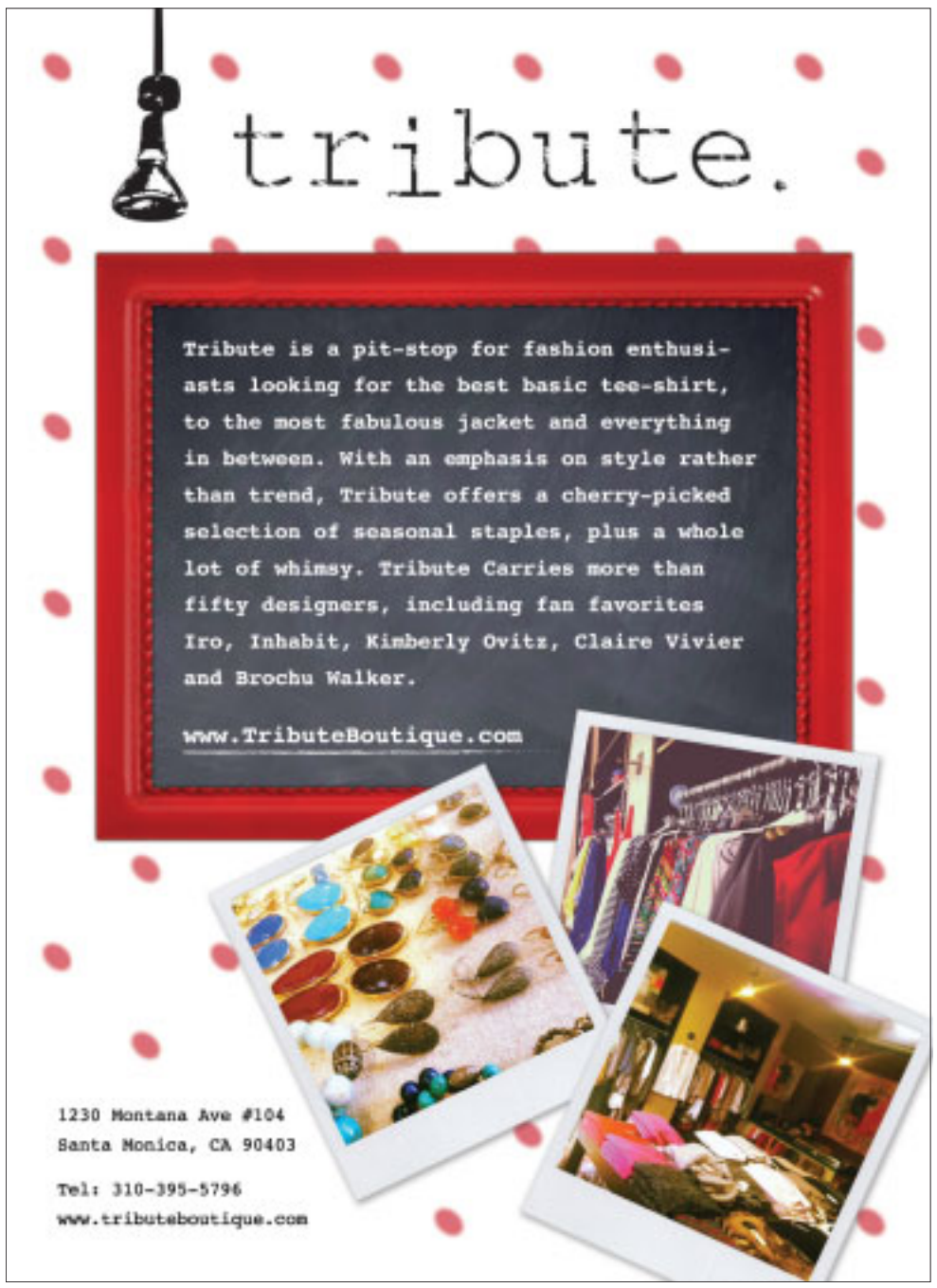
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Census: Whites no longer a majority in U.S. by 2043

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WASHINGTON White people will no longer make up a majority of Americans by 2043, according to new census projections. That's part of a historic shift that already is reshaping the nation's schools, workforce and electorate, and is redefining long-held notions of race.

