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THE YOU DONE SHOPPING? ISSUE



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FREE: **Missouri Attorney General Chris Koster inspects dogs in Missouri before the Humane Society began clearing the puppy mill.**

Santa Monica pet stores say no to puppy mills

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Six Santa Monica pet stores have pledged to take a stand against puppy mills and instead only support local animal adoption programs in their quest to connect Santa Monicans with their new best friends.

The stores also pledged to not sell pups — period.

The pact is part of an ongoing effort by the Humane Society of the United States to end support of "puppy mills," a practice where people breed and rebreed the same female dog repeatedly to produce a large number of puppies that can then be sold to pet stores.

According to the Humane Society, the majority of puppies sold by pet stores come from these kinds of breeders, and by signing the pledge, pet stores throughout Santa Monica can be exemplars of a more enlightened business practice.

"These stores have set a positive example of corporate responsibility for other businesses to follow," said Jennifer Fearing, the California senior state director for the Humane Society of the United States.

Roughly 3,000 independent pet stores in the United States carry puppies, roughly 4 million of which are sold each year.

Of those, the Humane Society estimates that 2 million come from puppy mills.

Animal rights advocates say the practice of overbreeding dogs is cruel not only to the mother, which suffers huge physical damage

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Planners grapple with nonprofits near homes

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Discussions about what to build where got real Wednesday night when the Planning Commission grappled with one of Santa Monica's most difficult questions: How to allow services that people want and need while protecting neighborhoods and those that live in them?

The five-hour conversation wound its way through some of the most controversial land use issues that Santa Monica has faced in the last 15 years, like the treatment of car dealerships on Santa Monica Boulevard, regulations surrounding bed & breakfast-style businesses and big box stores.

New to the discussion, however, were regulations surrounding social service

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BIG CUT

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Resident Carlos Sandoval (right) cuts the ribbon Thursday on a new Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica branch at a residential building on Broadway. Chairman of the club's board of directors Bill Dawson assists. The location is a collaboration between the club and Community Corp. of Santa Monica, a nonprofit that creates affordable housing.

Pepperdine expansion project clears first hurdle

BY MELISSA CASKEY
Special to the Daily Press

MALIBU Pepperdine University last week received a key approval from the California Coastal Commission on plans to expand its campus, although university officials say the project could still be years away from breaking ground.

The city of Malibu also sent an unsuccessful letter objecting to the project on the grounds that it would increase traffic in Malibu.

The campus expansion plan, called the Campus Life Project, proposes nearly 400,000 square feet of new development on 365 acres of existing land. The development would include a new 5,000-seat athletic and events center, add 468 beds, add outdoor lighting to the women's soccer field, build a welcome center and a nearly 800-space parking lot for the School of Law.

The Coastal Commission's ruling last week was a necessary precursor to the project's approval. Specifically, the commission unanimously approved a traffic management program and lighting amendments to the school's long range development plan (LRDP), a master development plan written in the 1980s.

"The LRDP is the planning document that guides all development on campus," said Steve Hudson, district manager for the Coastal Commission's South Central Coast District office. "It provides both guidance and the standard of review for all developments, including Campus Life."

When the commission looks at the Campus Life Project blueprints, the LRDP will be their reference guide in determining whether the plans are up to par.

Pepperdine's governing board now has six months to pass a resolution accepting the LRDP modifications, which include a traffic management program for large events held at

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Dec. 21, 2012

Inside the library
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:30 p.m.
Docent led tours are offered the third Friday of each month. Docents are able to adapt the tour to focus on various aspects of the environmentally-friendly facility. For more information, visit smpl.org.

New spin on a classic
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.

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.

Saturday, Dec. 22, 2012

Glide on ice
ICE at Santa Monica
1324 Fifth St., 10 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Ice skating by the beach? The annual ICE at Santa Monica rink returns to give locals a taste of winter. For more information, visit www.downtownsm.com/ice.

Here comes Santa Claus
Malibu Country Mart
3835 Cross Creek Rd., Malibu,
11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Santa and his reindeer will make a visit to the mart just in time for Christmas. He'll arrive at 11 a.m. with photos from 12 p.m. — 3 p.m. There will be strolling carolers to finish off the day from 1 p.m. — 3 p.m. For more information, visit www.malibucountrymart.com.

Lots of blocks
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Kids ages 4 and up are invited to build something amazing with Lego blocks during this regular event. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Sunday, Dec. 23, 2012

The good stuff
Santa Monica Airport
3100-3000 Airport Ave.
8 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Any collectors on your holiday gift list? Stop by to browse the antiques, collectibles and crafts at this market just days before Christmas. For more information, call (323) 933-2511.

Be their guest
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Explore the fully-restored guest house with a Santa Monica Conservancy docent. Tours are free and last approximately 30 minutes. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

Siddown already
Ruskin Group Theatre, 3000 Airport Ave., 2 p.m.
Critically acclaimed during its original NYC run, 20 years ago, "SIDDOWN!!! Conversations with the Mob" takes viewers into the world of mob related activities through three one-acts; shedding light on the brutality, the absurd and the hysterical. For more information, call (310) 397-3244.

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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



CORRECTION

In the column Culture Watch, which appeared in the Dec. 20 edition of the Daily Press, it should have said that Mi's Westside Comedy Theater is located at 1323-A Third St.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

HOLLYWOOD

Party with Clinton, Kobe

If you have an extra $5,000, you can kick it with former President Bill Clinton and Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant at Santa Monica-based Step Up on Second's grand opening of their latest affordable-housing project in Hollywood, known as Step Up on Vine.

The VIP tickets include a meet-and-greet and photo opportunity with both President Clinton and Bryant. There will also be a live auction that will include private time with Bryant and an event with Clinton.

Money raised supports Step Up, a provider of housing and other services for those with mental illness, and the Kobe and Vanessa Bryant Family Foundation, which is dedicated to ending homelessness in Los Angeles.

General tickets are $1,000 for the event, scheduled for Jan. 14.

Proceeds will help Step Up provide more permanent supportive housing in Hollywood, said Step Up CEO Tod Lipka.

Step Up on Vine, located at the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Vine Street, provides 34 units that will become homes for the most chronically homeless individuals who have a mental illness. The project will be a LEED building, with the goal of reaching platinum status, Lipka said.

LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) buildings are those that are built to be as energy-efficient as possible in an effort to preserve resources and protect the environment.

The housing project is part of the Clinton Global Initiative, which was created by the president in 2005 to create and put in place innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges.

To purchase tickets visit http://kvbff.org/tickets.

– KEVIN HERRERA

CITYWIDE

Keep pets safe during the holidays

If you're considering adopting a pet, now would be a great time to do it as the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control is offering $40 off of a dog adoption and $30 off a cat adoption. The 12 Pets of Christmas discount lasts until Dec. 24 and can be accessed by visiting www.foundanimals.org/twelve-pets-of-christmas.

In the midst of the holiday season, county officials would also like to offer tips to keep pets safe.

"We can get so caught up with all of the holiday festivities, but let's not forget about our four-legged family members," said Marcia Mayeda, director of the Department of Animal Care and Control.

• Never feed or allow pets to eat chocolate or other holiday candies. Chocolate is poisonous to dogs and cats and can cause death. If you see your animal eating chocolate, get to a vet as soon as possible.

• Keep Christmas tree ornaments away from your pets as they will be tempted to chew or swallow them.

• Some people add special liquid preservatives to the water in Christmas tree stands that can be harmful to pets if they drink it. Check to see if your tree is "pet safe."

• Keep holiday season plants away from pets as some can be poisonous to cats and dogs.

• Don't leave wrapping paper or ribbons where pets can chew and possibly swallow them.

• Make sure pets cannot get to electrical wiring.

• If you are having turkey, make sure to dispose of the bones properly. They can easily splinter and puncture an animal's gastro-intestinal tract, causing internal injury.

• And keep your pets away from the booze. Don't let anyone offer a sample of their favorite libation to your pet.

– KH



Photo courtesy Smithsonian Institution

TICK TOCK: **According to the Mayan calendar, Dec. 21, 2012 marks the end of the culture's long count.**

In Mexico, New Agers hope Dec. 21 brings a new era

MARK STEVENSON
Associated Press

MERIDA, Mexico The crystal skulls have spoken: The world is not going to end.

American seer Star Johnsen-Moser led a whooping, dancing, drum-beating ceremony Thursday in the heart of Mayan territory to consult several of the life-sized crystal skulls, which adherents claim were passed down by the ancient Maya.

The skulls weren't the only inheritances left by the ancient civilization that have been making waves this week: The supposed end of the Maya long-count calendar on Friday has prompted a wave of doomsday speculation across the globe.

"This is not the end of the world, this is the beginning of the new world," Johnsen-Moser said at a gathering of hundreds of spiritualists at a convention center in Merida. "It is most important that we hold a positive, beautiful reality for ourselves and our planet ... Fear is out of place."

The supposed 5 a.m. Friday doomsday hour had already arrived in several parts of the world with no sign of the apocalypse.

The social network Imgur posted photos of clocks turning midnight in the Asia-Pacific region with messages such as: "The world has not ended. Sincerely, New Zealand."

In Merida, the celebration of the cosmic dawn began with a fumbling of the sacred fire meant to honor the calendar's conclusion.

Gabriel Lemus, the white-haired guardian of the flame, burned his finger on the kindling and later had to scoop up a burning log that was knocked out of the ceremonial brazier onto the wooden stage.

