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WHAT A DAY

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

People enjoy a warm afternoon along Santa Monica Beach on Thursday. Temps will again be in the upper 70s today.

VA tries housing-first model for homeless vets

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Homeless service providers at the Veterans Administration, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health and several non-profits including Santa Monica-based OPCC are working on a new initiative aimed at housing the 60 most vulnerable, chronically homeless veterans on the Westside.

The goal is to direct VA housing vouchers to a population of hard-core homeless individuals, most of whom suffer from mental illness and substance abuse issues and have fallen beyond the veterans agency's reach.

Those involved in the effort, dubbed "Vets to Home Project 60," call it a groundbreaking collaboration between a variety of agencies that for years have either ignored each other or worked together only informally.

Michelle Wildy, chief of community care at the VA Greater Los Angeles Health Care System in Westwood, said while the VA has worked with many of the partners involved in Project 60 before, this is the first time there's been a concerted effort to document and codify the process.

"We decided that we needed to do this formally and create a demonstration project that could possibly be replicated all over Southern California and eventually all over the United States," she said.

As many as 20 leaders from the various

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City Hall pays $225K in bike accident case

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Hall will pay a bicyclist who fell while riding on Ocean Park Boulevard $225,000 under a settlement agreement the City Council approved on Tuesday.

The bicyclist, Robin Ratner, said in court

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Samohi's KJ hits buzzer-beater to shock Inglewood

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

INGLEWOOD A seesaw battle was won at the buzzer by Kristina "KJ" Johnson as Santa Monica High School's girls' basketball team eked out a 47-45 win over Inglewood in the Ocean League opener on Wednesday night.

Johnson's game-winning lay-up came after the senior hit a pair of free throws with 20 seconds left in the game to tie the score at 45. Inglewood was unable to convert on the subsequent possession, setting up the late-game heroics for the senior committed to play for University of the Pacific next year.

"Our experience paid off in our senior leaders," Head Coach Marty Verdugo said. "We didn't get lucky, but we got away without playing our finest game."

The win improves Samohi's record to 12-3 this season. The Vikings will finally play their home opener tonight against another Ocean League rival in Culver City. The game is scheduled for 6 p.m. It is part of a double-header with the boys' team, also against Culver City. That game will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Jan. 14, 2011

Samohi bands unite
Santa Monica High School, Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
All five of Santa Monica High School's bands will come together for a night of music at Barnum Hall. The finale will feature a rare combination of all five large ensembles: the Samohi Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Winds, Concert Band, Concert Winds, and Viking Marching Band.
For more information, call (310) 817-3070.

'Hoboken to Hollywood'
Edgemar Center for the Arts
2437 Main St., 8 p.m.
"Hoboken to Hollywood: A Journey Through The Great American Songbook" has been extended through Feb. 27. This popular musical is a behind-the-scenes look at the taping of a television special, possibly in 1964 or soon thereafter. It even includes spoofs on commercials.
For more information, call (310) 392-7327.

MLK Interfaith prayer breakfast
Calvary Baptist Church
1502 20th St., 7:30 a.m. — 9 a.m.
In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. the Calvary Baptist Church is hosting an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. Suggested donation is $25.

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011

MLK Kidz Party
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 10 a.m.
This free event is intended as an introduction to the life and teachings of King with music, art, face painting, storytelling and children's entertainer Michael Cladis.

Peace In for MLK
The Talking Stick
1411 Lincoln Blvd., 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.
"Peace In," geared to teenagers, with music, poetry, spoken word, art and diversity workshop. The event is sponsored by the NAACP Santa Monica-Venice branch, the Santa Monica Human Relations Council and the Pico Youth & Family Center.

Improv at the library
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
Laugh your way into the New Year as cast members from the Morgan-Wixson Theatre's Internet-themed farce "Caught in the Net" go off script and share their improvisational and physical comedy talents. This theatrical event is presented free to the public.
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L.A. reaches 20 percent renewable energy goal

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles has met its goal of providing 20 percent of the city's power from renewable sources in 2010 largely thanks to a wind plant.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa plans a formal announcement Thursday. Villaraigosa set the energy goal, which was achieved by opening the municipally owned Pine Tree Wind Power Plant in the Tehachapi Mountains.

The city Department of Water and Power opened the plant in 2009 and by the end of 2010 it accounted for half of the utility's renewable energy.



HUGE WIN

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Samohi's Julia Glanz (right) battles Inglewood's Erika Alvaredo for a ball on Wednesday at John Adams Middle School. Samohi won the Ocean League game, 9-0.

Officials clear Arcadia grove despite protest

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

ARCADIA Public works crews pulled up stumps Thursday amid toppled oak and sycamore trees following the arrests of four tree sitters who hoped to prevent the grove from becoming a dumpsite for tons of sediment dredged from behind a dam.

The morning after an unsuccessful attempt by environmentalists to stop the project, splintered branches and trunks lay on the ground as back hoes ripped away at remnants of the grove in a now-vacant area bordered on two sides by still-standing lines of trees.

"They're pulling out the material that remains," Los Angeles County Public Works spokesman Bob Spencer said as a back hoe noisily dug up a tree stump a few feet away. "It will be mulched right on site."

Two men, including veteran tree-sitter John Quigley, and two women were escorted out of the trees Wednesday night and taken into custody, Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Julio Salcido said. They were booked on suspicion of delaying a peace officer and trespassing, he said.

Spencer said sheriff's deputies using a cheery picker spoke directly to the four and persuaded them to come down.

"They went peacefully," Spencer said. "They came down voluntarily and were handcuffed."

Earlier Wednesday, with the sounds of bulldozers echoing beneath him, Quigley perched in a century-old oak in the foothills above this Los Angeles suburb.

"They're destroying trees all around us," Quigley said by cell phone. "It's a sad scene and definitely something that didn't need to happen."

Public works officials say the 11 acres of trees, some of them more than 100 years old, had to go to ensure the integrity of a nearby dam that is critical for flood control and also recharges aquifers that supply all the drinking water for the Los Angeles suburb of Sierra Madre and 75 percent for neighboring Arcadia.

Shortly before Quigley and the others were arrested, about three dozen protesters, including actress Daryl Hannah, gathered at a gate leading to the area to hold a candlelight vigil.

"They don't need to tear down an eco system with trees over 100 years old," said Hannah, who learned of the protest through Quigley. She added that dam sediment could have been hauled to gravel pits 10 miles away.

Spencer said Thursday that public works officials had indeed looked into that possibility, but it would have required hauling 50,000 dump-truck loads of sediment through Arcadia, an upscale community of about 56,000 people.

"The city said no," he said.

Public Works officials say the project is necessary to ensure that the Santa Anita Dam, built in 1927, meets seismic safety standards.

Over the years, Spencer said, sediment has built up behind the dam, limiting its

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Los Angeles police arrest cyclists on suspicion of DUI

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Five bicycle riders have been arrested on suspicion of riding under the influence in South Los Angeles after officers gave sobriety tests to a pack of pre-dawn bikers.

California Highway Patrol Officer Travis Ruiz says officers were called to the Baldwin Hills area at around 1:30 a.m. Thursday after a bicycle lost control and crashed to the pavement.

Ruiz says while officers were there, 15 bicyclists came up to check on their friend. Ruiz says they were riding on both sides of the street without helmets and were barely visible to motorists.

Ruiz says officers smelled alcohol and conducted field sobriety tests on the bikers. He says five men, ages 18 to 22, were arrested, cited for bicycle DUI and released. He says one arrestee was the accident victim, who wasn't seriously injured.

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Kings and queens of comedy

Editor:

The discussion among members of the City Council regarding the financial disclosure proposal was truly fascinating ("City Council rejects disclosure proposal after some debate," Jan. 13, page 1).

One council member thought that disclosing the names of donors bringing business before City Council would make it difficult to raise funds. Another member claimed the proposal to make things more transparent was politically motivated, and was the outcome of political demonizing. A third member, proclaiming a deep commitment to transparency, then said that all this transparency would create misconceptions and would harm the process. The opponents of this proposal expressed concern about the effects of all this clarity and transparency – deep, very deep, concern.