The official projection, released Wednesday by the Census Bureau, now places the tipping point for the white majority a year later than previous estimates, which were made before the impact of the recent economic downturn was fully known.

America continues to grow and become more diverse due to higher birth rates among minorities, particularly for Latinos who entered the U.S. at the height of the immigration boom in the 1990s and early 2000s. Since the mid-2000 housing bust, however, the arrival of millions of new immigrants from Mexico and other nations has slowed from its once-torrid pace.

The country's changing demographic mosaic has stark political implications, shown clearly in last month's election that gave President Barack Obama a second term — in no small part due to his support from 78 percent of non-white voters.

There are social and economic ramifications, as well. Longstanding fights over civil rights and racial equality are going in new directions, promising to reshape race relations and common notions of being a "minority." White plaintiffs now before the Supreme Court argue that special protections for racial and ethnic minorities dating back to the 1960s may no longer be needed, from affirmative action in college admissions to the Voting Rights Act, designed for states with a history of disenfranchising blacks.

Residential segregation has eased and intermarriage for first- and second-generation Latinos and Asians is on the rise, blurring racial and ethnic lines and lifting the numbers of people who identify as multiracial. Unpublished 2010 census data show that millions of people shunned standard race categories such as black or white on government forms, opting to write in their own cultural or individual identities.

By 2060, multiracial people are projected to more than triple, from 7.5 million to 26.7 million — rising even faster and rendering notions of race labels increasingly irrelevant, experts say, if lingering stigma over being mixed-race can fully fade.

The non-Latino white population, now at 197.8 million, is projected to peak at 200 million in 2024, before entering a steady decline in absolute numbers as the massive baby boomer generation enters its golden years. Four years after that, racial and ethnic minorities will become a majority among adults 18-29 and wield an even greater impact on the "youth vote" in presidential elections, census projects.

"The fast-growing demographic today is now the children of immigrants," said Marcelo Suarez-Orozco, a global expert on immigration and dean of UCLA's Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, describing the rate of minority growth in the U.S. as dipping from "overdrive" to "drive." Even with slowing immigration, Suarez-Orozco says, the "die has been cast" for strong minority growth from births.

As recently as 1960, whites made up 85 percent of the U.S., but that share has steadily dropped after a 1965 overhaul of U.S. immigration laws opened doors to waves of new immigrants from Mexico, Latin America and Asia. By 2000, the percentage of U.S. whites had slid to 69 percent; it now stands at nearly 64 percent.

"Moving forward, the U.S. will become the first major post-industrial society in the world where minorities will be the majority," Suarez-Orozco said. With the white baby boomer population now leaving the workforce, the big challenge will be educating the new immigrants, he said.

The U.S. has nearly 315 million people today. According to the projections released Wednesday, the U.S. population is projected to cross the 400 million mark in 2051, 12 years later than previously projected. The population will hit 420.3 million a half century from now in 2060.

By then, whites will drop to 43 percent of the U.S. Blacks will make up 14.7 percent, up slightly from today. Latinos, currently 17 percent of the population, will more than double in absolute number, making up 31 percent, or nearly 1 in 3 residents, according to the projections. Asians are expected to increase from 5 percent of the population to 8 percent.

Among children, the point when minorities become the majority is expected to arrive much sooner, by 2018 or so. Last year, racial and ethnic minorities became a majority among babies under age 1 for the

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At the same time, the U.S. population as a whole is aging, driven by 78 million mostly white baby boomers born between 1946 and 1964. By 2030, roughly 1 in 5 residents will be 65 and older. Over the next half century, the "oldest old" — those ages 85 and older — will more than triple to 18.2 million, reaching 4 percent of the U.S. population.

The actual shift in demographics will be shaped by a host of factors that can't always be accurately pinpointed — the pace of the economic recovery, cultural changes, natural or manmade disasters, as well as an overhaul of immigration law, which is expected to be debated in Congress early next year.

"The next half century marks key points in continuing trends — the U.S. will become a plurality nation, where the non-Latino white population remains the largest single group, but no group is in the majority," said acting Census Bureau Director Thomas Mesenbourg.

Republicans have been seeking to broaden their appeal to minorities, who made up 28 percent of the electorate this year, after faring poorly among non-whites on Election Day, when Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney carried only about 20 percent of non-white votes.

