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Beating suspects plead not guilty

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE Two Arizona men arrested in connection with the brutal beating of a Santa Monica resident in September pleaded not guilty Tuesday to attempted murder, authorities said.

Bryan Scott Hale, 24, and Brett Davis, 25, are each being held on $1 million bail and are expected back in court on Jan. 31, according to a spokesperson with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.



HALE

The two men were arrested in October by deputies with the Maricopa County Sheriff's Department who were acting on information provided by Santa Monica detectives.



DAVIS

Both Hale and Davis formally fought extradition, forcing prosecutors to seek a governor's warrant, which was approved on Dec. 8. Hale and Davis challenged the warrant. Their appeals were denied earlier this month.

Police released surveillance video that captured two men running away from the scene of the beating moments after the attack, which took place in the early morning hours of Sept. 22. The victim was identified as a 45-year-old movie producer who was exercising with weights on the 3100 block of Santa Monica Boulevard when he was beaten.

The video, which police released in hopes of locating the suspects, does not show the actual beating.

Police said Hale and Davis attacked the man from behind and used the weights to knock the victim unconscious. He suffered a collapsed skull, several brain bleeds, a broken jaw and neck and back fractures, authorities said.

The victim has been released from the hospital and continues to recover. Polce said that he has yet to return to work.

Hale and Davis were said to be in Los Angeles working for a moving company at the time of the attack.

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Robber makes off with bank's cash

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN The Chase bank branch on Fourth Street was robbed Tuesday afternoon, the suspect making off with an undisclosed amount of cash after passing a note to a teller, authorities said.

No one was injured in the robbery, which occurred around 1:30 p.m. on the 1300 block of Fourth Street, said Santa Monica Police Sgt. Richard Lewis.

Police blocked off the bank's entrances shortly after the robbery and forensics investigators were seen dusting for fingerprints.

The suspect was described as an African-American male in his 40s and weighing around 200 pounds. He was wearing a short-sleeve, plaid-type shirt and green Dockers, police said.

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ENTER: **A police officer lets a Chase bank employee back into the building after a robbery.**



ON THE TRACKS

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Domingo Quintero, with Select Electrical, does preliminary work Tuesday for the Expo Light Rail line, which is scheduled to begin passenger service in 2015.

Study: Parking, traffic top Downtown concerns

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Downtown continues to bring in the bacon and happy customers both from within Santa Monica and from without, a study found.

The study, compiled by CIC Research out of San Diego, showed that visitors to Downtown are spending at consistent levels and liked the mix of stores, improvements at the Santa Monica Place mall and street entertainment.

They continued to have problems with parking, traffic and circulation.

Frequent visitors also said that they had noticed improvements in the cleanliness of the area, and concerns about homeless people dropped to the lowest level since 2003.

Visitors gave high marks to the Ambassador program, which puts employees on the Third Street Promenade and Downtown streets to guide visitors.

The study reinforced priorities in maintaining and improving the services provided in the district, said Kathleen Rawson, CEO for Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., the public-private organization that manages the shopping district for City Hall.

"We've maintained our market share. Businesses are doing well, a number of people are coming to the Downtown and shopping and spending has maintained consistency over the last several years."

The study consisted of 410 telephone interviews with Santa Monica residents and 421 "intercept" interviews with people in and around the shopping district.

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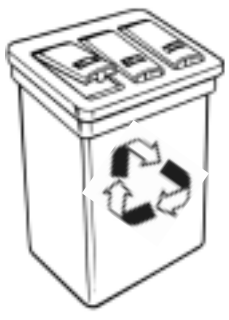
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Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012

Enter the dragon
Main Library Branch
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.
Creative Kids Club wants you to celebrate the dawning of the Year of the Dragon in the Children's Activities Room with stories, crafts and treats. Ages 4 and up. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Wine for a cause
Bodega Wine Bar
814 Broadway Ave.,
5:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Modern Estates sponsors this wine tasting and silent auction at Bodega Wine Bar. The auction, as well as 50 percent of the proceeds from select wines sold by Bodega, will go toward GrowingGreat, a nonprofit organization that inspires healthy eating for children and adults. For more information, and to reserve tickets, visit www.ggfundraiser.eventbrite.com.

Thursday, Jan. 19, 2012

Walk a mile in her shoes
Main Library, Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Part of the Quality of Life Forum, this evening features shoe designer Taryn Rose, who shares her journey — from Vietnam to the United States, from orthopedic surgeon to successful shoe designer — and the lessons she has learned along the way. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

A tale to tell
Vidiots Video
302 Pico Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Join other spoken word storytellers at Spoken Word, Tale Spin, where guests are invited to share 5 minute stories that follow a theme. Bring your story, bring a drink, or just bring yourself to listen. The theme of this meeting is "your noir experience." Cost: $10. Limited seating. R.S.V.P. to pkmeyer@verizon.net. For more information, call (310) 392-8508.

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Senior Center
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Learn the basics of yoga — stretching, breathing, balance and relaxation — without ever getting on the floor at Chair Yoga, a weekly exercise program for seniors. Cost: free for Senior Center members. Class size limited, arrive early. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Candid cameras
Annenberg Beach House
6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Los Angeles Photography Project presents the opening of "Los Angeles — Icons and Other Impressions," an exhibition of photographs that captures the diversity of the people, buildings and environments found in L.A. No reservations required. Exhibit runs through April 15, 2012.
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LAYING THE GROUNDWORK: **Workers prepare the foundation Tuesday for a construction project on High Place.**

Unique housing project hits wall

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

EASTSIDE A unique development model meant to make home ownership affordable on Santa Monica's eastside may turn into more rental housing because of financing issues, highlighting the ongoing struggle to make home ownership affordable in Santa Monica.

High Place East, a 1-acre parcel located just off Interstate 10 by the Bergamot Station art complex, was envisioned as a development for 45 affordable, three-bedroom condominiums.

It will go before the Housing Commission Thursday with a staff recommendation to make all of the units available for rent. That's the first stop in the public process that will end with the City Council, likely in February.

According to a staff report from 2008, High Place East was a "demonstration project," the first publicly-subsidized development in the city meant to make units affordable for moderate-income households.

The City Council and Redevelopment Agency signed off on the home ownership concept in October 2005, and, to date, have approved over $13 million in financing from a housing trust for the project.

That didn't make it any more attractive for bankers, said Sarah Letts, executive

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi boys' basketball remains No. 5

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica High School's boys' basketball team's strong week to open the Ocean League helped the Vikings retain its No. 5 ranking in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 1AA poll, it was announced on Tuesday.

Wins over Inglewood and Culver City have Samohi in a first place tie in league as it prepares to take on rivals Beverly Hills on Wednesday on the road and Morningside at home on Friday. Both games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

The game against Beverly Hills will be for first place as both teams sit at 2-0.

Samohi players are encouraging their fans to make the trip to Beverly Hills. The rivalry has always been a popular draw for both schools in all sports.

"It's a big week," Head Coach James Hecht said. "All games are big at this stage

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New finance director named

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITY HALL Gigi Decavalles-Hughes is no longer acting.

City Manager Rod Gould picked Decavalles-Hughes to lead City Hall's Finance Department after serving as acting director since September, it was announced Tuesday.

The appointment follows former director Carol Swindell's resignation for family reasons.

