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PRICES ON THE RISE? Fees to use the Santa Monica Swim Center at SMC may increase if a new proposal is adopted by City Hall.

City Hall wants fee increases for recreation programs

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE City Hall is proposing nearly across-the-board fee increases for recreation programs and permits to use city facilities — a move that officials say is needed to stave off cuts as financial projections show a growing budget gap despite a recently passed half percent sales tax hike.

The proposed increases would apply to a wide variety of City Hall programs. Under the proposal, fees would rise for everything from taking a dip at the Santa Monica Swim Center, to enrolling in a city-run sports league, to renting a plot at one of

Santa Monica's Community Gardens or a meeting room at a city building. The Santa Monica Lawn Bowls Club, which has long enjoyed free use of the green at Douglas Park, would be hit with a \$1,600 per year maintenance charge.

The proposed fee hikes would raise a total of \$372,232 in additional revenue for City Hall, or 9.5 percent more than the Community & Cultural Services Department currently brings in from fees, according to a City Hall report.

The suggested increases, which will be discussed at a meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission on Jan. 20 and are scheduled to go to the City Council for

approval on Feb. 8, range from about a 10 percent increase for adult sports league registrations to a more than 200 percent increase for some community event permits.

Barbara Stinchfield, the department's director, said the proposal is based on a detailed analysis of her department's fee structure undertaken at the request of City Manager Rod Gould last year.

The City Council in June, she noted, adopted a budget that included fee increases for things such as ambulance trips but didn't hike recreation fees.

"It's a part of the city manager and the

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RDA funding could be lost

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL Over the next five years, City Hall planned to build over 300 affordable apartments, help fund improvements at Santa Monica High School, develop a 6-acre park in the Civic Center and build a new library in the Pico Neighborhood — all with the help of more than \$280 million in redevelopment funding.

But with the release of Gov. Jerry Brown's budget Monday, those projects, and the Santa Monica Redevelopment Agency itself, are now in jeopardy.

Brown's budget proposal contains \$12.5 billion in cuts and five years of higher taxes as a means to close a projected \$25.4 billion deficit. To achieve some of the savings, Brown is recommending the elimination of hundreds of redevelopment agencies around the state.

In Brown's 2011-2012 budget summary, he states that redevelopment agencies should be "disestablished" by July 1, only using allocated funding to "retire RDA debts and contractual obligations."

He recommends the funding previously set aside for agencies be distributed to local governments to fund core local services, such as schools and public safety.

City officials blasted the proposal Tuesday, issuing a statement saying the elimination of the RDA, founded in 1957, would have "severe negative impacts on Santa Monica."

"Redevelopment is California's primary engine for supporting jobs, reinforcing the economy, funding affordable housing, and building infrastructure," City Manager Rod Gould said.

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Drug arrests spike at Samohi

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOH A spike in drug arrests at Santa Monica High School this academic year is causing concern among parents and police officers

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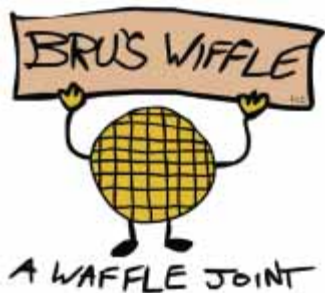


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Jan 14	JV/Var	CSHM	CSHM	3:30/5pm
BASKETBALL				
Jan 12	F/JV/V	Mary Star	Mary Star	4/5:30/7pm
Jan 14	F/JV/V	CSHM	SMCHS	4/5:30/7pm
Jan 17	JV/Var	New Roads	SMCHS	5:30/7pm
GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Jan 15	JV/Var	NDA	NDA	11/12:30pm
Jan 18	JV/Var	Mary Star	SMCHS	5:30/7pm
DATE	Santa Monica High School TEAM	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
GIRLS SOCCER				
Jan 12	JV/Var	Inglewood		4/2:30pm
Jan 14	JV/Var	Culver City	Culver City	5/3:30pm
BOYS SOCCER				
Jan 12	F/S/JV/V	Inglewood	Inglewood	3:30/5/3:30pm
Jan 14	F/S/JV/V	Culver City	Culver City	3/4:30/3:30pm
GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Jan 12	F/S/JV/V	Inglewood	Inglewood	3/3/6pm
Jan 14	F/S/JV/V	Culver City	Culver City	3/3/6pm
BOYS BASKETBALL				
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WRESTLING				
Jan 15	Coed All	State Cross	Samohi	TBA
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Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall

601 Pico Blvd., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.

Talented fifth graders from across the Santa Monica Malibu-Unified School District will come together for Ballroom Madness, the culmination of a 10-week program designed to teach them to cut a rug. Former L.A. mayor Richard Riordan will be one of the judges. This event is free. For more information, visit ballroommadness.org.

Help for Haiti

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1348 14th St., 8 p.m.

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1855 Main St., 6 p.m.

The 20th anniversary edition of photo l.a. opens on Thursday night with a reception benefiting the Wallis Annenberg Photography Department at LACMA. photo l.a. is considered the largest photo-based art fair in the country. This event runs through the weekend. For more information, call (323) 937-5525, or visit photola.com.

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Miles Playhouse

This evening of hip-hop performances and artist dialogue hosted by Pocho Joe (aka Joe Hernandez-Kolski) features Dez Hope, HBO Def Poet/MC In-Q, and Open Mic Eagle. The event is accompanied by the turntable work of DJ Jedi. For more information, call (310) 458-8634.

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The tool, developed by Park Assist, uses a digital camera to capture license plate numbers of cars parked in the two structures. Shoppers can then use kiosks located in the structures to locate their cars using the license plate number.

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Officials with Santa Monica Place said the parking system is the first of its kind.

"We want every aspect of the Santa Monica Place experience to exceed our visitors' expectations, and we know parking throughout Santa Monica can be challenging," said Doug Roscoe, senior property manager at Santa Monica Place.

The mall's owner, Macerich Co., purchased the new technology and had it installed in the two City Hall-owned structures, Roscoe said.

The mall also offers valet parking on Second and Fourth streets.

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SACRAMENTO

Former Samohi principal to serve on state ed board

Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday selected former Santa Monica High School Principal Ilene Straus to serve on the state Board of Education, according to reports.

Straus, who oversaw Samohi's transition to the House System, which broke up the campus into six small learning communities, is currently an assistant superintendent in the Beverly Hills Unified School District.

Brown originally appointed Bill Honig, however he withdrew his name for consideration.

Honig, who served on the state board during Jerry Brown's first tenure as governor and went on to be elected state superintendent of public instruction three times, was among the new governor's most controversial early appointments, according to the L.A. Times.

Honig resigned as state superintendent in 1993 after being convicted of conflict-of-interest charges involving state education payments received by his wife's nonprofit organization.

Honig told the Times there were "some complications" with his nomination, but he refused to elaborate.

Brown spokeswoman Elizabeth Ashford did not offer an explanation for Honig's decision but said "the governor has encouraged him to stay involved with state education policy."