No need to go to a comedy club. Attend a City Council meeting instead. It's free.

Dan Jansenson
Santa Monica

Lawsuit waiting to happen

Editor:

If Fredric Reichel ("Sharing the bike path," Jan. 11, Letters to the Editor) did not intend to provoke and prolong an argument over the pedestrian use of the bike path, then he needs to tone down his rhetoric referring to us as "a few bike-riding zealots" and "privileged class."

The people trespassing on the bike path are not being congenial when entire families spread out across the entire path (endangering their children) or walking their dogs on leashes that block bicyclists, etc.

It's a bike path, not a pedestrian walkway! The area that is being overwhelmed, between the Santa Monica Pier and the Venice boardwalk, has a parallel pedestrian walkway; why doesn't he use that?

What will it take for our complacent City Council to enforce the law, another serious accident resulting in a lawsuit?

Jon Mann
Santa Monica



EDITORIAL

Bring in the pooches

Parents should be calling on the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District to start using drug-sniffing dogs at our high schools and middle schools as a deterrent and a way to sniff out those bad apples who have the potential to spoil the whole bunch.

Parents of students at Santa Monica High School met this week to discuss the rise this school year in narcotics arrests at the campus. According to school officials, there have been 35 drug arrests at Samohi as of last week. There were only 17 during the entire previous school year. A majority of those arrests involved prescription drugs, which are gaining popularity amongst the youth of today, particularly powerful pain killers like Vicodin and OxyContin. While pot is still the most widely abused drug by far, prescription pills pose a more serious and deadly threat given their potency, particularly when combined with other prescription drugs.

One parent whose daughter was arrested for possessing Ecstacy told the Daily Press that he wants the district and the Santa Monica Police Department to start using drug-sniffing dogs, and we agree. Currently, the SMPD does not do narcotics sweeps at schools using dogs. The district and the SMPD need to partner up and conduct at least two random sweeps a year at each high school.

There are those who will argue that the sweeps are a violation of a student's privacy, disrupt the educational process, are ineffective and are not compatible with nurturing environments that are supposed to be conducive to learning and self-expression.

Some of those points are valid, but when the number of drug arrests reach the level seen at Samohi, the severity of the situation and the health and safety of the students outweighs those concerns.

Certainly the sweeps should occur while students are in class so there is as little disruption as possible. Students should not be alerted that the sweeps are taking place. Also, if dogs detect drugs in a locker, a student should not be escorted out of class and made to stand by the locker or searched by officers in front of their peers. There needs to be sensitivity given that sometimes the dogs are wrong. There's no need to do harm to a student's reputation for a false alarm.

Those who are arrested need to be removed from school until they prove that they are drug free and ready to learn. If a student is caught with a little marijuana, make them do community service and additional class work. If a student is caught selling cocaine or other hard drugs, kick them out. The punishment should fit the crime.

The Daily Press believes that when students are on campus administrators have the right to search their backpacks or lockers if there is reasonable suspicion that drugs are being consumed, carried or sold. We believe the use of the dogs will deter students from bringing drugs to campus. Now, what happens outside of school falls on the parents. There still needs to be education and awareness. Parents cannot hide from this responsibility. If they do, their child may be expelled, or worse, die from an overdose.

Drug dogs won't keep all the narcotics out, but what they will do is raise awareness and scare off some kids who may be thinking about buying or selling drugs. This is not about making arrests. This is about protecting kids by making it as hard as possible to bring drugs into school.



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Jack Neworth

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A little girl's empty chair

OVER THE YEARS OF WRITING THESE columns, I've received many e-mails from readers who are politically conservative and have referred to me as a "liberal," and not exactly in the complimentary sense. (How did "liberal" become a dirty word? Among other things, it means "tolerant.") On the other hand, I've gotten e-mails from readers on the left who think that I've "sold out." That said, these should be my biggest problems.

This week I had planned to write about the NFL playoffs, which features two games tomorrow and two on Sunday. The matchups have the potential for thrilling football. My guess is that I will watch some games, but, after the senseless and tragic events in Arizona last Saturday, I have little enthusiasm for writing about sports, thrilling or otherwise.

Last Saturday, Jared Loughner, a 22-year-old man with a history of troubling behavior, attended a political rally in front of a Safeway Market at a Tucson shopping center. The event was hosted by Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. But unfortunately for all of us, Loughner brought a Glock 9 mm semi-automatic pistol. (A Glock 9 mm was also wielded by the Virginia Tech killer in a spree that left 32 dead.)

Loughner's gun included a magazine with 33 bullets. That's not for self-defense, that's for a massacre. This size clip was illegal until 2004, when the federal ban on assault weapons expired. In fact, Loughner was attempting to reload when Patricia Maisch, a petite 61-year-old, wrestled away his ammunition, undoubtedly saving countless other lives Seconds later, Loughner was tackled to the ground by Bill Badger, a 74-year-old retired Army colonel.

For whatever reason (Loughner was apparently upset with Gifford's views on healthcare and immigration) he opened fire, wounding 14 and killing six. Among the dead was John Roll, a U.S. District judge who was 63, and Christina Taylor Green, a talented and precocious third grader with big dreams who was 9. Christina, who was born on Sept. 11, 2001, was buried yesterday.

When I look at Christina's photo in the newspaper, I'm struck by how bright, pretty and mature she appeared. She had gone to the rally because she was recently elected to her school's student council. She thought she might want to be a politician. That was Saturday. At school on Monday her chair was empty.

Uniquely Christina, she also wanted to be a baseball player, maybe the first woman in the major leagues. As the only girl on her Little League team, no one put it past her. Baseball was in her blood. She's the granddaughter of Dallas Green, a former Philadelphia Phillies manager. Her father, John Green, is a scout for the Dodgers. Sadly, now they can only imagine the wonderful life she might have had. Too often the innocent die young.

Saturday morning, Green made his daughter breakfast, and kissed her goodbye as a neighbor took her to the rally to meet Giffords. Hours later, Green was at University Medical Center with his wife and son, as a doctor told them the girl he called "Princess" was dead. (The neighbor was shot four times and required surgery, but survived.)

Congresswoman Giffords received a bullet to the head. She's in a Tucson hospital courageously hanging onto life with her husband, Mark Kelly, a NASA astronaut, by her side. Gabby, as friends call her (admired in Congress by members of both parties), has opened her eyes and moved her fingers.

This country has had a long love affair with guns and violence. And hate-filled political rhetoric that often spawns violence, is more prevalent than ever. During the 2010 election, many Tea Party websites had images of bulls' eyes and crosshairs on their opponent's faces. (It wasn't funny then, it's even less so now.)

Jesse Kelly, a 29-year-old Marine running against Giffords, invited residents to "remove her" by attending a fundraiser where they would shoot a fully-automatic M-16. He was supported by Americans for Legal Immigration, a group characterized by Sen. John McCain's office as "white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and anti-Semites." (What a lovely combination.)

But perhaps some good can come from this. As reported in the NY Times, even Roger Ailes, the president of Fox News, has embraced a more civil public discourse. "I told all of our guys, shut up, tone it down, make your argument intellectually."

In a moving speech at the memorial on Wednesday, President Obama called for a democracy as good as Christina imagined it. "I believe we can be better. I believe that for all our imperfections, we are full of decency and goodness, and that the forces that divide us are not as strong as those that unite us," Obama said.

In the memory of little Christina and the others who perished, and for Congresswoman Giffords and all those who were wounded, and for the sake of our country, I pray he's right.

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The Q Line

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Picking a leader

Councilman Bobby Shriver is expected to ask the City Council if it is time to allow voters to select Santa Monica's mayor, a departure from the current model that allows the council to decide who will hold the post.

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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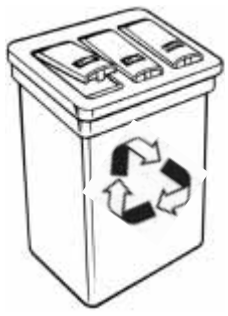

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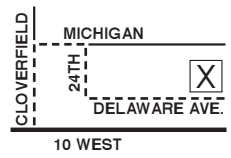

Lawmakers get first look at Gov. Brown's budget proposal

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO State lawmakers on Thursday began dissecting the tax-and-cut budget proposed by Gov. Jerry Brown, as the state's main anti-tax organization said it would oppose any attempt to extend temporary tax increases for another five years.