"Gigi has proven skill in all aspects of financial management and budgeting," Gould said in a press release. "Her strategic thinking has served the city well in maintaining and strengthening the city's fiscal position. Under Gigi's leadership, the department will continue to provide the highest level of financial accountability to

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SoCal home sales see seasonal rise

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO Home sales in Southern California jumped 14 percent in December over the previous month — a usual seasonal jump — but the sales price bottomed out as investors concentrated on cheaper homes, a real estate firm reported Tuesday.

There were 19,247 homes sold in Los Angeles and five other counties, according to DataQuick. While sales normally rise as people try to close deals before the year's end for tax reasons, it wasn't enough to push the regional housing market out of a slump.

The figure still was down 1.4 percent from the previous December and 22 percent lower than the December average since 1988.

"Last year ended much the way it began, with pitifully low new-home sales, record investor activity, drum-tight credit, and lots of potential buyers and sellers just sitting tight," DataQuick President John Walsh said.

Still, there was hope that the market would improve, he added.

"Some of the economic vital signs have improved lately and it's sparked a renewed sense of optimism in housing circles," he said. "Coupled with incredibly low mortgage

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Back to Nature

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Beetles the new canary in a coal mine

RECENTLY ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES SENT me a story that sums up the media's apathetic appetite for covering the environment. It is perplexing and disturbing.

The economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the environment, despite the rhetoric from every GOP candidate.

Climate change dropped further from the world headlines in 2011 compared to the previous year even though a viscous one-in-one-hundred-year drought in Texas has entered its second year; 70 percent of Mexico is enveloped by its worst drought in 70 years; Australia faced epic flooding costing taxpayers in excess of $5 billion in infrastructure costs; and plants are so confused in their bio-rhythmic cycles that the white petals of snow drops, normally a spring flower, are now unfurling in the National Arboretum in Washington, DC.

Clearly, nature is showing climatologists, ecologists, physiologists and oceanographers that the web of life is being brutally dismantled by rising greenhouse gases. Humans are exceptional problem solvers so why has the media chosen not to focus on positive solutions? After all, Americans have the highest concentration of brain power in our colleges compared to any other nation on the globe.

For those that do not believe that anything is going on walk, ride or fly anywhere across western North America and you'll see vast amounts of dead trees. In the past 40 years across the West temperatures have risen, on average in excess of 1.8 degrees. Although this number appears to be small, it has effectively removed nature's ecological cold curtain enabling mountain pine beetles an opportunity to speed up their life cycle, invade and decimate high elevation pine forests across the continent.

Instead of absorbing CO2, billions of beetle-killed trees across the West are decaying and stoking the ever-rising pool of greenhouse gases. Death rates of whitebark and limber pines across the western U.S. are as high as 90 percent — the sentinels of the high country — have become the tsunami sirens of global warming, showing scientists that a warming world is irrevocably altering the landscape across the entire mountainous region of western North America.

It's not just the forests that are disappearing, but rather immense amounts of ice that reflect incoming solar radiation. One hundred billion tons of ice melted from Greenland during the blistering-warm summer of 2010. This year alone 50 percent of Canada's millennia-old Arctic ice shelves along the coast of Elsmere Island vanished.

And far worse, the Southern Ocean, which occupies 22 percent of the total ocean on the globe, absorbing 40 percent of Earth's CO2, is acidifying so quickly (as a byproduct of absorbing rising CO2) that by 2030 the sea water will be corrosive to crustaceans, dissolving shells that the animals are making. This amplification will reverberate all the way up the food chain to the whales.

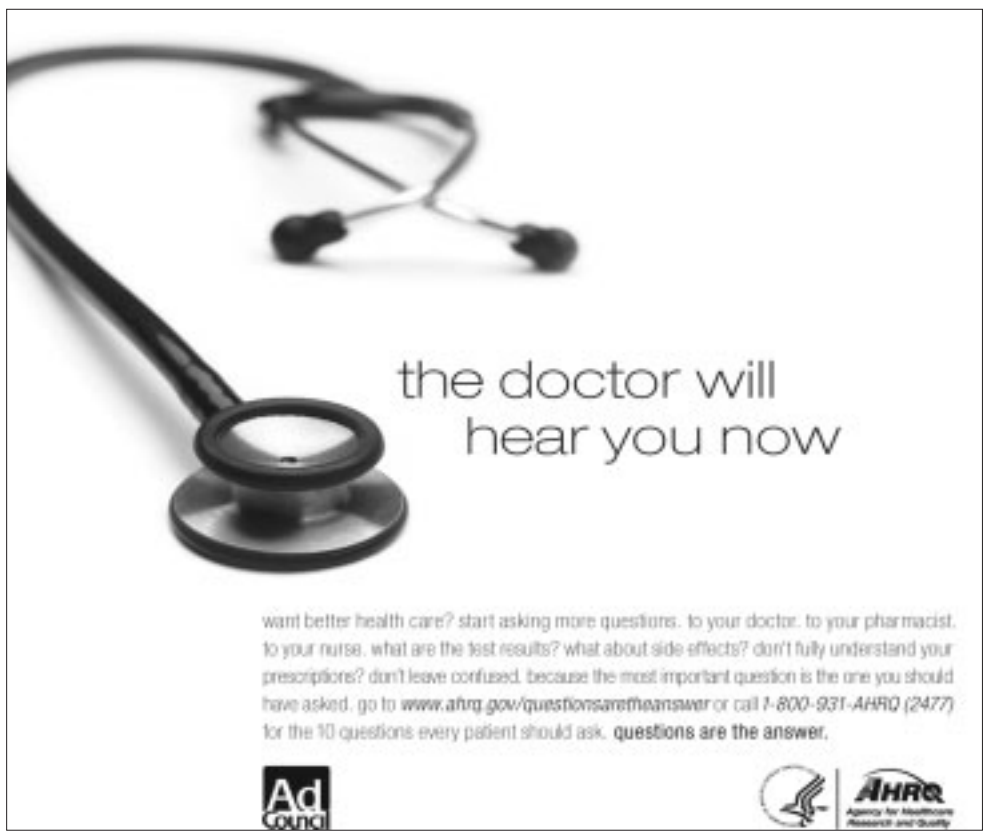
Data from the Global Carbon Project showed the carbon emissions from our planet had increased 5.9 percent between 2009-2010; that's the largest jump in any year since the Industrial Revolution.

The $17 trillion Albertan oil sands must spend carbon energy and precious fresh water to separate the gooey, toxic oil from the sand. Moreover by burning this petroleum humans will knowingly raise atmospheric CO2 levels by an astounding 150 ppm. Earth will be uninhabitable for life as we know it.

If Australia with its $10 trillion coke-coal industry can ratify a carbon tax then surely we in America can set a low-carbon standard that China and India will follow.

We are running out of time to combat rising CO2 emissions: Earth's forests are dying. It's time to embrace innovation and the co-founder of the London School of Economics, George Bernard Shaw's dictum: "Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything."

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CEOs are acting arrogantly

WALL STREET AND CEO CULTURE IN America is out of touch, arrogant, condescending, and those are probably their good qualities. Recent examples run the gamut, from snooty finance employees sipping champagne while mocking Wall Street protesters to a sign posted in the Chicago Mercantile Exchange proudly stating "we are the 1%." It's clear that our titans of industry are in dire need of an attitude adjustment.

One of the worst offenders is the energy industry. Case in point, the CEO for the Colorado Oil & Gas Association reportedly said of fracking opponents: "These nuts make up about 90 percent of our population, so we can't really call them nuts any more. They're the mainstream."

