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THE SAFE FOR NOW ISSUE

VA to break ground on building for homeless vets

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

WEST L.A. Local and federal officials will gather in West L.A. Friday to break ground on long-awaited renovations to a building that will provide therapeutic and supportive housing for chronically homeless veterans.

The site, located at the Veterans Administration's West L.A. Medical Center,

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Summerlike heat comes to L.A. area

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LOS ANGELES Southern California is basking in summerlike heat, but rain could be in store later in the week.

Temperatures Tuesday were in the 80s and upper 70s in many areas following a day of record heat. It reached 77 in Santa Monica.

The National Weather Service says a high of 81 in downtown Los Angeles on Monday tied a record for the date set in 1912.

Bob Hope Airport in Burbank also had an 81, breaking the record of 79 set in 1976.

Another 81-degree reading at Oxnard broke a record of 80 set in 1936, and Vista in San Diego County had 80 degrees, well over the 77 set in 1976.

An approaching cold front will drop temperatures through Friday, bringing a chance of rain Wednesday evening and again Friday and into next week.

School district budget will not be cut in 2013-14

Details hazy about how much funding education will receive

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS For the first time in five years, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will not see cuts in funding from the state.

How much money it will get, what those funds will cover and even the mechanism by which the cash is delivered, however, are still open questions.

That was the message that Jan Maez, the district's chief financial officer, delivered to the Board of Education last week, and the state has not offered much in the way of clarity since.

Districts are facing a fork in the road when it comes to their budgeting, one that won't resolve itself until summer when the legislature votes on the state budget.

In his proposed budget released earlier this month, Gov. Jerry Brown recommend-

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File photo

LOCKING IT UP: **Santa Monica police recommend using a sturdy U-lock to secure bikes left unattended, not a chain like the one pictured.**

Police report 571 bikes stolen in 2012

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE Santa Monica is known for its bike-friendly policies, enshrined in its recently-adopted Bicycle Action Plan, but every light casts a shadow.

In 2012 alone, 571 bikes were reported stolen in the city by the sea, according to the Santa Monica Police Department, and as the chill begins to fade, however temporarily from the January air, it is time for a refresher in bike theft prevention.

Thieves often carry bolt cutters and wire cutters in backpacks and roam the streets and neighborhoods looking for bicycles that can be liberated while the owner remains unaware, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the SMPD.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2013

Ruby Max talks illness
The Edye Second Space
1310 11th St., 7 p.m.
Comedic actress Ruby Max explores the ups and downs of mental illness, its stigmas and the freedom that can be discovered when the darkest moments of life are shared in "Ruby Max: Out of Her Mind." For more information, visit thebroadstage.com

Comedians read their favorites
Mi's Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third St., 8 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Comedians will read their favorite works of fiction. Show features Anne Gregory, who appeared in "Parks and Recreation," Hanna LoPatin from "Partners," Maddox from "The Alphabet of Manliness" and many more. Admission is $5. For more information, visit westside-comedy.com or call (310) 451-0850.

Just dance
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Dance to today's hits and old standards provided by experienced DJs. Waltz, fox trot, cha cha, tango, salsa, swing and more. Light snacks will be provided. There will be a dance lesson from 7 p.m. — 7:40 p.m. Admission is $10, $8 for students and USA Dance members with ID. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

Update on Expo
Crossroads School, Community Room
1715 Olympic Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
The Exposition Construction Authority invites you to a construction update community meeting for Phase 2 of the Expo Line project. Stakeholders will receive information on upcoming construction activities and timelines. The format will include a short presentation followed by an open-house session to facilitate dialogue and community input. Parking available on campus off 18th Street.

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2013

State of things
SGI-USA World Culture Center
525 Wilshire Blvd., 7 a.m. — 10 a.m.
State the City 2013 will focus on "Santa Monica on the Move" and the current issues impacting the business community. Attendees will get a first look at the Expo Line coming to Santa Monica, hear from the newly-elected mayor and city officials and get updates on all districts, neighborhoods and projects across the city. Admission is $50. For more information, call (310) 260-8900.

Be compassionate
Santa Monica Family YMCA
1332 Sixth St., 1:30 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Rachel Fintzy, licensed psychotherapist and workshop facilitator, will discuss the key components of self-compassion, what self-compassion is often confused with and yet is not, how practicing self-compassion can lead to better self-care and a more fulfilling life and how this in turn can benefit those around us. The event is free and is located in the DeWind Room. For more information, call (310) 393-2721.

Surf's up!
Patagonia
1344 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
There will be a benefit for the Surfrider Foundation's West L.A./Malibu chapter and the Rise Above Plastics program. Live music will be played by Ray Barbee and The Mattson Two and beer donated by Golden Road Brewing will be served. There will also be wine, food, giveaways and more. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 395-6895.

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



City Hall targets dry cleaners for unproven 'green' claims

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

CITY HALL Six Santa Monica dry cleaners have agreed to stop advertising their services as "green" after an investigation found no evidence that chemicals used in the cleaning process are non-toxic to humans, city officials said Tuesday.

While the chemicals used by the businesses are generally recognized as being safer than the traditional cleaner — perchloroethylene or "perc," a known carcinogen that is being phased out in California — city officials maintain that calling them "non-toxic" or "environmentally friendly" is misleading and unsubstantiated and violates revised "green"

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NOTIFIED: **Cleaner By Nature dry cleaners is among a group of establishments that have been told by City Hall to stop making claims that their process of cleaning clothes is environmentally friendly. All six of the violators received letters informing them of the rule.**

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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Museum of Flying celebrates historic flight

On Saturday, Jan. 26, the Museum of Flying will be hosting its next aviation presentation, Douglas World Cruisers – First Around the World. It will be held at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

The event will be presented by Bob Dempster, executive director of the Seattle World Cruiser Association. Dempster is currently involved in a project to build and fly a replica of the World Cruiser "Seattle" around the world in 2014, commemorating the 90th anniversary of the original journey. He will tell the story of the first world flight and also give a presentation on the Seattle II World Cruiser project.

Of the four Douglas World Cruisers built by Douglas Aircraft Co. that embarked on a flight around the world on April 6, 1924, only two were able to complete the entire trip – the "Chicago" and the "New Orleans," which is housed in the Museum of Flying.

Paid admission will include the Seattle II World Cruiser project presentation and is free to members of the museum. General admission is $10 for adults, $8 for students and seniors, $6 for children aged 6 through 12, and free for children under 5.

The Museum of Flying is located at 3100 Airport Ave. and is open Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

– ALEX VEJAR

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

St. Monica soccer alive and kicking

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA St. Monica's boys' soccer team has been quite successful in 2013.

The Mariners are a perfect 6-0 since the turn of the year, boosting their overall record to 7-4-1 and more importantly 4-0 in Camino Real League play.

St. Monica's most recent victim was league foe Cantwell-Sacred Heart last Friday.