While at Samohi, Straus' leadership was called into question by some teachers and parents who questioned her effectiveness in implementing the redesign of Samohi. Critics of the redesign said it led to division on the campus, while supporters believed student achievement rose because of the closer relationships developed between students and teachers.

Straus worked in the SMMUSD for more than 25 years.

The state Board of Education sets K-12 education policy in the areas of standards, instructional materials, assessment and accountability. It selects textbooks for grades K-8. There are 11 members appointed by the governor.

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**UPGRADES AT THE PIER**

Santa Monica employees Eric Broeske (right) and Robert Griffin replace deck boards on the Santa Monica Pier Tuesday.

Fabian Lewkowicz FabianLewkowicz.com**Deasy picked to lead LAUSD**

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

DOWNTOWN, LA John Deasy, chief deputy to Los Angeles Unified School District Superintendent Ramon Cortines, was appointed Tuesday to take over for Cortines when he retires this spring.

Deasy has been with the district since August, serving as a top deputy to Cortines, 78.

The LAUSD Board of Education announced the selection after a closed-door meeting.

L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa praised the selection.

"John Deasy is the right person for this job and the Los Angeles Unified School District is lucky to have him," the mayor said. "John understands the unique challenges facing the LAUSD and has already benefited from on-the-job training as deputy superintendent."

Deasy previously served as deputy director of education for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He also served as superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and of Prince George's County Schools in Maryland.

During his tenure at the 14,000-stu-

dent district split between Santa Monica and Malibu, Deasy implemented programs to even out the disparity between high-achieving children from wealthy families, and kids from poor households who were struggling.

Deasy was credited with raising test scores at Santa Monica High and its feeder schools. But some Malibu parents bristled at a policy he championed to require that 15 percent of the money raised by wealthy Malibu parents be spread to some of the poorer schools in the district.

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Small earthquakes occur under Santa Monica Bay

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HERMOSA BEACH Several small earthquakes have jiggled the ocean floor off Southern California.

A magnitude-3.1 quake at 8:52 a.m. Tuesday was the closest to the mainland, occurring under

Santa Monica Bay four miles west of Hermosa Beach.

The U.S. Geological Survey's community reporting system indicates it was felt lightly along much of the Los Angeles County coast.

Three other undersea quakes were recorded earlier at the western

end of the Channel Islands.

The USGS says the largest was a magnitude-3.6 tremor off San Miguel Island at 2:09 a.m. The area about 60 miles southwest of Santa Barbara also had quakes of magnitude 3.4 and 2.5 within the following hour.



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Sharing the bike path

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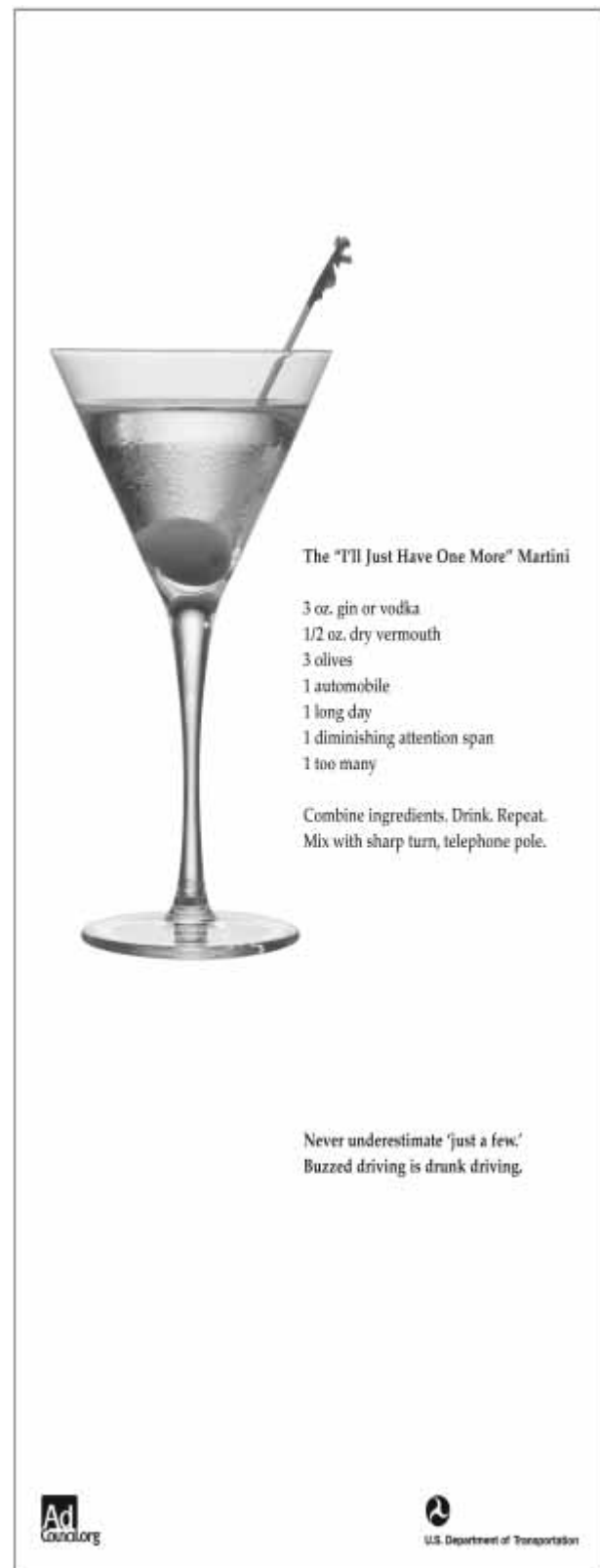
I hadn't intended to engage in a prolonged debate about the beach path, but it seems that I have angered a few bike-riding zealots by suggesting that "their" path should be open to anyone who cares to use it. Whatever the original intent in the distant past, the present de facto reality is that it is used by many people in a healthy and congenial atmosphere, without the noise and traffic of the streets.

I confess that during the 10 years I have lived in Santa Monica, my wife and I have frequently skated or walked on the path, but have never seen any attempt to limit access or enforce a "bikes only" rule. In fact, it would take a small army of police to enforce such a restriction, which would probably cause a huge protest from those of us denied access.

There are similar waterfront paths in other cities, such as Vancouver's Stanley Park, around the bay in San Francisco, and a beach bike path along Lake Michigan in Chicago, where bikers share the paths with walkers, runners, and skaters without any animosity. Only in Santa Monica are there bikers who consider themselves a privileged class demanding exclusive use of a public amenity.

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Obamacare: The worst of intentions

DEMOCRATS IN THE SENATE WARNED IN a recent letter to Speaker John Boehner that a repeal of Obamacare would have "unintended consequences."

Incomparably worse than unintended consequences of repealing the 2,600-page health care scheme will be the law's intended consequences, if it is allowed to stand.

In fact, this is a case in which the hyperbole about the road to hell being paved with good intentions leaves one wanting: it precludes a destination for those with bad intentions and the power to act on them, as the Obama regime did when they began paving a road with the provisions of the health care law.