Still, the white-clad Lemus was convinced that it was a good start, as he was joined by about 1,000 other shamans, seers, stargazers, crystal enthusiasts, yogis, sufis and swamis at the convention center about an hour and a half from the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza.

"It is a cosmic dawn," said Lemus. "We will recover the ability to communicate telepathically and levitate objects ... like our ancestors did."

Celebrants later held their arms in the air in a salute to the Thursday morning sun.

"The galactic bridge has been established," announced spiritual leader Alberto Arribalzaga, who led the ceremony. "At this moment, spirals of light are entering the center of your head ... Generating powerful vortexes that cover the planet."

Few here believe the world will end on Friday; the summit is scheduled to run through Sunday. Instead, participants say, they are here to celebrate the birth of a new age.

A Mexican Indian seer who calls himself Ac Tah, and who has traveled around Mexico erecting small

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Veterans lost.
Compassion lost.
Children lost.
WE HAVE FAILED.

We who feel God blessed us.
We who think we are owed.
We who think we deserve more freedom.
WE HAVE FAILED

With freedom comes responsibility.
With power comes responsibility.
With money comes responsibility.
WE HAVE FAILED

Our governments cannot govern.
Our schools cannot teach.
Our mistakes are repeated over and over.
WE HAVE FAILED

We cannot protect our youngest
In a sanctuary of learning.
Everybody.
WE HAVE FAILED

Future generations will remember us.
Not caring for those in need, the ill.
Make sure they can kill.
Faster, better, more.
WE HAVE FAILED

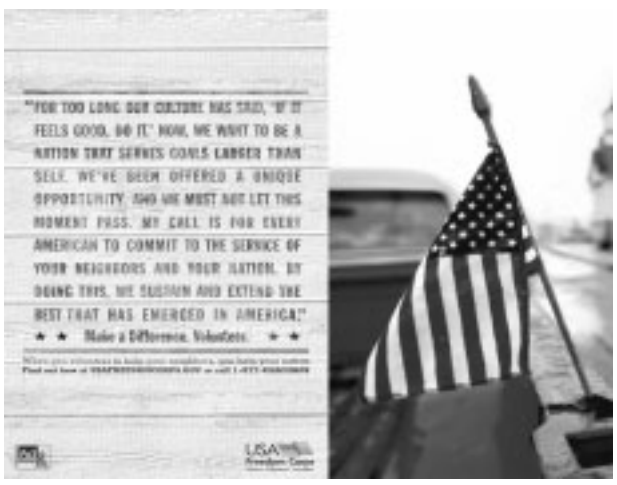
Wake up America.
Wake up America.
Wake up America.
What greater horror do we need?
WE HAVE FAILED

Shall every child, parent, grandparent live in fear?
Is that the heritage we will leave?
Is that our gift to the unborn?
If so, WE HAVE FAILED

"We have nothing to fear, but fear itself."
We have nothing to fear, but
Apathy
Closed minds
Obstructionism
Ignorance
WE CONTINUE TO FAIL

Find hope
Find strength
Find action

Bob Wolff
Santa Monica



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Newtown is every town

READERS OFTEN ASSUME THAT I LOVE writing. I wish that were the case. Frankly, I view writing much as I view working out in the gym. I love both activities, but only after I'm done.

Lately I've been procrastinating more and more over these missives each week and submitting them closer and closer to the Thursday 4 p.m. deadline. If on Monday, or Tuesday or, even worse, Wednesday I don't have a column percolating my brain goes on "search mode," AKA panic.

Last week I wrote about the fiscal cliff and managed to eke out some humor, albeit on the cheap side. (John Boehner's "liberal" use of self-tanning lotion.) The column ran on Friday, the day that at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Conn. an atrocity occurred, making it one of the darkest days in our county's history.

Five heroic teachers and their principal and 20 first graders were massacred at the hands of a sick 20-year-old man wielding an assault rifle. His unspeakable actions devastated this country emotionally and elicited condolences worldwide. It turns out Newton is every town.

I've procrastinated writing this column more than any I can ever recall. And maybe that's a good thing. Maybe thinking carefully about another senseless mass murder in America and struggling to find the right words is good. It has made me dwell on the madness of this horrific phenomenon, including how routinely it happens.

In President Barack Obama's first term he has made four visits to grieving cities in America, victims of gun-related carnage. As Obama said at an emotional vigil in Newton on Sunday, "Enough is enough," adding, "Surely we can do better than this."

That night I was alone in my apartment building's gym watching Sunday Night Football as I worked out. Suddenly the broadcast cut away to Obama's speech at Newtown. When the president somberly listed the names of the teachers, the principal and the children, tears began streaming down my cheeks. At that moment a neighbor came to use the weights and couldn't help but notice my weeping. (He must have really thought I hate exercise.)

Later, on the Internet, I saw some subhuman had tweeted, "Get that [n-word] off the TV. I want to see my football."

We've experienced these tragedies so often it's as though we've become inured and, as a result, nothing is ever done to prevent further gun violence. In its devotion to the Second Amendment, the National Rifle Assn. has successfully prevented any curbs of assault weapons or high capacity magazine clips.

For example, the murderer in Newtown had three weapons, each with clips containing 30 bullets. He also had numerous other clips in his possession, totaling hundreds of rounds of ammunition. It's ghastly to even conjure the thought but it's a miracle that more people weren't slaughtered.

The Second Amendment reads, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed." It was written when we relied on citizens arming themselves in civilian militias.

But with an all-volunteer military we don't have militias anymore. (And if we do, they're generally a scary looking collection of nut jobs, but please don't quote me lest they show up at my door.) Is it too much to ask that we reinstate the Assault Weapons Ban that Ronald Reagan endorsed but that George W. Bush let lapse in 2004? What sane person would need or want a semi-automatic assault rifle to hunt deer?

And how are there still gun-show loopholes that allow for 40 percent of all guns to be bought without a background check? And how are armor-piercing bullets even on the market? Or magazine clips that hold 30 bullets? None of those are necessary for hunting animals, but apparently are ideal for massacring humans.

On Monday, 6-year-old Jack Pinto was buried in Newton. He was such a fan of football player Victor Cruz of the New York Giants, that his family buried him in his Victor Cruz jersey. On Sunday, in the game against Atlanta, Cruz wrote "Jack Pinto" and "my hero" on his cleats and gloves. On Tuesday the Giants receiver fought back tears while describing his hour-long visit with Jack's parents and siblings.

Posthumously, Jack also received a letter from his best pal, John, whose sadness is palpable in his hand-written farewell note, "Jack you are my best friend. We had fun together. I will miss you. I will talk to you in my prayers. I love you, Jack."

In four days the country will celebrate the birth of the prince of peace. Meanwhile we have over 280 million guns and an estimated 30,000 gun-related deaths annually. (In England there's 35.) In the memory of little Jack Pinto, and all the other children and adults whose lives have been lost due to gun violence, enough has to be enough. Surely we have to do better than this.

To do something about preventing gun violence go to www.bradycenter.org. **JACK** can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.





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Waiting on fiscal cliff compromise, stocks inch up

CHRISTINA REXRODE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The stock market ended higher Thursday after flipping between small gains and losses throughout the morning. Uncertainty about the "fiscal cliff," just days away, was top of mind for many traders.

The Republican-controlled House pushed ahead with a bill aimed at averting the "fiscal cliff," but President Barack Obama has threatened to veto it and Democratic leaders in the Senate vowed to let it die.

Many traders now expect that the Republicans and Democrats won't reach an agreement before Christmas. The political haggling kept markets muted, and trading volume was low.

"Every time someone makes a speech, you get another move in the market," said Ben Fischer, founder and managing director of NFJ Investment Group in Dallas. "Everyone's just tracking it on a very short-term basis."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell as much as 36 points before ending the day higher, rising 59.75 points to close at 13,311.72. Other indexes followed similar patterns. The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 7.88 to 1,443.69. The Nasdaq composite index rose 6.02 to 3,050.39.

In Washington, the Republicans offered in their "Plan B" to raise taxes on the wealthy, but Democrats complained that it would not address the steep budget cuts that are automatically set to occur for military and domestic agencies.

If the Republicans and Democrats don't work out a compromise before the end of the month, the U.S. could go over the "fiscal cliff," a reference to big tax increases and government spending cuts that would automatically kick in if no budget deal is in place. Some economists fear that would push the U.S. back into recession.

But even a successful compromise is no guarantee that the market will soar. The market already assumes that a budget compromise will be reached, Fischer and others said, evidenced by its more-or-less steady increase since mid-November.

A compromise "doesn't make everything better," said Tim Biggam, market strategist with the brokerage TradingBlock in Chicago. "It just stops things from getting worse."

Biggam predicted that the economy's growth next year will remain anemic. Problems that the headlines over budget impasse have pushed out of the public consciousness, like the European debt crisis, still need to be resolved, he said.

"All the fears that we were worried about not too long ago," he said, "have not gone away."

Also at the forefront for many traders was the news that NYSE Euronext, the parent of the New York Stock Exchange, planned to sell itself to IntercontinentalExchange, an upstart and lesser-known exchange operator based in Atlanta.

NYSE Euronext's stock surged $8.20 to $32.25. The boost at IntercontinentalExchange was much more modest, with the stock rising $1.79, or just more than 1 percent, to $130.10. That signals traders think the proposed deal could be more beneficial to NYSE Euronext than to its potential buyer.

Even without the complications of the budget negotiations, the U.S. economy has been difficult to read, a pattern that continued Thursday.