The Mariners move on to face Serra on the road on Wednesday. The league game begins at 5 p.m. in Gardena.

St. Monica's next home game will be Friday against St. Paul at Airport Park. It begins at 3 p.m.

SKAGGS NAMED TOP LEFTY

Former Santa Monica High School standout Tyler Skaggs has been named the top left-handed pitching prospect by MLB.com.

Since being drafted 40th overall by the Los Angeles Angels in 2009 Skaggs has steadily risen through the minor leagues finally getting his shot last year with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

According to MLB.com, Skaggs, who started the Futures Game in 2011, has excellent command of all his pitches, which include a curveball, changeup and a quality fastball.

Skaggs' penchant for the curve was already on display when he starred for Samohi.

Since being drafted, Skaggs has made a number of best prospect lists with this latest accolade topping them all.

He's expected to begin the season in the big leagues this spring.

Skaggs posted a 1-3 record last year with the Diamondbacks in six starts. He registered 21 strikeouts in 29.1 innings with a 5.83 earned run average.

SAMOHI BOYS STILL ON TOP

Samohi's reign atop the CIF-Southern Section Division 1A poll will continue at least one more week, it was announced on Tuesday.

The No. 1 ranked Vikings are coming off a pair of Ocean League wins last week. They won a thriller against rival Beverly Hills on Wednesday at home and followed that with an easy win at Morningside on Friday.

This week, Samohi faces Hawthorne on the road on Wednesday and Compton on Saturday at Fairfax High School.

The Vikings are 15-4 overall and 4-0 in league.

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Worried about Emeritus

Editor:

I am appalled, both as a student at Emeritus College and as a part-time instructor at Emeritus College, as to the actions of some people, both students and faculty, as to their response to fiscal problems in California and how it is affecting Emeritus College. The writing is not only on the walls, but on the ceilings, doors, floors, and any place else that you can see that there is a major shift in emphasis on educational priorities. The state can no longer afford to provide free classes to its senior citizens and still offer the kinds of classes needed by our youth to obtain educational goals leading to their professional objectives.

As seniors, we have had a fantastic opportunity here at Emeritus College to partake in all kinds of classes, from Shakespeare's plays, to Tai Chi, to drawing and painting, to computers, to photography (plug), to even the Bible as literature, all at no cost; not one red cent. It is painfully apparent from reading the newspapers, watching TV, and listening to Gov. Brown that these free courses must largely go away if we as a state want to provide our youth with the kind of education they will need to survive and flourish.

And yet, I see and hear both students and some faculty members rant and rave at Santa Monica College officers, administrators and staff members for doing exactly what they have to do to meet the budget handed down to them. It is critical that if Emeritus College is to survive, we must work together to formulate a plan that enables the college to offer low-cost classes to most seniors and scholarships to those who cannot even afford the low-cost classes.

I know that for some seniors, the classes are an important part of their life, for some, even a critical part of their life, and for those we must figure out ways to make the burden as fair as possible without the rancor that some seem to feel is necessary. I therefore raise a question. Should students pay the same amount for a class that can only accommodate 25 people as for a class that can accommodate 50 or 70 or even 100? To my way of thinking, the cost should be the same regardless of class size. The excess funds from the larger classes should be used to reduce and equalize the cost to the students in the smaller classes. But, that is only my thought, my sense of fairness. But only through dialogue with others, through a fair an open discussion can we arrive at a consensus and save Emeritus. We cannot do that through rancor, name calling, or impugning the actions of others.

As I get ready to leave on a two-week vacation will I find when I get back seniors picketing and yelling at college trustee meetings or will I find a consensus building in the senior community along with the Emeritus College administrators and staff about how to best tackle this problem? I hope and think it will be the latter, but I must admit, I am worried.

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Santa Monica



That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead

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Sleeping through a revolution

AS ONE WHO CAME OF AGE DURING the civil rights era, I was profoundly impacted by the life and teachings of Martin Luther King Jr. He taught me so much more than just what it means to look beyond the color of a person's skin — he taught me that life means nothing if you don't stand up for the things that truly matter. Freedom, human dignity, brotherhood, spirituality, peace, justice, equality, putting an end to war and poverty — these are just a few of the big themes that shaped King's life and, in turn, impacted so many impressionable young people like myself.

Fast forward 40 years, and we find ourselves living through historic times, with the nation's first black president embarking on his second term in office. The comparisons between President Obama and King have been inevitable and largely favorable, helped along by Obama, who spoke at King's Ebenezer Baptist Church in 2008, a year before taking office — accepted the Democratic nomination on the anniversary of King's "I Have a Dream" speech — presided over the installation and dedication of a national monument to King in Washington, DC — and took his oath of office using one of King's Bibles on the national holiday dedicated to King.

Clearly, there are similarities between the two men.

Yet as Fredrick Harris, the director of the Institute for Research in African-American Studies at Columbia University, reminds us, "it is easy to assume that the president is an extension of King's legacy and the civil rights movement. For black America, in particular, Obama has already joined the pantheon of great African-American leaders, alongside Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells, Malcolm X and, of course, King. He has joined their ranks not for his activism or his efforts to break down racial inequality, but for the symbolic weight of being the nation's first black president."

We'd be doing King and his legacy a profound disservice, however, if we do not insist that Obama do more than pay lip service to the man he credits, alongside Abraham Lincoln, as being one of his two heroes.

If Obama wants to be remembered for anything more than the color of his skin, he would do well to brush up on King's teachings, which were far more radical than the watered-down pap about him being taught today. The following key principles, largely absent from Obama's first term in office, formed the backbone of Rev. King's life and work.

PRACTICE NON-VIOLENCE AND PUT AN END TO WAR

On April 4, 1967, exactly one year before his murder, King used the power of his pulpit to condemn the U.S. for "using massive doses of violence to solve its problems, to bring about the changes it wanted." Insisting that no one who has any concern for the integrity and life of America can ignore its part in the Vietnam War, King called on the U.S. to end all bombing in Vietnam, declare a unilateral cease-fire, curtail its military buildup, and set a date for troop withdrawals. In that same sermon, King warned that "a nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death."

Contrast this with Obama's use of the power of his office to expand America's military empire at great cost to the nation, authorize drone strikes which have wreaked havoc on innocent civilians, and defend indefensible police tactics used in SWAT team raids and roadside stops. Obama's national security budget for 2013, which allots a whopping $851 billion to be spent on wars abroad, weapons and military personnel, significantly outspends the money being spent on education, poverty and disease.

STAND AGAINST INJUSTICE

Arrested and jailed for taking part in a nonviolent protest against racial segregation in Birmingham, Ala., King used his time behind bars to respond to Alabama clergymen who criticized King's methods of civil disobedience and suggested that the courts were the only legitimate means for enacting change. His "Letter from a Birmingham Jail," which makes the case for disobeying unjust laws, points out that "a just law is a man made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law."