Contrast that with what she could and should have said: "Opposition to fracking is widespread and accounts for up to 90 percent of the population, as such we need to address mainstream concerns and reassure the public about our industry."

She didn't choose to use that language, just as the Wall Street examples chose not to use conciliatory gestures. Instead she revealed what she really thought, that anyone who opposes her industry must be nuts.

To be fair to the CEO, let's consider the issue. What's fracking and why do so many members of the public oppose it? Here's the short version. Pressurized fluid is injected in the ground and used to fracture rock to get at hard to reach fossil fuels.

A variety of toxic chemicals are involved with the industry and if methane gas from the fracking operation seeps into your water table then your drinking water can become flammable. You read that correctly. Your tap water can be set on fire.

This problem became so bad in one town in Pennsylvania that the local fracking company had to build a special pipeline to bring drinking water to affected residents. The fracking industry contends that methane accumulation and flammable tap water have been a problem for years in some areas.

Residents near fracking operations in Colorado, Texas, and Wyoming report various negative health effects. Fracking companies consider these health complaints to be unproven coincidences. The debate continues.

You'd think that in a free market system a clever corporation would just pursue a less risky energy strategy. It's not like we don't have other alternatives. Why not just invest in renewables and avoid the exploding tap water debate entirely?

There's money to be made in these proven, safe, cost effective energy technologies. Capitalists all over the planet have realized this and are massively investing and building renewable energy plants. The notable exception is the United States, which brings us back to the Wall Street and CEO attitude problem.

The earlier quoted CEO noted that the energy industry has a 7 percent approval rating. Her solution is for the energy industry to use a hipper marketing campaign that catered to "people that like South Park." She reportedly urged executives to get on Facebook and get savvy with social media tools.

Her solution, in essence, is to listen to the public only up to the point of being able to better sway them to her point of view. Compare this with the customer is always right mantra, which was thrown in a landfill at some point in the 1980s. It was replaced with a belief that CEOs are infallible, irreplaceable, and downright better than everyone else. As such, they're not interested in changing their behavior. They're only interested in changing your behavior to better fit their business model.

WALL STREET AND THE CEOS ARE TOO OUT OF TOUCH TO KNOW THEY'RE WRONG AND TOO ARROGANT TO ADMIT IT.

This gets to the heart of our current economic and growing social crisis. Wall Street and the CEOs are too out of touch to know they're wrong and too arrogant to admit it. When an industry has a 7 percent approval rating and still can't admit its business model is fundamentally wrong then they lose the privilege of dictating the status quo.

They must change, and we must make them do it since they refuse to. The bottom line is the middle class can't survive another 30 years of Wall Street and CEO mismanagement.

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The Q Line

Keeping the peace

Police and school officials reported last week that a rash of fights have broken out at Santa Monica High School recently. Some believe that the fights may be a sign of racial tensions on the campus.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think school officials should do to address the problem, or is this just a case of kids being kids?

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L.A. City Council OKs rule calling for condoms in porn

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Actors in adult movies filmed in the nation's Porn Capital would be required to use condoms under an ordinance granted final approval Tuesday by the Los Angeles City Council.

The measure, adopted 9-1, next goes to the mayor for his signature. Before it can take effect, however, the City Council has ordered police officials, the city attorney and others to figure out how it might be enforced.

The council's second and final vote to approve the law was taken without public discussion on a day when most of the porn industry's major players were in Las Vegas preparing for Wednesday's opening of the Adult Entertainment Expo, their industry's largest trade event.

Several industry officials condemned the move as being an unneeded exercise in political correctness that cannot be enforced.

"The only thing that the city could potentially achieve is losing some film permit money and driving some productions away, but you can't actually compel an industry to create a product that the market doesn't want," said Christian Mann, general manager of Evil Angel Productions, one of the industry's biggest makers of porn films.

Like others in the business, he said large numbers of consumers, especially overseas, consistently refuse to buy films in which condoms are used.

Veteran porn actress Tabitha Stevens said she has worked with and without condoms during her 17-year career. Although Stevens, who also produces films, said she prefers to work with condoms, she doesn't believe their use should be mandated by a government authority.

"If you want to wear them, wear them. If you don't, don't. That's up to the talent to decide. It shouldn't be up to the government to decide," she said by phone from Las Vegas.

Stevens and others also said the industry's self-imposed testing standard, in which major companies require that actors be tested every 30 days for sexually transmitted diseases, is working well. They say there has not been a confirmed case of HIV related directly to the porn industry since 2004.

Advocates of the new law said the testing isn't sufficient and the condom requirement adds another level of safety.

"We are not opposed to testing, but testing is not prevention in the same way that a barrier protection is," said Ged Kenslea, spokesman for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation.

BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Pair arrested in killing of teen lured from home

A 24-year-old man and a 19-year-old woman were arrested for investigation of the murder of a popular high school soccer player who apparently was lured out of his home and gunned down, police said Tuesday.

Leaders of a special investigative task force said both suspects, Jason Schuman of Calabasas and Elizabeth Ibarra of the San Fernando Valley, have extensive criminal records, but they did not immediately specify a motive for the killing of a student they described as being on the right track in life.

Francisco Javier Rodriguez Jr., a 17-year-old soccer goalie at El Camino Real High School in Canoga Park, was shot on Jan. 11.

Relatives said he was killed after answering the door and stepping outside, where a red-haired woman had been seen.

Investigators have said Rodriguez's killing was not random, and resulted in numerous tips.

"There's a specific anonymous tip that came to us and we need that person to come forward, identify himself or herself, and provide us with additional information that we need to solidify this case," said Deputy Chief Jorge Villegas.

Rodriguez's family said he had no gang affiliation and his life centered around soccer. Days before the shooting, Rodriguez came back home from a soccer tournament in Hawaii where he had spent a week and a half.

Schuman's record includes assault with a deadly weapon, battery, narcotics violations and forgery. Ibarra's record includes forgery, battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and identity theft.

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Hollywood unions agree to merger plan

Two film industry unions are closer to merging.

The Screen Actors Guild and American Federation of Television and Radio Artists announced Monday they have agreed to a plan to combine their unions. The announcement comes after nine days of talks between the unions in Hollywood and two years of negotiations between the groups to join forces in a bid to gain more leverage in contract negotiations.

SAG represents 125,000 actors, while AFTRA represents 70,000 professional performers, broadcasters and recording artists. Some 45,000 of AFTRA's members also belong to SAG. AFTRA supported a merger with SAG in 1998 and 2003 only to see those efforts fail.

SAG and AFTRA split acrimoniously in 2008 and decided to negotiate deals with the studios separately for the first time in three decades. The rift hurt SAG as TV studios sent most of their new work AFTRA's way. SAG maintains exclusive jurisdiction over feature films.

SAG National President Ken Howard and AFTRA National President Roberta Reardon said in a joint statement they are confident their "members will agree that we have created something we can all be proud of — actors, singers, broadcasters, dancers, voiceover artists, background actors, stuntpersons and all entertainment and media professionals that will be represented by this new union."

The plan will be recommended later this month to the unions' boards.

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DA: Homeless killings suspect stalked victims

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SANTA ANA, Calif. The Iraq War veteran would carefully stalk each of his victims from among the thousands of homeless living in Southern California. He would then stab them repeatedly with a knife that could cut through bone, authorities say.

