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COMING CLEAN? **The Yahoo! Center is one of four developments that has failed to live up to agreements made with City Hall.**

Four DA's remain out of compliance

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Four Santa Monica real estate projects have failed to live up to their obligations under so-called "development agreements" entered into with City Hall, according to a review of the agreements by the Planning and Community Development Department.

Under the agreements, developers responsible for the projects were required to provide "community benefits" — things like public art, open space and financial contributions to city programs — in exchange for exemptions to zoning requirements.

Since the early 1980s, 17 projects have been built under development agreements, according to a City Hall report. Four other developers have reached agreements with City Hall for large-scale buildings but have yet to construct their projects.

Of the 17 existing buildings, the four deemed to be out of compliance are: Saint John's Health Center, Paseo Del Mar, Yahoo! Center and the Dorchester residential building at 1040 Fourth St.

Some of the un-met obligations are relatively minor.

The Yahoo! Center, for instance, is out of compliance only because some parking spaces have been leased to off-site businesses, something not allowed under its agreement with City Hall. The property owners are asking for a deal agreement to allow the leases to continue, arguing the center's 3,085 parking spaces are more than enough for on-site needs.

And the owners of Paso Del Mar, a mixed-use building located at 1541 Ocean Ave., are in violation of their agreements because they still owe City Hall $23,000 worth of public art to satisfy the $75,000 arts contribution that was agreed to in 1982. The owners are working with the Cultural Affairs Division to come into compliance, according to a City Hall report.

By far the most substantial public benefit that City Hall was promised but has not yet received from a developer involves Saint John's Health Center.

The hospital, located at 1328 22nd St., agreed in 1998 to construct a 442-space subterranean parking garage and new entry plaza as part of its development agreement. In 2007, the hospital asked for a 10-year extension on that part of its deal, saying it would lease off-site parking spaces and operate a valet service in the meantime.

Four years later, the City Council has yet to consider the amendment. A hearing on the proposal is set to take place sometime this spring, according to City Hall.

The other out-of-compliance development agreement involves alleged violations of affordable housing restrictions put in

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SM employees receive $1.4M in bonuses

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica municipal employees received $1.4 million in performance-based bonuses for the fiscal year that ended in June, a big increase from the $291,000 they received the prior year but far less than the amounts they grew accustomed to before the current recession hit.

In 2007-08, for example, employees received more than $2.2 million in bonuses, according to City Hall records provided to the Daily Press.

The sharp decline in bonuses during the 2008-09 fiscal year came after former City Manager Lamont Ewell, faced with a projected multi-million dollar budget gap, reached an agreement with most eligible employee groups to forego bonuses but exempted the City Attorney's Office from the arrangement.

The $1.4 million payout for the 2009-2010 fiscal year was in keeping with an announcement from City Manager Rod Gould last June that he would consider awarding bonuses to all eligible employees but would reduce the bonus pool in light of continuing budget concerns.

With recent financial projections showing a deficit that could top $30 million in the next five years, Gould has called for belt tightening at City Hall departments and backed measures to increase revenue, including a half percent sales tax that voters approved in November and fee increases for a range of city services and programs.

In a statement e-mailed to the Daily Press last week, Gould argued his bonus policy struck the proper balance between appropriately rewarding employees who are entitled to bonus consideration under their contracts and helping reign in City Hall's expenses.

"We think the great majority of employees recognize how fortunate we are to have avoided layoffs and furloughs, which other cities have not been able to do," he said. "City employees recognize that these are difficult economic times."

Martha Santana, the president of the Santa Monica Municipal Employees

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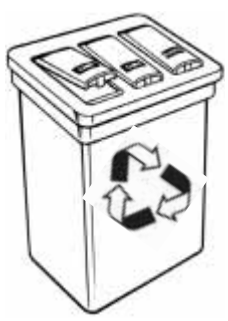
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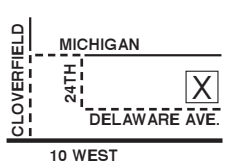


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Government in action
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1685 Main St., 5:45 p.m.
Watch your elected City Council members conduct Santa Monica's business. The council is expected to discuss a ban on single-use plastic bags among other topics. For more information, visit www.smgov.net.