Contrast this with Obama's ongoing endorsement of clearly unjust laws and government practices, some of which he has publicly acknowledged to be problematic or altogether wrong. For example, Obama signed into law the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act Amendments Act, which respectively authorize the military to indefinitely detain American citizens, as well as spy on Americans who communicate with people overseas, whether they are journalists, family members, or business associates. Obama's Justice Department has also urged the U.S. Supreme Court to grant police more leeway to strip search Americans and raid homes without a warrant. As King warned, "Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal."

WORK TO END POVERTY

Especially in the latter part of his life, King was unflinching in his determination to hold Americans accountable to alleviating the suffering of the poor, going so far as to call for a march on Washington, D.C., to pressure Congress to pass an Economic Bill of Rights. In recounting a parable about a man who went to hell because he didn't see the poor, King cautioned his congregants: "Dives didn't go to hell because he was rich… Dives went to hell because he was passed by Lazarus every day and he never really saw him. … Indeed, Dives went to hell because he sought to be a conscientious objector in the war against poverty."

PRIORITIZE PEOPLE OVER CORPORATIONS

With roughly 25 lobbyists per Congressman, corporate greed largely calls the shots in the nation's capital, enabling our elected representatives to grow richer and the people poorer. One can only imagine what King would have said about a nation whose political processes, everything from elections to legislation, are driven by war chests and corporate benefactors rather than the needs and desires of the citizenry.

STAND UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT

Five days before his murder, King delivered a sermon at National Cathedral in which he noted that "one of the great liabilities of life is that all too many people find themselves living amid a great period of social change, and yet they fail to develop the new attitudes, the new mental responses, that the new situation demands. They end up sleeping through a revolution."

As King recognized, there is much to be done if we are to make this world a better place, and we cannot afford to play politics when so much hangs in the balance. It's time, Mr. President, to wake up.

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The myth of energy independence

THE DEFINITION OF "ENERGY independence" is evolving. Up to recently, it has meant the U.S. producing enough of our own oil so that we were not dependent on other nations for our energy needs. But now we're in a world of oil interdependence. Oil markets know no national allegiance. Globalization and profit motive are altering a once patriotic concept into this: Producing enough oil and gas so that we export more to our trading partners than we import. While this new energy independence framework may help some companies' profits, it stands to hurt many Americans' pocketbooks, water supply and overall health.

Fracking is an unregulated process that uses dozens of potentially harmful, undisclosed chemicals and millions of gallons of fresh water injected into horizontal drilled wellheads. This process has pushed the domestic price of natural gas so low that producers are looking to foreign markets — particularly Europe, Japan, and other points east — to boost profit margins. Companies are rushing to use this new definition of energy independence to justify exploitation of large shale-gas and shale-oil reserves in the U.S. Before we embrace this notion, we need to examine more closely the potential for harm to health and the environment and the dragging impact rising energy costs for both consumers and manufacturers will have on our economy.

What does the pursuit of this new definition of energy independence mean for everyday Americans?

It means continued use of billions of barrels of oil and trillions of cubic feet of natural gas and the water resources, which are destined to diminish from overuse and climate change, necessary to extract them. It means potentially devastating impacts on local economies and resources from fracking operations in the form of more air and water pollution and public health and infrastructure costs. It means priming the pump of climate change more so than we've already managed, which is apparent in our current weather patterns of late.

The train wreck emerging here in this business-as-usual approach is the tradeoff between energy, agriculture, manufacturing, and human need of our scarce water resources. We must carefully balance the demand for our limited water supplies to ensure all our needs are met, and our current energy system is extremely water intensive and wasteful, pulling water away from competing interests.

Rather than trot down this road blindly and assume that technologies can be developed, perhaps we should pursue more sound policies that address the energy challenges before us in a financially sound, effective manner. The American Clean Energy Agenda (ACEA), proposed by over 100 grassroots organizations with a total of two million members provides such a framework. These criteria establish a clear preference for technology-based solutions.

The ACEA envisions an electric generation mix comprised of technologies that:

1. Are affordable and have the greatest potential to come down in cost;
2. Use and consume the least amount of water;
3. Generate the least pollution;
4. Effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and,
5. Maintain grid reliability.

These criteria represent a public interest standard that takes into account not only upfront costs but also the hidden costs of electric generation technology such as public health-related costs of fracking, burning coal, or climate change. These hidden costs can be severe and if ignored can exact significant damage to our economy and well-being over time.

Applying these criteria will result in a diversified and decentralized electric grid that is much more efficient, clean, and affordable than our current system. Decentralization, such as rooftop solar panels, moves us toward achieving our other priority: energy system resilience. We can move toward a much healthier population with homegrown industries supplying our needs and the world's needs. We must prioritize and incentivize carbon-free renewables, storage and energy efficient technologies.

Most importantly, we would drastically reduce or eliminate the tradeoffs between competing interests for scarce water resources. And we would become a world leader in meeting the challenge of climate change. This should be a goal and policy of utmost national importance.

Calls for energy independence appeal to Americans' deeply held values of freedom and security. It is time for a forthright public discussion about what energy independence means and how to enact an energy policy that will free us from foreign entanglements and safeguard our health, water and environment.

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The Q Line

What's up with the weather?

Last week was bitterly cold, this weekend was typical Southern California beautiful. It could just be a trend, or it could be something more serious.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think global warming has something to do with our topsy-turvy weather or was the big shift just a coincidence?

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L.A. jury search under way in Bell corruption scandal

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LOS ANGELES More than two dozen potential jurors have been bounced from the corruption case against six former part-time Bell council members accused of wrongly drawing six-figure salaries and other perks.

The Los Angeles Times reports jurors filled out questionnaires, and many told the court Tuesday that they are disgusted with the defendants in the case.

Bell is the scandal-ridden Los Angeles suburb where leaders were accused of massive corruption that brought national attention and nearly bankrupted the city.

By midmorning, about 25 had been dismissed from jury duty.

George Cole, George Mirabal, Oscar Hernandez, Luis Artiga, Victor Bello and Teresa Jacobo are facing various corruption charges.

Two other city figures accused of corruption, former City Manager Robert Rizzo and Assistant City Manager Angela Spaccia, are to be tried separately.

DA will review church files for crimes

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Prosecutors who have been stymied for years in their attempts to build a criminal conspiracy case against retired Los Angeles Archdiocese Cardinal Roger Mahony and other church leaders said Tuesday they will review newly released priest files for additional evidence.

Thousands of pages from the internal disciplinary files of 14 priests made public Monday show Mahony and other top aides maneuvered behind the scenes to shield molester priests and provide damage control for the church.

Some of the documents provide the strongest evidence to date that Mahony and another key official worked to protect a priest who revealed in therapy sessions that he had raped an 11-year-old boy and abused up to 17 boys.

The top aide, then-Monsignor Thomas J. Curry, is now an auxiliary bishop for the archdiocese's Santa Barbara region. He did not respond Tuesday to a message seeking comment.