The government said the U.S. economy grew at an annual rate of 3.1 percent over the summer, higher than the previous estimate of 2.7 percent. But growth is likely to slow in the current quarter and early next year.

The government also reported that the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits rose last week, a disappointment after four straight weeks of declines. The four-week moving average of jobless claims, a less volatile measurement, fell.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note was unchanged at 1.80 percent. World markets were also mixed. Major stock indexes in Britain and Japan edged lower, while France and China rose.

A slate of companies reported earnings, with varied results:

• Darden Restaurants, the parent of Olive Garden and Red Lobster, fell $1.34 to $45.47 after the company reported sharply lower profits. New ad campaigns meant to attract younger customers haven't done as well as the company hoped.

• Rite Aid, the drugstore chain, soared 16 percent, rising 17 cents to $1.21, after the company reported its first quarterly profit since 2007. The pharmacies filled more prescriptions, and an influx of generic drugs helped profitability.

• Scholastic slipped 50 cents to $28.79 after reporting lower profit and revenue, with demand fading for its popular "Hunger Games" trilogy.

• CarMax shot up 9 percent, rising $3.13 to $37.97, after reporting higher profit and revenue. Sales of used cars helped push results higher.

The Q Line

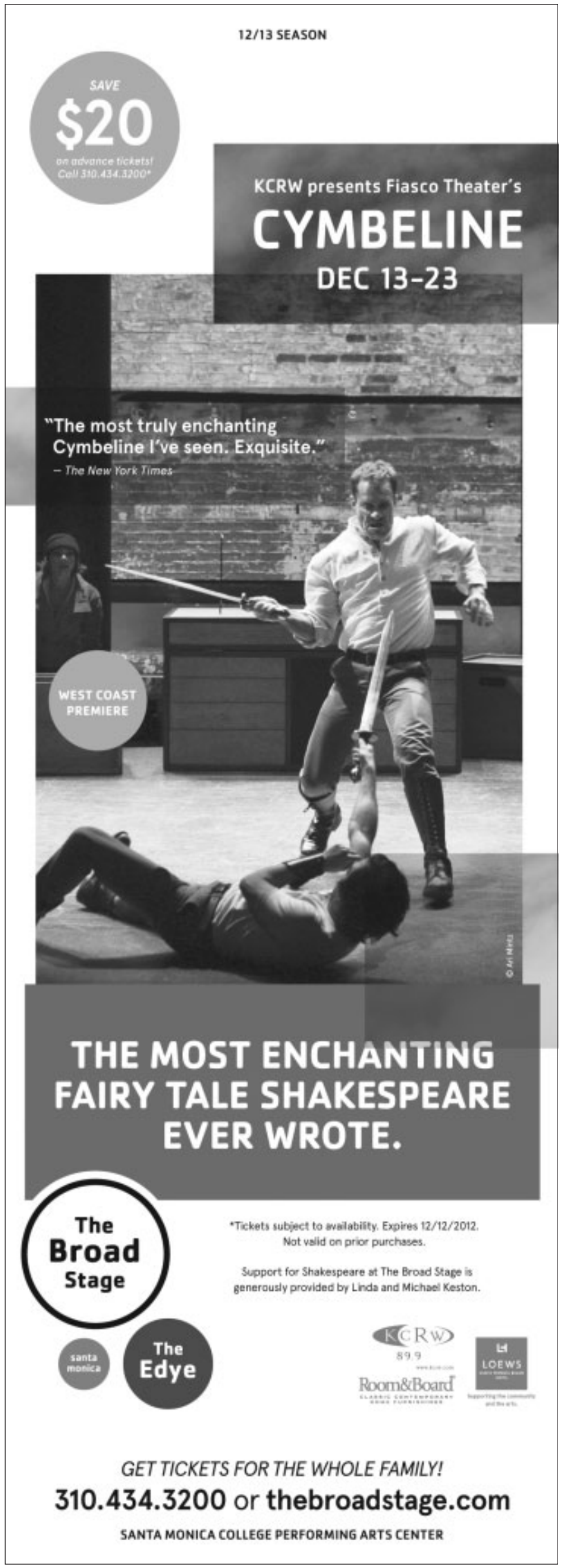
Right choice for mayor

Councilmember Pam O'Connor was selected to serve a fourth term as mayor by her peers on the City Council last week. Longtime member Kevin McKeown was again passed over for the post despite being a favorite among the electorate.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Should the council have given McKeown a chance to be the mayor or was the right decision made?

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2012 another record-setter, fitting climate forecasts

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON As 2012 began, winter in the U.S. went AWOL. Spring and summer arrived early with wildfires, blistering heat and drought. And fall hit the eastern third of the country with the ferocity of Superstorm Sandy.

This past year's weather was deadly, costly and record-breaking everywhere — but especially in the United States.

If that sounds familiar, it should. The previous year also was one for the record books.

"We've had two years now of some angry events," said Deke Arndt, U.S. National Climatic Data Center monitoring chief. "I'm hoping that 2013 is really boring."

In 2012 many of the warnings scientists have made about global warming went from dry studies in scientific journals to real-life video played before our eyes: Record melting of the ice in the Arctic Ocean. U.S. cities baking at 95 degrees or hotter. Widespread drought. Flooding. Storm surge inundating swaths of New York City.

All of that was predicted years ago by climate scientists and all of that happened in 2012.

"What was predicted was there would be more of these things," said Michel Jarraud, secretary general for the World Meteorological Organization.

Globally, five countries this year set heat records, but none set cold records. 2012 is on track to be the warmest year on record in the United States. Worldwide, the average through November suggests it will be the eighth warmest since global record-keeping began in 1880.

July was the hottest month in record-keeping U.S. history, averaging 77.6 degrees. Over the year, more than 69,000 local heat records were set — including 356 locations in 34 states that hit their highest-ever temperature mark.

America's heartland lurched from one extreme to the other without stopping at "normal." Historic flooding in 2011 gave way to devastating drought in 2012.

"The normal has changed, I guess," said U.S. National Weather Service acting director Laura Furgione. "The normal is extreme."

While much of the U.S. struggled with drought that conjured memories of the Dust Bowl, parts of Africa, Russia, Pakistan, Colombia, Australia and China dealt with the other extreme: deadly and expensive flooding.

But the most troubling climate development this year was the melting at the top of the world, Jarraud said. Summer sea ice in the Arctic shrank to 18 percent below the previous record low. The normally ice-packed Arctic passages were open to shipping much of the summer, more than ever before, and a giant Russian tanker carrying liquefied natural gas made a delivery that way to prove how valuable this route has become, said Mark Serreze, director of the National Snow and Ice Data Center.

Also in Greenland, 97 percent of the surface ice sheet had some melting. Changes in the Arctic alter the rest of the world's weather and "melting of the ice means an amplifying of the warming," Jarraud said.

There were other weather extremes no one predicted: A European winter cold snap that killed more than 800 people. A bizarre summer windstorm called a derecho in the U.S. mid-Atlantic that left millions without power. Antarctic sea ice that inched to a record high. More than a foot of post-Thanksgiving rain in the western U.S. Super Typhoon Bopha, which killed hundreds of people in the Philippines and was the southernmost storm of its kind.

The United States has had "some quiet years while the rest of the world was quite wild," but that's not the case this year, Arndt said. Insurance giant Munich Re in a report this fall concluded: "Nowhere in the world is the rising number of annual natural catastrophes more evident than in North America."

In 2011, the United States set a record with 14 billion-dollar weather disasters. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has a preliminary count of 11 such disasters this year. And NOAA's official climate extreme index, which tallies disasters and rare events like super-hot days, is on pace to set its own record.

Arndt points to the geographic heart of America, the Mississippi River, as emblematic.

On May 6, 2011, the Mississippi River at New Madrid, Mo., crested at its highest point on record. Less than 16 months later on Aug. 30, 2012, the same spot on the river was more than 53 feet lower, hitting an all-time low water mark.

The U.S. went through the same lurching extremes on tornadoes. Those storms killed 553 people last year, Furgione said. This year began with many tornadoes, then in April they just stopped. April to November, normal tornado season, saw the fewest F1 or stronger tornadoes in the U.S. ever.

"Every year is bringing different types of extreme weather and climate events," NOAA chief Jane Lubchenco said. "All storms today are happening in a climate-altered world."