In Congress, two Christmas Eves ago, the intention was to damn bipartisanship to hell, steamroll the health care bill through and worry about constitutional objections later. The U.S. Constitution took less than a back seat -- it was left on the side of the road.

In the media, the political and intellectual defenders of Obamacare (and before that, Hillarycare) matter-of-factly refer to health care as a right. This is an attempt to sidestep the whole question of constitutionality by invoking a word that presumes it. The intention is to redefine rights as open-ended entitlements, with implications beyond health care.

In the courts, the Justice Department does not take so straight a path as to defend the law on the basis of rights. In the recent case in which Virginia challenged the mandate that all Americans buy health insurance -- the financial linchpin that will keep the trillion-dollar act rolling -- lawyers for Health and Human Services hedged their bets by arguing on both the grounds of the Constitution's commerce clause (claiming "the mandate is a penalty") and the general welfare clause (claiming "the mandate is a tax"). The judge rejected both arguments. In two previous cases, the courts sided with the administration on the former but not the latter.

Leaving aside the general welfare clause (the mandate imposes a penalty, not a tax, according to the law's own language), the intention of Obamacare's legal defenders is to rewrite the commerce clause, which grants Congress the power "to regulate commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states." This overseeing authority is the negative power to disallow one state

from penalizing another with duties, tolls, or, in James Madison's words from The Federalist No. 42, "improper contributions levied on them" in the course of trade, or the lack thereof, between makers and consumers. Moreover, Madison wrote, "the desire of the commercial States to collect, in any form, an indirect revenue from their uncommercial neighbors, must appear not less impolitic than it is unfair."

ALARMINGLY, THIS GOVERNMENT HAS INTENTIONALLY BECOME THE VIOLATOR OF RIGHTS, AND IT IS ON THE ROAD TO BECOMING ITS PEOPLE'S WORST ENEMY.

To be clear, the federal government presents a make-believe legal defense citing the commerce clause as justification for the compulsory purchase of health insurance or penalties for not doing so -- while it permits state laws prohibiting the sale of insurance across state lines.

Obamacare advocates often moralize that to be concerned primarily with one's own freedoms is selfish and irresponsible. This is when the pejorative meaning of "selfish" leaves one wanting: it precludes the possibility that acting in one's own best interest by one's own judgment does not constitute harm to others.

The fundamental purpose of government is to protect its people from the initiation of force. As physicians respect the credo "first, do no harm," so too should government be bound, in its role as defender of constitutional rights, and not give way to special interests and judicial activism.

Alarmingly, this government has intentionally become the violator of rights, and it is on the road to becoming its people's worst enemy.

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AP Enterprise: FDA helps states get execution drug

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS

AP Legal Affairs Writer

The Food and Drug Administration, which has long maintained that it has nothing to do with drugs used in executions, has quietly helped Arizona and California obtain a scarce type of anesthetic so the states could continue putting inmates to death.

The shortage of sodium thiopental has disrupted executions around the country. But newly released documents show the FDA helped import it from Britain.

Most state prison systems use sodium thiopental to put inmates to sleep before administering pancuronium bromide, a paralyzing agent, and potassium chloride, which stops the heart.

But the drug has been in short supply since last spring, when Ohio nearly had to postpone an execution because it did not have enough.

The sole American manufacturer, Hospira Inc. of Lake Forest, Ill., in suburban Chicago, has blamed supplier issues for its inability to make the drug, which is marketed to render patients unconscious, not for lethal injections. Any remaining batches expire this year.

After Arizona officials explained their need, an FDA official recommended a shipment of the drug "be processed expeditiously to us as it was for the purpose of executions and not for use by the general public."

The information is contained in an e-mail from an Arizona prison official to the California prisons agency obtained by the American Civil Liberties Union through a public records request. The ACLU then posted it online.

The ACLU accused the FDA of trying to hold two contradictory positions at once.

"The FDA is actively assisting these states, but they're not enforcing the law, and they're not doing anything to determine that the drugs are what they're claimed to be and that they work properly," said Natasha Minkser, death penalty policy director for the ACLU's Northern California chapter.

A federal lawsuit in Arizona challenges the use of overseas drugs, saying they may be substandard and could lead to botched executions if they do not put an inmate to sleep properly.

The FDA would not comment on its role in helping either state.

The agency is required by law to assure the safety and effectiveness of drugs imported for medical purpose. But agency officials maintain that their oversight does not extend to drugs for executions, citing a 1985

Supreme Court ruling.

"Reviewing substances imported or used for the purpose of state-authorized lethal injection clearly falls outside of FDA's explicit public health role," agency spokesman Christopher Kelly said.

Records show many states have scrambled to find enough of the drug.

In Washington state, officials "called every community hospital in the state" until they found one willing to provide the drug last year, according to an internal California prisons department e-mail released by the ACLU.

When the prison system is looking for drug supplies, it's common practice to contact local pharmacies, said Washington prisons spokeswoman Maria Peterson.

California tried to recruit private doctors who could procure the drug and went from state to state looking for supplies, including Arizona, Indiana, Nevada, Oklahoma, Texas and Virginia, records show.

The state also contacted dozens of hospitals and general surgery centers, Veterans Administration hospitals and the federal Bureau of Prisons. It even looked into obtaining a supply from Pakistan.

At least three states — Arizona, Arkansas and Tennessee — appear to have gotten supplies of the drug from England, records showed. The documents did not indicate whether the FDA was involved in the Arkansas or Tennessee purchases.

Arizona sought the FDA's help as it prepared to execute Jeffrey Landrigan for the 1989 murder of a Phoenix man.

Arizona then provided California with 12 grams of sodium thiopental in September. In December, California paid \$36,415 for 521 grams of the drug from a British manufacturer. The drug has yet to arrive.

Arizona acknowledged last fall getting drugs from an English company.

"We have followed the lead of Arkansas and purchased the drugs from a company in London," Charles Flanagan, deputy director of the Arizona Department of Corrections, said in a Sept. 28 e-mail to John McAuliffe, a California prisons official.

Arkansas prisons spokeswoman Dina Tyler declined to comment.

Texas, with the country's busiest death chamber, has enough of the drug for 39 executions, but its supply expires in March, according to records obtained by The Associated Press through a public records request.

Missouri has said its dwindling supply expires this year, too.

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Picking a leader

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So, this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think the position of mayor should be up to the voters, or should the system remain the same?

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Jackson's doctor to stand trial for involuntary manslaughter

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AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES A judge on Tuesday ordered the personal physician of Michael Jackson to stand trial for involuntary manslaughter after hearing testimony that he administered a lethal dose of a powerful anesthetic and other sedatives then left the pop star alone.

The ruling in the case against Houston cardiologist Dr. Conrad Murray came after a six-day preliminary hearing before Superior Court Judge Michael Pastor.

Prosecutors concluded their case with testimony from two doctors who said Murray acted outside the standard of medical care when he administered the propofol then failed to provide proper care.