The race and ethnic changes are already seen in pockets of the U.S. and in the younger age groups, where roughly 45 percent of all students in K-12 are Latinos, blacks, Asian-Americans and others. Already, the District of Columbia and four states — Hawaii, California, New Mexico and Texas — have minority populations greater than 50 percent; across the U.S., more than 11 percent of counties have tipped to "majority-minority" status.

Last month, nearly all voters over age 65 were white (87 percent), but among voters under age 30, just 58 percent were white.

"Irrespective of future immigration and minority fertility patterns, the U.S. is facing a stagnating white population," said William H. Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution. "The biggest shift will occur over the next 20 years as the mostly white baby boom generation moves into traditional retirement years. It is in the child and early labor force ages where we must be ready for the greatest changes as new American minorities take over for aging whites."

Economically, the rapidly growing non-white population gives the U.S. an advantage over other developed nations, including Russia, Japan and France, which are seeing reduced growth or population losses due to declining birth rates and limited immigration. The combined population of more-developed countries other than the U.S. has been projected to decline beginning in 2016, raising the prospect of prolonged budget crises as the number of working-age citizens diminish, pension costs rise and tax revenues fall.

Depending on future rates of immigration, the U.S. population is estimated to continue growing through at least 2060. In a hypothetical situation in which all immigration — both legal and illegal — immediately stopped, previous government estimates have suggested the U.S. could lose population beginning in 2048.

"Young families — many of them first or second-generation immigrants — have been the engine of U.S. population growth for several decades," said Mark Mather, associate vice president of the Population Reference Bureau.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given on the completion and availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed 5th and Colorado Hotel Projects located at 1554 5th Street and 501 Colorado Avenue in the City of Santa Monica.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed projects consist of the development of two hotels on two sites of approximately 22,500 square feet: the Hampton Inn & Suites hotel and Courtyard by Marriott hotel.

The Hampton Inn & Suites project would include demolition of the existing three-story office building and two-level parking garage and subsequent construction of the hotel located on approximately 22,500 sf of land at the north-east corner of 5th Street and Colorado Avenue (501 Colorado Avenue). The proposed hotel would include up to 143 guest rooms and associated facilities, and up to 2,500 square feet of ground-floor retail space, in a single integrated six-story building over two-levels of subterranean parking providing approximately 110 parking spaces. The total floor area of the hotel, excluding the subterranean areas, would be approximately 78,750 sf, resulting in a FAR of 3.5.

The proposed Courtyard by Marriott hotel would include demolition of the existing automotive repair (Midas) building and offices and subsequent construction of the hotel located at the north-west corner of 5th Street and Colorado Avenue (1554 5th Street). The proposed hotel would include 136 guest rooms and associated facilities along with up to 4,500 square feet of ground-floor restaurant/bar space in a single six-story building over two-levels of subterranean parking providing approximately 110 parking spaces. The total floor area of the hotel, excluding the subterranean areas, would be approximately 78,750 sf, a 3.5 FAR.

Each of the proposed hotels would be subject to a Development Agreement (DA).

ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The Draft EIR analyzed potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project including: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Construction Effects, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Effects, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Land Use and Planning, Neighborhood Effects, Noise, Shadows, and Traffic/Circulation. The Draft EIR determined that implementation of the proposed projects will result in the following significant and unavoidable impacts:

- Construction Effects/Noise (Construction Vibration)
- Cultural Resources
- Shadows
- Traffic/Circulation

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: In accordance with CEQA, a minimum 45-day public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. **The comment period will start on December 13, 2012 and end at 5:30 p.m. on January 28, 2013.** Written comments should be sent to:

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Santa Monica, CA 90401
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AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft EIR and background materials may be viewed online at http://www01.smgov.net/planning/planningcomm/environmentalreports.html or in person at the following locations:

City Planning Division Public Counter
Room 111
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA

Office of the City Clerk
Room 102
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA

Santa Monica Library
Main Branch
601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica, CA

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2101 Ocean Park Blvd., Santa Monica, CA

SURF REPORT



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **61.5°**

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** shoulder to head high occ. 6 ft
New WNW swell builds further and tops out during the day; Plus sets at standouts; SSW builds further; Light AM winds

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** waist to head high
WNW swell easing through the day; SSW swell holds; Light AM winds

SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
BIGGEST LATE; Smaller WNW swell leftovers through the morning; New WNW and SSW swells picking up with sets to chest/shoulder high for top exposures before dark

SUNDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3 ft
WNW and SSW swells fade; plus sets at top combo spots

Tides

Tide swings will gradually become more extreme this week, with deep 6-7' high tides in the mornings and drained negative low tides in the afternoons. So take note of your local tide times and what your spot likes best. As most breaks will be starting slow the next several days.