Art opening
TAG Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave. D3, 5 p.m.
This opening will feature the works of a trio of artists. Exhibits include: John Clendening's "Chinatown Market & Apple Orchard Paintings"; Camey McGilvray's "Wood & Metal Sculptures"; and Josephine Vandergun's "Point Zero." For information, call (310) 829-9556.

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Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011

Homeless count
Citywide
11 p.m. — 3 a.m.
City Hall will hold its annual count of homeless individuals with the help of a legion of volunteers. The count is intended to help better understand the changing trends of the city's homeless population. For more information, call (310) 458-8701.

'The Donkey Show'
Santa Monica Museum of Art
2525 Michigan Ave., 7 p.m.
"The Donkey Show" in Project Room 1 is an audio-visual exploration of the intersection of myth and reality in Tijuana, focused on American expectations, misconceptions, and fantasies of Mexico.
For more information, call (310) 453-9184.

'Hoppy' Chinese New Year
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:45 p.m.
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SAMOHI

Emotional support for students, parents

Families are invited to a support session at Santa Monica High School tonight (Jan. 25) to discuss the community's psychological needs after the tragic suicide of Matthew Mezza, a freshman who jumped to his death Jan. 14 in front of horrified classmates.

The panel discussion, "After a Crisis: Understanding and Supporting your Child," will include ample opportunity for family members to ask questions and connect with counseling services. Therapists will be on hand.

Panelists include Dr. Monica Salinas, who serves the Latino community; Joel McLafferty, a therapist with Family Services of Santa Monica; Richard Lieberman, the coordinator of the Suicide Prevention Unit of the Los Angeles Unified School District; and Dr. Elaine Leader, cofounder and executive director of TEEN LINE, a confidential hotline for teenage callers.

The discussion is sponsored by Samohi and the PTA. It will be held at 7 p.m., in the Samohi Cafeteria.

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Helping troops phone home

A local funeral home is collecting old cell phones to help soldiers call their loved ones for Valentine's Day.

Gates, Kingsley & Gates Moeller Murphy Funeral Directors is asking its employees, residents and local business owners to donate "gently-used cell phones" as part of a nationwide recycling program Cell Phones for Soldiers, which recycles the phones and uses proceeds to provide pre-paid calling cards to U.S. troops.

"Helping families keep in touch with loved ones deployed around the world is one of the most important ways we can help support our troops," said Darlene Allen, grandmother of two deployed servicemen. "Enabling families to stay in touch, especially on days like Valentine's Day, when an extra 'I love you' and the knowledge that our soldiers are OK means more than most will ever know."

To donate, simply bring your cell phones to Gates, Kingsley & Gates Moeller Murphy Funeral Directors, 1925 Arizona Ave. Phones can be dropped off seven days a week between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. For more information, contact (310) 395-9988.

"What is a better day than Valentine's Day, the day that hearts speak, to give our military families another way to stay connected," said Jeffrey W. Baker, general manager of Gates, Kingsley & Gates. "We are proud to support Cell Phones for Soldiers as part of our commitment to our servicemen and women stationed around the world."

Cell Phones for Soldiers was created by Brittany and Robbie Bergquist of Norwell, Mass. After reading a story about a soldier who ran up a huge phone bill calling home from Iraq, these two teenagers decided to help out. They started by opening an account with $21 of their own money. They collect cash donations and old cell phones, which are recycled for cash.

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$100K contract for SM Festival to be awarded

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL The production company behind the Getty Museum Family Festival and Chinatown Summer Nights is in line to receive $100,000 from City Hall to produce the 20th annual Santa Monica Festival, a celebration of the city by the sea's diversity and commitment to the arts, culture and the environment.