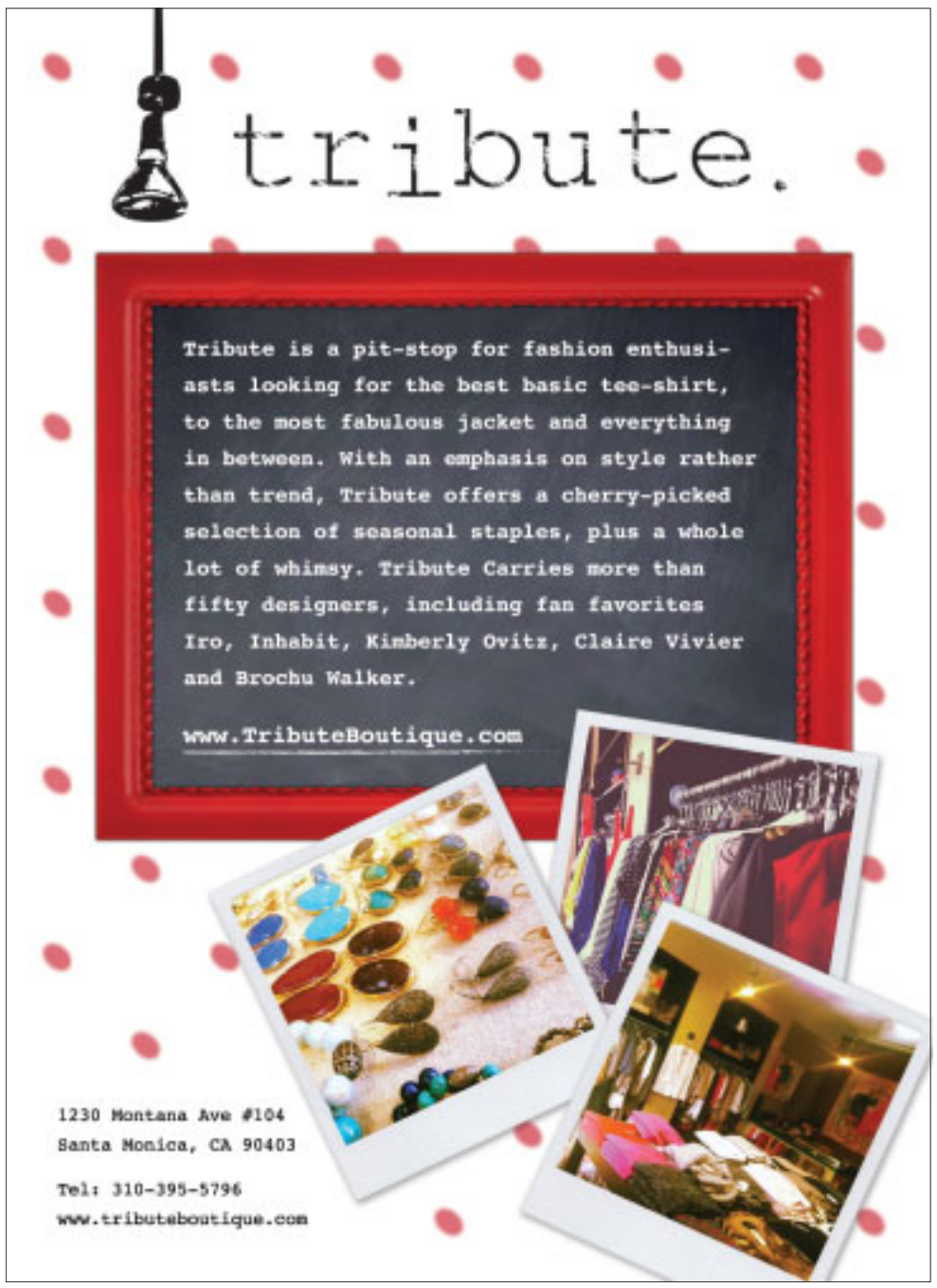
Not everything is connected to man-made global warming, climate scientists say. Some, like tornadoes, have no scientifically discernible connection. Others, like the East Coast superstorm, will be studied to see if climate change is a cause, although scientists say rising sea levels clearly worsened flooding. They are more convinced that the heat waves of last summer are connected to global warming.

These are "clearly not freak events," but "systemic changes," said climate scientist Stefan Rahmstorf of the Potsdam Institute in Germany. "With all the extremes that, really, every year in the last 10 years have struck different parts of the globe, more and more people absolutely realize that climate change is here and already hitting us."

In 1988, NASA scientist James Hansen, sometimes called the godfather of global warming science, ran computer models that predicted the decade of the 2010s would see many more 95-degree or hotter days and much fewer subfreezing days. This year made Hansen's predictions seemed like underestimates. For example, he predicted that in the 2010s Memphis would have on average 26 days of more than 95 degrees. This year there were 47.

Scientists — both those studying global warming and those studying hurricanes — have warned for more than a decade about a hurricane with big storm surge hitting New York City and flooding the subways. That happened with Sandy. Though it was never a major hurricane, it stretched across nearly 1,000 miles in the U.S., bringing storm surges, power outages to millions and even snow. Sandy killed more than 125 people in the United States and at least 70 in the Caribbean.

For decades, scientists have predicted extensive droughts from global warming. This year, the drought of 2012 was so extensive that nearly 2,300 counties — in almost every state — were declared agriculture disasters. At one point this summer more than 65 percent of the Lower 48 was suffering from drought.



CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Tempers flare en route to the pokey

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

TUESDAY, DEC. 11, AT 2:40 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers assigned to the Transit Services Unit were on patrol monitoring Big Blue Bus routes in Downtown Los Angeles when they saw a man riding a bike with a beer in his hands. The man allegedly ran a red light. When the suspect saw police, he threw the beer can and began riding faster in an effort to evade capture. Officers gave chase and caught up with the suspect and placed him under arrest. As he was being transported to the Santa Monica Jail, the suspect alleged slipped his hands underneath his legs to his chest and began hitting a rear window with his elbow in an attempt to break it, police said. A few moments later the suspect somehow reached under the Plexiglas divider separating the officers from the back seat and grabbed a road flare. He allegedly lit the flare and tried to burn the divider and passenger door. Officers pulled over on Interstate 10, retrieved the flare and re-handcuffed the suspect. He was eventually booked for arson, obstructing justice and failing to stop at a red light. He was identified as Erik Espinoza, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $50,000.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15, AT 11:55 P.M.,
Officers responded to a home on the 500 block of California Avenue after someone called 911 from their cell phone. When officers arrived, they approached the apartment in question and knocked on the door, but there was no answer. The door was left slightly open and officers stepped inside to do a "protective sweep." While inside, officers said they saw in plain view on top of a file cabinet some cocaine on a mirror and in several glass vials. After the sweep, the residents — a married couple — returned home. The husband told officers that he and his wife had gone out and had some drinks. When they returned they got into an argument and the wife allegedly struck him in the face, neck and upper body, causing minor injuries. When asked about the cocaine, the man told police that the drugs were his and that he had last used them a few hours ago, police said. The wife told police that she did get into an argument with her husband but would not provide any details. Both were placed under arrest. Romeen Patel, 32, of Santa Monica was booked for possession of a controlled substance. His bail was set at $10,000. Joleen Archibald, 27, of Santa Monica was booked for injuring her spouse. Her bail was set at $50,000.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15, AT 11:33 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 2400 block of Santa Monica Boulevard — Starbucks — regarding an aggressive panhandler. When officers arrived they made contact with the suspect, who allegedly lied about his identity. Officers did some digging and learned that the man had a full extradition warrant for his arrest out of Minnesota for larceny. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for providing false information to police and for the warrant. No bail was provided. He was identified as Andrew Stephen Hutton, 30, a transient.

SATURDAY, DEC. 15, AT 6:47 P.M.,
Officers were stopped for a red light at the corner of Santa Monica and Cloverfield boulevards when they saw a man riding a bike and make an illegal right-hand turn against a solid red light. Officers stopped the man for the violation and learned that he had an outstanding warrant. Officers placed him under arrest for the red light violation and for the warrant. While searching him, officers said they found cocaine hidden in his pants pocket. The suspect was identified as Stephen Norris, 56, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $10,750.

FRIDAY, DEC. 14, AT 7:55 P.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol at the corner of Cloverfield Boulevard and Michigan Avenue when they saw a man allegedly jaywalk. Officers stopped him and issued a citation, which the man refused to sign. He also allegedly tried to walk away from officers several times. He was eventually arrested and booked for resisting. He was identified as Richard Paul Roddy, II, 58, of Santa Monica.

THURSDAY, DEC. 13, AT 5:30 P.M.,
Officers responded to a home on the 2800 block of Sixth Street regarding a report of an assault that had occurred involving a handgun. When officers arrived they made contact with a woman who said that she was driving home and decided to stop by her ex-boyfriend's place to see how he was doing. She told cops that her ex opened his front door with a gun to his head. He allegedly told her that he was going to kill her and then himself and then pointed the gun at her head. The woman ran back to her car and fled the scene. Officers set up a perimeter around the suspect's home on the 400 block of Raymond Avenue and called him on the phone. He answered and agreed to exit the home. He was taken into custody and the handgun was recovered from inside the home. The suspect was booked for assault with a firearm, making criminal threats and domestic battery. He was identified as Kenneth Quattlebaum, 32, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 12, AT 3:45 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol in the area of Main and Bicknell streets when they saw a man cross the street against a red light. He was detained and admitted to officers that he was on probation for selling drugs. Officers searched him and allegedly found heroin and a hypodermic needle in his backpack. He was booked for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia. He was identified as George Arango, 24, of Baldwin Park, Calif. His bail was set at $10,000.

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in repeatedly bearing offspring, but also to the dogs, which, by federal law, may be raised in cages that offer them no more than six inches between the tip of their nose and the wall.

The dogs grow up in terrible living conditions, and their health suffers for it, said Emylia Clark, rescue coordinator with the Animal Wellness Centers, one of the six Santa Monica businesses that signed the pledge.

The limited genetic pool also spells problems for the dogs and for their future owners.

"When you have breeding situations like that, it's often not someone who has a lot of knowledge of genetics," she said. "They're turning out dogs that have all these issues, like eye problems and deformed limbs."

Clark used to work at a rescue group that rescued puppy mill dogs from the pound, where they were dumped after they could no longer breed.

"They used them up and threw them away," she said.

The biggest problem that Clark sees, however, is the fact that the millions of new puppies produced by the mills add to an already crowded canine situation.