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 **December 5, 2012**

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 -- 9
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 9
- Number of wet days -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 9

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman LAcarGUY SIMA and Grousbeck Family Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 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
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	C
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	D
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F

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

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 is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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

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Fed Reserve sends clearer signal on keeping rates low

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WASHINGTON The Federal Reserve sent its clearest signal to date Wednesday that it will keep interest rates super-low to support the U.S. economy even after the job market has improved significantly.

The Fed said it plans to keep its key short-term rate near zero until the unemployment rate reaches 6.5 percent or less — as long as expected inflation remains tame. Unemployment is now 7.7 percent.

That plan adds detail to what the Fed had said before: that it expects to keep the rate low until at least mid-2015. For the first time, the Fed is making clear to investors and consumers that it will link its actions to specific economic markers.

"This approach is superior" to setting a timetable for a possible rate increase, Chairman Ben Bernanke said at a news conference. "It is more transparent and will allow the markets to respond quickly and promptly to changes" in the Fed's economic outlook.

Bernanke made clear that even after unemployment falls below 6.5 percent, the Fed might decide that it needs to keep stimulating the economy. Other economic factors will also shape its policy decisions, he said.

"The Fed has become more explicit and more transparent," said Steven Wood, chief economist at Insight Economics. "This should provide the markets with much more clarity around monetary policy action in the upcoming year."

In a statement after its final policy meeting of the year, the Fed said it will also keep spending $85 billion a month on bond purchases to drive down long-term borrowing costs and stimulate economic growth.

The Fed will spend $45 billion a month on long-term Treasury purchases to replace a previous bond-purchase program of an equal size. And it will keep buying $40 billion a month in mortgage bonds.

Those purchases, and the Fed's commitment to low rates, are intended to spur borrowing and spending in an economy still growing only modestly 3? years after the Great Recession ended.

Still, Bernanke warned that none of the Fed's actions could outweigh the economic pain that would be caused by sharp tax increases and government spending cuts that are set to kick in next month. The standoff between President Barack Obama and Republican lawmakers over how to resolve the "fiscal cliff" is already hurting the economy and threatens to push it into a recession next year, he said.

Fed policymakers are hopeful that the crisis can be resolved without significant long-term economic damage, Bernanke said. They foresee slightly faster growth next year and a gradual decline in unemployment.

Bernanke's comments about the impact of the fiscal cliff seemed to raise some concern among investors. Stocks had risen after the Fed's statement was released. But by the end of Bernanke's news conference, market averages were mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down about 3 points. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose fractionally.

With its new purchases of long-term Treasurys, the Fed's investment portfolio, which is nearly $3 trillion, will swell to nearly $4 trillion by the end of 2013 if its bond purchase programs remain fully in place.

The Fed's plan to keep stimulating the economy at least until unemployment has reached 6.5 percent is intended to reassure consumers, companies and investors about the health of the economy, said Joseph Gagnon, a former Fed official who is a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

Having only a target date of mid-2015 for any increase in interest rates "sounded gloomy," as if the economy would remain weak until then, Gagnon said. Specifying an unemployment rate — one close to a normal rate of 6 percent or less — makes clear that the Fed will keep supporting the economy even after the job market has strengthened significantly.

"This is trying to get away from that sense of 'Oh, my God, this is all about gloom and doom,' " Gagnon said.

The Fed's new plan to link any rate increase to specific levels of unemployment and inflation mirrors a proposal pushed by Charles Evans, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Updated forecasts that the Fed released Wednesday illustrate why it thinks it should continue helping the economy. It expects unemployment to remain at least 7.4 percent next year and 6.8 percent by the end of 2014. The earliest it sees unemployment dropping below 6.5 percent is the end of 2015.