Los Angeles-based Community Arts Resources, which has produced the festival before, is city staff's top choice. The City Council is expected to award the contract during tonight's meeting. The contract includes options for 2012 and 2013. The $100,000 covers the entire production costs, city staff said.

This year will mark the festival's 20th anniversary, which started in 1991 on the Santa Monica Pier. It moved to its current location in Clover Park in 1994, according to a city staff report. The festival features food, arts and crafts, music and gives residents an opportunity to interact with city departments and various nonprofits.

If hired, Community Arts Resources, which was one of three companies to be interviewed by staff from Community and Cultural Services, Housing and Economic Development and the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, would be responsible for hiring musical acts and attracting artists and vendors, and setting up stages and other infrastructure.

Money for the contract comes from the Cultural Affairs Division ($65,000) and the Office of Sustainability and the Environment ($35,000).

The festival will be held Saturday, May 7, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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PARKING ISSUES: **Saint John's Health Center is one of four projects out of compliance with City Hall development agreements.**

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place at the Dorchester.

The City Attorney's Office has filed a lawsuit over its allegations, which "is being vigorously contested by two owners of deed-restricted units," according to City Hall's report. Other property owners bound by the affordable housing rules at the Dorchester are complying with the deed restrictions.

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Listen to the residents

Editor:

City Hall has adopted a Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) with years of input from the community to set standards and conditions for development, but the plan must now be implemented. An interim LUCE ordinance has been proposed by city staff as the first phase of that implementation and last week it received unanimous support from the Planning Commission. Developers and their lawyers and lobbyists were not happy. They will be back at City Hall tonight (Tuesday, Jan. 25) when the ordinance comes up for a vote by the City Council. This ordinance deserves and needs community support if the powerful lawyers and lobbyists hired by developers with projects in the pipeline are to be prevented from persuading the council that the interim ordinance is "unfair."

It is not.

One law firm representing a developer with a pending Downtown project claims the interim ordinance would "unfairly burden" their clients who would "need to start over." The fact is the only reason a new Downtown project would have to "start over" is because the project doesn't meet LUCE standards, not because of some red tape generated by the interim ordinance.

In my opinion this interim LUCE is a prudent measure that would stop developers from advancing projects in our Downtown unless they meet the standards the community has called for, including traffic mitigation and community benefits.

I do not believe that the current City Council is controlled by developers, but how they vote tonight will reveal much of just who they are listening to – the residents or the developers. Residents must let their voices be heard. The developers are sure to be there in force.

Tricia Crane
Santa Monica

Being sustainable isn't cheap

Editor:

As a proud city of Santa Monica certified green studio and winner of the 2008 Santa Monica Sustainable Quality Award, I support efforts in energy conservation and recycling.

Unfortunately, my change-over to halogen incandescents and compact fluorescents has been expensive and disappointing. The incandescents began burning out at six months! I was so upset, I began writing the date installed on each bulb base to track their life span. None have lasted one year. I have some incandescent spotlights in my studio that have lasted 10 years! I know this because my ceilings are 25 feet and to change a bulb is memorable.

I vote against controlling the consumers' choices in how they light up their life. When the energy-saving bulbs are also money-saving bulbs, I'll get on board.

For now, I cannot afford a $7 bulb every six months. I'll live with the delay as the bulb reaches brightness, but I am not getting what I'm paying for in illumination.

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David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Video made the Internet star

ON AUG. 1, 1981 A NEW CABLE TELEVISION channel went live. MTV began airing videos, and started with "Video Killed The Radio Star" by The Buggles. Thirty years ago that first video planted the seeds for the revolution that has become how we interact with the world. MTV has offices today in Santa Monica on Colorado Avenue and 26th Street and is a valued resource for jobs in our fair city.

Today, there are hundreds of cable and satellite channels that feed our voracious need for information. YouTube is a major player in the video world and is owned by Google, which has a Downtown Santa Monica office. Search on YouTube and you'll find an array of videos from the comically amateurish to the professionally polished, on topics as bland as "How to Crochet" to the cringe inducing "How To Field Dress a Deer."