According to the Humane Society, 4 million cats and dogs are put down every year in the country. No Kill Los Angeles, an animal advocacy group, estimates that in 2011 alone 17,401 healthy dogs and cats were put down in Los Angeles city shelters.

"With so many animals being euthanized in city shelters, it's a tragedy that they are continually breeding and breeding even if they can't find homes for the dogs," Clark said.

Santa Monica's Animal Shelter has a much better track record. Roughly 98 percent of the dogs that come through its doors are either adopted out or returned to their owners, as are 77 percent of cats, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department, which runs the shelter.

The Animal Wellness Centers do not sell dogs. Instead, they adopt out animals rescued from city shelters, particularly those that are about to be euthanized.

In signing the pledge, Animal Kingdom of Santa Monica, Centinela Feed & Pet Supplies, Got Pet Food, Healthy Spot and To Wag For have all committed to helping shelters reach local families.

As of last week, over 2,000 pet stores have made the pledge.

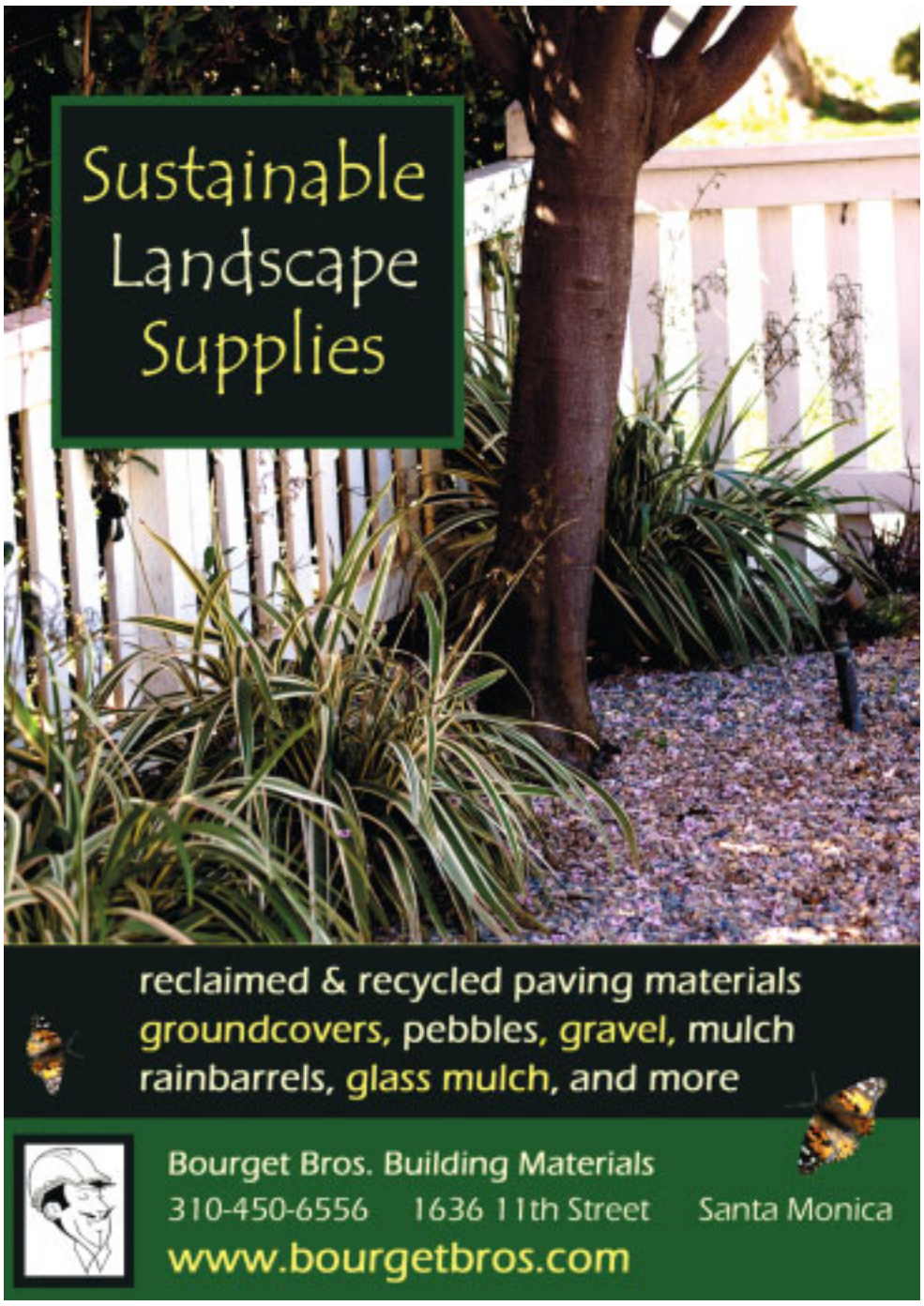
It's not a legislative act, and it won't stop puppy mills overnight, but it's a highly symbolic one, said Dale Bartlett, public policy manager with the Puppy Mill Campaign at the Humane Society.

"Really what it does is send a statement that it's not only possible for pet-related businesses to thrive without selling puppies, but it's the right thing to do," Bartlett said.

Those who sign the pledge may display a placard that reads, "We love puppies; that's why we don't sell them," to display in their stores, as well as materials about adopting a dog or finding a responsible breeder.

For more information about how to find responsibly-bred or rescue animals, visit www.hsus.org.

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a proposed 5,000-seat athletic and events center and a requirement that all outdoor lighting be downward facing and minimize light pollution. Pepperdine officials did not disclose when the governing board plans on ratifying the amendments and submit applications for the development permits, although the process is expected to be a formality.

"They'll have to go for a pending development permit [for the Campus Life Project]," Hudson said. "It's akin to someone getting a building permit."

Pepperdine and coastal officials estimate obtaining development permits on the Campus Life Project could take several years. Each permit would also require a public hearing before the Coastal Commission.

"The [LRDP] approval process represents the first and very early step of a multi-year process," said Pepperdine spokesman Jerry Derloshon. "There is still much to be done."

One of the amendments required by the commission was that the university create a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program to implement traffic flow plans for sporting events and other special campus events held at a proposed events center during the summer and holiday weekends. The school would also have to provide sufficient parking and traffic control for events drawing more than 3,500 attendees.

In a letter to the Coastal Commission, Malibu City Manager Jim Thorsen criticized a lack of specifics in the traffic plan.

Before the public hearing last week, Thorsen penned a letter to the Coastal Commission criticizing what the city believes is a lack of specifics outlined in the traffic plan. Thorsen wrote that while the program "shall include measures to decrease the number of vehicular trips during peak times … it does not quantify how many trips would need to be mitigated."

If the traffic plan is to work properly, Thorsen wrote that Pepperdine should specify "a minimum number or percentage decrease" to aim for to mitigate the traffic flow.

City Hall also renewed its request that Pepperdine be required to pay the city $7 a month per each enrolled full-time Pepperdine student in order to "mitigate direct impacts caused by the project within city limits" whenever the school breaks ground on the new athletic and events center. The $7 per student fee would fund "additional sheriffs needed to help with events programs ... a summer beach patrol team if we see an increase in students at the beach, as well as traffic improvements," Thorsen said.

With approximately 3,000 full-time students currently enrolled, the fee would net the city more than $250,000 annually from Pepperdine.

While the Coastal Commission turned down that suggested modification, Thorsen said the city plans on asking for the funding again at a later date once Pepperdine applies for a pending development permit.

Another amendment included in the commission's ruling was that outdoor lighting is required to be downward facing, "shielded, energy efficient, dark-sky-compatible, and shall incorporate state-of-the-art improvements in lighting technology when replaced thereafter."

Homeowners in neighboring Malibu Country Estates had originally taken issue with proposed obtrusive lighting for a new athletic field and other outdoor spots, but reached agreement with Pepperdine after several closed-door meetings.

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pyramids he calls "neurological circuits," said he holds high hopes for Dec. 21.

"We are preparing ourselves to receive a huge magnetic field straight from the center of the galaxy," he said.

Terry Kvasnik, 32, a stunt man and acrobat from Manchester, England, said his motto for the day is "Be in love, don't be in fear." While he didn't know exactly which ceremony he'll attend on Friday, he guaranteed with a smile, "I'm going to be in the happiest place I can."

Set up in the conference's exhibition hall were dozens of booths, where in addition to having your aura photographed with "Chi" light, you can buy mandalas, get a shamanic cleansing, develop your "golden light" and buy sandals, herbs and whole-grain baked goods. Cleansing here is done studiously and repeatedly, and usually involves have copal incense waved around one's body.

Visitors could also learn the art of healing drumming with a Mexican Otomi Indian master who calls himself Dabadi Thaayroyadi and says his slender, hand-held, plate-sized drums are made with prayers embedded into them. He said the drums emit "an intelligent energy" that can heal emotional, physical and social ailments.

During the opening ceremony participants chanted mantras to the blazing Yucatan sun, which quickly burned the fair-skinned crowd.

Violeta Simarro, a secretary from Perpignan, France, took shelter under a nearby awning and noted that the new age won't necessarily be all peaches and cream.

"It will be a little difficult at first, because the world will need a complete 'nettoyage' (cleaning), because there are so many bad things," she said.

Not all seers endorse the celebration.

Mexico's self-styled "brujo mayor," or chief soothsayer, Antonio Vazquez Alba, warned followers to stay away from all gatherings on Dec. 21, saying, "We have to beware of mass psychosis" that could lead to stampedes or "mass suicides, of the kind we've seen before."