Legislators face a tight deadline for placing any measures before voters this June, before California's fiscal year begins July 1. Members of both parties on the Assembly Budget Committee said the Legislature should strive to pass a budget by March, months ahead of its statutory deadline.

The Democratic governor released his plan Monday, calling for a combination of spending cuts, tax extensions and tax-law changes to balance a $25.4 billion deficit over the next 18 months. Brown wants a special election in June so voters can decide whether to extend increases in the sales, income and vehicle taxes for five years.

Then Gov.-Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Legislature approved the increases two years ago, but they are set to expire this year.

"It's sort of solomonesque in the sense that half of it's coming from revenues and half of it's coming from cuts," said Assembly Budget Committee Chairman Bob Blumenfield, D-Sherman Oaks.

Brown's plan calls for:

• $12.5 billion in spending cuts, including $500 million each for the University of California and California State University systems, and $400 million from the California Community College system. He would also cut, cap or eliminate payments for social programs ranging from adult day health care to the CalWORKS welfare-to-work program.

• $8 billion from the extensions of the increased sales, personal income and vehicles taxes. Revenue from the vehicle and sales taxes would go to local governments. That would help fund Brown's plan to give city and county governments more control over a wide variety of services, including low-level and juvenile offenders, parolees and rehabilitation programs, child welfare programs, child abuse services and foster care, and emergency calls in semi-rural areas.

• $2.7 billion by reducing the dependent-exemption tax credit, mandating the single-sales tax structure for multistate corporations and repealing tax credits for local enterprise zones. The single-sales factor is a corporate tax provision that allows multistate companies to avoid paying some California taxes.

"There's something for everyone, in this budget, to hate," Blumenfield said. "Sometimes the choice is going to come down to the lesser of two evils."

Lawmakers of both parties agreed with Brown's goal of making painful decisions now to put the state on a firmer financial path for five years, with the goal of restoring the state's economy. But they back sharply different ways to get there, given Republicans' tax opposition.

"If we were a normal company, we'd be calling ourselves bankrupt," said Assemblywoman Diane Harkey, R-Dana Point.

The administration believes it needs a two-thirds vote in both houses of the Democratically controlled Legislature to put a measure on the ballot.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Report projects impact of huge storm

A new report details the projected impact on California if a catastrophic winter storm causes extensive flooding and landslides.

The report released Thursday by the U.S. Geological Survey creates a realistic scenario to raise questions about the ability of authorities to handle such a disaster and is to be used for preparedness.

A team of 117 researchers considered a hypothetical winter storm similar to a 45-day storm that devastated California in 1861 and 1862.

They found that such a storm could cause hundreds of landslides, flooding stretching 300 miles long in the Central Valley and serious damage in the state's major population centers. In all, they estimate the losses and damages could cost on the order of $725 billion.

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LOS ANGELES

Southern California weather warms

It's spring break for winter in Southern California.

The region began warming Thursday, with daytime temperatures rising to unseasonable highs. Basking under sunny skies, downtown Los Angeles reached 75 degrees, seven degrees above normal.

The National Weather Service says conditions will become even balmier as strong high pressure builds over Nevada on Friday and gusty offshore flow strengthens to a moderate Santa Ana wind for the weekend.

Forecasters say that will push the mercury into the 80s in some areas on Saturday.

Sunday will bring a bit of cooling along the coast but inland areas will remain warm, with highs five to 10 degrees above normal through the week.

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SANTA CRUZ,

UC Santa Cruz warn of graffiti with violent threat

Officials at the University of California, Santa Cruz are warning the campus community about graffiti vandalism that expressed plans for violence next week.

In a message this week, Executive Vice Chancellor Alison Galloway told students and staff that just before winter break, a UCSC student reported finding the graffiti in a men's restroom in the Social Sciences 2 building.

Galloway did not provide details about the graffiti's message but says it threatened violence on Jan. 18 but didn't provide any specifics about potential targets.

Galloway says she issued the warning because the university takes all threats seriously.

UCSC officials are asking those on campus to be vigilant. They say they're seeking help in identifying the graffiti vandal.

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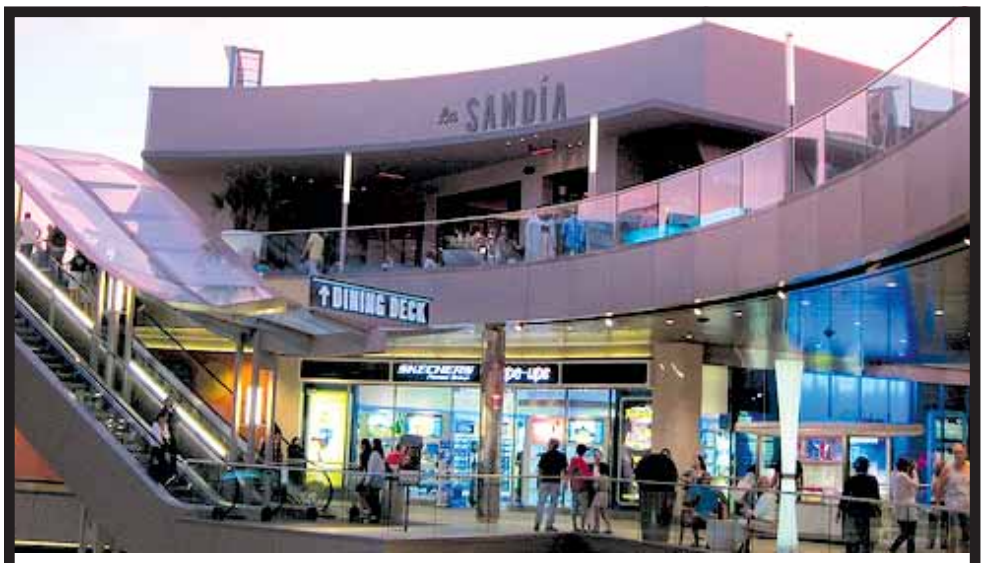

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Ruckus in the emergency room

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.

MONDAY, JAN. 3, AT 2:44 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2100 block of Santa Monica Boulevard — Saint John's Health Center — regarding a social worker who was being assaulted. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who said that the suspect had kicked her several times in the knee, grabbed her breast and wouldn't let go and pulled her hair. The victim said she came into the emergency room because the suspect was agitated and harassing staff. After the victim was allegedly assaulted, the suspect bit a security guard's finger as he came in to help, police said. The suspect, Linda Rodriguez, 57, of Los Angeles, was arrested for assault and battery. Her bail was set at $20,000.

THURSDAY, JAN. 6, AT 12 P.M.,
Officers were about the serve a search warrant when they saw a suspect and her boyfriend walk to her vehicle and drive off. Officers followed the suspects and watched as they allegedly sold tar heroin to another suspect. Officers detained all three and located drugs in the car and outside of it. Officers arrested the suspects, who were identified as Sheila Briody, 39 of Santa Monica; Gregory Troy, 40, of Santa Monica; and Kevin Walsh, 45, of Santa Monica. Briody and Troy were booked for transportation of a controlled substance and conspiracy. Their bail was set at $30,000. Walsh was booked for possession of drugs and a probation violation. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, JAN. 4, AT 1:10 P.M.,
Officers responded to the Santa Monica Pier — Bubba Gump's — regarding a report of someone refusing to pay their bill. When officers arrived, they made contact with a restaurant employee who told them that the two suspects ordered $68.59 worth of food. They ate. After finishing, one of the suspects left the business as the other went to the bathroom. When he came out, he was confronted by a waiter who demanded the bill be paid. The suspect said he did not have any money and the other suspect was long gone. The man was arrested for defrauding an innkeeper. He was identified as Marwy Hidalgo, 19, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $500.