Both witnesses said that even if Jackson had self-administered the final dose of the drug, his death would be a homicide because of Murray's actions.

Murray, 57, has pleaded not guilty, and his attorneys have said he did not give Jackson anything that should have killed him. Murray could face up to four years in prison if tried and convicted.

During closing arguments at the hearing, Murray's defense attorney, Joseph Low IV, argued the case should be dismissed because prosecutors didn't adequately prove how Murray caused Jackson's death. He also said Jackson's health may have been a contributing cause.

"In contrast to Mr. Low's comment, let me just say, it was not Michael Jackson's time to go," Deputy District Attorney David Walgren said. "Because of Dr. Murray's actions, Michael's children are left without a father."

During the hearing, prosecutors built a timeline of Jackson's final hours and Murray's actions, suggesting the singer died because of Murray's gross negligence.

Though many details were previously revealed in court filings and accounts from law enforcement officials, the hearing featured new disclosures and compelling moments such as Jackson's burly former bodyguard choking back tears as he recalled the two oldest Jackson children watching their father in his death throes.

The guard, Alberto Alvarez, said daughter

Paris fell to the ground crying out, "Daddy!" before Alvarez led them from the room.

Jackson's mother, Katherine, seated in the courtroom, dabbed at her eyes during the testimony. The famous Jackson siblings — Janet, Jackie, LaToya, Randy and Rebbie — were present every day along with their parents.

Alvarez also testified that Murray instructed him to place medicine vials in bags before calling 911 on the day Jackson died.

Police Detective Orlando Martinez said Murray told him he found Jackson not breathing just after 11 a.m. on June 25, 2009. Phone records showed 911 was not called until 12:21 p.m.

Paramedics and an emergency room doctor all testified that they thought Jackson died in his bedroom, before he was transported to a hospital where Murray insisted resuscitation efforts continue.

The medical personnel also said Murray didn't tell them he had given Jackson propofol, which is normally administered in hospital settings.

Using phone records and testimony from Murray's current and former girlfriends, prosecutors also showed the doctor was on the phone before and after he gave Jackson the lethal dose of propofol and sedatives.

Martinez testified about the timeline Murray laid out in a nearly three-hour interview with police two days after Jackson died.

Murray described a nearly 10-hour ordeal of trying to get Jackson to sleep, giving him a valium pill and two other sedatives intravenously before yielding to the singer's demands for propofol.

Jackson called the anesthetic his "milk," and coroner's investigators later found several vials of it in a bag labeled "Baby Essentials" in Jackson's closet.

Martinez said Jackson told Murray if he couldn't get sleep, he might have to cancel his widely heralded "This is It" comeback tour. The doctor spoke of feeling pressured to give the star the propofol he wanted, the detective said.

Defense attorneys rarely call witnesses or present their own theories during preliminary hearings, which have a lower standard of proof than criminal trials.

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MySpace cuts nearly half of workforce

RYAN NAKASHIMA

AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Struggling entertainment site MySpace said Tuesday that it is cutting nearly half of its staff worldwide, or about 500 people, after an extensive revamp in October overhauled its look and allowed it to be run with fewer people.

Mike Jones, the chief executive of MySpace, said cuts are "tough but necessary" and would put the site on a path to profitability while making it more nimble and entrepreneurial.

MySpace declined to say how much the cuts would save. A previous round of cuts in June 2009 eliminated 30 percent of its workforce, or about 420 jobs.

The relaunch focused MySpace on giving its users, mostly aged 13 to 34, more ways to consume music, videos and celebrity gossip. Before, MySpace tried to be an all-purpose social networking site like Facebook. MySpace recently said it is no longer trying to compete with Facebook.

News Corp. bought the site in 2005 for

\$580 million, but it has been losing money consistently. In the three months through Sept. 30, the "other" segment housing MySpace lost \$156 million, about \$30 million more than the previous year, mostly because of lower search and ad revenue at MySpace.

By contrast, juggernaut Facebook is making money. According to documents recently shared with prospective shareholders, Facebook earned \$355 million on revenue of \$1.2 billion in the first nine months of last year.

News Corp. executives had put MySpace on a short leash to get profitable. News Corp. Chief Operating Officer Chase Carey told investors in November he would judge efforts to reboot the site "in quarters, not in years."

MySpace said that since its overhaul, it is "trending positively" with an uptick in new and returning users, although it did not immediately clarify how many. Late last year, it had around 120 million global users, compared with more than half a billion for Facebook.

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No immediate charges in apparent disabled assaults

Los Angeles prosecutors are not immediately filing charges against a man who was arrested in an investigation into the apparent sexual assaults of disabled women.

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office said Tuesday that it needed more information about the alleged victim in the case against 37-year-old Ernie Lloyd, who surrendered to sheriff's deputies Saturday after his photo was shown on the news.

Lloyd was one of as many as 10 men who authorities suspected of assaulting disabled women, some of whom were in diapers. The apparent assaults were captured on video-tape but prosecutors say they currently do not have enough evidence to know if Lloyd's alleged victim did not consent to sexual acts.

Another suspect has been identified as a state prison inmate.

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LOS ANGELES

Longoria sued by ex-nightclub partner

"Desperate Housewives" co-star Eva Longoria is being sued for at least \$4 million over her bankrupt Las Vegas nightclub.

A former partner in the Beso club, Mali Nachum, claims Longoria violated California usury laws.

The suit was filed Monday in Los Angeles County Superior Court.

Longoria loaned \$1 million for the venture in 2009 and was promised repayment at 8 percent annual interest and a large stake in the club.

But according to the suit, Nachum discovered in December that the terms violated California usury laws.

He estimates damages of at least \$4 million and is seeking three times that figure.

A statement from Longoria's publicist calls the suit meritless and blames her former partners for forcing the nightclub into bankruptcy last week.

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LOS ANGELES

Homeless radio sensation briefly held by police

Ted Williams, the Ohio homeless man whose smooth radio voice made him an Internet sensation, had to do some quick talking to Los Angeles police.

Officers were called when Williams and his daughter got into a heated argument Monday night at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel & Spa, Officer Catherine Massey said.

"I don't know how loud they were" but the argument at about 9 p.m. led to a disturbance report, Massey said Tuesday.

"It was minor. Both parties were angry but there were no signs of visible abuse," Massey said. "They were brought in, calmed down, talked to and released."

She said she did not know the nature of the argument.

Williams and his daughter were held at the Hollywood police station for less than an hour and they were not arrested, Massey said.

She declined to name Williams' daughter, but a statement from "Entertainment Tonight" identified her as Jemay Williams and said the two would discuss the incident in a Tuesday night show.

It was not known whether the two returned to the hotel after the incident.

"Due to guest privacy laws, we don't share details of our guests or their stays," said Dan Shaughnessy, director of sales and marketing for the Renaissance.

Williams' manager, Al Battle, declined to comment about or provide details of the incident but said a statement would be issued soon.

"Once we get all the facts, it'll be out there for everybody to have," he said in a brief phone interview with The Associated Press.