The Internet has become more than an educational resource and Santa Monica has played a large role in that. For years we were the home base of a little company called Geocities. I worked there for a while in the business development department post law school, before they were bought out by Yahoo, which also has offices here across the street from the Water Garden on 26th Street and Olympic Boulevard.

The park at Yahoo! Center is a lovely place to relax or walk a dog. The gardens are designed to use as little water as possible, and there are tennis courts available. I go there on a semi-regular basis to walk the pooch, but he seems to prefer the water features and ducks across the street at The Water Garden.

As a focal point of media, Santa Monica has many of the resources necessary to enter into the fray. There are the production companies on Olympic, and post houses like SMV on 11th Street, and still others like Loyal Studios on 17th Street that provide turnkey videography, complete with green screen capabilities and craft services.

For a divorce and child custody lawyer to know all of this may seem odd. But there's a reason. I've been developing my website, www.MensFamilyLaw.com with a blog, and books to sell. Those are the traditional ways in which the Internet is used to get people's attention. Blogging is just writing in a shorter form, and usually quicker than writing a column for the paper, and certainly quicker than writing three books for men on the law.

But as I've grown my site, and studied the ways in which people are using the Internet for both entertainment and education, it has become a visual medium. People search for information by using keywords, but they watch videos to learn how the information can help them.

That is why I bought a Flip camera last week. It's a cool, little high definition video camera that is so easy to use, even I can't bollix it. The fun I had this weekend shooting extra video around town was invigorating. I shot video of the Santa Monica Pier, the beach, Montana Avenue, all over the city.

I'm going to be using my laptop and this Flip camera to make videos for my website. I had the opportunity to go shopping at Santa Monica Camera on Wilshire Boulevard and Seventh Street. It's a great little shop, and I'm pretty sure they will be seeing more of me soon.

In my videos I'll be answering questions, and doing a series on what is available for fathers to do with their kids on the weekend, highlighting all the activities we have in town.

Men generally are more visual and aural creatures, and would prefer to watch someone talking about an activity and showing them how to do something, rather than reading about it. That's why I think it is important to have videos that showcase all that we have to offer dads. Dads are spending the precious little time they have with their children, and they need quality places to enjoy. By showing them what we have here, I hope to help their relationships.

The revolution started long ago at MTV, and continues today. We're lucky that in our town, we have many resources to provide that information to the world.

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Newspaper says chances missed on pipeline rules

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO Federal regulators missed at least two chances in recent years to force Pacific Gas & Electric Co. and other utilities to gather more accurate data on their natural pipelines, according to an investigation by the San Francisco Chronicle.

The Chronicle reports in its Sunday edition that the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration first considered tougher reporting rules in 2003, but then decided against the idea.

When the idea came up again in 2005, a trade organization representing PG&E opposed the expanded rules, according to the newspaper.

The issue of the accuracy of pipeline records has come to the forefront after last September's deadly pipeline explosion in San Bruno that killed eight people and destroyed dozens of homes.

Weeks after the blast, the federal pipeline agency enacted stricter rules forcing companies to report the types of techniques they were using to check their pipelines.

The stricter requirements, approved in November, but won't be imposed until next year.

A spokeswoman for the agency, Julia Valentine, said the agency had determined that regulators should conduct audits of the companies instead of having the companies report how they were conducting their checks.

PG&E has admitted in documents that its records were inaccurate, but Kirk Johnson, the utility's vice president for pipeline operations told the Chronicle that the utility maintains a detailed pipeline inspection plan.

"The regulators have the right to see it anytime they want," he told the newspaper.

He dismissed the idea that tougher reporting requirements would have lessened the chances of the San Bruno explosion.

"I don't think that has any play in what happened in San Bruno," Johnson said.

The utility declined to offer additional comment to The Associated Press on Sunday.