SATURDAY, JAN. 1, 2011, 3:39 P.M.,
Officers were following a vehicle in the 1000 block of Ocean Avenue when they saw the driver swerve into the bike lane, cutting off a cyclist and a pedestrian. Officers followed the vehicle and watched the driver make two more vehicle code violations. Officers pulled the driver over and conducted a series of balance and coordination tests. Officers believed the driver was under the influence of something, but could not smell alcohol on her breath. Further investigation revealed that the driver had taken prescription drugs prior to driving. Officers placed the driver under arrest for driving while impaired. She was identified as Jane Plotkin, 61, of Topanga. Her bail was set at $15,000.

FRIDAY, DEC. 31, AT 8:10 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1000 block of Pico Boulevard regarding someone who was passed out. When officers arrived, they made contact with the man. The man stood up and had to hold onto a parking meter to maintain his balance, police said. The man displayed signs of extreme intoxication. Officers felt he was unable to care for himself and placed him under arrest for being drunk in public. Officers were unable to get the man's name so he was booked under John Doe, 27. His bail was set at $250.

THURSDAY, DEC. 30, AT 11:04 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 700 block of Broadway — Vons — regarding a suspect in possession of a knife and holding it in a threatening manner. When officers arrived, they made contact with an employee at the grocery store who said that the suspect had been in the business several times and was known for stealing things. The employee asked the suspect to leave. As they were walking out of the store, the suspect allegedly removed a knife and brandished it at the victim. The suspect was yelling at the victim in a threatening manner. The suspect then left. Officers located him a short distance away. The suspect, Phillip Nides, 57, a transient, was arrested and booked for carrying a concealed weapon, brandishing a weapon and a parole violation. He was not eligible for bail.

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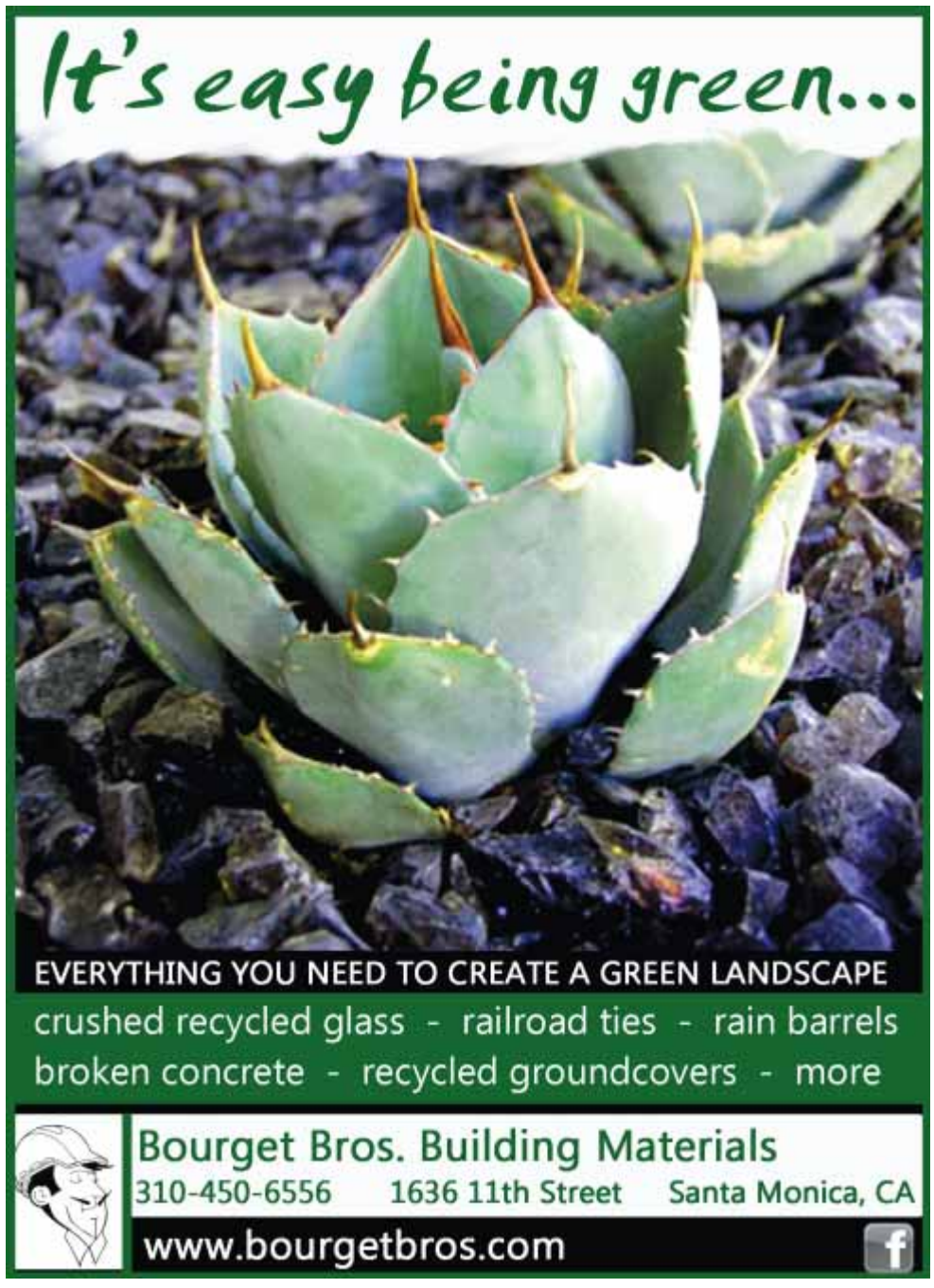

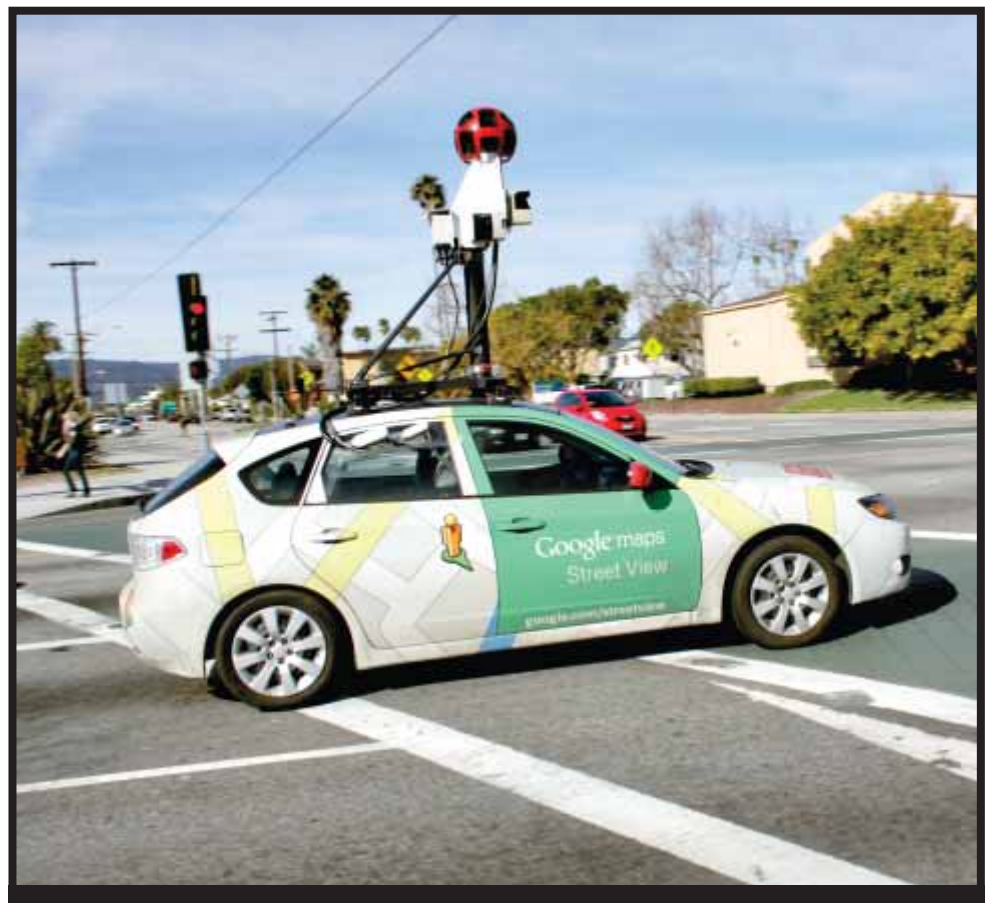

MAP IT

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A Google Street View vehicle travels along Pico Boulevard shooting a 360-degree horizontal and 290-degree vertical panoramic street level photo for Google Maps on Thursday. Currently, Street View is available for almost a dozen countries around the world.