Legal experts, however, said even if the documents contain new evidence, it will be almost impossible to prosecute because of problems with the statute of limitations. It's also unclear whether prosecutors, who received some documents via subpoena years ago, already have seen the files made public Monday.

The time window for prosecuting obstruction of justice is 10 years and for conspiracy, it's three years after the last overt criminal act, said Lawrence Rosenthal, a criminal law professor at Chapman University School of Law.

Much of the material in the files dates to the mid-1980s, when Mahony was handling some of the most troublesome problem priests.

"The problem is, a prosecutor looking at this has to do time travel, basically, and go back to the law as it existed at the time of the offenses," Rosenthal said. "And at the time of the offense, you're going to have significant statute of limitations problems."

Mahony apologized Monday for mistakes he made after taking over the nation's largest archdiocese in 1985. An attorney for the church, J. Michael Hennigan, has denied that there was a cover-up attempt. He didn't return a call Tuesday.

The files of dozens more accused priests are expected to be released in the coming weeks as part of a 2007 settlement agreement with more than 500 alleged victims. A judge recently ruled that the church must turn the files over to attorneys for those people without the names and titles of members of the church hierarchy blacked out after The Associated Press and the Los Angeles Times intervened.

The documents raise the possibility of renewed criminal scrutiny for Mahony and others in the archdiocese hierarchy. Mahony retired in 2011.

Prosecutors in Philadelphia last year secured the conviction of a monsignor who was secretary for clergy after a change in state law gave prosecutors more time to file charges and seek evidence. In Missouri, a judge found a bishop guilty last year of failing to report child abuse to the state, making him the highest-ranking U.S. Roman Catholic official to be convicted of a crime relating to the child sexual abuse scandal.

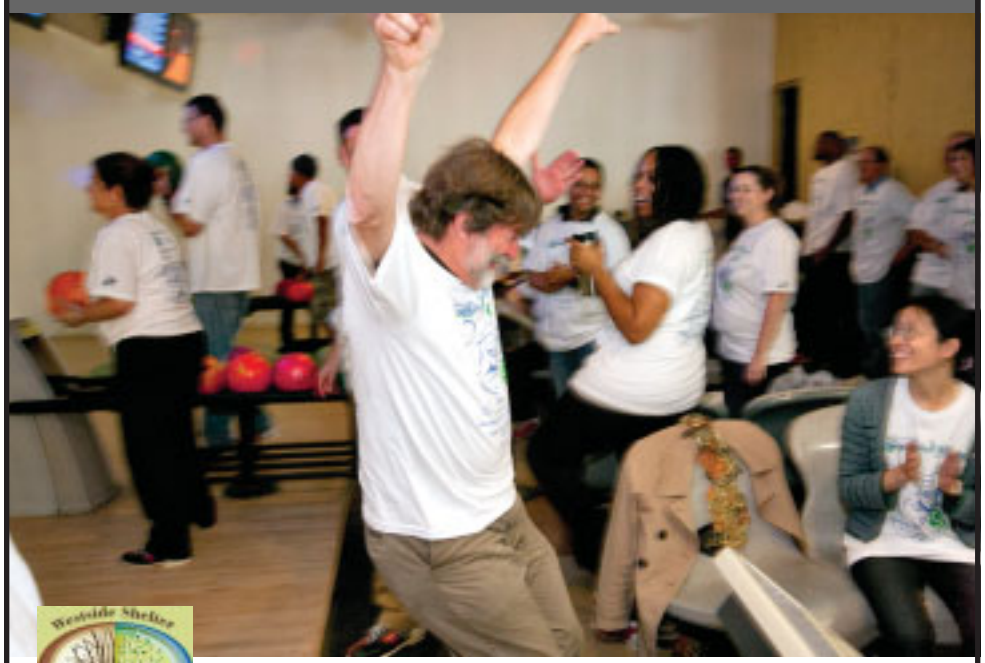
In Los Angeles, the archdiocese and an attorney representing about 30 individual accused priests has fought for years in court to keep the priests' confidential files sealed, citing the clerics' privacy rights. The church was forced under subpoena to turn over some records to the district attorney during an investigation that began in 2002.

In a 2010 memo, a lead prosecutor in that probe said the documents he had showed "the possibility of criminal culpability" by members of the archdiocese leadership, but a criminal conspiracy case was "more and more remote" because of the passage of time.

Deputy District Attorney William Hodgman said investigators had insufficient evidence to fill in a timeline stretching over 20 years hampered by the statute of limitations. He did not return a call or email seeking comment Tuesday.

The U.S. Attorney's Office convened a grand jury in 2009 to hear evidence, but it yielded no indictments. It was unclear Tuesday if that grand jury was still sitting and a spokesman declined to comment.

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VETS
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will include 55 units, 45 of which will be single occupancy. The remaining 10 will hold two veterans each.

It will be designed as a therapeutic residence for homeless vets whose mental health or other medical needs mean they need residential treatment in order to access appropriate medical care.

It will also accept residents for whom other programs at the VA haven't worked, said Michi Riley, spokesperson for the Veterans Administration.

The therapies at the site are targeted to teach veterans social and independent living skills. They will also get job help, and eventually transition out of the facility to live on their own.

The building will include a multipurpose room, a dedicated women's wing, administrative offices, a training kitchen and a specialized unit to help with medical conditions related to obesity.

There will be space for group therapy, training sessions and social gatherings.

The contractor that will upgrade and renovate the building was selected in December 2012, although the design began in October 2010, according to the VA.

Officials expect the work to finish in spring of 2014. Roughly $20 million is budgeted for the project.

"This renovation project builds on the VA's progress toward ending veteran homelessness locally and across the country," said Donna M. Beiter, director of the VA's Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System.

The building has not come without its share of controversy.

In 2011, the American Civil Liberties Union and a host of private attorneys, including former Santa Monica City Councilmember Bobby Shriver, filed suit against the VA for allowing private companies to rent space at the West L.A. campus while homeless vets were out on the streets.

The lawsuit alleged that the 387-acre parcel was deeded to the government by a private owner in 1888 to provide housing for disabled war veterans.

According to the suit, the land was used for that purpose until the 1960s and 1970s, when the VA stopped accepting new residents and allowed the buildings that had provided housing to fall into disrepair or be used for other purposes, including leases to private users like a car rental company or hotel laundry facilities.

A federal judge decided last year that he did not have the jurisdiction to hear the piece of the case alleging the need for permanent supportive housing for vets and dismissed the claims on the deed-restricted use of the land in March, said David Sapp, an attorney with the ACLU of Southern California.

However, the piece of the suit that alleged that the private uses of the campus violated congressional restrictions was allowed to go forward. Sapp hopes to hear the judge's motion on that soon.

Sapp is still pleased that the government is making progress on the building, although his enthusiasm was tempered.

"That's great, but it's about time," Sapp said.