The report in the Chronicle comes after federal investigators said Friday they found dozens of defects and cracks in welds that held together segments of the pipe.

The decades-old welds could have failed after being weakened over the years by increases in pressure made to accommodate growing consumer demand, engineering experts who read the report told The Associated Press.

The National Transportation Safety Board previously determined the pipeline had experienced a spike in pressure just before the Sept. 9 blast in San Bruno, a quiet community south of San Francisco.

The report released Friday did not identify the cause of the explosion.

Razzies nominate 'Twilight,' 'Airbender' as year's worst films

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES Vampires, werewolves and airbenders lead the pack at the Razzies, an Academy Awards spoof that hands out prizes for the year's worst films.

The blockbuster supernatural tale "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" and the action fantasy "The Last Airbender" tied for the most nominations Monday with nine each, including worst picture.

Also nominated for worst picture are Jennifer Aniston's action comedy "The Bounty Hunter," Sarah Jessica Parker's romantic romp "Sex and the City 2" and the "Twilight" parody "Vampires Suck."

"Twilight" star Kristen Stewart had a worst-actress nomination for her role as a teen caught in a love triangle involving her vampire boyfriend (Robert Pattinson) and werewolf pal (Taylor Lautner). Pattinson and Lautner both were nominated for worst actor.

Razzies founder John Wilson said that though "Vampires Suck" was a "Twilight" spoof, "Eclipse" actually was funnier to watch.

"I know people who are into 'Twilight' who take it totally seriously and they're very vociferous," Wilson said. "Those of us who are not 'Twi-hards', we don't get it. I don't actually know any teenage girls who have had to make the choice between a werewolf and a vampire."

"The Last Airbender" was adapted from the animated TV series about a young hero with the power to reunite feuding nations of people who can control air, water, fire and earth. "Last Airbender" filmmaker M. Night Shyamalan received Razzie nominations for worst director and screenplay.

The Q Line

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Banning jets

The City Council suffered a loss in its drive to ban some jets at Santa Monica Airport last week.

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A personal injury is a type of harm that an individual suffers as a result of someone else's wrongful act or omission (failure to act when they should have). The types of injuries suffered vary depending on the circumstances and can include, among others, broken bones, lost sight, severed limbs, and death. Also, the wrongful injury causing event could be something caused without fault or intentionally. An example of an unintentional harm is when somebody accidentally rear ends the car in front of them because they simply were not paying attention. This is commonly referred to as negligence. Negligence, in a nutshell, means that a person either did something or did not do something, which resulted in someone else getting hurt. The actual legal requirements are a little more complex, but this simplified explanation will work for now.

Regarding personal injuries caused by the intentional or reckless acts of others, intentional acts include rape, assault, battery, and other types of physical and emotional abuse. Examples of reckless conduct that can cause harm to innocent people are drunk driving, discharging a firearm in public or detonating explosives in public places.

Whether we are talking about personal injuries caused by negligent, intentional or reckless acts, the law generally provides that victims of such conduct who suffer harm are entitled to compensation. And in some instances, victims are also eligible to receive punitive or exemplary damages to ensure that the person or business that caused the harm in the first place does not repeat its bad conduct. More about punitive damages in a minute. For now, let us talk about injury compensation.

What can the law do for you if you have suffered personal injuries caused by someone else? In a perfect world, the need to bring a lawsuit to receive compensation for your injuries would not be necessary because the person who caused the harm would apologize and then endeavor to pay for the damage they caused. The current Court system requires, and actually prefers, that those responsible for harming someone else accept responsibility and pay to the victim reasonable compensation. Reasonable compensation includes such things as lost wages, lost future wages if the hurt person can no longer do their job, the payment of past and future medical bills, and the costs of future and ongoing care if the person can no longer care for themselves. There are additional items that constitute reasonable compensation but the list can be infinite because each person and each harm is unique.