SETTLEMENT

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documents a "misleveling of the pavement" of between 1-and-a-half inches and 2 inches in the bike lane caused her to "go airborn and crash," resulting in a head injury and two bone fractures, among other injuries.

The October, 2009 crash on Ocean Park Boulevard at Main Street cost $175,000 in medical expenses and caused Ratner to lose $60,000 in earnings, according to the documents.

Deputy City Attorney Lance Gams, who handled the case for City Hall, said the settlement agreement was a good deal for tax payers because a potential jury award could have been more than a million dollars.

"I think that the plaintiff would receive sympathetic treatment by a jury if the case went to trial," he said.

The attorney for Ratner, Beverly Hills-based Peter Bersin, said his client had asked him not to comment publicly on the case.

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TREES

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water capacity and compromising its safety in the event of an earthquake or other catastrophe.

He said the area cleared of trees has been owned by the Public Works Department for 60 years and was bought specifically to be used as a sediment placement pit. There are already placement areas to the north and south of it, but the northern one is full and the southern one is nearing capacity.

When the southern one is filled, public works officials plan to landscape several acres of it with oaks and other trees, and Spencer said environmentalists and local neighborhood organizations would be asked to help with that.

"We understand how sensitive this issue is," he said. "We don't tear out environmental habitat willy nilly."

The now-decimated grove occupies a flatland below the steep slopes of the San Gabriel Mountains, about 20 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles.

It is near a residential neighborhood and a small wilderness park in an area popular with weekend hikers and bicyclists. Several of the protesters who gathered Wednesday night said they had lived in the area for 40 or 50 years and walked their dogs there frequently.

The clearing operation began after extensive efforts by opponents to stop it. In December, county officials ordered a 30-day moratorium, which ended last week.

In 2003, Quigley spent 71 days in an oak tree known as Old Glory that was to be bulldozed to widen a street in Santa Clarita, another Los Angeles suburb. Authorities finally removed him from the tree, and it was saved and replanted elsewhere.

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HOUSING
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agencies involved have been holding weekly meetings during the past two months and have begun to send out inter-agency outreach teams to search for clients.

"People have bonded, egos are out the window," she said of the cooperative effort. "We're all working as one team and that is a big deal."

The VA has set aside 60 Section 8 housing vouchers for Project 60, which Wildy said she plans to formally announce next month. In two years' time, the goal is to move each of the 60 most vulnerable homeless veterans into permanent housing.

To John Maceri, executive director of OPCC, the project marks a major change in the way the VA approaches chronically homeless veterans.

"The paradigm shift here is using a housing-first model with intensive wrap-around services — and that is something that the VA has not done before," he said.

Historically, the VA has taken a much different approach to homeless veterans, according to Maceri, requiring them to be clean and sober or actively involved in a treatment program before they were eligible for housing vouchers. In contrast, under the housing first approach, which is favored by OPCC, homeless individuals are given permanent housing without strings attached.

Maceri said his agency and other partners in Project 60 will play a valuable role by helping the population of homeless veterans that is most difficult to reach interact with the VA.

"It's one thing if a veteran is going to the VA and accessing those services. It's another thing if you have a veteran who's been on the street for a long time and isn't familiar with the way the VA works and isn't comfortable navigating [the system]," he said.

Along with OPCC, the non-profits involved in Project 60 are: St. Joseph Center in Venice, Step Up on Second in Hollywood and the San Fernando Valley Mental Health Center. All of the agencies are in Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's district and receive a portion of their funding through his office.

The effort is modeled on the highly touted "Project 50" funded by Los Angeles County that in the past two years has sought to house L.A.'s 50 most vulnerable homeless individuals.

There is, though, a crucial difference.

While Project 50, according to Flora Gil Krisiloff, a staff member in Yaroslavsky's office who works on homelessness issues, was funded to the tune of $3.6 million over two years, no new money has been allocated for the effort to house chronically homeless veterans.

Still, those involved say they have high hopes the new level of cooperation can improve efficiency and show results.

"It's transcending traditional barriers between the VA resources and the County Department of Mental Health and then the non-profits," Krisiloff said.

Wildy emphasized the project is a pilot-program that could attract grants if it succeeds.

"The hope is that when we replicate this in other areas we can get funding," she said.

In Santa Monica, Councilman Bobby Shriver, who for years has advocated better care for homeless veterans, applauded the effort.

"I'm thrilled that the housing-first idea will now be available to veterans," he said. "I congratulate the VA for being willing to try it."

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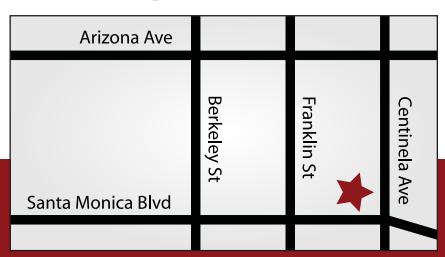


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NEW DVD RELEASES

BY RANDY WILLIAMS



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'The Expendables'

Sylvester Stallone takes viewers back to the gonzo action flicks of the 1980s as co-writer/director/star in this tale of skilled combat vets turned mercenaries. With Jet Li, Dolph Lundgren, Steve Austin, Mickey Rourke, Randy Couture, Terry Crews and Jason Statham, Sly has assembled an all-star team of action heroes high on machismo and mayhem to help him get untangled from a deadly web of deceit and betrayal. Genre veterans Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger also appear. A making-of segment, deleted scenes and a gag reel are part of the presentation. (Lions Gate)

'The Other Guys' The Unrated Other Edition (Blu-ray)

Will Ferrell and Mark Wahlberg play a pair of misfit NYPD detectives sentenced to life behind the desk. Stumbling into an opportunity to solve one of the biggest crimes in years, they hope to break their shackles and do some real work out of the office if they don't kill each other first. Title includes both theatrical and extended versions plus over 100 minutes of special features. Samuel Jackson, Dwayne Johnson, Michael Keaton and Eva Mendes also star. (Sony)

'Cairo Time'

Academy Award-nominated actress Patricia Clarkson stars as Juliette, a New York fashion editor who travels to Egypt for a vacation with her husband, a UN official. When he is unavoidably delayed, he sends his trusted friend Tareq (Alexander Siddig — "24," "Syriana") to keep her company. As they explore the sights and sounds of the ancient and exotic city unexpected feelings emerge. (IFC)

'Map of the Sounds of Tokyo'

Loves arrives in some strange ways. Two lost souls make an unusual connection in this stylish thriller which was a nominee for the Golden Palm at the Cannes Film Festival. Ryu (Rinko Kikuchi, an Oscar nominee for "Babel") is a fish-market employee moonlighting as a contract killer. While tracking the man she has been sent to eliminate, a steamy relationship ensues and she falls in love with him. (IFC)

'Apocalypse WWII'

From acclaimed French filmmakers Isabelle Clarke, Daniel Costelle and Louis Vaudeville, this series of six films on four discs relies on mostly unseen and unfamiliar footage. Using quite a lot of home movies shot by soldiers and civilians, Apocalypse takes a more human angle in this re-telling, largely in color, of the deadliest and most destructive conflict of all time. (Time Life)

'2010 World Series Collector's Edition: San Francisco Giants'

Winning their first World Series since they moved to San Francisco in the late 1950s, Giants fans can celebrate after years of frustration with this elaborate collection. The eight disc package includes all five World Series games, NLCS Games four and six, regular season highlights plus a special audio feature allowing fans to watch the World Series television broadcast while listening to the popular Giants radio announcers. (A&E)

'ESPN 30 for 30' Gift Set I

To mark its 30th anniversary, the sports network commissioned an all-star team of filmmakers to produce a documentary about sports stories that they either had a personal interest in or that they felt had been underreported or since fallen under the radar. The set covers such diverse topics as the multi-year rise (and eventual fall) of the University of Miami's football program; Muhammad Ali and Larry Holmes's 1980 heavyweight title bout; and an insider's view of the short-lived USFL, the spring football league that came and went in the mid-1980s. As a whole these well-made, intelligent, and entertaining stories are made by an interesting range of artists from noted documentarians (Steve James, Barbara Kopple and Albert Maysles), actors-turned-directors (Peter Berg, Ice Cube) and noted Hollywood directors (John Singleton, Barry Levinson). This set includes 15 films as well as a locker-filled assortment of deleted scenes and extended interviews. (ESPN)

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Higher commodity prices may usher in high inflation

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Rising wholesale prices for food and energy are putting pressure on manufacturers and retailers to pass higher costs to customers. It's a trend that could raise inflation in the United States and slow economies in Asia and Latin America.