Williams flew into town to tape an appearance on TV's "Dr. Phil" show and "Entertainment Tonight."

"Entertainment Tonight" covered his meeting with voiceover actors at a Screen Actors Guild Foundation sound studio who offered to help Williams become a guild member voiceover artist, according to a show statement.

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LOS ANGELES

Judge says pot dispensaries must post \$350K bond

The judge who ruled parts of the Los Angeles medical marijuana law unconstitutional says pot dispensaries must post a nearly \$350,000 bond within 10 days for the court injunction to take effect.

About 50 dispensaries asked for the injunction issued last month by Superior Court Judge Anthony Mohr. The judge says several parts of the law are unconstitutional, including the complex process for deciding which dispensaries would be allowed.

Dispensary attorneys asked the judge Friday to set no bond, saying the city wouldn't suffer any harm from the injunction. But city lawyers say police and lawyer fees are mounting because closed pot stores are returning to business and new ones are popping up.

Attorney David Welch, who represents many dispensaries, told the Los Angeles Times he's confident the bond will be posted.

AP

BELL

Corruption defendants want city to pay legal bills

Three present and former Bell city leaders facing public corruption charges want the cash-strapped city to pay their legal bills.

Attorneys for Mayor Oscar Hernandez, Councilwoman Teresa Jacobo and former Councilman George Cole have filed court documents in recent weeks saying the city should cover their legal expenses in a suit filed last year by the California attorney general's office.

The Los Angeles Times reports Tuesday that Jacobo and Cole also want Bell to pay their criminal defense costs on charges filed by Los Angeles County prosecutors.

Rocked by scandals and sky-high salaries, state auditors reported last week that Bell is on the brink of bankruptcy.

Lawyers for the defendants say in documents filed last week that their clients did nothing legally wrong and are entitled to have Bell cover the costs.

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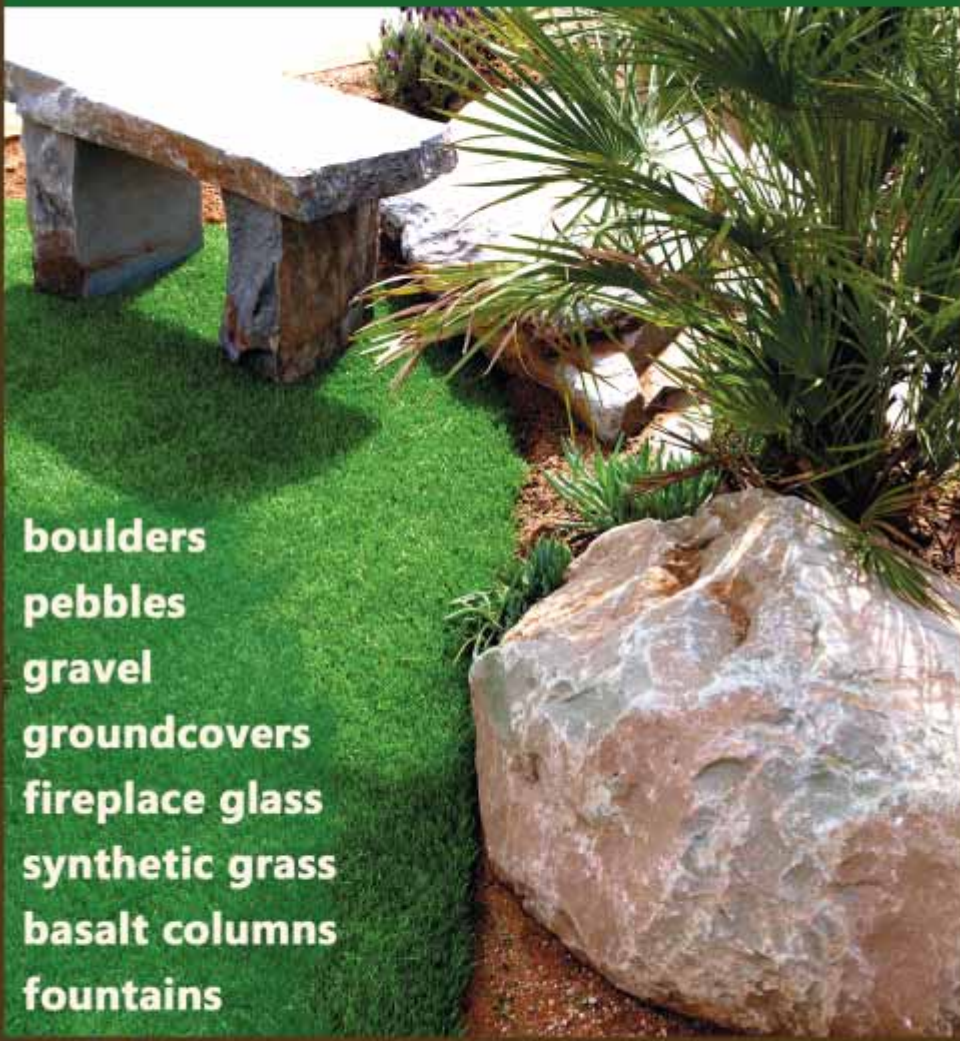
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RDA

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"With an unemployment rate of more than 12 percent, a massive infrastructure deficit, and state policies promoting infill development, California needs redevelopment more than ever to create a stronger and greener tomorrow."

The following is a list of what would not happen if the RDA was eliminated, city officials said:

- Over 300 affordable residences would not be built or rehabilitated (\$100 million).
- Improvements to Samohi's recreational facilities, including facilities and pedestrian areas that could be jointly used by the public, would not be completed. (\$56 million).
- Development of Palisades Garden Walk, a 6-acre public park planned to be built across from the Santa Monica Pier, would be impossible (\$25 million).
- Construction of the Pico Neighborhood Library, being developed at Virginia Avenue Park to serve Santa Monica's most ethnically and economically diverse neighborhood, would be halted (\$12.8 million).
- Creation of the Civic Center Early Childhood Development Center, a partnership with Santa Monica College designed to serve infants and toddlers in an innovative learning environment, would be jeopardized (\$4.4 million).
- Improvements related to the Exposition Light Rail line that is coming to Santa Monica, including station area improvements, pathway improvements, and pedestrian and bicycle connections, would be compromised (\$30.9 million).
- Renovation and seismic retrofitting of the landmark Santa Monica Civic Auditorium for performing arts and concerts would not be possible (\$25 million).
- Creation of a six-acre public park and cultural hub adjacent to the Civic Auditorium

Park could not be built (\$21 million).

City officials said the projects listed are expected to create over 5,000 full-time construction-related jobs. The projects are expected to sustain an additional 40,000 jobs.

Over the past 10 years, the Santa Monica RDA has invested nearly \$300 million in the community, with nearly half of the amount providing financing for over 950 homes for low-income households, Gould said.