"If you get 1,000 people in one spot and somebody yells 'Fire!' watch out," Vazquez Alba said. "The best thing is to stay at home, at work, in school, and at some point do a relaxation exercise."

Others see the summit as a model for the coming age.

Participants from Asian, North American, South American and European shamanistic traditions amiably mingled with the Mexican hosts.

"This is the beginning of a change in priorities and perceptions. We are all one," said Esther Romo, a Mexico City businesswoman who works in art promotion and galleries. "No limits, no boundaries, no nationalities, just fusion."

Gabriel Romero, a Los-Angeles based practicant of crystal skull channeling, was so sure this isn't the end of the world that he scheduled a welcome ceremony for the new age at dawn on Saturday morning, with plans to erect a stele, a stone monument used by the Maya to commemorate important dates or events.

Still, organizers of Yucatan's broader Mayan Culture Festival saw the need to answer the now-debunked idea that the Mayas, who invented an amazingly accurate calendar almost 2,000 years ago, had somehow predicted the end of the world. The Mayas measured time in 394-year periods known as baktuns. Anthropologists believe the 13th baktun ends around Dec. 21, and 13 is considered a sacred number for the Maya. But archaeologists have uncovered Mayan glyphs that refer to dates far, far in the future, long beyond Dec. 21.

Yucatan Gov. Rolando Zapata, whose state is home to Mexico's largest Maya population and has benefited from a boom in tourism, said he too felt the good vibes.

"We believe that the beginning of a new baktun means the beginning of a new era, and we're receiving it with great optimism," Zapata said.

He confirmed that thousands of tourists and spiritualists are expected for Friday's once-in 5,125-year event.

"We have information that all the flights to the city are completely full," Zapata said.

The Yucatan state government even invited a scientist to talk about the work of Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland, to debunk the idea it could produce world-ending rogue particles, a concept popularized by author Steve Alten in his recent book "Phobos, Mayan Fear."

Alten suggests the rogue particles — "tiny black holes" — could unleash earthquakes that might cause a huge tsunami, but acknowledges that linking such events to Dec. 21 "is author's license."

"It's science fiction theory, I'm a science fiction writer," he told The Associated Press.

The European Organization for Nuclear Research, however, has listed a number of odd subatomic phenomena — "magnetic monopoles," "Vacuum bubbles" and "strangelets" — that could play a role in the next apocalypse scare.

All of it amused Mexico City-based tourist Deyanira de Alvarez as she snapped a photo of the countdown clock mounted in the Merida international airport showing just over two days left to "the galactic alignment."

"My grandmother says that people have been talking about this (the world ending) ever since she was a little girl," De Alvarez said, "and look, grandma is still here."

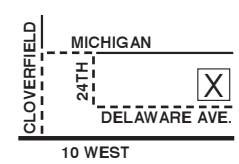


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organizations that provide care for those infected with HIV and AIDS or have addictions to drugs or alcohol.

That came to the fore in early 2012 when Common Ground, a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting people with HIV, announced its intentions to move its location only a few blocks north into the Sunset Park neighborhood of Santa Monica.

Current zoning along Lincoln Boulevard meant that the organization could inhabit the space without input from City Hall beyond the required "good neighbor agreement," a process by which organizations that receive public money work with neighbors to mitigate their impact on surrounding neighborhoods.

The proposed changes to zoning laws would also allow Common Ground and centers like it to move into certain areas by right, including a proposed "neighborhood commercial" zone that includes small shopping districts easily accessible from local neighborhoods.

Other areas zoned for offices and industry would require special permission from City Hall to set up shop.

The proposal also cements certain aspects of the "good neighbor agreement," including requirements for security, hours of operation, staffing and an emergency contact.

"What we were trying to do was find a way to continue to allow social service centers, which the city classifies as office use by right, yet have some requirements to which they have to adhere," said Vivian Kahn, a consultant with Dyett & Bhatia, the company contracted to create the zoning ordinance.

Another option would be to just require the "good neighbor agreements," she said.

One critical component of the regulation — how many of the service centers could be placed in one general location — was included, but left blank.

"It's blank because we have no idea what's going to work," Kahn said. "The response we got from [city officials] who deal with these is that they need to be near one another because of the clientele."

The issue of concentration is one that's stood out in the wider discussion of social service centers, particularly with residents of the Sunset and Ocean Park neighborhoods

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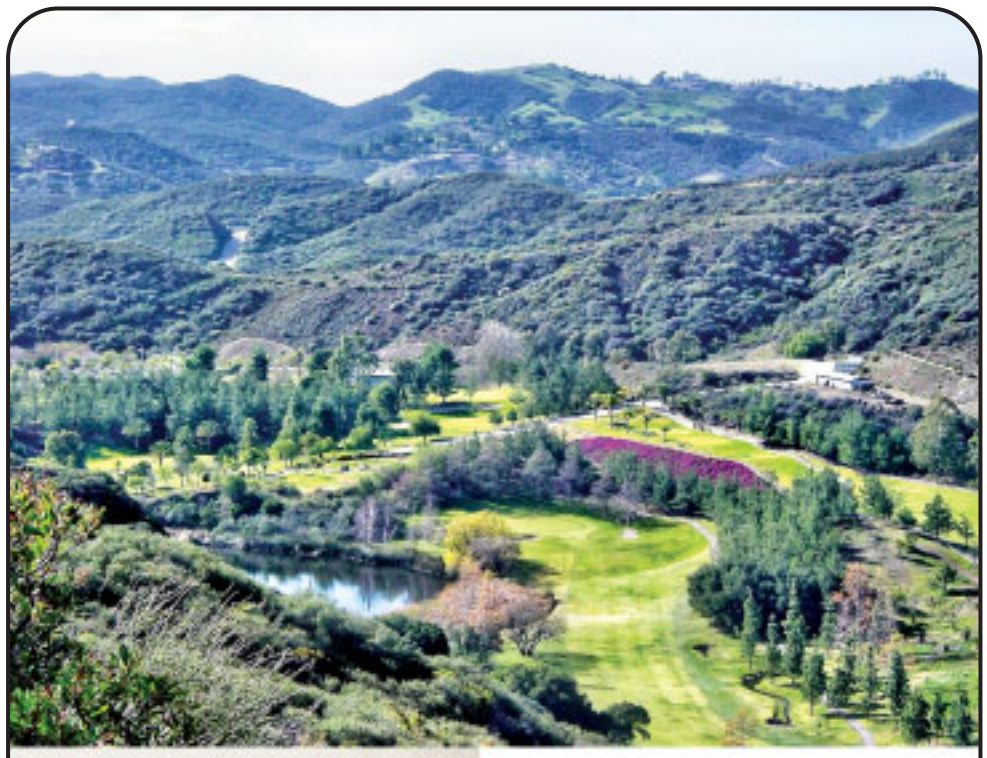
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New WNW swell builds further and tops out during the day; Plus sets at standouts; SSW builds further; Light AM winds

FRIDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high
WNW swell easing through the day; SSW swell holds; Light AM winds

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

Tides

Are pretty manageable and ideal for most spots for the rest week before swinging more radically into the weekend with fat morning high tides draining out to zero or slightly negative low tides mid day/early afternoon.

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 12, 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 -- 1
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 12
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 18 / 14
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	C	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alloe creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	C	B
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	B
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	C	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	B	C
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	C
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	A
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+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	C

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

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.

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SERVICES

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who have complained that they have to deal with all of the unfortunate side effects of social service centers.

In the past, they have complained of finding human feces and hypodermic needles, as well as homeless people and other clients loitering in the area.

Placement of the centers is a critical component of the discussion, said Jeff Goodman, executive director of Common Ground.

"It's important that we have this discussion, this round table so that all sides are balanced," Goodman said.

Concentrating services in a specific area makes it easier for clientele to access help, but Goodman said he would be reluctant to create just one zone of social service centers.

"To say every social service agency would be in a corridor on Colorado (Avenue) or on Olympic (Boulevard) in an industrialized area could have a lot of unintended consequences," Goodman said.

Commissioners expressed interest in another creation of the zoning ordinance process to solve the problem, a process called a "minor use permit" which would empower the planning director to approve certain uses at his or her own discretion.

That decision could then be appealed to the Planning Commission if those impacted were unhappy with the outcome.

Using the "minor use permit" process to allow the social service centers, or a concentration of them, could lead to trouble, Kahn said.

"The problem for doing a use permit like this is how can you decide where it's a good idea when there's a limited number of places that they can go," Kahn said.

Wednesday night was only the opening shot over the bow on the topic of land uses in Santa Monica, with many future meetings to come.

"I truly appreciate the conversation that needs to happen, and I hope to be a part of it," Goodman said.

Discussions about the new zoning ordinance have been ongoing for some time, although topics have largely focused on design and other issues.

The ordinance aims to fill in the details of the Land Use and Circulation Element, a 2010 document that gave a broad outline of how development would progress in Santa Monica.