The VA talked about renovating the building for six years before the ACLU filed suit against the agency, and it still doesn't get close to addressing the rampant problem of homelessness amongst veterans, Sapp said.

"This is a positive development, but it certainly does not solve the problem that we raised in this case about the widespread, broad need for these types of services," Sapp said.

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CLEANERS
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guidelines set by the Federal Trade Commission.

"More and more consumers want eco-friendly products," said Deputy City Attorney Adam Radinsky with the Consumer Protection Unit, which conducted a joint investigation with City Hall's Office of Sustainability and the Environment. "It's big business these days. That makes it all the more important for consumers to be sure that advertising claims are true."

THE SIX DRY CLEANERS TARGETED ARE:

- Cleaner By Nature
- Courtyard Cleaners
- Dry Clean Express
- Eco Cleaners
- Plaza Cleaners
- TJ Cleaners

Calls to the businesses were not returned or representatives refused to comment.

One of the six cleaners uses a product called "Green Earth" made from a chemical known as D5. The other businesses use a hydrocarbon-based dry cleaning process, city officials said. Neither of the solvents has been proven to be non-toxic, according to the California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment.

The FTC recently issued revised guidelines for environmentally-friendly advertising, which prohibits the use of broad and vague claims and requires any factual claims to be supported by competent and reliable scientific evidence. If the term "non-toxic" is used, it must be supported by evidence and it must apply to both the environment and individual people. The guidelines can be found at www.ftc.org

City officials said the six dry cleaners could not back up their claims.

"We're glad these companies have started using less toxic chemicals, but marketing them as 'eco-friendly' just goes too far," said Dean Kubani, director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

City officials began investigating local dry cleaners last year after learning that many were making environmental claims about their cleaning processes, and had doubts about their truthfulness.

Under state law, city officials can demand that any business making factual claims in its advertising substantiate those claims with hard evidence.

Radinsky said there were no financial or criminal penalties associated with the investigation.

"We did not have evidence of bad faith or intentional deceit," he said. "This is partly an education campaign. We want to make sure businesses are aware of the new rules on what they can and can't say."

Owners of all six dry cleaners signed an agreement showing that they understand what the rules are and agreed to not make claims that are unsupported.

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CLASS IN SESSION: **Students at Roosevelt Elementary School learn about the Cool Tools program.**

SCHOOLS
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ed an overhaul of the way the state delivers money to school districts by empowering local elected boards to move money around more freely than in the past.

It's a big shift from revenue limits and categorical funding, the now-traditional method of giving money to schools that puts strict limitations on what the cash could be used for.

While some of those kinds of restrictions still exist, the proposal would give local governing boards the flexibility to put money where schools and districts most need it.

Instead of categorical funds, money would come in the form of a base grant and supplemental grants. The extra cash would be targeted at schools with higher numbers of students learning English or who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches.

The switch, along with some new classroom size requirements, would take place over the course of seven years.

It's what money-minded district employees across the state have been requesting for years, Maez said.

"From a fiscal point of view, it's definitely a good thing," Maez said Tuesday. "It doesn't make it any easier … . It really does push decision to the local level. Now it's our responsibility rather than someone in Sacramento on how best to spend the money."

Many in the education community are breathing a big sigh of relief that there is money to spend.

Proposition 30, a statewide tax measure that received strong support in Santa Monica and Malibu, is expected to buoy education finances by $6 billion over the next seven years, shielding higher education and K-12 from potentially devastating cuts.

Furthermore, Brown's budget includes a $2.7 billion increase in money guaranteed by another voter approved measure, Proposition 98, which sets mandated spending levels on education. Brown also dedicated money from Proposition 39 — passed on Nov. 6, which closed a loophole in corporate taxation — to bolster Proposition 98 spending levels in 2013-14.

All that new money aside, there's no guarantee that Santa Monica and Malibu schools will see a substantial increase in the amount of money they get from the state, whether the governor gets his way with locally-controlled funding or not.

PROMISES STILL BROKEN

The difference between what the state should give schools and what it will give them — called the "revenue limit deficit" — is still over 20 percent, it's just the first time in half a decade that it hasn't gotten worse.

Base funding under the old system would equate to $5,331 per student in 2013-14 compared to $5,289 last year, according to Maez's figures.

While SMMUSD does have a number of students enrolled as English language learners and who enrolled in the free or reduced price lunch program — 9.3 percent and 25.5 percent respectively during the 2010-11 school year — that won't be enough to meet the over-50 percent threshold for the second level of supplemental funding.

As Maez put it Tuesday, unlike in the past where all school districts' funding rose or fell together, the proposed system would cause some districts to receive more money from the state than others.

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ROLLING: **A pair of cyclists ride along Main Street past a bike parking station installed last year.**

BIKES
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The Daily Press has heard stories of people foiling bike thefts in progress. Albin Gielicz, chair of the North of Montana neighborhood group and recent theft victim, discovered his bike missing a few months ago.

"They cut the lock and took off," Gielicz said.

Thieves sometimes ride up on a less expensive bike, take a higher-value one left unprotected and leave their original ride in its place. They can also snatch bikes on one end of the city and then hop on a bus, or pick them up in trucks, Lewis said.

Although it's hard to stop a determined thief, there are steps that people can take to protect themselves, Lewis said.

Police suggest using the sturdy U-locks and to lock bikes up in open areas with lots of people that can see the bike.

The vigilance of law-abiding citizens helps keep everyone safe, Lewis said.

"Keep your eyes open, and help us help you," he said. "If you see anything suspicious, call the non-emergency number."

The non-emergency dispatch number is (310) 458-8491. If a crime is in progress, dial 911.

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BUDGET
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It would be important to know exactly where SMMUSD fell in that spectrum, said school board member Ben Allen.

"This is a dramatic change, and one that will have clear winners and losers," Allen said.

District officials need more time to work out additional details for a budget study session originally intended for a meeting in late January. It will likely be pushed to the beginning of February, said Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

"It's hard for us to formulate proposals when we have such a basic understanding of what this might look like," Lyon said.

The budget situation is in such a state of flux that Maez has proposed preparing at least two budgets, one under the assumption that current methods of funding stay in place, and another under the governor's proposed shift to local control.

"Every [chief budget officer] out there will tell their boards this is the beginning, not the end, of the process," Maez said. "There is a lot that needs to happen between now and May. What we are certain of is that the May revision will have major differences of one kind or another."

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40 years after Roe v. Wade, abortion foes marching on

JOHN HANNA
Associated Press

TOPEKA, Kan. Abortion opponents marked the 40th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision Tuesday with workshops, prayers and calls for more limits on the rights established by the Supreme Court in the landmark ruling that still defines one of the nation's most intractable debates.

Many in the anti-abortion movement looked to Kansas, where Republican Gov. Sam Brownback signed a series of tough anti-abortion measures during his first two years in office. Other states with GOP governors and Republican-controlled legislatures have taken similar steps.