The remaining funds were used to acquire land that will accommodate affordable housing and parks in the Civic Center area; for construction of the Swim Center shared by City Hall and Santa Monica College, the recently opened Annenberg Community Beach House, and a transitional housing facility providing shelter and services to homeless individuals; and for the rehabilitation and seismic retrofit of Downtown parking structures, which are used by as many as 12,000 residents, employees and shoppers daily.

"The governor's proposed action to eliminate redevelopment is shameful, especially when it has been only two months since California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 22," said Andy Agle, director of housing and economic development for City Hall.

"Proposition 22 made it clear that voters want local funds, including local redevelopment agency funding, to remain in the hands of local government," Agle added. "Californians are fed up with the state of California's budgetary games and maneuvers, and the proposed elimination of redevelopment is another attempt to circumvent the letter of the state constitution while violating its spirit and voter mandates."

Representatives with the governor's office did not return phone calls for comment.

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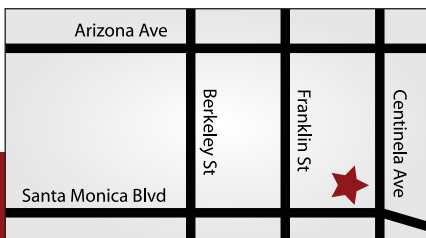


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City Council's approach last year in how to deal with this building budget gap in the city's general fund over time," Stinchfield said. "This is our contribution to the effort."

She said the proposal aims to preserve significant general fund subsidies for programs that provide a "broad community benefit" — things like playground use, senior activities and enrollment in the Police Activities League, which would remain free — while relying more heavily on user fees to fund programs that serve a "targeted population" — like the community gardens, lawn bowling or use of a city park for a private function, which would see fee increases.

City staff also considered how recently each program's fees were increased and what nearby cities charge for comparable programs in coming up with the recommendations, she said.

In most cases, the proposed fee increases would lessen the city's subsidy by only a few percentage points of overall program expenses. For the community gardens, for instance, the 25 percent fee increase, from \$60 per plot per year to \$75 per year, would result in only a 2 percent decrease in the share of the program's cost covered by Santa Monica's general fund, from 93 percent to 91 percent.

Stinchfield said the fee increase proposal includes a broad financial assistance program for needy residents, but added she expected the plan to be controversial.

"Our hope is that the impacted users that are not real positive about the increases will at least understand why we're proposing them and the City Council will find them fair," she said.

Neil Carrey, who chairs the Parks and Recreation Commission, said he believed the increases were necessary, though he questioned some of City Hall's recommendations.

"It was time to re-look at fees, re-evaluate it and in some cases clearly raise some of the fees," he said.

Many of the fee hikes, he said, amount to nominal increases. The entry fee at the Santa Monica Swim Center, for example, would go up by 25 cents per day for youths and 75 cents per day for adults who are residents of Santa Monica.

"My personal feeling is, I don't see them as enormous increases," Carrey said.

But he said that for programs in high demand there should be a bigger difference between the fee charged to residents and the fee charged to non-residents than what City Hall has proposed.

There has yet to be a full public hearing on the proposal, so many residents who will be affected by the fees are likely unaware of the possible increases.

Adam Dawson, the adult sports representative on the Sports Advisory Council, said



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he was reserving judgment on whether the recommended increases are appropriate but was eager to learn more about the thinking behind the proposal.

"It seems counter intuitive for the city to have just asked us to [approve] an across-the-board sales tax increase ... and then on top of that they ask for a 10 percent increase in fees," he said, referring to the passage of Measure Y in November, which is expected to raise \$12 million annually, with half promised to local public schools.

He said the proposed increases for adult sports leagues won't "break the bank for anybody," but added: "One wonders who's making the budgeting decisions in the city."

Zeroing in on a line item in the 60-page report on the fees produced by the Community & Cultural Services Department, Dawson, who participates in softball leagues through City Hall, said he wondered why the proposal contained a recommendation to increase registration fees for softball, volleyball and basketball leagues, but no increase for soccer leagues.

Kathy LePrevost, City Hall's community recreation manager, denied soccer players were getting special treatment. There was no proposed increase for the sport because the soccer league is run by a private company that has a contract with City Hall, she said. Soccer will be reviewed for a possible increase once the agreement expires, she said.

Another increase likely to draw significant attention is a proposal to increase the monthly fee for CREST on-campus child-care services for fourth and fifth graders by 17 percent, from \$300 per month to \$350 per month. That increase, Stinchfield said, is in-line with the increase the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, which runs the same program for kindergarten through third grade, plans to charge.

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DRUGS

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and has prompted leaders of the school's PTSA to call a meeting to address the issue.

So far this school year there have been 35 drug arrests at Samohi, up from 17 during the entire previous school year, according to a notice about the meeting sent out by Samohi Principal Hugo Pedroza and PTSA President Debbie Mulvaney. A majority of substance-related arrests this year have involved prescription drugs, school officials said.

The meeting, which was scheduled for Tuesday night, was aimed at helping parents to recognize and prevent drug use among their teenage students.

Santa Monica Police Sgt. Bob Almada, an expert on narcotics enforcement, was scheduled to address parents about measures to keep prescription pills out of students' hands and how to recognize signs a teenager may be abusing drugs.

Sgt. Greg Smiley, who oversees the SMPD's Youth Services Division, said the cause of the increase in drug incidents remains a mystery.

"I wish I knew or had an answer or even could speculate. It doesn't seem to have any type of pattern at all," he said, adding that students arrested for possession or being under the influence have been from different grade levels, races and socio-economic backgrounds.

Pedroza and Mulvaney did not respond to inquiries about increased drug arrests, but PTA Council President Shari Davis said the meeting was "a great opportunity for parents to learn about what they should know when they're parenting teenagers."

The spike in drug arrests at Samohi is

part of a national trend, she said, adding that she hoped the meeting would be "a model for informing ourselves and knowing what, as parents, we should be doing to help prevent anything drastic from happening."

The increase in drug arrests has at least one Samohi parent calling for more active enforcement measures.

Thomas Browne, whose 14-year-old daughter was arrested recently for being under the influence of the drug Ecstasy during school, said he believes drug sniffing dogs should be brought in to crack down.

He said it's obvious that kids are selling and consuming drugs while at Samohi.

"She gets picked off from school [and] she gets dropped off at school. The only place she gets high is at school," he said. "The school board's got to do something about cleaning up the campus."

According to Sgt. Jay Trisler, officers "do not, as a practice, do narcotic sweeps on the schools with our dogs."

SMMUSD Superintendent Tim Cuneo did not return calls seeking comment.

School board member Oscar de la Torre, who works with at-risk teenagers at the Pico Youth & Family Center, said he was concerned about the increase in drug arrests and supports "a balanced approach that includes awareness and also consistent discipline to curtail this problem."

He said he's against the use of police dogs to search for drugs on campus.

"I would not support that until we look at other prevention measures first," he said. "I want our schools to be schools, not prisons."

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Census reveals people staying put

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WASHINGTON Americans are shunning long-distance moves at record levels as many young adults, struggling without jobs, opt to stay put rather than relocate to other parts of the U.S.