U.S. gas prices have topped $3 a gallon, and grain prices have reached a 2?-year high. Some lawmakers say the increases illustrate the need for tighter limits on speculation in commodities markets.

Airlines, clothing manufacturers and some grocery stores have already raised retail prices. And even those companies that have resisted increases because they worry that customers can't afford them may be more reluctant to hire because of the squeeze.

Some economists expect prices to rise faster this year than last, although not fast enough to cause policy changes at the Federal Reserve, which has the power to raise interest rates to keep inflation in check.

And though the higher prices could be a drag on consumer spending, they shouldn't derail the overall economy, economists say.

The price of corn, soybeans, wheat and other grains has shot up since last summer as bad weather has hammered harvests in Russia, Australia and Argentina. That raises the cost of feeding livestock, and in turn raises prices for beef and poultry. Oil prices, currently at about $92 a barrel, are rising because of strong demand from fast-growing developing countries.

Wholesale prices rose 1.1 percent in December, the Labor Department said Thursday, the biggest increase in 11 months. Higher energy and food costs drove the increase. So-called core prices, which exclude those volatile categories, rose just 0.2 percent.

But the report can't be dismissed just because most of the increase came in food and energy prices, said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors. "These are not products which you can do without very easily," he said.

Last year, Americans spent about 8 percent of their money on energy, which includes natural gas, electricity, gasoline and motor oil. They spent about 13 percent on food.

Rising commodity prices have a bigger impact in developing countries, where people spend as much as 30 percent of their income on food. Inflation in China and Brazil will likely accelerate this year, forcing their central banks to raise interest rates and potentially slowing the global economy in 2012.

China's inflation rate reached 5.1 percent in November, a 28-month high. Chinese officials have raised interest rates and have vowed to make fighting inflation a higher priority. Further rate increases could slow the Chinese economy.

Grocers in the U.S. resisted passing along higher prices for meat, bread and other goods last year, with unemployment near 10 percent and the economy weak. That's expected to change as food producers raise their prices and stores slow their discounting.

Supermarket chain Kroger Co. says it's already passing on some cost increases from national brand suppliers. But it's being selective about raising other prices.

Some major food producers, including ConAgra Foods Inc. and General Mills Inc., say they're feeling the crunch of higher ingredient costs and are raising prices to cope.

Supervalu Inc. said inflation has hit its perishables — meat, dairy and produce — but has been slower for other products. But with most of its major vendors announcing they plan to pass on rising costs, the supermarket chain expects to raise prices on those goods throughout the year.

"At some point everybody has to be more rational and understanding when your costs are up as much as they are," Gary Rodkin, CEO of ConAgra, said recently. "You cannot sustain those kind of margin pressures, whether you are a retailer or a manufacturer, for the long-term health of your business."

Brian Bethune, an economist at IHS Global Insight, still thinks consumer spending will rise this year because wage gains and a Social Security tax cut will outweigh the higher prices.

Companies that don't pass along the higher costs will need to save money elsewhere. That could mean delaying hiring or putting off pay raises.

For now, economists don't think rising food and energy prices will force the Federal Reserve to scale back or halt its program to buy $600 billion worth of Treasury bonds by the end of June, an effort aimed at strengthening the economy.

But the Fed will watch for signs that higher food and energy prices are forcing companies to raise lots of other prices, which would spread inflation throughout the economy. So far, there are only limited signs that's happening.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress last week that he expected inflation in the United States is "likely to be subdued for some time." Still, some economists expect it to accelerate.

Rising wholesale prices won't result in higher cost-of-living adjustments in benefit programs like Social Security. Those programs follow the consumer price index, the latest reading of which is due out Friday. Tame inflation has produced two straight years without any increases for Social Security beneficiaries. Last year's increases in gas prices didn't push overall consumer prices high enough to trigger a cost-of-living increase.

Federal regulators, meanwhile, took steps Thursday to limit speculative trading in oil, agricultural goods and other commodities.

Speculators buy futures contracts, which are agreements to buy commodities in the future at pre-determined prices, in hopes of selling them at a higher price later — booking a profit without ever actually owning the goods.

Critics, including many members of Congress, charge that hedge funds and other Wall Street traders have caused sharp price swings in oil, grains and other goods, driving up prices for cash-strapped consumers.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission proposed limits on futures trading for 28 commodities. It would exempt companies that actually use the products and take advantage of futures contracts to protect against future price increases, like airlines that lock in rates for jet fuel.

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Notice is hereby given that a Special Joint Meeting of the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation the Board of Directors and the Twilight Dance Series Ad Hoc Committee will be held at Friday, January 14, 2011 at 5:00 PM

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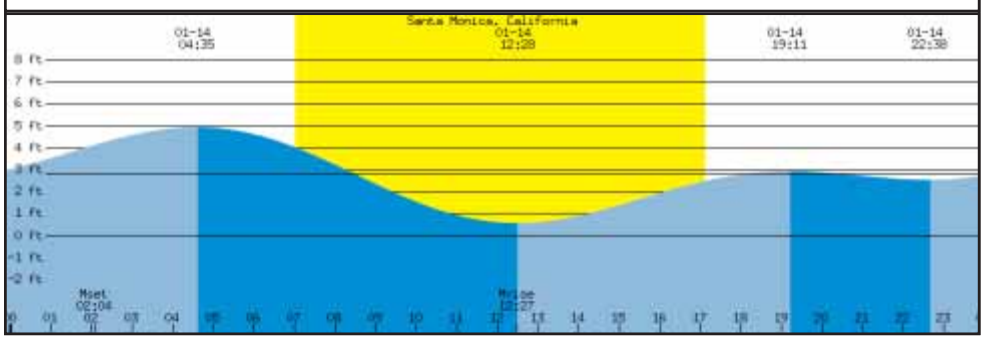
TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 5, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 22
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / 28

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, SIMA, Carlson Family Foundation, Inc.

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	D
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	A
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A+	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	C
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	B
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	F	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A+	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	D
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	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

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

NFL

Raiders lone team without coach

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA The Oakland Raiders have the only head coaching vacancy left in the NFL.

With Denver's hiring of John Fox on Thursday, six of the seven head coaching vacancies have been filled this offseason. Earlier Thursday, the Cleveland Browns hired Pat Shurmur as coach.

The Raiders announced last week they were not picking up a $5 million, two-year option to retain coach Tom Cable. Cable went 17-27 in two-plus seasons. He led the Raiders to an 8-8 mark in 2010, Oakland's best record since 2002.

"The interview process is ongoing," senior executive John Herrera said. "We have been doing our due diligence with our current assistant coaches. That process has been ongoing all week."

Offensive coordinator Hue Jackson is considered a favorite to get the head coaching job. He is under contract as an assistant already for next season.

The contracts of many of the other assistants, including defensive coordinator John Marshall, expire next Tuesday. Marshall could be in jeopardy after the Raiders allowed at least 30 points in six of their eight losses.

Jackson came over after last season and assumed the play-calling duties from Cable. The improvement on offense was the biggest reason why the Raiders won three more games than they had in any of the previous seven seasons.

Led by quarterback Jason Campbell, a breakout season from running back Darren McFadden and big plays from rookie receiver Jacoby Ford, the Raiders finished sixth in the league in scoring with 410 points. That was the sixth-most points scored in a season in franchise history and more than doubled the 2009 scoring output.