Regarding punitive damages, the imposition of punitive damages is designed to prevent more people from getting hurt. The prevention aspect of punitive damages is to create a "sting" to the defendant. A proper "sting" is only effective if the defendant feels it financially. Stated differently, generally, punitive damages are determined on an ability to pay basis. So do not be surprised when you hear or read about a jury that made a big punitive damage finding because it likely means that someone got hurt real bad or died, the defendant did something really bad, and the defendant has the financial wherewithal to pay the damages.

As a public service announcement, be leery of the argument and those promoting it that customers pay when there are big punitive damages awards. This is not really accurate because safe business practices actually save money in the short and long terms. And do not forget, we live in a civilized society and quick profits should never trump personal safety and well-being. Pass it on.

Why personal injury or victim compensation lawsuits? A lawsuit is necessary because sometimes those responsible for causing harm do not take responsibility for the harm. The Court case is designed to address issues of fairness. If the bad person caused the harm, the jury is empowered by law to tell that bad person to fix it. The concept is simple and injury victims should not be frowned upon because they were forced to file a lawsuit in the first place. After all, they did not ask to get hurt.

One more thing, if you have been hurt be someone else, or you know of someone who has been hurt by someone else, make sure medical attention is the first thing on everyone's mind. Take care of the injuries first. Worry about lawyers and lawsuits as a last resort and trust that the person or business that caused the harm will fix it. If not, then call a lawyer. To ensure that you receive what the law provides for your situation and injuries, be sure to seek the assistance of a lawyer.

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LOS ANGELES

LAX opens new 'nerve center'

Officials have unveiled a new facility designed to improve operations and manage emergencies at Los Angeles International Airport.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa on Monday dedicated the nearly $14 million Airport Response Coordination Center, which began operating last month after 15 months of construction.

Villaraigosa called the facility a nerve center, bringing airfield, terminal, maintenance and security staff to one place. He said it will improve communications and streamline day-to-day operations.

The center is also capable of becoming an emergency response center to manage crises.

Officials say that by improving coordination, they can reduce response time to major incidents and keep passengers moving.

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON

Feds, state officials to propose new fuel rules

The federal government and California say they will coordinate on new proposals to increase vehicle fuel efficiency for future cars and trucks by Sept. 1.

The Transportation Department and the Environmental Protection Agency are working on new standards for vehicles that will be built during the 2017-2025 model years. Prior to Monday's announcement, the California Air Resources Board had planned to issue its own proposal for the same time period by March.

California has pushed for more stringent air pollution rules than required by the federal government but agreed last year to comply with federal rules up to the 2016 model year.

Officials say the single timeframe will lead to more cooperation between the federal government and California on the standards.

AP

PASADENA

Suit claims poor care at mental hospital

An employee of a Pasadena psychiatric hospital catering to rock stars and actors claims it provides substandard care.

The Los Angeles Times says the federal suit was filed last year by a mental health worker against Aurora Las Encinas Hospital and its owners. The suit, which was recently made public, cites a 2006 patient death and three more deaths and a rape at the hospital in 2008.

The suit alleges treatment failed to meet federal standards.

Hospital spokesman Eric Rose tells the Times that the claims are false.

The hospital, which charges as much as $1,600 a night for private rooms, was warned last year that it could lose federal funding unless it corrects some problems.

State officials also have accused a doctor and two nurses with negligence in connection with two deaths.

AP

VISALIA

Autistic Central Valley teen found safe in SoCal

An autistic teen who disappeared from a Central Valley group home last week has been found in Southern California.

Visalia police Sgt. Gary Williams tells the Visalia Times-Delta that 17-year-old Michael Glennon was found Friday in Riverside County, where his mother lives. He appeared to be in good health.

Glennon reportedly left his group home in Visalia around 7 p.m. Thursday and boarded a freight train headed south.

Williams says Glennon's family didn't notify Visalia authorities of the teen's return until Monday, and officers spent the weekend searching for him.

AP

SAN FRANCISCO

Police find woman's body in burning car

San Francisco police are investigating the early morning death of a woman whose body was found inside a burning car.