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MOVIE TIMES

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

It's A Wonderful Life (G) 2hrs 10min
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, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Rise of the Guardians (PG) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 5:15pm, 10:30pm

Looper (R) 1hr 58min
2:20pm, 7:40pm

Killing Them Softly (R) 1hr 40min
11:55am, 5:10pm, 10:30pm

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

Anna Karenina (R) 2hrs 10min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

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, 10:40pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
12:15pm, 4:05pm, 8:00pm, 11:30pm

Jack Reacher (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:30am, 1:40pm, 4:45pm, 8:00pm, 11:15pm

Monsters, Inc. 3D (G) 1hr 32min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

This Is 40 (R) 2hrs 13min
10:45am, 2:00pm, 5:15pm, 8:30pm, 11:30pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:45am, 3:15pm, 6:45pm, 10:15pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in HFR 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
10:45am, 2:30pm, 6:30pm, 10:30pm

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

Flight (R) 2hrs 19min
1:30pm, 4:50pm, 8:10pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Sessions (R) 1hr 38min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

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

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

Skyfall (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
12:30pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:50pm

Guilt Trip (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
11:30am, 3:15pm, 7:15pm, 11:00pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Hyde Park on Hudson (R) 1hr 34min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Cirque du Soleil: Worlds Away 3D (PG) 1hr 31min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Pinch yourself, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Communication flourishes. Oddly enough, others could decide to make themselves vulnerable and speak about their dreams and/or their fears. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ You'll want to keep a certain matter under wraps. All indications show that you are a successful team player, while others tend to be very me-oriented. Detach from the actions and words of those people. Indulge an inspirational friend. Tonight: A party could dwindle to two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Someone you care about is accommodating beyond what you feel is even possible. Do not count on this generosity lasting forever. Invite friends and loved ones to join you in celebrating not only the weekend but also the holiday! Tonight: And the fun continues.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Take charge while others run around and get their errands done. You actually might like being commander of the ship, and, as a result, you will have a good time. Tonight: Let your imagination invigorate the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance whom you care about. This is best done now rather than in a few days. Start your holiday round of visits, and delightful and meaningful conversations will ensue. You will have an effect on someone special. Tonight: Pinch yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You feel far more comfortable than you have in a considerable amount of time with partners, loved ones and friends. You will see the difference in their responses. Someone who often puts a smile on your face might share an important secret. Tonight: All smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Personal and family demands start piling up on you. Between commitments with your real family and wanting to touch base with your "family" of friends, you could feel stretched to the limit. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pace yourself, and be aware of what is about to happen. Conversations will be lively, but you might be taken aback by what someone shares. Tonight: Under the mistletoe, and very happy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ The magic of the season starts to play a bigger role in your life. You might want to reach out to several people whom you might not get to see before Christmas. Get together with them, whether you all go to a fun party or meet up individually. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are energized as a result of the Winter Equinox taking place. You might need to go for a walk in order to let go of your innate need to move. You are like a kid waiting for Christmas morning. Start making some of your holiday calls now. Tonight: Head home early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Much is going on behind the scenes, but it is not overt enough that you would notice. Money could slip through your fingers like water if you are not careful. Of course, this vanishing act could be symbolic. Take preventive measures. Tonight: Get together with friends.

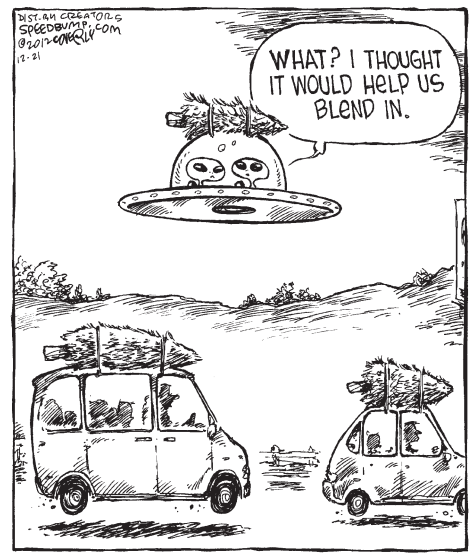
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You can be so spiritual, that others could be stunned when your jealousy emerges. You can't sit on this situation forever, but you can take some time to process it. Ask yourself why you feel so insecure. Tonight: Be noticed.

Happy birthday

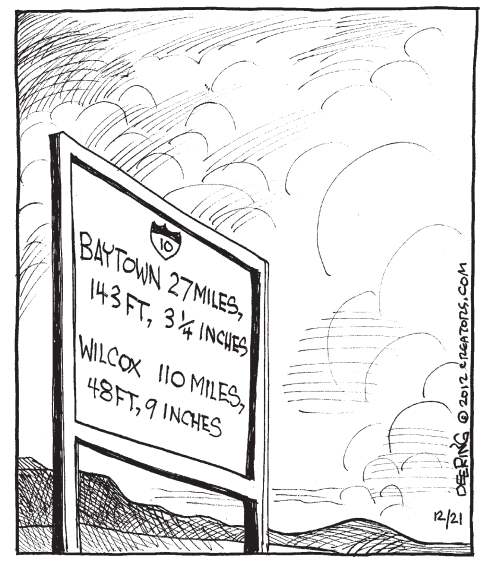
This year you will want to move in new directions, but often will trip yourself up. Feedback from those with whom you have frequent brainstorming sessions could be instrumental. You might decide to choose a different path if and when an obstacle gets in your way, but you will return eventually. You have endurance; count on that. If you are single, you might find it difficult to relate easily, as you are unlikely to offer the conventional attitudes and gestures of a single, available person. Summer 2013 might find you more open to relating. If you are attached, the two of you might struggle with the traditional roles of marriage. Be open to working together on a progressive level. ARIES can be passionate.

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

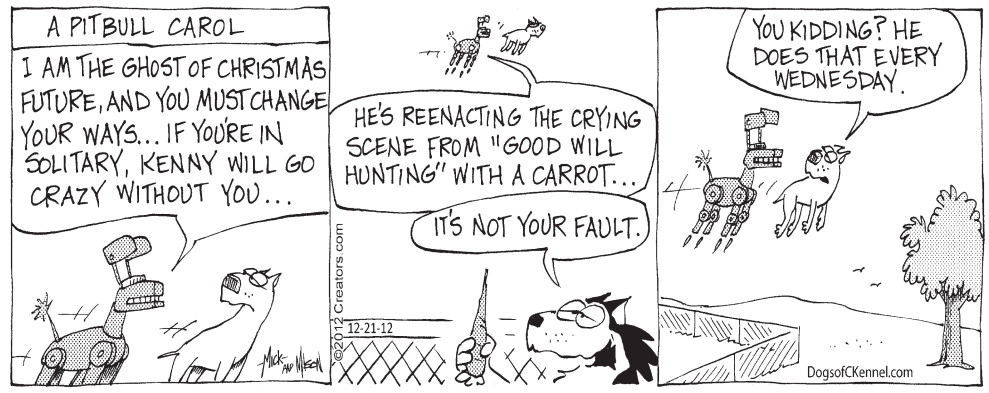
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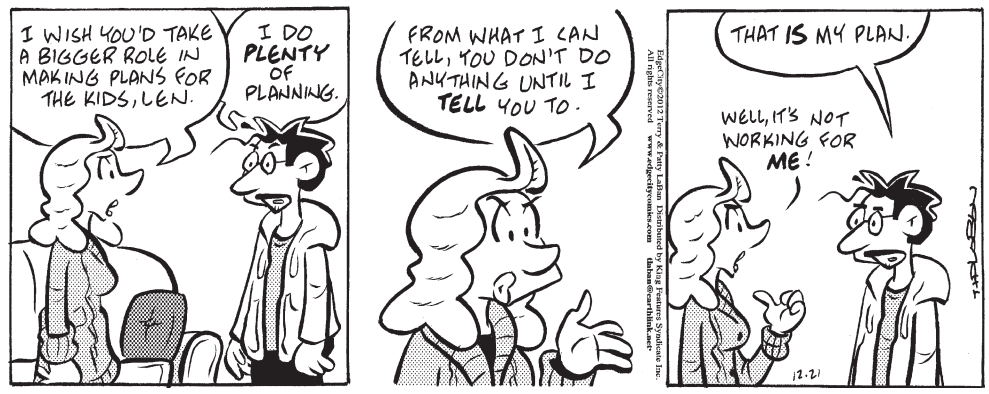
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By John Deering



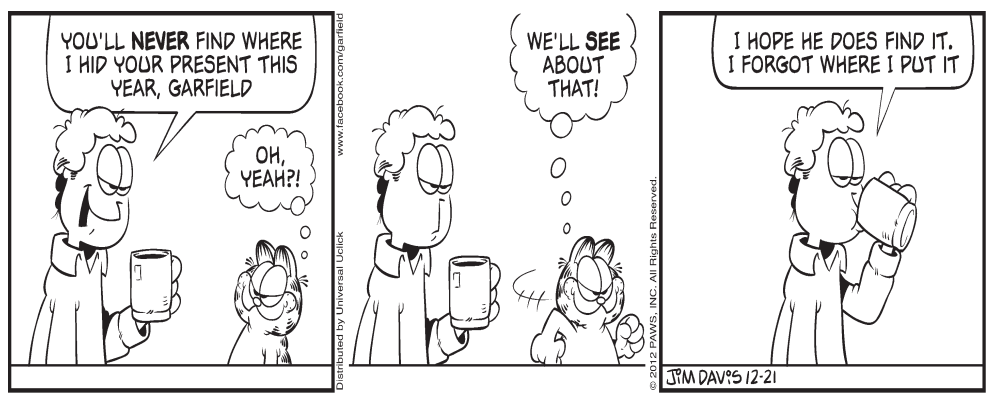
Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



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 ★★★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 1836 battle site
6 Deceitful bunch
11 Classical tongue
12 When expected
13 Up
14 "Common Sense" writer
15 Not so much
17 Goblet part
18 A long time
20 Feel sorry for
22 Dove cry
23 Dessert wine
26 1992 role for Nicholson
28 Deed holder
29 Kerry's running mate
31 Humorist
32 Inkling
33 Minute
34 Cause of ruin
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44 Fragment
45 Nephew of Mickey Mouse
46 Machine part