It predicts the economy will grow no more than 3 percent next year before picking up to as much as 3.5 percent growth in 2014 and as much as 3.7 percent in 2015.

The Fed said it can pursue the aggressive stimulus programs because inflation remains below its target of roughly 2 percent annually over the long run. The statement said officials think the Fed can keep its benchmark short-term rate near zero as long as its one- to two-year inflation outlook doesn't exceed 2.5 percent.

The statement was approved 11-1. Jeffrey Lacker, president of Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, objected for the eighth straight time this year. Lacker has said he thinks the job market is being slowed by factors beyond the Fed's control. And he says further bond purchases risk worsening future inflation.

The latest bond-buying program would replace an expiring program called Operation Twist. With Twist, the Fed sold $45 billion a month in short-term Treasurys and used the proceeds to buy the same amount in longer-term Treasurys.

Twist didn't expand the Fed's investment portfolio, it just reshuffled the holdings. But the Fed has run out of short-term securities to sell. So to maintain its pace of long-term Treasury purchases and to keep long-term rates low, it must spend more and increase its portfolio.

The Fed's portfolio totals nearly $2.9 trillion — more than three times its size before the 2008 financial crisis.

The Fed has launched three rounds of bond purchases since the financial crisis hit. In announcing a third program in September, the Fed said it would keep buying mortgage bonds until the job market improved substantially.

Skeptics note that rates on mortgages and many other loans are already at or near all-time lows. So any further declines in rates engineered by the Fed might offer little economic benefit.

But besides seeking to spur lending, the Fed's drive to cut rates has another goal: to induce investors to shift money out of low-yielding bonds and into stocks, which could lift stock prices. Stock gains boost wealth and typically lead individuals and businesses to spend and invest more. The economy would benefit.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Empire of the Sun (PG) 2hrs 32min
7:30pm

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

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
1:15pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Life of Pi (PG) 2hrs 06min
3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

End of Watch (R) 1hr 49min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Anna Karenina (R) 2hrs 10min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

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

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm

Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:55pm

Skyfall (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
12:30pm, 4:05pm, 7:20pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
12:01am

Flight (R) 2hrs 19min
12:15pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
11:25am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

Rise of the Guardians 3D (PG) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:35am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:30pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in HFR 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
12:01am

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

Grey (R) 1hr 57min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Waiting For Lightning (PG-13) 1hr 36min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Hitchcock (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Flying Lessons (R) 1hr 43min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Skyfall (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
11:15am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:45pm

Rise of the Guardians (PG) 1hr 37min
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Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
12:01am

Playing for Keeps (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 1hr 48min
11:20am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Killing Them Softly (R) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

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Dinner for two tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ A matter from the recent past could come back to haunt you. You can't take back words said or actions done, but the good news is that you can remedy what happened. Tonight: Touch base with an older relative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Reconsider a situation involving a close partner. You can work through nearly anything together, as long as you are able to remain detached. You might surprise yourself with the sense of elation and harmony you could achieve as a result. Tonight: Answer your calls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Reflect rather than react. A friend's unpredictability could create uncertainty in your world. On the other hand, you just might find exactly what you've been looking for. Relate to others directly, especially when discussing finances. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Dive right into work. You'll discover the importance of clearing up as much as possible in the late afternoon. Free yourself up for some socializing with friends and loved ones. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You feel the weekend in your bones, but you have a lot to do before then. As you attempt to accomplish everything you must, you could get bogged down in a project. A different perspective could help you see the situation in a new light. Tonight: Do your thing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ If you're considering the possibility of staying home more often, know that you'll have to indulge this fantasy sooner or later. You could find a friend or loved one most distracting, though, so you might want to rethink this plan. Tonight: Now for the romp.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that falls into your lap. You are incapable of handling it all, as you are only human. Your sense of humor emerges because of a child's antics. Can you even question how much you are cared about? Tonight: Get some errands done.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You could have a lot to say, and perhaps it is more than someone wants to hear. Be sensitive to this person. You might have a lot to say, but the purpose of saying it is to be heard. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Make a resolution in the morning, and you'll stand a chance of making it so. Your creativity springs forward whenever there is a need for a solution. You delight others, as well as yourself, with an addition to a project or a special purchase. Tonight: More holiday duties.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ In the morning, you could have a case of the lazies or seem a bit passive. By midafternoon, you'll start acting like the Energizer bunny, and few can hop as fast as you. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Use the morning to the max. You could be inordinately lucky or just have a lot of support. Whatever you launch, do or decide seems destined to succeed. An interpersonal relationship glows. Tonight: Not to be found.