Officer Albie Esparza, a police spokesman, says the discovery was made around 3:18 a.m. Monday when firefighters responded to reports of a gray 2000 Pontiac on fire in the city's Lower Haight neighborhood.

Esparza says the woman's body was found in the car's passenger seat. The vehicle had been illegally parked on a one-way street.

Homicide and arson investigators are trying to determine the circumstances leading up to the fire and the woman's cause of death.

Her name has not been released.

AP

CONCORD

Police investigate attack on disabled man

Concord police are investigating the alleged assault of a mentally disabled man by a group of teenagers.

Authorities say a 32-year-old man was attacked Sunday night outside his home by up to seven teenage boys on bicycles.

The Contra Costa Times reports the boys allegedly began teasing the man by throwing rocks at him and hitting him with sticks.

AP

COMPTON

Parents call petition check process unfair

Parents and activists using a landmark law to force reform at a struggling school accused district officials Monday of trying to block the process through an unfair, intimidating policy to verify signatures on their petition.

"This is clearly not about 'verifying' anything — it is about the district making up new rules to try to throw away the petitions that we have already submitted," said Ismenia Guzman, a leader of McKinley Parents for Change.

Attorney says security at fault in school shooting

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The shooting of two 15-year-olds during a class at a Los Angeles high school could have been avoided if officials had followed proper security protocol and searched students for weapons, a lawyer for a wounded boy said Monday.

The family of Trendell Gholar, who was hit Jan. 18 by a bullet at Gardena High School, intends to file a damage claim against the Los Angeles Unified School District — although no dollar figure has been worked out yet — and will sue if the claim is rejected, said attorney Joseph M. Barrett.

Authorities said the boy and a girl were wounded after another student reached into his backpack during class and a gun went off. A 17-year-old boy has been charged with two felony counts of bringing a gun to a school zone and discharging it. He remains in juvenile custody.

"This is a tragedy that was inevitable because there was no security on these campuses" and that created "an atmosphere of danger," Barrett said at a news conference, expanding on comments he made in a statement last week.

"The children on that campus didn't feel like anyone was watching them so they could do what they needed to do to protect themselves."

Police have not publicly commented on why the student brought the gun to school.

The girl remains hospitalized. The bullet didn't penetrate her brain, but it fractured her skull, and doctors said it was too early to determine whether she might have suffered permanent damage.

Gholar, who claims he spent 40 minutes alone in a nursing office before paramedics reached him, is "struggling" and has been back to the hospital twice in recent days, Barrett said.

The bullet hit Gholar first and went through his neck but doctors said it missed vital arteries, nerves and his spine.

Gholar told KCAL-TV Friday that he didn't see the gun go off and thought it might have been a bomb.

"I just seen like a big hole in the backpack and he (student who owned the backpack) was trying to hurry up and get out of the classroom," Gholar said.

The district declined to comment on Barrett's specific remarks because it does not comment on pending litigation, spokeswoman Susan Cox said.

However, a district statement said that Deasy is leading a review "of all the facts and circumstances" surrounding the shooting.

The Los Angeles Unified School District requires high school campuses to perform daily checks of students at random times using hand-held metal detectors. After the shooting, Superintendent-designee John Deasy said Gardena High staff had not performed the check that day.

"Providing a safe and healthy environment for our students is a top priority for the district, so we intend to learn as much as we can from the events to ensure that students are appropriately treated and cared for in emergency situations," the statement said.

Judge wants probation for Octomom's fertility doctor

SHAYA TAYEFE MOHAJER
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A California judge believes Octomom Nadya Suleman's fertility doctor should be allowed to keep practicing medicine, and the state's move to revoke his license was too severe, according to a copy of the proposed decision obtained Monday.

Dr. Michael Kamrava should be placed on probation for five years for his substandard treatment of Suleman and two other patients, Judge Daniel Juarez said in the 46-page document provided to The Associated Press.