If Jackson does get the job he would be the sixth first-time NFL coach out of the seven hired this offseason, with Fox being the only experienced candidate.

The Vikings and Cowboys kept their interim coaches with Leslie Frazier staying on in Minnesota after replacing Brad Childress during the year and Jason Garrett keeping the Dallas job he took over from Wade Phillips.

Two teams went the NFL coordinator route, with Shurmur replacing Eric Mangini in Cleveland and Ron Rivera taking Fox's place in Carolina. San Francisco went to the college ranks to hire Jim Harbaugh from Stanford to replace Mike Singletary.

The other big development for the Raiders so far this offseason was the news that the final year of Pro Bowl cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha's contract had voided because he did not meet certain incentives.

The Raiders previously had an option for 2011, which would be worth either $16.8 million or the amount of the quarterback franchise tag, whichever is greater.

Now Asomugha will be an unrestricted free agent. The Raiders can either sign him or likely receive a compensatory draft pick in 2012 if he signs with another team.

Asomugha was paid $28.5 million in the first two years of the contract.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following applications:

2520 2nd Street, LC-10CA-024, 10ARB-640, Zoning: OP2 (Ocean Park Low Density Multiple Family) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a Special Meeting with the Architectural Review Board to jointly hold a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness application 10CA-024 and Architectural Review Board application 10ARB-640 for design approval for the adaptive reuse of the Shotgun House as a preservation resource center. The Landmarks Commission will be reviewing whether the proposed relocation and rehabilitation of the building, and the design for a proposed 124 square foot rear addition to the building, are appropriate and architecturally compatible for the Landmark building. The Architectural Review Board will be reviewing whether the proposed landscaping, sign plans, and design of the rear trash enclosure are appropriate. Applicant: Santa Monica Conservancy. Owner: City of Santa Monica.

When: **Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

More Information

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

Espanol

Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Golden Globe Foreign Language Nominee (Mexico)
Biutiful (R) 2hr 27min
7:30pm

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-6232

Somewhere (R) 1hr 38min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

True Grit (PG-13)
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
4:10pm, 9:20pm

Gulliver's Travels 3D (PG) 1hr 25min
1:55pm, 7:00pm

Dilemma (PG-13) 1hr 58min
2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

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

Little Fockers (PG-13) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
10:30am, 1:20pm, 4:15pm, 7:30pm, 10:40pm

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Dilemma (PG-13) 1hr 58min
10:15am, 1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:15am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm, 11:05pm

Country Strong (PG-13) 1hr 52min
10:35am, 1:25pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
11:35am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs
1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:50pm

Casino Jack (R) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Inside Job (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third Street Promenade
(310) 395-1599

Blue Valentine (NC-17) 2hrs 00min
11:25am, 2:15pm, 4:05pm, 5:05pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:45pm

Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:35pm

Season of the Witch (PG-13) 1hr 38min
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Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm, 10:15pm

Yogi Bear (PG) 1hr 22min
11:20am, 1:45pm

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

Take off ASAP, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Everyone has awkward moments, you included. Today you encounter one of these strange moments where you would like to be anywhere else but where you are. Others still appreciate your strength and leadership. Tonight: Of course, a force to be noticed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Realize the cards are stacked in your favor, even if you don't feel like it. Allow greater give-and-take. You have no reason to feel jeopardized. Add that extra creative touch to your style of communication. Tonight: Christen the weekend right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ If you need to withdraw or take a day off, there is no time like now. You might opt to close your door socially as well. Yes, you need and want to recharge your batteries. Do for yourself right now. Tonight: Nowhere to be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You might have a gawky moment or two. Be more adventuresome in how you deal with a certain partner or friend. You seem to just go along with his or her moodiness as part of the program. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might need to reorganize your day if you accept the predominant role you want. Sorting through your priorities could be very important. Your sense of direction will be called upon. Knowing and understanding your limits remains a high priority. Tonight: Count on being a centerpiece.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Retain that earthy quality that others love. You will see how instrumental that outlook is to your well-being. Understanding evolves to a new level if you are willing to share more than in the past. Take a deep look at a new opportunity. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Continue relating on an individual level. You could be distinctly uncomfortable as you make your way through another person's defensive maze. Look at your feelings. If you really want to pull out, do. Be direct in your dealings. Tonight: How about a more fun one-on-one?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to others, knowing what must be done. Everyone needs to see the outcome of his or her own decisions. By deferring, you are providing a wonderful opportunity to do just that. Ultimately, you are creating more respect and understanding. Tonight: The more the merrier.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Understand what is happening within your immediate circle. You might need to take action or try something differently in order to ease some of the tension. Look to solutions that break the mold, not the bank. Tonight: Work as late as need be. You will feel freer later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Allow for more exchange with others. A sense of humor, a different approach and/or less intensity could work. Lighten up a situation. Deal directly with someone you care about. He or she will illuminate your day as a result. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Stay on top of a problem; it could be much easier to deal with. Count on your sixth sense coming through. Your instincts often bypass facts and logic. Learn to put more trust in them as well. Reach out for a family member. Tonight: Buy a favorite munchie on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to come to terms with a situation emerges. Someone, clearly a close friend or associate, is hard on you. At what point do you cut bait? The answer really depends on your boundaries. A meeting stars in your day. Tonight: Where your friends are.

Happy birthday

This year, tap into your innate creativity. In fact, you might be amazed how solutions appear. Take good care of your health, and avoid any extremes. Bones and teeth could be vulnerable. If you are single, count down the days to summer, when you might delight in admirers playing ring-around-the-rosey around you. If you are attached, expect the summer to sizzle as you reconnect with your sweetie on a deeper level. TAURUS intrigues you.

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

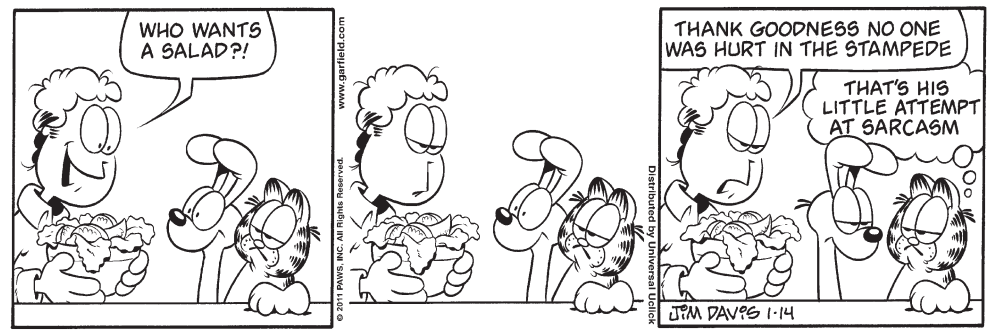


MYSTERY REVEALED!

Terry Kamibayashi, manager of maintenance and construction at the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, correctly identified this photo of the retaining wall for Interstate 10 as it passes by the Civic Center. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

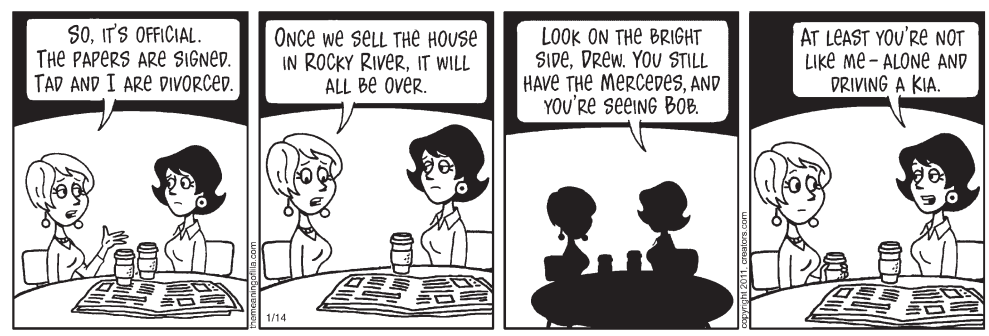
Garfield

By Jim Davis



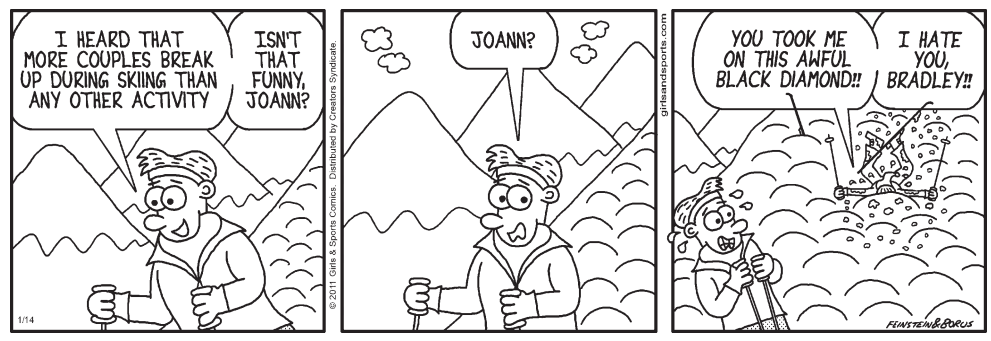
The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