The new information from the Census Bureau highlights the extreme pressure that the sluggish economy is putting on people in this country, especially those in some of the hardest hit groups.

"It is truly a Great Depression for young adults," said Andrew Sum, an economics professor and the director of the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston. "Young adults are working at lower rates than they ever worked before since World War II. As a result, you would expect migration to fall because they have nowhere to go to."

The share of longer-distance moves across states fell to roughly 4.3 million people, or 1.4 percent, down from 1.6 percent in 2009. It was the lowest level since the government began tracking movers in 1948.

Among adults ages 25-29, about 3.2 percent moved to a new state last year, down from 3.7 percent. Moving rates for college graduates, who historically are more likely to relocate out of state, remained flat at a low of 2.1 percent. Moves by those lacking a college degree dipped slightly.

The young adults staying put for now include Rodrigo Canido, 28, a graduate business student at American University in Washington, D.C. He recently earned a law degree at the school but opted to stay on a little longer to pursue a MBA after many of his classmates complained of difficulty finding jobs.

Originally from San Francisco, Canido says he hopes to return to California and is optimistic he can find something at least part-time until he can get a "dream job" as a lawyer. "It's a lot of debt, but it's been difficult for everyone in this job market. In the long run, I think having a business and law degree will be beneficial," he said.

William H. Frey, a demographer at Brookings Institution who analyzed the data, noted that cities seeing relative gains were the handful that offered the promise of specialized tech jobs and hip lifestyles to more educated, young professionals.

"It is clear the weak economy continues to keep young people, especially college grads, locked down, unable to move to jobs, buy homes and start families," he said. "Many are hunkering down at home, or in so-called 'cool cities' until both the job and housing markets improve."

New York and Los Angeles were among larger cities seeing fewer losses as many younger people stayed put, according to 2007-2009 census data released Tuesday. Metro areas with diversified economies such as Austin, Texas; Raleigh, N.C.; and Portland, Ore., saw gains in college graduates relative to other cities.

Other metro areas seeing new gains or reduced migration losses among college graduates were San Francisco; San Diego; Boston-Cambridge, Mass.; and Washington, D.C.-Arlington, Va. All have burgeoning biotech industries and are home to several major universities.

Large metropolitan areas in Sun Belt states continued to attract some young adults but at a slower pace. Compared to earlier in the decade, migration dropped in Phoenix, Las Vegas, Orlando, Fla., and Riverside, Calif., as many people were locked in place due to a housing crunch and souring job market.

The findings, which are based on a pair of government surveys, are reflected in official 2010 census results released last month. Those results highlighted Texas as the big winner — picking up four new House seats as the state's strong economy helped attract new residents in the last decade.

In general, the levels of people moving in the U.S. have been gradually declining for decades, more recently due to an aging baby boomer population that is less mobile. But the rate had generally leveled off around 13 to 14 percent before dropping sharply in 2008 due to the recession.

Overall, 12.5 percent of the U.S. population, or more than 38 million people, made some kind of move to a new home, a figure that is unchanged from 2009, according to new census figures. Only in 2008 was the overall mobility rate lower, at 11.9 percent.

Only moves within counties edged higher. That often is a sign that renters or lower-income people were relocating nearby due to foreclosures or to "double up" with friends or family, say analysts of the data. The percentage of people in the U.S. who moved within the same county rose from 8.4 percent in 2009 to 8.7 percent.



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Ad Hoc Committee

Friday, January 14, 2011– 5:00 PM
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Golden Globe Foreign Language Nominee (France) The Concert (PG-13) 1hr 59min 7:30pm	Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min 11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm	Casino Jack (R) 1hr 48min 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm
Call theater for more information.	Little Fockers (PG-13) 12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm	Rare Exports: A Christmas Tale (R) 1hr 40min 4:40pm, 9:30pm
AMC Loews Broadway 4 1441 Third Street Promenade (310) 458-6232	Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 1hr 22min 11:00am, 1:10pm, 3:35pm, 5:50pm, 8:00pm	Frankie and Alice (R) 1hr 42min 1:40pm, 7:00pm
Little Fockers (PG-13) 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:25pm	Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min 1:05pm, 4:05pm, 7:05pm, 10:05pm	AMC Criterion 6 1313 Third Street Promenade (310) 395-1599
How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min 1:35pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 9:50pm	True Grit (PG-13) 11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm	Blue Valentine (NC-17) 2hrs 00min 12:15pm, 1:15pm, 3:15pm, 4:05pm, 6:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:00pm
True Grit (PG-13) 1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm	Country Strong (PG-13) 1hr 52min 1:25pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm	Season of the Witch (PG-13) 1hr 38min 2:00pm, 4:25pm, 7:05pm, 9:40pm
Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min 1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm	Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min 11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm	Gulliver's Travels 3D (PG) 12:10pm, 2:30pm, 4:50pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm
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Happy at home, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Use the day well, transforming any obstacle into a new pathway. You also could get frustrated and upset, but to what avail? A meeting with a friend inspires you to new levels. Use excess energy to focus. Tonight: Be as free as a bird.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ You still might feel out of kilter, but that feeling won't last long. Your ability to jump over problems or bypass the issue is remarkable. Be careful when dealing with a key figure at a distance. You might not like what you hear. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Focus and drive might be excellent traits. Understand that you are not the only person with these traits. Listening and sharing with other driven people opens doors. Tonight: Only where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Open up to new possibilities by assuming the lead. Not everyone agrees with you. Not everyone can follow through on your ideas. In fact, few people can. If a project is very important, do it yourself and have it done right (according to you!). Tonight: Plan on some fun, after working late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might not have the control you desire when dealing with someone at a distance. You actually might lose it and become quite wild. Find a midpoint of understanding, then move out from there. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with others directly. If you address a group, your essence and message will be diluted. Expressing unusual passion certainly helps make a point hit home as far as its significance to you. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your strong drive comes out on the personal or domestic front. You could wind up buying property or making an investment. Are you sure you want this? Others around you appear to be unusually difficult. Could it just be you? Tonight: Say "yes."

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pace yourself. You are a whirlwind of energy. You are unlikely to stop, but keep going until you drop. Listen to what is being shared, especially in conversations with those who are part of your daily life. Tonight: Visit with friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Your playfulness emerges, making this day lighter and easier. A tendency to be risk-prone emerges and could be damaging if you don't call in some self-discipline. A child or loved one is a source of great laughter and fun. Tonight: Acting as if there is no tomorrow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might want to make a difference, and right now. With Mars riding high in your sign, you are capable of a nearly inexhaustible effort. You know what you want, and so will others! Try to be more easygoing with your interpersonal relationships. Fighting solves little. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You choose the right words for different situations. Your ability to communicate excels. Do be careful with suppressing anger; it will pop out in facial expressions or passive-aggressive behavior. Why not deal with this feeling? Tonight: Dawdling, rather than heading home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be sensitive with spending. Take into consideration your budget and also another person's. It might be easy to go overboard. A meeting could force you to look at certain issues. A male friend also could be pushy. You do know the word "no." Tonight: Zero in on what is important.