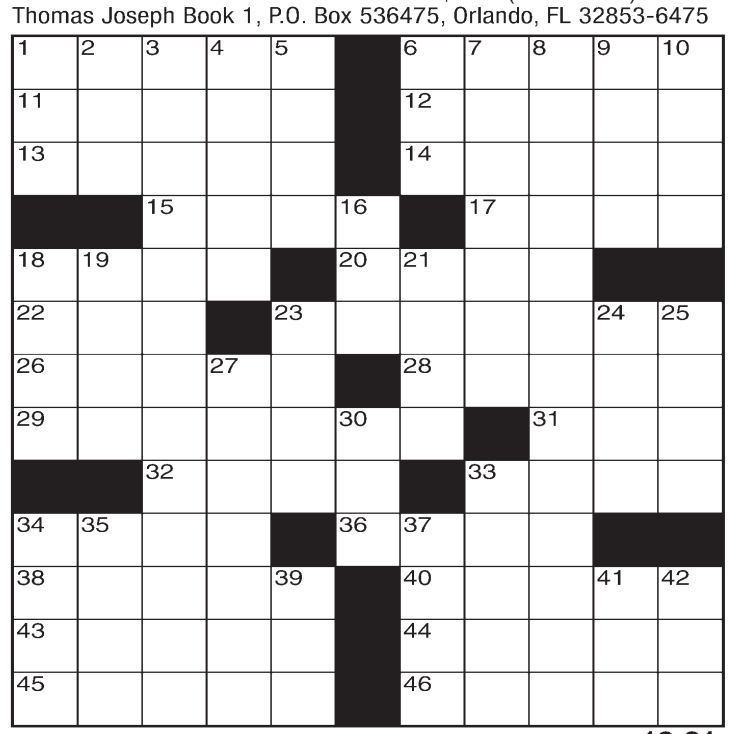
DOWN

1 Copying
2 Order's partner
3 Eric Rohmer film
4 Karaoke needs
5 Wallet bills
6 Cut off
7 Highly worried
8 Mark Helprin book
9 Old letter
10 Appear
16 Restful resort
18 Massage target
19 Evil fighter
21 Altar exchange
23 Foal's mother
24 Rider's strap
25 Pretentious
27 End-of-film effect
30 River stopper
33 Bar mixer
34 "The Wizard of Oz" author
35 Not to mention
37 Bumbler's word
39 Bond, for example
41 High card
42 Sunday seat

P	A	G	E	■	A	R	I	S	E	S
E	R	O	S	■	L	O	C	A	L	E
T	I	L	T	■	S	T	E	P	I	N
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A	R	D	E	N	T	■	P	L	A	N
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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 1, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 12/18
1 6 7 18 29
Meganumber: 16
Jackpot: $12M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 12/19
6 9 11 28 45
Meganumber: 7
Jackpot: $23M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/20
6 10 14 18 23

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/20
MIDDAY: 0 2 5
EVENING: 4 6 0

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 12/20
1st: 12 Lucky Charms
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
RACE TIME: 1:49.40

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Questionable Product Launches: (1) The Demeter Fragrance Library (maker of such "classic" scents as "Dirt," "Crayon" and "Laundromat") has added to its line with "Sushi" cologne, reported the website FoodBeast.com in November. Fortunately, the scent is not that of raw fish, but "cooked sticky rice," seaweed, ginger and lemon essences. (2) A company called Beverly Hills Caviar recently installed three vending machines in the Los Angeles area that sell nothing but varieties of caviar (ranging from pink mother of pearl ($4) to Imperial River Beluga ($500 an ounce).

■ "In beautiful La Jolla Cove," wrote The New York Times in November, describing the cliffside-vista community near San Diego, "art galleries and coffee shops meet a stretch of unspoiled cliffs and Pacific Ocean" -- unspoiled, that is, until recently, when seagulls took over. Now, because of California's showcase environmental regulations, use of the cove has been restricted, and cleaning the bird droppings from the land is subject to a permit-application process that might take two years. Some residents profess not to mind ("Smells just like the ocean," said one, "but maybe a little 'heightened'") while others are appalled ("As soon as we pulled up, it was like, this is awful"). Even though the smell grows "more acrid by the day," according to the Times, residents' and visitors' only short-term hope is for cleansing by the traditional winter rains (which, fortunately, do not require California permits).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1907 - The Chilean Army commits a massacre of at least 2,000 striking saltpeter miners in Iquique, Chile.

1913 - Arthur Wynne's "word-cross", the first crossword puzzle, is published in the New York World.

WORD UP!

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Petition of ARYA ALEXANDER KARAMOOZ for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: ARYA ALEXANDER KARAMOOZ filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: ARYA ALEXANDER KARAMOOZ to ARYA ALEXANDER. 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: JANUARY 4, 2013 Time: 9:00am, Dept. A, Room 104
The address of the court is 1725 MAIN ST, 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 20, 2012
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012232403 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 11/20/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DIVERGENT LIGHTING DESIGN, DIVERGENT LIGHTING, DIVERGENT DESIGN, DIVERGENT ENTERTAINMENT DESIGN, DIVERGENT MEDIA ARTISTS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: KYLE RUEBSAMEN 4196 MENTONE AVE. CULVER CITY CA 90232. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed on (Date)10/22/2012. /s/: KYLE RUEBSAMEN. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 11/20/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 12/19/2012, 12/26/2012, 01/02/2013, 01/09/2013.

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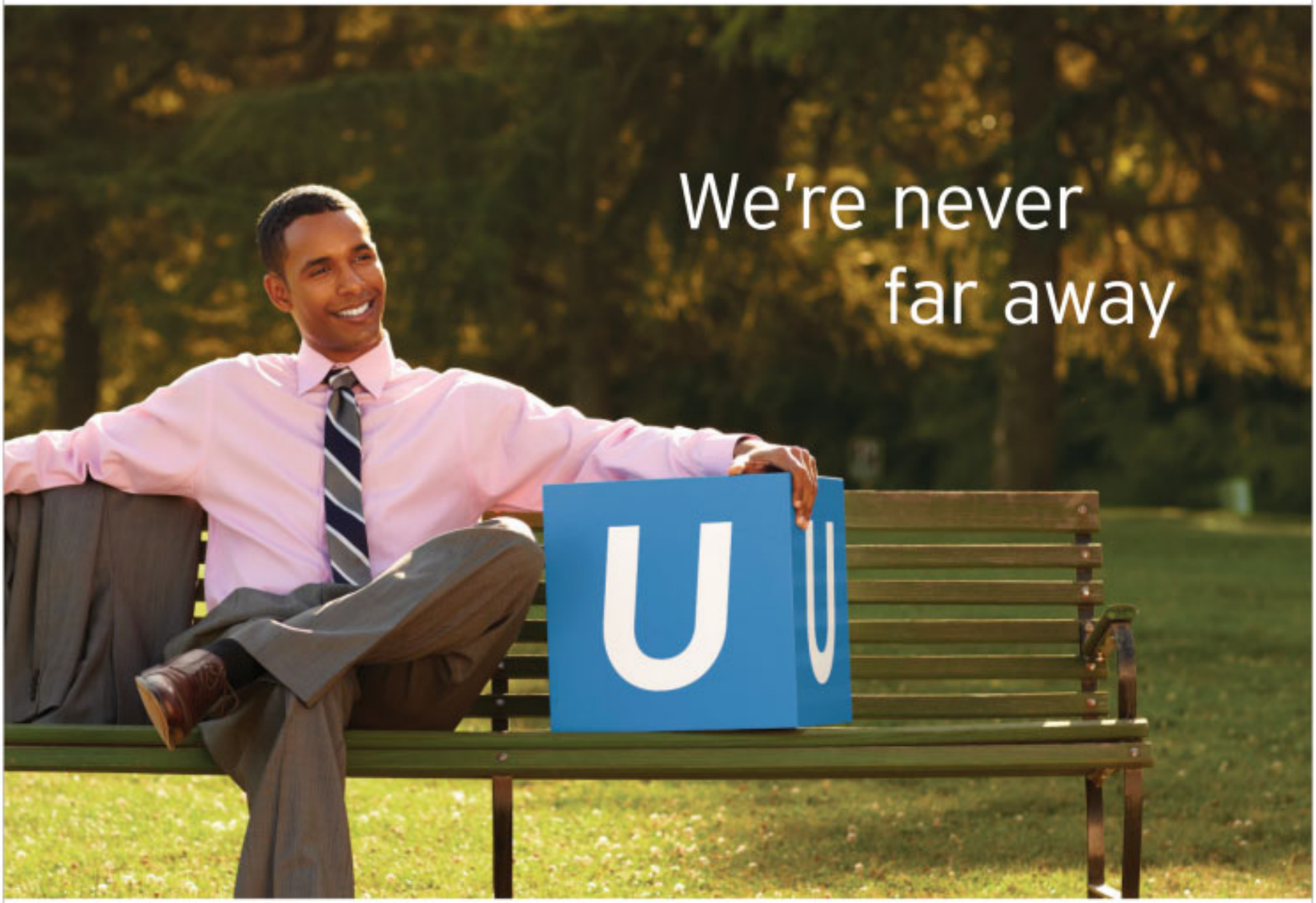
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