"There's joy in what you're doing and keep it up," Brownback urged hundreds of fellow abortion opponents at a rally outside the Kansas Statehouse. "Keep marching. Keep moving."

Abortion-rights groups observed a quieter anniversary — a possible reflection of the reality that it's far rarer for lawmakers to expand access to abortion. The National Organization for Women planned a candlelight vigil at the Supreme Court to commemorate the 1973 decision, which created a constitutional right to abortions in some circumstances and prevented states from banning the practice.

President Barack Obama issued a statement reaffirming the decision's commitment to "reproductive freedom" and the principle that "government should not intrude on our most private family matters, and women should be able to make their own choices about their bodies and their health care."

The ruling "should be honored," said Rep. Emily Perry, a lawyer and Democrat from the Kansas City suburb of Mission who supports abortion rights. "I wish the amount of energy put into narrowing Roe v. Wade would be put into school funding or our budget."

In Topeka, at least 1,000 people rallied with Brownback and anti-abortion legislators. The Kansas governor has called on state lawmakers to create "a culture of life." He is expected to support whatever further restrictions they approve.

Kansans for Life, the most influential of the state's anti-abortion groups, plans to ask lawmakers to enact legislation ensuring that the state doesn't finance abortions even indirectly, such as through tax breaks or by allowing doctors-in-training at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan., to perform them on the center's time.

The group also wants to strengthen a state law dictating what information must be provided to abortion patients, banning abortions because of the fetus' gender and allowing wrongful-death lawsuits when a fetus dies because of an accident.

Comparable proposals are gaining ground elsewhere, too. Republican lawmakers in North Dakota are pursuing a measure to ban "sex selection" abortions. Alabama's GOP legislative majorities are looking to impose new health and safety regulations for abortion providers. And Republicans in Arkansas want to ban abortions after the 20th week of pregnancy.

"I think more of America is becoming more pro-life," said Dr. Melissa Colbern, who started a crisis pregnancy center in Topeka near the state Capitol last year. "I think maybe the culture is changing."

In Mississippi, where Republican Gov. Phil Bryant has said repeatedly that he wants the state to be abortion-free, advocates on both sides of the issue protested outside the state's only abortion clinic in the capital of Jackson. A large sign attached to the building declared: "This clinic stays open."

Nancy Keenan, president of NARAL Pro Choice America, said most citizens are not demanding their elected officials push for new abortion restrictions.

"A lot of these anti-choice politicians don't run on the issue," Keenan said in an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press. "They run on jobs, or they run on the economy. And then they show up in these state legislatures, and they begin to advance very anti-choice legislation."

In the four decades since Roe v. Wade, a series of court decisions have narrowed its scope. With each decision, lawmakers in multiple states have followed up by making abortions more difficult to obtain or imposing restrictions on providers.

According to the New York-based Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive-rights think tank, 135 laws aimed in some way at restricting access to abortion were enacted in 30 states — most of them with Republican-controlled legislatures — in 2011 and 2012. More such measures already have been proposed in several states this year.

In Wyoming, for example, a pending bill would prohibit abortions after a fetal heartbeat is audible. A similar "heartbeat" bill is pending in Mississippi, and one was debated but later sidetracked in Ohio last year.

In Texas, Republican Gov. Rick Perry has told lawmakers that he expects to make progress during the 2013 session toward his goal of making abortion "at any stage a thing of the past." Anti-abortion activists have pledged to use every legal means possible to make obtaining abortions difficult, if not impossible.

But Kansans for Life, the most influential abortion group lobbying state lawmakers in Topeka, eschews proposals designed to set up a head-on legal challenge to the Roe v. Wade decision, fearing the Supreme Court might wipe out some of the gains achieved by abortion opponents in recent years.

"We'd like to continue on our successful strategy," Kathy Ostrowski, the group's legislative director, said during a pre-rally news conference. "We feel that we're making better strides that way."

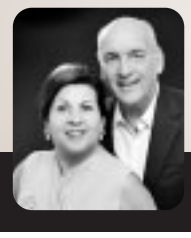
Tuesday's events won't be the only anniversary observances. The annual March for Life, which traditionally draws several hundred thousand abortion opponents to Washington, is scheduled for Friday.

Although bills to strengthen access to abortion are rare, there are some pending proposals in New York and Washington state.

In their state of the state speeches this month, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo endorsed a bill that would further entrench the right to abortion, while Washington's new governor, Jay Inslee, said he wants to enact a measure that would require insurers who cover maternity care — which Washington insurers are mandated to provide — to also pay for abortions.

Both Cuomo and Inslee are Democrats.

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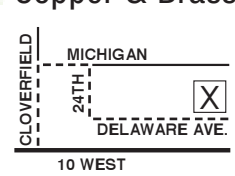
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FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3 ft
Fading NW swell. New WNW starts to fill in overnight.

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
New WNW swell; Larger 3-4' sets in the far western part of the county. Big AM high tide early

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
WNW swell eases; Largest early before fading through the day.
Larger waist high+ sets for standouts in the far western part of the county

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Possible new steep angled NW swell builds in but mostly bypasses the region

WIND / WEATHER SYNOPSIS

High pressure continues to dominate setting up favorable winds with mostly sunny skies, and warm afternoon temps. Tuesday starts off with mainly light offshore ENE-NE winds through the region, showing locally stronger near or below passes and canyons. Similar morning offshore winds continue into midweek with light+ onshore sea-breeze's picking up for the afternoons. This trend is expected to persist into the second half of the week.

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Abas creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	C	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Pomnice Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	A
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	B	D
Pearco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Malo Canyon storm drain at Pearco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	D	C
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Peas Creek at Los Tunnos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	B
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	C
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	C	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	D	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CSAW jetty).	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	B
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
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
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MLB

Time Warner Cable wins Dodgers television deal

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Time Warner Cable Inc. has won a contract to carry Los Angeles Dodgers games for at least the next two decades starting in 2014, snatching the games away from Fox Sports after this year's baseball season ends, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The deal has not yet been finalized, although it is to be announced within days, said the person, who was not authorized to speak publicly and spoke to The Associated Press on Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The Los Angeles Times earlier reported the nation's second-largest cable operator will pay around $7 billion to carry the games.

A second person familiar with the situation said that Fox Sports, a division of News Corp., had been prepared to pay more than $6 billion for a 25-year deal to keep the Dodgers on its Prime Ticket regional sports network. But it lost the bidding war after its exclusive bargaining period ended in November. The second person was also not authorized to speak publicly.

The contract marks the second major sports rights deal in three years for Time Warner Cable, which bought the rights to Los Angeles Lakers games in 2011 and launched regional sports networks covering them last year.

After paying an estimated $3 billion for the Lakers rights for 20 years, Time Warner Cable eked out higher fees from other TV distributors in Los Angeles, including DirecTV. The cable operator has said it is bidding for long-term sports carriage agreements to give itself certainty about rising sports costs.