For his fourth and latest victim, they say, Itzcoatl Ocampo selected a homeless man featured in a Los Angeles Times story about a killing spree that terrorized those living on the streets for weeks.

And Ocampo had plans for more, until he was chased down by bystanders Friday night after the fatal stabbing of a 64-year-old homeless man. He was caught with blood on his hands and face, authorities say.

"He was a monster," Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas told reporters at a news conference. "He was a terrible threat, particularly to the homeless people in our community."

Ocampo was charged Tuesday with four counts of murder and special allegations of multiple murders and lying in wait and use of a deadly weapon. Three victims were stabbed more than 40 times each with a single-edged blade at least 7-inches long.

Authorities declined to say whether they had identified a motive. Rackauckas said he had no indication that Ocampo was mentally ill.

Ocampo's family said the 23-year-old was a troubled man after he returned from Iraq in 2008. Ocampo was being held in isolation at an Orange County jail while officers keep an eye on him 24 hours a day, officials said.

If convicted, Ocampo faces a minimum sentence of life in prison without parole. Authorities have yet to decide whether to seek the death penalty.

Ocampo is due to appear in court on Wednesday, but his attorney said his arraignment would likely be postponed since the attorney was not allowed inside the jail to speak with his client over the weekend and has met with him only briefly.

Defense attorney Randall Longwith declined to comment on the allegations. He said Ocampo is being held in a mental ward.

"I walked in, he was curled up in a blanket," Longwith said. "He looked like a wet puppy dog."

The killing spree began in December, prompting police and advocates to fan out across the county known as the home to Disneyland and multimillion-dollar beachfront homes to urge the homeless to sleep in groups or in one of two wintertime shelters.

Ocampo's arrest Friday was the latest violent crime involving a veteran. This month, an Iraq War veteran fatally shot a ranger at Mount Rainier National Park and died later as he fled police across the mountain's snow-covered slopes.

Veterans Affairs officials say such high-profile violence can paint an inaccurate picture of returning veterans. The cases, however, raise the issue of veterans having a difficult time adjusting back into civilian life.

To help, the VA created a program to assist veterans in adjusting to their new lives and avoid repeated brushes with the law. "We've seen over and over again that once they access those services, we can help them," VA spokesman Josh Taylor said.

A neighbor who is a Vietnam veteran and Ocampo's father both tried to push him to get treatment at a VA hospital, but he refused. His father, Refugio Ocampo, said, his son came back from his deployment a changed man. He said his son expressed disillusionment and became ever darker as he struggled to find his way.

After Ocampo was discharged in 2010 and returned home, his parents separated. The same month, one of his friends, a corporal, was killed during combat in Afghanistan. His brother said Ocampo visited his friend's grave twice a week.

Like the men Ocampo is accused of preying on, his father is homeless. His father lost his job and ended up living under a bridge before finding shelter in the cab of a broken-down big-rig he is helping repair.

Days before his arrest, Ocampo visited his father, warning him of the danger of being homeless. He showed him a picture of one of the slain men, his father said.

"He was very worried about me," his father said. "I told him, 'Don't worry. I'm a survivor. Nothing will happen to me.'"

Itzcoatl Ocampo followed a friend into the Marine Corps right out of high school in 2006. He now lives with his mother, uncle, younger brother and sister in a rented house on a horse ranch surrounded by the sprawling suburbs of Yorba Linda.

His family described a physical condition he suffered in which his hands shook and he suffered headaches. Medical treatments helped until he started drinking heavily, they said.

As fear spread through the homeless community, police last week set up road blockades to seek help from members of the public in tracking down a suspect. Ocampo, who appeared to relish the media spotlight, passed through the checkpoints twice but did not draw attention to himself, Rackauckas said.

Ocampo was arrested Friday night when witnesses chased him down after John Berry was stabbed to death outside a fast-food restaurant in Anaheim, about 26 miles southeast of Los Angeles, authorities said.

A day before he died, Berry had filed a report with police saying he believed someone was trying to follow him. It was one of nearly 600 leads and tips that officers received.

"It is unfortunate that we didn't get to him before the suspect did," Anaheim Police Chief John Welter said.

In addition to Berry, James Patrick McGillivray, 53, was killed near a shopping center in Placentia on Dec. 20 and Lloyd Middaugh, 42, was found near a riverbed trail in Anaheim on Dec. 28. The third victim, Paulus Smit, 57, was stabbed to death outside a library in Yorba Linda on Dec. 30.

Smit became homeless last year after his girlfriend's home was shuttered by code enforcement officers because of hoarding and clutter. Ever since, the father of three had moved between the homes of two of his children and spent some time on the streets, his daughter Julia Smit-Lozano said.

Smit-Lozano, who spent the Christmas holiday with her father days before he was killed, welcomed the news of Ocampo's arrest. "I'm glad the streets are a little safer for the rest of the homeless," she said.

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director of Community Corporation of Santa Monica, the largest affordable housing developer in the city and the organization behind the project.

"We talked to 11 different entities, all names you would know," Letts said, listing off Wells Fargo and Citibank. "We gave the pitch, sent them the information and they would say, well, we're not interested."

The resistance from construction financiers comes after 10 years of public process that included the Pico Neighborhood Association, looking into financing options and completing the design of the buildings.

"Basically, the world changed after 2008," Letts said.

The trouble had less to do with the fact that the units were affordable, and more that High Place East would be composed of condominiums, said James Kemper, a housing administrator with City Hall.

Finding financiers for condominium projects is difficult because of the way construction loans are structured.

Rental housing has a longer time period to repay what are called "permanent" loans, which can have a 30-year timeline similar to a home mortgage.

The longer-term lender pays off the construction loan, which makes it less risky to make that initial investment.

Condominiums destined for sale, however, only have the construction loan, which has to be paid off much quicker.

"If a bank makes a construction loan, that's paid off by selling the units," Kemper said. "That's a riskier proposition to them."

The affordable housing component of the project made it impossible to pre-sell the units, which might have made it more attractive to lenders by giving the project some certainty.

Buyers have to prove that they make 60 percent or less of the median income, which means $35,460 for one person or $50,580 for a four-person family based on California Department of Treasury numbers for projects in service after Dec. 1, 2011.

What to do next becomes a question of public process.

Staff recommends shifting the condominiums to a rental model, but it has to be approved by the Housing Commission and the City Council.

If that happens, Letts said, Community Corporation could begin pursuing financing in March, including low-income housing tax credits offered by the federal government.

Since City Hall has already put up a predevelopment loan to buy the property, pay the architect to design the building and get the permits, it would be "a waste of resources" to not continue with the project as a rental condominium, Letts said.

As a rental, the design would include 44 condominiums. The remaining condo would instead be a community room.

City Hall also had difficulty finding financing for the Village project, a mixed-use community of 160 affordable rental residences and up to 164 market-rate condominium residences planned for Ocean Avenue between Pico Boulevard and Colorado Avenue.

The project almost stalled in October when City Council members dug in their heels over a financing opportunity that involved extending a 99-year ground lease by 50 years in order to sweeten the deal for financiers.

The two projects fall in line with the general economic trend, said David Hibbert, an architect and member of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's Land Use Committee: Condos are bad, apartments are good.

"Even through the bad economy, apartment rates in good locations have stayed very strong," Hibbert said. "In the last 12 months, they've been going up again."

Publicly subsidized home ownership, made more difficult in a climate of tight credit and a city with soaring prices, may be a goal that gets put to the wayside for the time being.