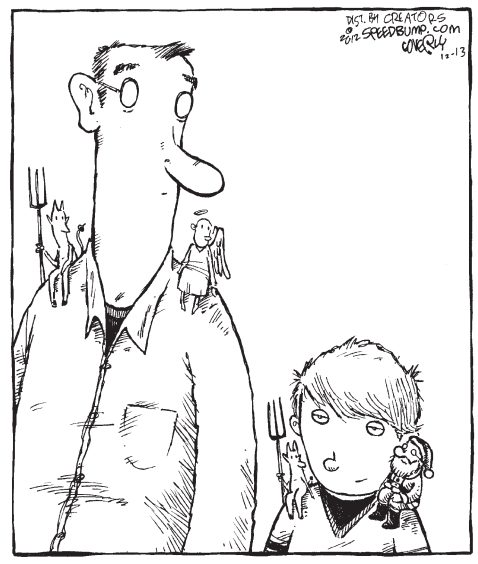
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take charge of a project early on. You might feel as if you do not have enough time in the day to handle what you must. Lighten up and prioritize, and by late afternoon, the Fish will beam. A meeting could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

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

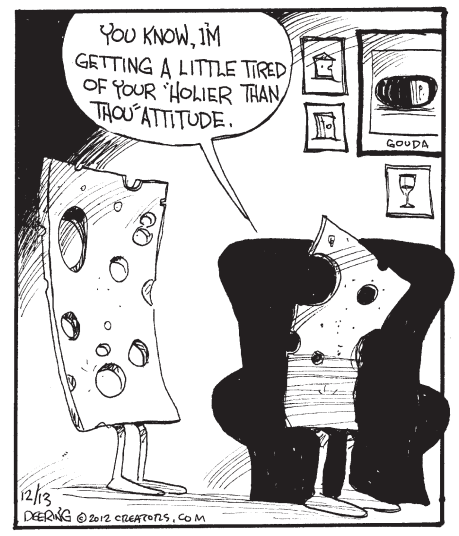
Happy birthday

This year you will have a new beginning in whatever area you deem necessary. Your personal power will expand because you live your word. Many people in your life want to draw you in, both professionally and personally. Your magnetism soars, and if you are single, you will see direct results. If you are attached, curb a tendency to be me-oriented. Yes, it is an exciting year, but a relationship will succeed only with the combined efforts of two people. CAPRICORN is cautious....

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



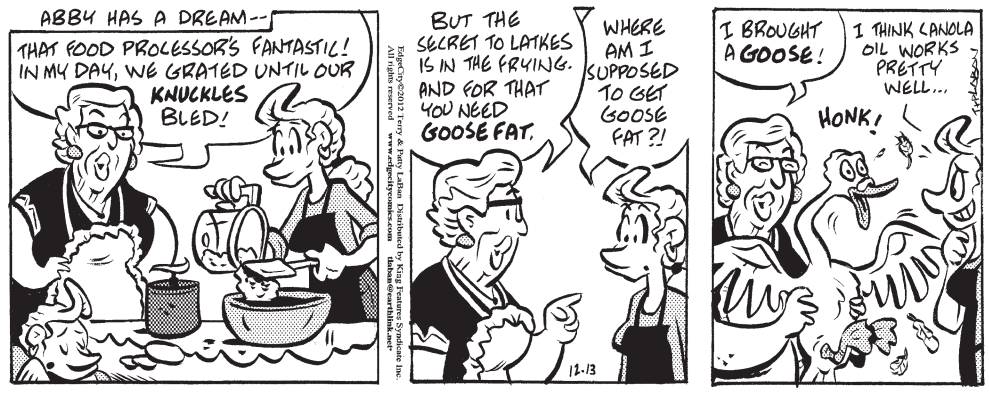
Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Edge City
By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield
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 ★★★

7				2				5
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		1	8	4	5	6		
6				1				9