Unlike the Lakers deal, in which Time Warner Cable launched and owns the channels carrying the games, in this case, the team will own a newly launched Dodgers channel but Time Warner Cable will operate it, create the programming and sell the feed to distributors and advertisers. The team will also maintain ownership of the TV rights.

The deal is a coup for the team's new owners, dramatically raising the amount of revenue it was receiving from TV rights, which reached about $40 million a year in 2012.

The new owners include Guggenheim Partners and Magic Johnson. They bought the team and the land around Dodger Stadium out of bankruptcy last year for $2.15 billion from Frank McCourt.

NHL

L.A. Kings activate Kopitar, send Stewart to minors

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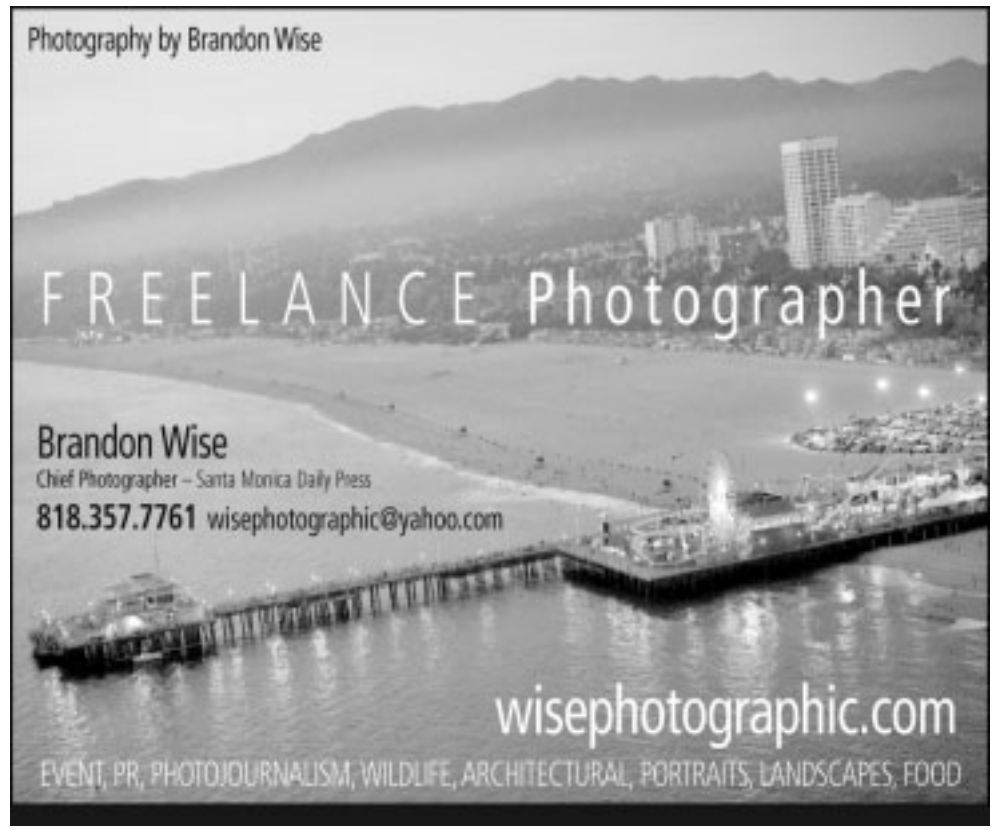
LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Kings have activated center Anze Kopitar from the non-roster list after their longtime leading scorer missed the season opener with a knee injury.

The defending Stanley Cup champions also assigned newly acquired forward Anthony Stewart to their AHL affiliate in Manchester on Tuesday.

Kopitar injured his knee shortly before the lockout ended in a collision while playing in Sweden. Kopitar has led Los Angeles in scoring in each of the last five seasons, and he shared the Kings' playoff scoring lead with captain Dustin Brown during last summer's run to their first championship.

The Kings acquired Stewart from Carolina last week for enforcer Kevin Westgarth. Stewart cleared waivers earlier this week.

Los Angeles put defenseman Matt Greene on injured reserve Monday with a back injury.



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1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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Parental Guidance (PG) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:10pm

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11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Mama (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 10:50pm

Haunted House (R) 1hr 20min
11:55am, 2:35pm, 5:15pm, 7:50pm, 10:20pm

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Happily head home tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You can get a lot done, and a lot faster than you think. Make calls, but postpone reaching out to someone important until you are relaxed. Tonight: Happily head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Deal with a money matter early on. That way, you won't need to worry or even think about it the rest of the day. Your energy could cause some friction with those around you. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite haunt.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Move quickly, and get as much done as possible. If you are considering going on a trip, there is no time like the present to start deciding when or where. Get more opinions and feedback regarding a problematic situation; there is a solution to be found. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Be honest with yourself -- you cannot get past your curiosity involving a matter that is hush-hush. By late afternoon, you might not even care, as you toss yourself into a project or hobby. News from a distance puts a smile on your face. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Even if a partner is pushing you hard, you seem to be able to handle the pressure. In fact, you use it to energize. You might wonder when enough is enough. Postpone a discussion until later. A loved one might share an intuitive hunch. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Accepting responsibility is fine, but adding to a personal problem because you don't want to say no is a separate issue. You have too much energy for your own good. Rather than snap at someone, move through your feelings and deal with your stress. Tonight: Dance stress away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. You'll want to resolve a problem, which means finding the other person involved. A loved one could be unusually aggressive. Tonight: Probably a very late night.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You can't seem to help yourself when dealing with a partner. This person has been unusually lucky with funds lately. Later on, make calls to someone at a distance whom you care about. Follow your psychic inclination. Tonight: Break past any self-imposed barriers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Question your alternatives rather than rush into the first option that heads your way. You will be much happier as a result. Your ability to act and understand will increase with more information. Tonight: Head home early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Attempt to get as much done as possible by putting off a meeting until later. This gathering easily could develop into a social happening. Why fight the inevitable? Plan ahead accordingly. Tonight: Let someone else make the choice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ At times, you can be so rebellious that you cause yourself a problem. Fortunately, this behavior most likely will happen at the beginning of the day. You'll want to fix this issue, and you will have plenty of time to do just that. Tonight: Make it early, if possible.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Getting going right now could be a major issue. You know full well that this type of fatigue is there to tell you to slow down. News from a distance causes a last-minute snafu. Try to define what is going on with this person before making adjustments. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

Happy birthday

This year you often might be inclined to risk. What you take chances on will define how you feel about success and failure. A new talent emerges that might be worthy of developing. The artist or business person within you emerges, which adds a great dimension to your life. If you are single, you could meet someone through your day-to-day life. You do not have to go hunting. If you are attached, the two of you might decide to splurge on a long-desired trip. CANCER might come in a little too close for your personal comfort.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