"I think (Santa Monica) is content to be a city of renters," Hibbert said.

A home in Sunset Park can go for $1.1 million while condos in that area are priced at roughly $499,000, according to the Multiple Listing Service.

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He walked into the branch, passed a note to a teller essentially ordering her to "put her hands up," said Laura Eimiller, spokesperson for the FBI, which is investigating in conjunction with Santa Monica detectives.

"The only thing he actually said was the word 'now' in a commanding tone," Eimiller said.

The suspect is not believed to be connected to other bank robberies in the area.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the FBI at (888) CANTHIDE (226-8443), or the SMPD at (310) 458-8427.

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DOWNTOWN
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All interviews were conducted between Oct. 12 and Nov. 5, 2011.

The timing makes an impact, said Pam Jaffee, of CIC Research.

"At different times of year, there are different people visiting from out of town," Jaffee said. "We have conducted the study at different times of year, but we can't compare people who come in the summer versus those who come in the winter."

Telephone respondents, who were all Santa Monica residents, varied from those met on the street in a number of key ways.

Residents reported spending less money than the "intercepts," an average of $39 in 2011 versus the $86 spent by visitors.

Resident spending also has barely budged since 1997, when the average was reported at $33. Those in Downtown at the time of the survey reported spending only $27 in 1997.

Today's rate of spending means that residents shell out less in individual trips, but they tend to go more often, Jaffee said.

"They end up spending less per trip, but in the grand scheme of things, they spend a lot more," Jaffee said. "They're not on vacation, they're coming there for their banking and things like that."

According to the survey, most people met in the district (54.6 percent) came specifically to shop. Hanging out with friends was a distant second at 17.8 percent.

Shopping came first for residents as well, but in smaller percentages, with more reporting dining and errands as their main reason for going to Downtown.

A big hit came in the popularity of the movie theaters, which 30.7 percent of residents reported as the main reason to go to Downtown in 1997 versus only 8.7 percent last year.

Movies also lagged amongst visitors, but dropped only 1.5 percent from 7.6 to 6.1 percent reporting it as the main reason for going out.

Officials hope that the new AMC movie theater slated for Fourth Street will help reinvigorate that area of the market.

"We realize that's a place we need to do some improvement after 25 years," Rawson said. "We've worked hard for the last five to seven years to get new theaters in Downtown, and we're just now seeing the fruits of that labor."

Visitors' most significant complaint, however, came in terms of parking and circulation.

Parking, traffic and congestion were the three things that residents disliked the most about Downtown Santa Monica, displacing "homeless people" which held the top spot in the 2003 and 2006 surveys.

Those surveyed within the district told researchers that the area was too crowded, and that panhandling and parking were also problems.

Crowding and congestion are a negative symptom of success, Rawson said, and the district is working to mitigate those problems.

"We're working hard with old agreements, freeing up a number of spaces in public lots allocated for private use," she said.

They've managed to open up several hundred spaces in Downtown that way, Rawson said.

Studies like the one put together by CIC Research help Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. remain an effective advocate for the area, Rawson said.

"It does codify what we're doing in terms of going in the right direction," she said. "It affirms that parking, traffic and circulation are issues, and affirms the Ambassador program is having an impact on antisocial behavior. It was nice to get the affirming message."

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ROUNDUP
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of the season.

"Hopefully we can put something together."

The latest outing for the Vikings wasn't quite as successful. Samohi lost to Serra on Monday, 63-56. Serra is currently ranked No. 4 in the CIF-SS Division 4AA poll.

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN RANKED

Pacifica Christian's boys' basketball sits at No. 7 in the latest CIF-SS Division 5A poll, which was released on Tuesday.

The Seawolves are 6-8 overall and 2-0 in the Heritage League.

Pacifica Christian took on Milken on Tuesday, but results were not available at presstime.

SAMOHI GIRLS REBOUNDING FROM BIG LOSS

The Vikings are hoping to bounce back from a 64-36 drubbing at the hands of Orange Lutheran on Monday as they prepare to continue Ocean League play in girls' basketball.

Head Coach Marty Verdugo said that his girls came out flat against Orange Lutheran, struggling to find their rhythm all night.

"I think it was a wake up call," Verdugo said. "We got comfortable thinking we were where we wanted to be as a team."

Samohi was coming off a 1-1 showing to open league play last week. The Vikings topped Inglewood on Wednesday, and lost a close contest to Culver City on Friday.

Verdugo hoped that would prepare his team for the tough non-league game with Orange Lutheran. It didn't pan out as Samohi rebuilds after years of dominating the league.

This week's games against Beverly Hills on Wednesday on the road and Morningside Friday at home give his Vikings a chance to tune up before their annual Westside Challenge on Saturday when the Vikings will face Ventura.

"I never won in our extravaganza," Verdugo said. "I asked the girls if they could win this one as a favor to me."

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HOMES
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rates, it certainly suggests 2012 might offer the 'rock bottom' for pricing that many buyers and sellers have been waiting for."

The median sales price was $270,000, down nearly 2 percent from November and matching January and October for the lowest price of 2011.

Price mattered, with a nearly 6 percent jump in the number of homes that sold for less than $200,000, while the figure for sales above $800,000 fell more than 21 percent.

Newly built homes were hit especially hard, with sales down 12 percent compared to December of 2010 — the lowest December level on record. Year-over-year sales of existing homes only dipped a half-percent.

Nearly one in three homes resold last month was a foreclosure and about one in five existing homes were sold short, that is, the sellers got less than they owed on the property.

A record share of sales went to absentee buyers, mainly investors and vacation-home buyers. They accounted for 26.4 percent of home sales, up more than 25 percent from November and more than 23 percent from a year earlier.

DIRECTOR
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the Santa Monica community."

Decavalles-Hughes has been intimately involved in all aspects of city financial operations. From October 2009 to September 2011, she was administrative services officer for the Housing and Economic Development Department where she led a team in completion of over $100 million in redevelopment financing through a bank loan and a bond issuance among numerous other financial strategic planning and departmental initiatives.

She also served as senior administrative analyst for the Community and Cultural Services Department where she was responsible for financial forecasts, operating and capital budgets, and for developing financial structures for new programs including the Annenberg Community Beach House.

She served as budget manager among other budget positions for the Finance Department from February 1997 until May 2001. During this time, she ably completed preparation of the 2001-02 budget.

Prior to Santa Monica, she worked for Arthur Anderson in Washington, DC from July 1994 to March 1995 where she led client/consultant teams in process re-engineering and organizational restructuring projects, including the commercial lending process at two regional banks, the budgeting process of the AARP, and the accounting and financial reporting process of the Kennedy Center.

She also worked for the Office of the New York City Mayor as productivity project manager from August 1992 to July 1994.

"It is an honor to lead the Finance Department and continue the tradition of strong fiscal management that has enabled the city of Santa Monica to maintain its excellent financial standing," said Decavalles-Hughes. "I am proud to lead a group of highly talented and dedicated individuals."

Decavalles-Hughes received a master's in urban planning from New York University. She earned a bachelor of arts in history from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.

Previous director Swindell resigned her position as to relocate to the East Coast to care for her mother who is in declining health, city officials said. Swindell has agreed to help City Hall with a few special financial projects over the next several months.

As director of finance, Decavalles-Hughes will receive a salary of $172,932. She will be responsible for preparation of an operating budget of over $596 million. The department's operating budget is $25 million with approximately 86 employees.