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

1	5	6	8	7	2	9	3	4
9	3	8	4	1	5	6	2	7
7	2	4	9	3	6	1	8	5
6	4	3	5	2	8	7	1	9
8	1	2	7	6	9	5	4	3
5	9	7	3	4	1	8	6	2
2	8	5	1	9	4	3	7	6
4	7	1	6	5	3	2	9	8
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CROSSWORD
By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Confronted
6 Smallest mammal
11 Domicile
12 City on the Nile
13 Museum piece
14 Violinist Mischa
15 Presidential middle name
17 Lummox
19 Leaf lifter
20 Burmese, for one
23 Narrow passage
25 Cry of distress
26 Nice round figure
28 Writer Rice
29 Easily handled
30 No longer active: Abbr.
31 Cleveland player, for short
32 Trumpeter Elgart
33 Arouse
35 Ready to hit
38 Faucet problems
41 Hard stuff
42 Dome home
43 Intimidated
44 Nervous one

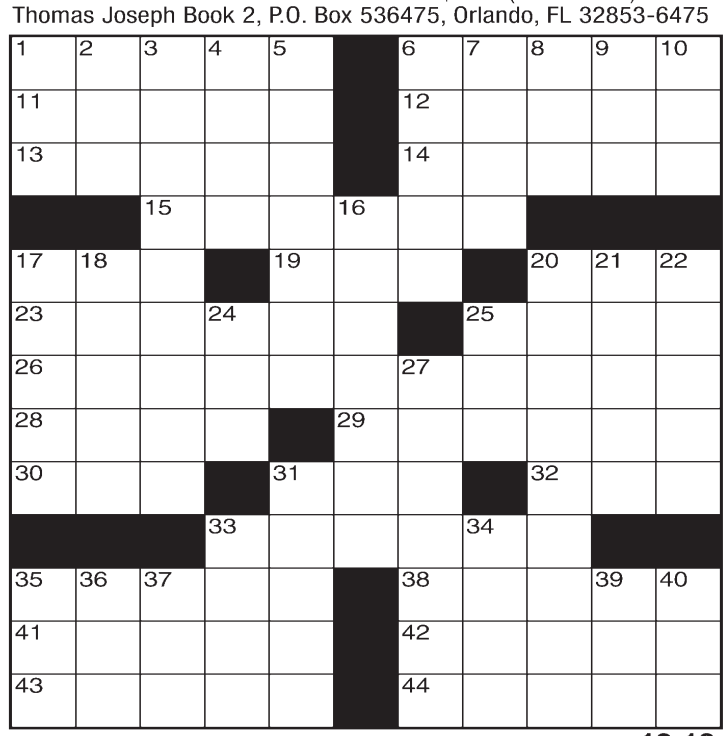
DOWN

1 Way off
2 Bandleader Lyman
3 Weather map line
4 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"
5 Speechify
6 Fragrance
7 Ring of light
8 Brink
9 Important time
10 Took the cup
16 Dove's stance
17 Film award
18 Make amends
20 Need for an agitated person
21 Battery end
22 Theater awards
24 Pub pints
25 Flamenco call
27 Not exactly tidy
31 Referred to
33 Disconcert
34 Longing
35 Epitome of easiness
36 Overly
37 Fiddling need
39 Campaign pro
40 Tofu base

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Yesterday's answer

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12-13

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/11
39 44 51 52 54
Meganumber: 13
Jackpot: $35M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 12/8
17 24 30 33 45
Meganumber: 22
Jackpot: $19M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/11
1 10 24 33 34

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/11
MIDDAY: 1 1 0
EVENING: 0 4 4

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 12/11
1st: 03 Hot shot
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:49.27

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Financial advisers charge the big bucks because of their sophisticated understanding of money and markets -- or maybe because they know how the stars align. A September Marketplace radio program highlighted the newsletters of "financial astrologers" Karen Starich and former Merrill Lynch stock trader Arch Crawford (who left the trading floor because, apparently, astrology is more lucrative). About 300 traders pay $237 a year to learn what Starich knows about Neptune and Saturn, and Crawford's 2,000 subscribers (at least a few of which prefer receiving copies in unmarked wrappers) learned that any new business venture goes south when Mercury is in retrograde.