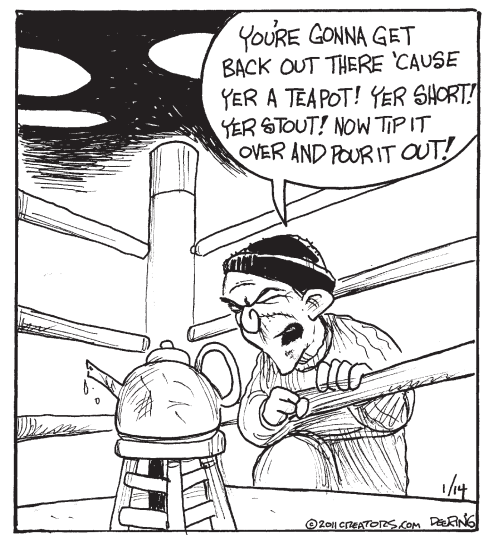
Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



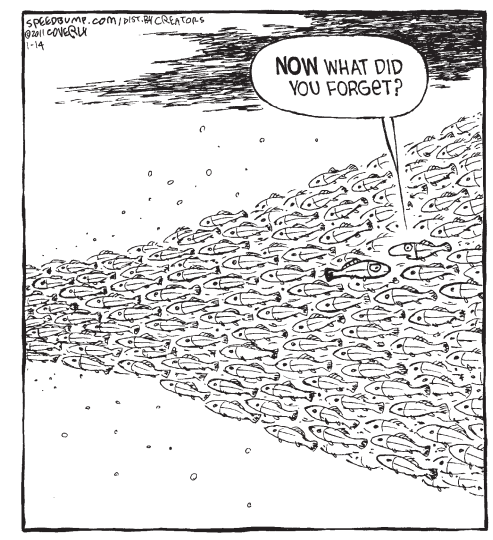
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

"IRA Rollover Do's and Don'ts"

"Retirees and Soon to be Retired Make These Mistakes Losing Thousands of Dollars"

A nationally known financial expert says many retirees and boomers who rollover their retirement savings accounts make these mistakes, costing themselves and their families thousands of dollars! They risk their retirement security, increasing the chance they could outlive their money. This is true whether they handle their savings themselves, or with help from a professional! Are you needlessly losing thousands of dollars? **Find out NOW, Call toll-free, 800-238-1719 for a free consultation on the do's and don'ts of IRA rollovers and generating income in your retirement. CALL NOW, before it's too late!**

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Less refined
6 PC problem
11 Gladden
12 Blow one's top
13 Turned ashen
14 Pole star?
15 Invite
16 Id — (that is)
18 Old horse
19 Go downhill
20 "You said it!"
21 Mamie's man
22 Leather worker
24 Till bills
25 Future gander
27 Head honcho
29 Shortly
32 Leaf lifter
33 Blasting stuff
34 Lennon's love
35 Hitter's no.
36 Big head
37 Dunderhead
38 Russian country home
40 1960 weather satellite
42 Schindler of "Schindler's List"
43 Confuse
44 Lab work
45 Places last

DOWN

1 Meal
2 Denali setting
3 Canes' cousins
4 Bastille Day season
5 Overnight flights
6 Suit pieces
7 Writer Levin
8 SUV parts
9 Comprehension
10 Play places
17 "The Twilight Zone" creator
23 Simple denials
24 — roll
26 All told
27 Bombshell Brigitte
28 Ready to come home
30 Sneaker part
31 Flings
33 Sign of sorrow
39 Topper
41 Ceremony words

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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

1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	9	10
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44					■	45				

1-14

ARITHMO™

CrossMath + × − ÷

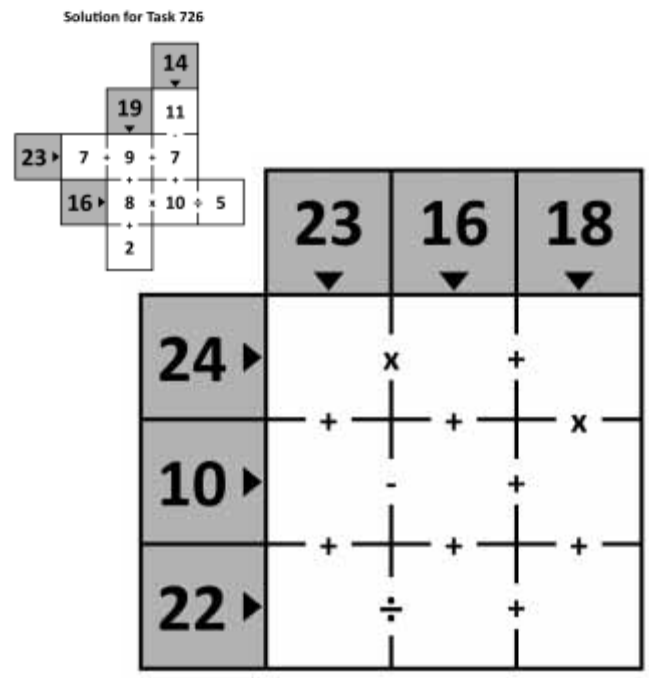
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- 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.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

For more games, go to www.arithmo.com

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

1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 11, 12

Solution for Task 726



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 1 4 11 16 45 Meganumber: 37 Jackpot: $30M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 11 21 26 27 44 Meganumber: 21 Jackpot: $32M

Fantasy 5: 1 11 16 31 33

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 8 1 9 EVENING: 2 7 7

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 07 Eureka 2nd: 08 Gorgeous George 3rd: 12 Lucky Charms RACE TIME: 1:43.61

Although every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the winning number information, mistakes can occur. In the event of any discrepancies, California State laws and California Lottery regulations will prevail. Complete game information and prize claiming instructions are available at California Lottery retailers. Visit the California State Lottery web site at http://www.calottery.com

NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) In December, Mr. Alkis Gerd'son moved out of student housing at Canada's University of Victoria, which had been his home since 1991 (even though he long ago obtained his degree and had not taken a class in 13 years). Gerd'son claims various stress disorders (over, perhaps, finding a job?) and had until now stymied efforts to evict him by filing claims before human rights tribunals. (2) Ricardo West, a professional Michael Jackson impersonator (who staged "Michael Lives! The Michael Jackson Tribute Concert") was charged in August in Allen Park, Mich., with 12 counts of child molestation.

■ Kids Law: (1) In July, a 5-year-old boy in Dublin, Ireland, was awarded the equivalent of about $9,900 from a shopkeeper who had grabbed his arm and accused him, erroneously, of being a thief. Under the law, the boy had to prove that he has, at age 5, a "reputation in the community" for truth-telling and that his reputation had been damaged. (2) A New York City judge ruled in October that an 87-year-old woman who was accidentally knocked down by several kids racing bicycles on the sidewalk could sue the kids, including one who was 4 years old (and who is thus legally presumed to understand the difference between "reasonable" and "unreasonable" behavior).

TODAY IN HISTORY

1969 An explosion aboard the USS Enterprise (CVN-65) near Hawaii kills 27 people.

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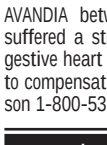

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