Finance oversees the management of City Hall's investment portfolio and preparation of the budget; financial operations including financial reporting, purchasing, payroll, and accounts payable; business and revenue operations; internal audit; and risk management.

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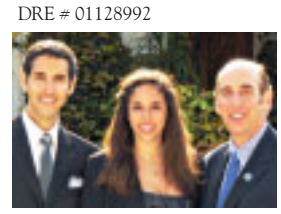
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Stocks close up on Europe debt sales, China growth

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Slight improvements in Europe's troubled debt markets and China's economy were enough to lift stocks on Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose as many as 151 points in the morning before fading to a 60-point gain at the close.

Debt auctions by Spain, Greece and Europe's bailout fund drew solid interest from investors, easing fears that recent credit-rating downgrades would prevent them from obtaining funds. The downgrades had threatened to increase borrowing costs and intensify the region's debt crisis.

The Chinese government said earlier that its economy slowed less dramatically in the fourth quarter than analysts had expected.

There's so much money sitting in short-term accounts and earning zero return that even a shred of good news can jolt the market higher, said David Kelly, chief market strategist with J.P. Morgan Funds.

"The stock market is cheap, but cash and Treasurys are extremely expensive," Kelly said. "That's why even though people are busy taking money out of stocks and putting it into bond funds, they really should be doing the opposite."

The Dow rose 60.01 points, or 0.5 percent, to close at 12,482.07. It was the Dow's highest close since July 26, before the European debt crisis set off months of wrenching volatility. The Dow is up 264 points in the first 10 days of the year, the best start to a year since 2003.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 4.58 points, or 0.4 percent, to 1,293.67. The S&P 500 had risen earlier to 1,303.02; it hasn't traded above 1,300 since Aug. 1.

The Nasdaq composite index added 17.41 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,728.08.

The market was closed Monday for the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday.

Bank stocks were uneven after a mixed batch of earnings reports. Wells Fargo & Co. rose 0.7 percent after strength in its lending business helped it beat Wall Street's fourth-quarter earnings estimates. Citigroup Inc. fell 8.2 percent and M&T Bank Corp. fell 1.6 percent after their earnings fell short of estimates.

Carnival Corp. plunged 13.7 percent after a cruise ship owned by one of its brands capsized off the coast of Italy, killing 11 passengers. Italian prosecutors are charging the captain with manslaughter, causing a shipwreck and abandoning his ship before all passengers were evacuated.

Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. Co. fell 6.2 percent as analysts predicted ripple effects through the industry.

Overseas markets rose earlier Tuesday after Spain auctioned off billions in short-term debt at sharply lower interest rates, indicating strong demand for the nation's bonds. Spain's borrowing costs had spiked in recent weeks on fears it would be engulfed by the crisis and default on its debts.

Standard & Poor's downgraded Spain's credit rating on Friday. The strong auction suggested that investors took the downgrade in stride.

Greece also auctioned off short-term debt on Tuesday at a lower rate than it had been paying. The fund to bail out Greece and other troubled nations also raised money, despite a downgrade on Monday.

The bailout fund's credit rating is based on the ratings of the nations that contribute to it. It was downgraded because S&P had cut ratings for most of the nations that use the euro and back the fund.

Earlier, the Chinese government said its economic growth slowed to 8.9 percent in the fourth quarter. That was the lowest in two and a half years, but still better than the 8.7 percent predicted by analysts.

Chinese growth must stay strong to keep the global economy moving as Europe tips toward recession, said Brian Levitt, an economist with Oppenheimer Funds.

"Many emerging markets are more linked via exports to the Chinese market than to the European economy, so China becomes sort of the lynchpin economic activity across much of the world," he said.

Asian and European markets closed higher. France's CAC 40 rose 1.4 percent, Germany's DAX added 1.8 percent.

Among the other U.S. companies making big moves Tuesday:

• Santa Monica-based Lions Gate Entertainment Corp. rose 4 percent after it agreed Friday to buy Summit Entertainment, owner of the blockbuster "Twilight" franchise, for $412.5 million in cash and stock.

• R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co. lost 15.8 percent, the most in the S&P 500, after the printing company said its 2011 profit margin will be narrower than it had forecast earlier.

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U.S. obesity epidemic shows no hint of losing its momentum

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO America's obesity epidemic is proving to be as stubborn as those maddening love handles, and shows no sign of reversing course.

More than one-third of adults and almost 17 percent of children were obese in 2009-2010, echoing results since 2003, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported Tuesday.

"It's good that we didn't see increases. On the other hand, we didn't see any decreases in any group," said CDC researcher Cynthia Ogden.

Early in the decade, slight increases were seen among white, black and Hispanic men, and among Hispanic and black women. These changes may be leveling off, but the authors said they "found no indication that the prevalence of obesity is declining in any group."

In 2009-2010, more than 78 million adults and almost 13 million children aged 2-19 were obese, the CDC researchers reported.

Those numbers are staggering, and while they haven't increased in recent years, "we're plateauing at an unacceptably high prevalence rate," said Dr. David Ludwig, director of an obesity prevention center at Children's Hospital Boston. He was not involved in the reports.

The CDC reports summarize results of national health surveys in children and adults, which are conducted every two years. The nationally representative surveys include in-person weight and height measurements. The 2009-2010 reports involved nearly 6,000 adults and about 4,000 children, from infancy through age 19.

The results were released online in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. Elbert Huang, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Chicago who studies health care policy issues, said his research shows that even if obesity rates continue to remain stable, there will be dramatic increases down the road in diabetes and in costs linked with that disease. That's because Type 2 diabetes, among many diseases linked with obesity, becomes more prevalent as people age.

The latest reports — one on children and the other on adults — focused on obesity, meaning a body-mass index of at least 30. But the numbers of adults and children who were overweight, with a BMI of between 25 and 29, also remained high.

Overall, 33 percent of adults were overweight but not obese, versus about 15 percent of children and teens.

Rates of overweight or obese adults and children were generally higher in blacks and Hispanics than in whites.

The government says a healthy weight is a BMI of between 18 and 25. The index is a ratio of height to weight.



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MLB

Ethier, Loney agree to stay with Los Angeles Dodgers

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LOS ANGELES Andre Ethier and James Loney have agreed to one-year contracts with the Los Angeles Dodgers that avoided salary arbitration.

Ethier agreed at $10.95 million and Loney at $6,375,000.

Either was coming off a $15.25 million, two-year contract that paid him $9.25 million last season, when he hit .292 with 11 homers and 62 RBIs and earned his first Gold Glove in the outfield. The two-time All-star had a 30-game hitting streak early in the season but was bothered by a right knee injury and had surgery in September.

He also can earn $50,000 in performance bonuses: $25,000 each for 600 and 625 plate appearances.

He is eligible for free agency after this season, as is Loney.

Loney made $4,875,000 last year, when he struggled early before having a solid second half.

The first baseman hit .288 with 12 homers and 65 RBIs.

Loney was arrested in November on suspicion of driving under the influence of alcohol after his Maserati hit three cars on a Los Angeles freeway, although no charges have been filed.

NCAA FOOTBALL

UCLA selects Lou Spanos as defensive coordinator

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Lou Spanos has been selected as UCLA's defensive coordinator, completing new coach Jim Mora's staff.

Mora hired the veteran NFL assistant coach on Tuesday.