■ The Continuing Decline of American Manufacturing: A Drug Enforcement Administration agent told the Associated Press in October that factories in Mexico have recently been supplying American markets with especially potent and inexpensive methamphetamine. "These are sophisticated, high-tech (businesses) ... that are operating with extreme precision," said agent Jim Shroba. The 90 percent-pure product offers "a faster, more intense and longer-lasting high." Many Americans, meanwhile, continue to make small batches of inferior meth in 2-liter soda bottles.

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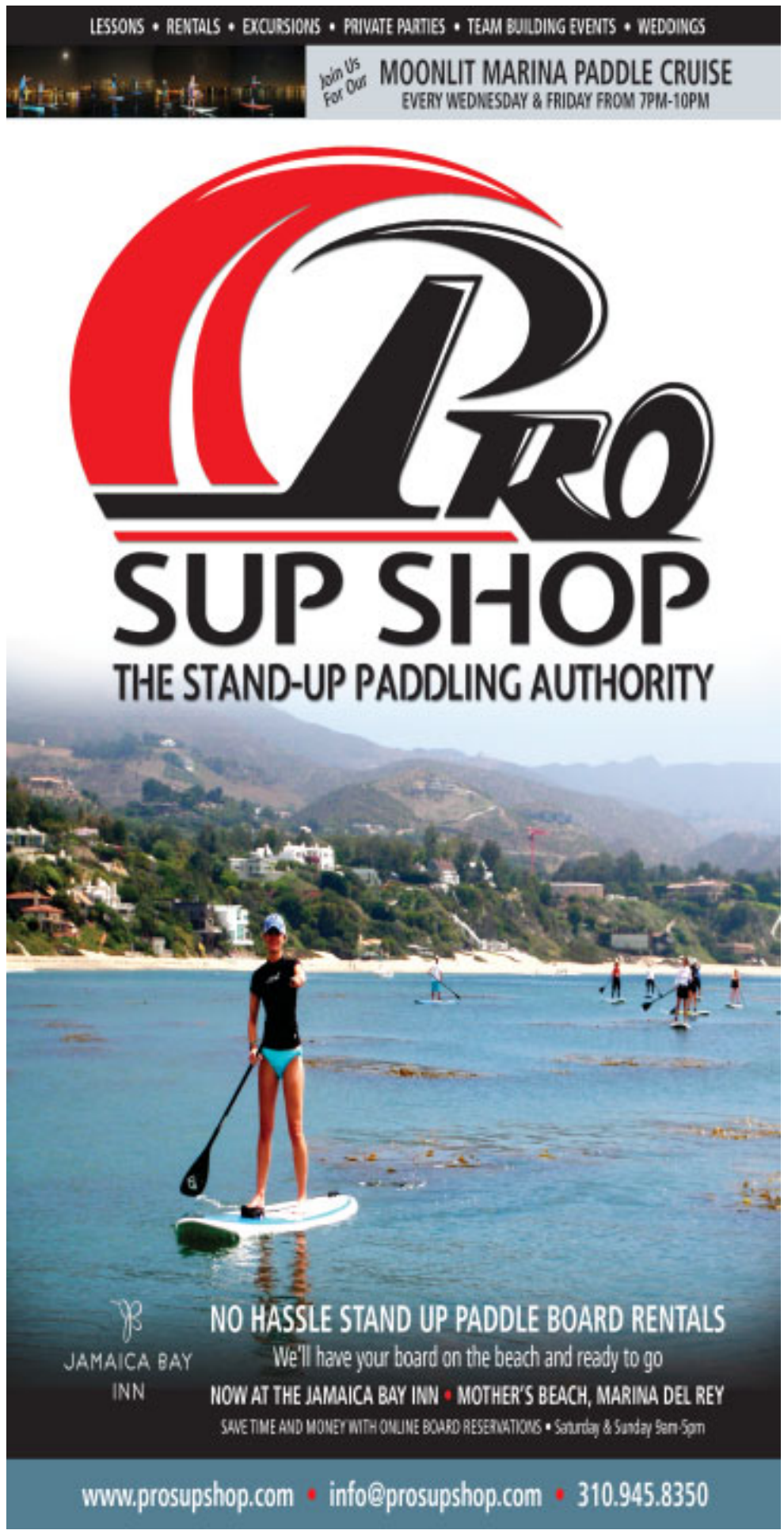
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