Happy birthday

This year, you manifest unusual physical energy. Direct this energy, as it could be self-destructive if you don't have an outlet. You could become quarrelsome and accident-prone. Remember, you can choose how you direct this high vitality. Some of you might take up a sport. If you are single, you might want to find the "right one" right away. Take your time rather than get stuck in a difficult situation. If you are attached, you might be more verbal and self-expressive than in the past. Of course, your sweetie might have a reaction. Learn a more effective style of communication. TAURUS draws out an innate playfulness.

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



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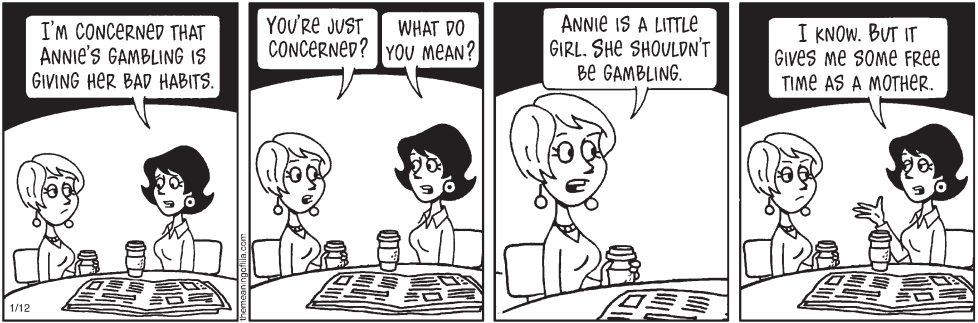
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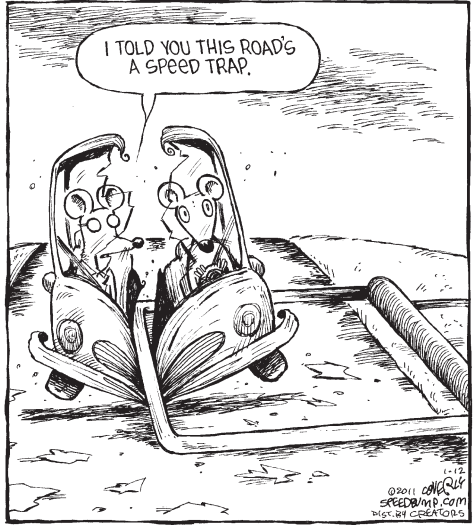
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★ ★

		9		8		7		
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 42 Office fixtures
1 Like a cliff

6 Rorschach test item

10 Singer Chrissie

11 Fancy flapjack

12 Surprise win

13 Safe spot

14 Ala. neighbor

15 Moolah

16 Olympics jersey letters

17 Silent

18 Galloped

19 Comes to an end

22 Office helper

23 Soaks up

26 Louisiana counties

29 Pester

32 Soup buy

33 Uncooked

34 Freeway entrance

36 Diamond corner

37 One of the strings

38 Count of music

39 Colorado resort

40 Put in office

41 Spots

DOWN

1 "Can it!"

2 Like magazine copy

3 Trap

4 First place

5 Parrot or puppy

6 Fiber source

7 Jimmy, e.g.

8 Sung story

9 Mortise's mate

11 Interjects

15 "Well, that's obvious!"

17 1980s arcade game

20 Little devil

21 Mayday call

24 Puts into words

25 Queasy on board

27 Kanye's music

28 Candy

29 Exploding stars

30 Ouzo flavor

31 Feel blindly

35 Pub choices

36 Hay bundle

38 Garden plot

P	L	A	I	D		B	E	A	R	D
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Yesterday's answer

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CrossMath + x - ÷

Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10

Solution for Task 526

				18	
			24		10
19	7	3	4		
22		11	12	6	
				10	

• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.

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• You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The American Veterinary Association announced recently that it is seeking 400 dachshunds for experiments in which a chiropractic vet will "crack the backs" of dogs for an unspecified research project. Test subjects are preferred that have "uneven leg length that is influenced with neck flexion" but which have not been under the care of a chiropractor within the previous 60 days.

■ Gloria Clark, 62, was charged in the death of her 98-year-old mother in St. George, S.C., in December after the mother's body was found among squalid conditions at her home. Though Clark denied she had been neglectful, the mother's pet parrot might have disagreed. According to the police report, the parrot, in the mother's bedroom, continually squawked -- mimicking "Help me! Help me!" followed by the sound of laughter.

■ Life Imitates a Monty Python Sketch: An unnamed Danish man traveled to Vienna, Austria, in July for a trial on his lawsuit against the man who had sold him a defective cockatoo for the equivalent of about \$15,000. In a demonstration for the judge in the courtroom's hallway, the bird flew "lopsided," with the probable cause (according to the purchaser) chronic gout. The judge's decision was not reported.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1986 Space Shuttle program: Congressman Bill Nelson lifts off from Kennedy Space Center aboard Columbia on mission STS-61C as a Mission Specialist.

1991 Gulf War: An act of the U.S. Congress authorizes the use of military force to drive Iraq out of Kuwait.

1992 A new constitution, providing for freedom to form political parties, is approved by a referendum in Mali.

1998 Nineteen European nations agree to forbid human cloning.

2004 The world's largest ocean liner, RMS Queen Mary 2, makes its maiden voyage.

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Obituaries

MARGARET ANN Pickering died unexpectedly, but peacefully, of natural causes December 8, 2010. She was 70. Born Margaret Ann McBride in Los Angeles on April 1, 1940, she remained a

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life-long resident of Southern California. She graduated from Santa Monica High School and attended UC Santa Barbara and UCLA, where she received her teaching credential. She was active in the Chi Omega sorority. She happily worked in the University Research Library at UCLA for over thirty years and retired from Personnel Services a few years ago.

Maggie had two sons, Brooks and Trevor. She was a life-long fan of UCLA basketball, the Santa Monica beaches, and enjoyed her "Nifty Fifties" group of special friend with whom she'd grown up. She remained active on several volunteer committees at UCLA after her retirement, assisted with the Samohi Alumni News, and also volunteered at the Santa Monica Public Library, providing books to shut-ins. Never busy enough, she also returned to work briefly at Mount St. Mary's.

Maggie was a friend to everyone and loved working with others, especially students. She would often strike up conversations with strangers while waiting in line, or with other customers at her favorite restaurant, Casa Escobar. She had lively conversations with those around her at UCLA basketball games. In recent years, she enjoyed spending time with Chester Hull, the "love of her life," who preceded her in death 18 months ago.

Maggie is survived by her sons, her granddaughters, Quinn, Reed, and Nora, and her brothers, Robert and Thomas McBride.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00pm on January 15 at the First United Methodist Church in Santa Monica (310-393-8258). A reception will follow at the Casa Escobar restaurant in Santa Monica (310-828-1315). Donations can be made to: The UCLA Foundation, Univ. Library Discretionary Fund, 10920 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90024, in memory of Margaret Pickering.

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