Spanos was the Washington Redskins' linebackers coach for the past two years, coaching NFL tackles leader London Fletcher, Brian Orakpo and Rocky McIntosh to Pro Bowl seasons.

He spent the previous 15 seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, helping the club to three Super Bowl appearances with a defense annually ranked among the NFL's best.

Mora, the former coach of the Atlanta Falcons and Seattle Seahawks, has hired a coaching staff with more than 90 combined years of NFL experience. He also hired respected offensive coordinator Noel Mazzone away from Arizona State.

MLB

Giants ace Lincecum asks for $21.5M

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Giants ace Tim Lincecum asked for $21.5 million in salary arbitration Tuesday and was offered $17 million by the club.

The two-time NL Cy Young Award winner's request neared the record amount sought in arbitration. Houston pitcher Roger Clemens asked for $22 million in 2005.

San Francisco's offer was the highest in arbitration history, topping the $14.25 million the New York Yankees proposed for shortstop Derek Jeter in 2001.

"I'm overall optimistic that we'll find common ground without a hearing room," Bobby Evans, Giants vice president of baseball operations, said before seeing Lincecum's filing numbers. "It's a process that begins long before today in terms of conversations about possible deals that work for both sides. That process has continued in a mutual fashion. At this point we haven't reached a conclusion."

Lincecum, the winning pitcher in the Game 5 World Series clincher at Texas in 2010, earned $13.1 million last season and completed a two-year deal worth $23.2 million.

San Francisco's front office would like to lock up the 27-year-old Lincecum and fellow starter Matt Cain on longterm deals. Lincecum seems set on keeping his options open in the near future on a shorter contract.

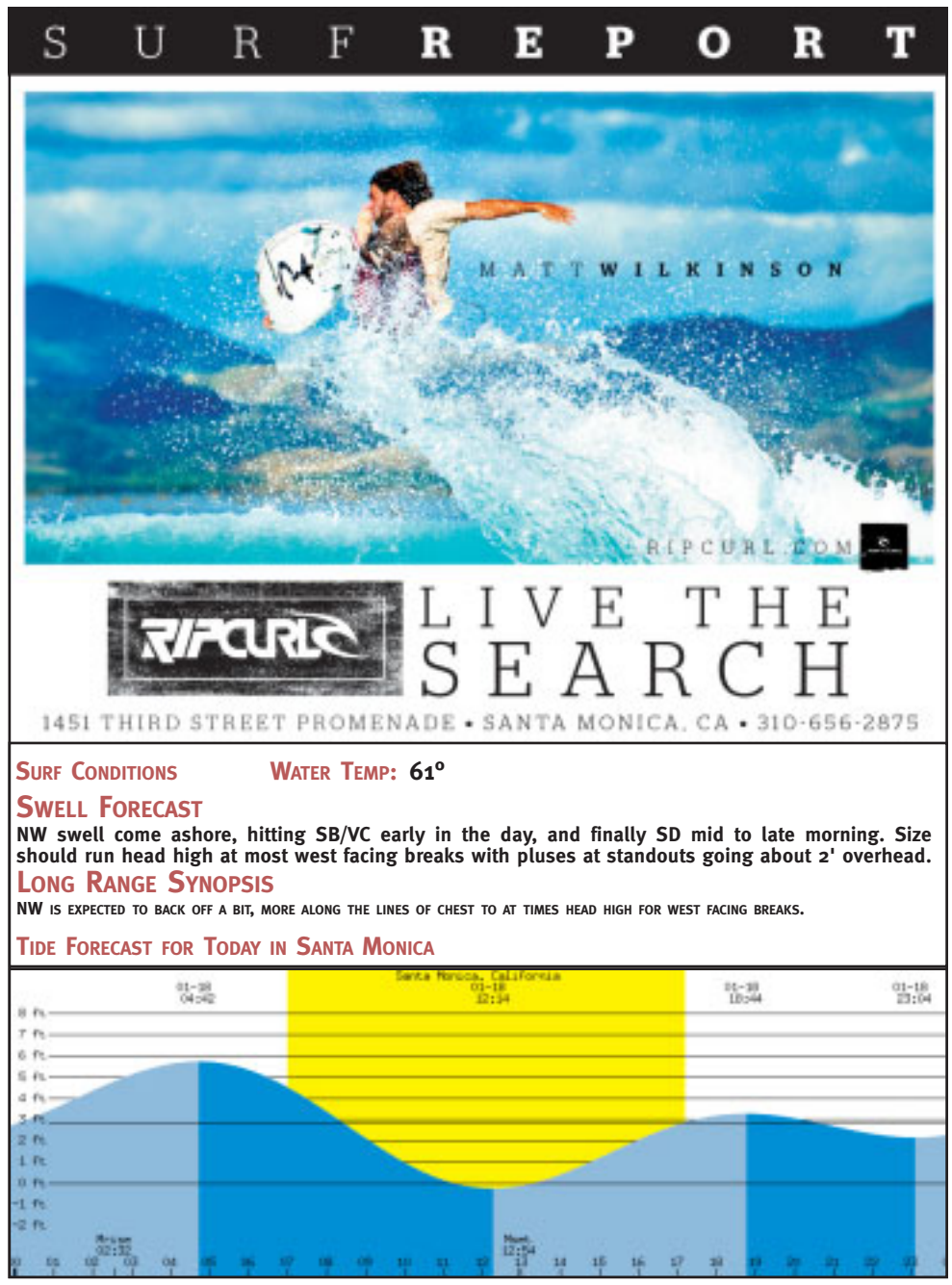
"We know we'll at least have a one-year deal," Evans said. "I can't really predict where it will end up. In this process your two parties are always filing to try to come to a midpoint. The negotiation is really about the midpoint."

With Lincecum earning a hefty contract, Evans joked, "I usually leave off the final three zeroes because it's easier to calculate."

If the past is any indication, the sides will do their best to reach agreement before spring training and before an arbitration hearing.



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AMC Loews Broadway 4
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Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked (G) 1hr 27min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

We Bought a Zoo (PG) 2hrs 04min
1:10pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Young Adult (R) 1hr 34min
9:30pm

Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2hrs 40min
1:15pm, 4:50pm, 8:30pm

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 9:45pm

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Beauty and the Beast (G) 1hr 24min
11:30am, 2:00pm

Beauty and the Beast 3D (G) 1hr 24min
4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:25pm

War Horse (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
12:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:20pm, 10:30pm

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

Iron Lady (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:30pm

Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2hrs 40min
11:50am, 3:40pm, 7:10pm, 10:30pm

Contraband (R) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

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Descendants (R) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Artist (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Dangerous Method (R) 1hr 39min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Shame (NC-17) 1hr 39min
1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1hr 41min
2:15pm, 7:50pm

Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
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Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:30pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