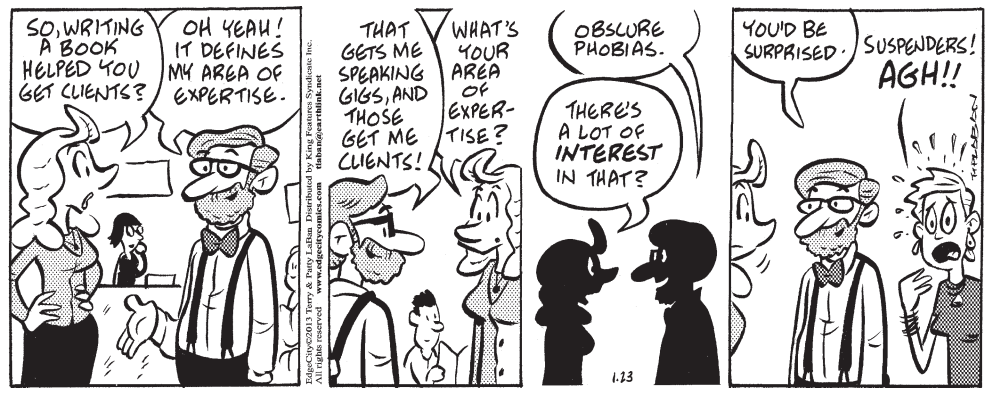
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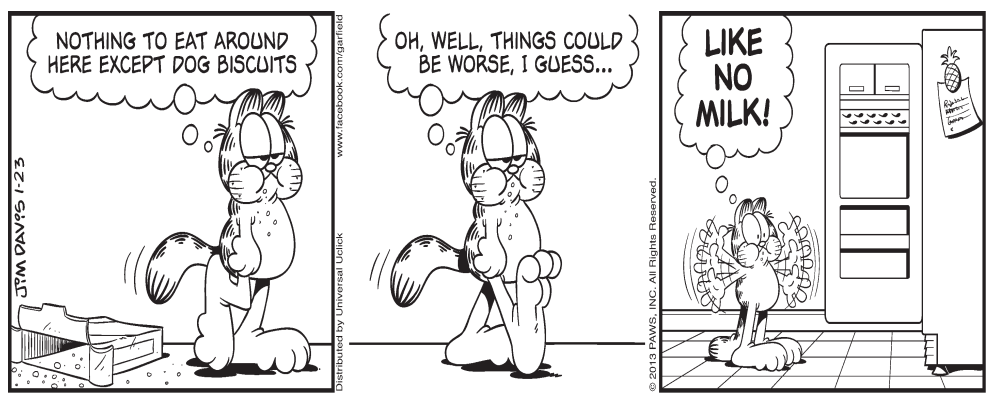
Dogs of C-Kennel
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Edge City
By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield
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The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 School dance
5 "— on First?"
9 Rabbit fur
11 Tennis setting
12 "Skyfall" singer
13 Reddish dye
14 Writer Anaïs
15 Bar choice
17 Bar choice
19 Hosp. sections
20 Over-indulge
21 Be a snoop
22 Pigeon's perch
24 Gal of song
26 Church sight
29 Brief time
30 Bar choice
32 Bar choice
34 Rock producer Brian
35 Take — for the worse
36 Lively dance
38 Lorelei's river
39 Factions
40 Filming locations
41 Be bold

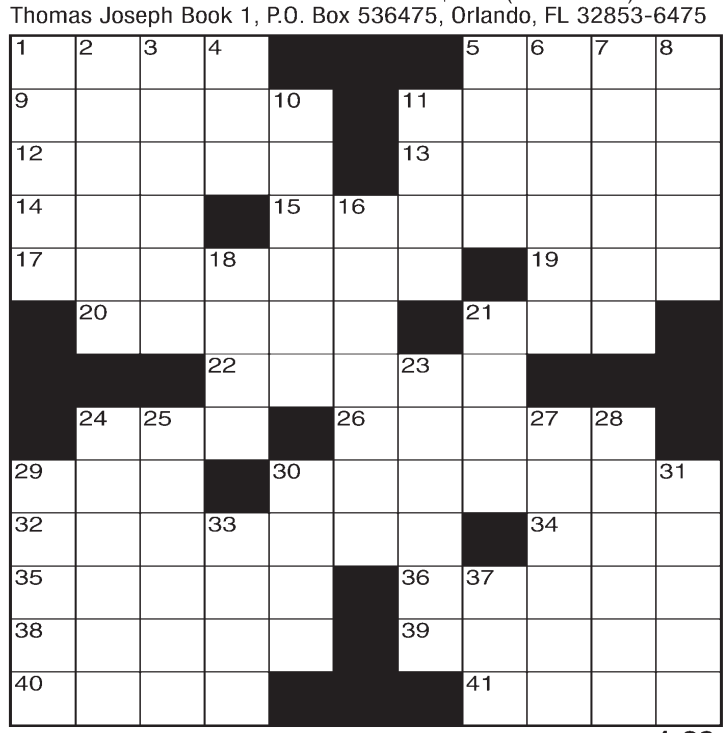
DOWN

1 Fallback strategy
2 Hams' needs
3 Lose one's inhibitions
4 Wire measure
5 Miseries
6 Squat (down)
7 Stubborn
8 Doesn't budge
10 Computer novice
11 Goatee setting
16 Brit's traveling bag
18 Bakery buy
21 Singer Seeger
23 Is smugly happy
24 Fume
25 Find not guilty
27 Meeting slate
28 Look-alike
29 Flag features
30 Trig function
31 Lasso loop
33 Fancy planters
37 Assist

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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 1/22
1 15 27 28 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 1/22
MIDDAY: 1 2 1
EVENING: 8 1 0

SANTA ANITA
Draw Date: 1/22
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 11 Money Bags
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Behold, the "McGyver" Spider: Biologist Phil Torres, working from the Tambopata national park in Peru, revealed in December that he had witnessed a tiny Cyclosa spider construct a replica of an eight-legged spider in a web made of leaves, debris and dead insects. Since the real spider was found nearby, Torres hypothesized that the wily arachnid had built a decoy to confuse predators.

■ Artist Maria Fernanda Cardoso, already known for her "circus" of performing fleas at Australia's Sydney Festival 10 years ago, has since become a legitimate academic expert on the sex organs of fleas and other insects. She debuted the Museum of Copulatory Organs last year near Sydney, teaching visitors such esoterica as: In many insect species, females are promiscuous; snails are hermaphrodites in which one shoots sperm "darts" that form rigid chastity-belt-like blockages on his mate; and a male flea copulates for eight hours straight (but only mates three times in his life).
A team of French researchers writing recently in the journal PLOS ONE described a species of European catfish, growing to a length of five feet, that feeds itself pigeons by lunging out of the water ("cat"-like) and snatching them, even if the leap carries it to shore. Like Argentinian killer whales, the catfish are able to remain on land for a few seconds while wriggling back into the water where they can enjoy their meal. The lead researcher said he filmed 54 catfish attacks, of which 15 were successful.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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