Joyful Noise (PG-13) 1hr 58min
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Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 1hr 41min
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Devil Inside (R) 1hr 27min
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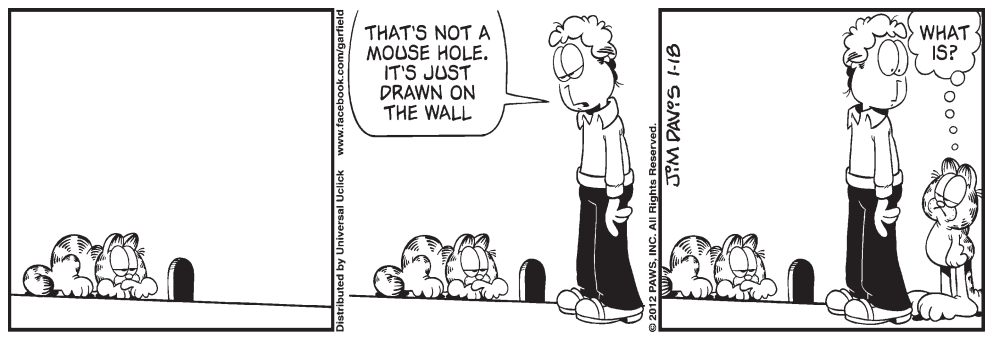
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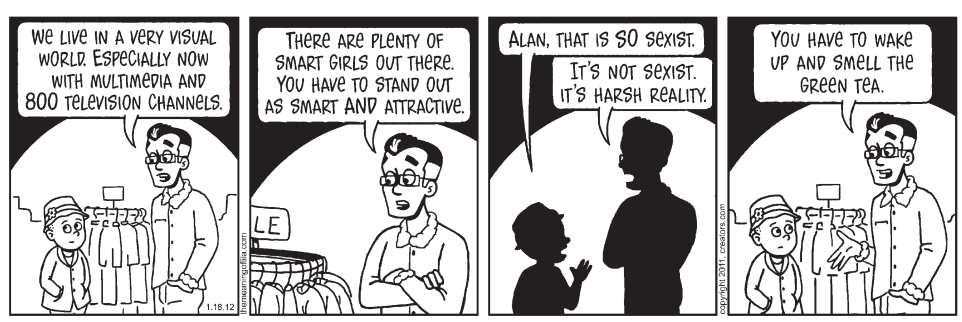
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Get some R and R, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ Your fiery style and lively nature might not come out immediately. How you approach a problem and what you do with it could change radically. Your ability to move through issues and try uniquely different ideas defines you. Tonight: You need a night of fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Sometimes it is a pleasure to allow another person to zero in on your priorities and take the lead. Why not? Listen to the feedback and see it change given some time. You could be stunned by this person. Tonight: Try someone else's idea of fun.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You could be taken aback by a situation. Nevertheless, you are able to deal with it once you get your bearings. Others have better suggestions, but ultimately you need to do what works for you. Indulge an unpredictable friend, for now. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Pace yourself. You could be surprised by what you hear, most likely from someone in authority. You might need to regroup afterward. Remain confident that you have the wherewithal to handle this issue. Tonight: Let your hair down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ The morning finds you in a funk, but one that leaves quickly. You will be delighted by midafternoon, when a challenge perks you up. Once more, ideas flow, and you emerge as a cheerful and flirtatious person. If possible, curb a tendency to go overboard. Tonight: As you like it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ In the morning, make calls, schedule meetings and, at the same time, breeze past a problem with ease. If you don't allow a situation to become a big deal, it won't be. In the afternoon, turn off your phone and get as much done as possible. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ If you want to get past a financial barrier, the time is in the a.m. Otherwise, you could be overwhelmed by what might be on your plate. Once opposite sides find a connection, the need for closeness returns. You could feel vulnerable and closed down again, but why? Tonight: Where the action is, of course!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Use the a.m. for anything important. You are energized and can see the many different sides of an issue. Your intuitive and intellectual skills peak in the morning. By afternoon, your financial savvy may go down the drain. Use care. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Though in a funk when you wake up, by the end of the day, you are a shooting star, not to be stopped. You could surprise a child or loved one with your effusive self-expression. If you are single, a new person could enter the picture. Tonight: Others seem to sway with your desires.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ If you are going to succeed in a key venture, the first part of the day is best. By late afternoon, you need some downtime. Do exactly that. Otherwise, you could become today's grouch of the Zodiac! Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You handle a lot and, in the long run, you succeed, complete and/or do whatever is necessary today. Make time for a personal project, too. Schedule a meeting for late in the day, when you can stay a little longer. Tonight: Work with a surprise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Look at the big picture. Once you detach from a difficult situation, you'll feel better. Listen to what is being said more carefully. You will understand where someone is coming from and could see a bias that might be important to identify. Tonight: On top of your game.

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

Happy birthday

This year you juggle personal issues and friendships proficiently. Internally, you might be on the verge of a transformation in your life. Discuss your issues with a wise friend. If you are single, the person you choose today might not be suitable in a year. Date, but don't commit. If you are attached, be patient with your sweetie, as he or she is adapting to your adjustments. SAGITTARIUS makes an excellent healer.

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.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ From U.S. Sen. Tom Coburn's periodic list of the most "unnecessary, duplicative and low-priority projects" that the federal government currently funds (announced in December): $75,000 to promote awareness of the role Michigan plays in producing Christmas trees and poinsettias; $48,700 for promoting the Hawaii Chocolate Festival; $113,227 for a video game preservation center in New York; and $764,825 to study something surely already done adequately by Silicon Valley entrepreneurs -- how college students use mobile devices for social networking. Also on Sen. Coburn's list: $15.3 million in continuing expenses for the famous Alaskan "bridge to nowhere" that was widely ridiculed in 2005 but apparently refuses to die.

■ Convicted serial rapist Steven Phillips was exonerated in 2008, one of a continuing string of wrongly convicted Dallas-area "criminals" proved innocent by DNA testing, and under a formula by state law, he was awarded about $4 million, tax-free, for his 25 years behind bars. Recently, Phillips' ex-wife filed a petition in court demanding a portion -- even though the couple had been divorced for the last 17 years of his incarceration, and the ex-wife had remarried and had a child. (The ex-wife claims it was Phillips who originated the divorce and that she had given up on him only because he had revealed a "disgusting" history as a "peeping tom" and flasher.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1983 - The International Olympic Committee restores Jim Thorpe's Olympic medals to his family.

1990 - Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry is arrested for drug possession in an FBI sting.

1993 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is officially observed for the first time in all 50 states.

1994 - The Cando event, a possible bolide impact in Cando, Spain. Witnesses claim to have seen a fireball in the sky lasting for almost one minute.

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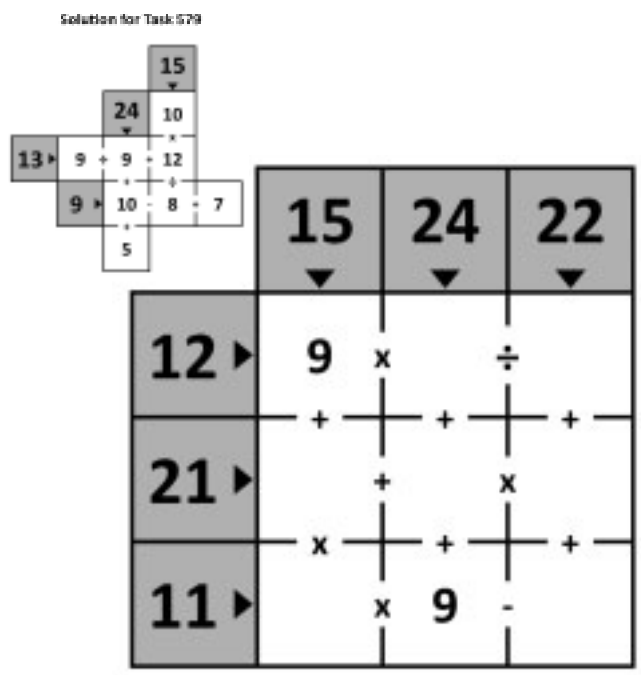
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