The Beverly Hills fertility doctor still faces a final decision by the Medical Board of California, which is expected to meet this week to discuss the case and other business.

Kamrava has testified that he implanted Suleman with 12 embryos — six times the norm for a woman her age — before the pregnancy that resulted in her octuplets.

Kamrava also said Suleman had agreed to have fetal reduction if too many of the embryos became viable, but the now-infamous multi-mom never returned for follow-up care, despite his repeated attempts to reach her.

The babies were born Jan. 26, 2009 and have become the longest-living set of octuplets in the world.

Juarez found that Kamrava "committed acts of gross negligence and repeated negligent acts" by implanting too many embryos in Suleman and a 48-year-old patient whose name was not used during the proceedings.

The other patient was implanted with seven embryos resulting in quadruplets, but one fetus died before birth.

Kamrava succeeded in presenting a defense to the majority of allegations, the judge said.

The evidence did not establish Kamrava "as a maverick or deviant physician, oblivious to standards of care," the decision said.

The decision proposes to revoke Kamrava's license then stay the action and place him on probation for five years.

Under probation, Kamrava would be required to enroll in an ethics course, have his practice monitored by a licensed physician and submit quarterly reports on his compliance.

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MAKING EXTRA CASH: **Santa Monica municipal employees received $1.4 million in performance-based bonuses for the fiscal year that ended in June.**

BONUS
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Association, could not be reached for comment.

Of the top 20 bonus recipients in 2009-10, 13 are lawyers in the City Attorney's Office. The biggest bonus, $19,969.20, went to Deputy City Attorney Lance Gams. Non-attorneys who received top-20 bonuses include Police Chief Tim Jackman ($10,251.60), Housing and Economic Development Director Andy Agle ($8,439), Finance Director Carol Swindell ($8,738.40) and Planning Director Eileen Fogarty ($9,433.20).

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Controller to examine redevelopment agencies

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO The state controller's office announced Monday that it will examine how well tax dollars are being used by redevelopment agencies, which have emerged at the center of a debate over California's budget.

Controller John Chiang said his office will examine 18 of the state's more than 400 redevelopment agencies, including those in Los Angeles, Sacramento and Riverside.

The audit will review how well agencies are fighting urban blight, whether they are sending enough tax money to school districts, and the compensation levels of their executives.

Gov. Jerry Brown has proposed a phase-out of redevelopment agencies, known as RDAs, as one way to help close California's $25 billion deficit. City and local government officials have criticized his plan, defending redevelopment agencies as one of their main tools to kick-start construction projects and create jobs.

The Democratic governor said the tax revenue would be better used for schools and public safety but city officials fear Brown is taking away an important economic development tool.

"The heated debate over whether RDAs are the engines of local economic and job growth or are simply scams providing windfalls to political cronies at the expense of public services has largely been based on anecdotal evidence," Chiang said in a statement. "As lawmakers deliberate the governor's proposal to close RDAs and divert those funds to local schools and public safety agencies, I believe it is important to provide factual, empirical information about how these agencies perform and what they bring to the communities they serve."

Chiang spokesman Garin Casaleggio said the controller hopes to have the audit completed in early March to inform lawmakers as they take up the redevelopment debate as part of budget negotiations. He said the 18 agencies were selected to reflect urban, suburban and rural communities.

Krista Noonan, a spokeswoman for the California Redevelopment Association, said the selected redevelopment agencies are encouraged to participate in the audit.

"We're confident that the controller will finally validate that redevelopment is a major economic development tool," Noonan said. "It's the best job creator in California right now."

Chris McKenzie, executive director of the League of California Cities, said redevelopment agencies create 304,000 jobs each year, over half of them in construction. They generate $40 billion in statewide economic activity, he said.

Redevelopment was a movement born out of the post-World War II era as an effort to fight urban decay. Today there are 425 redevelopment agencies in California and they have authority to acquire land using eminent domain, clean up or demolish dilapidated properties, and develop them for commercial and residential use.

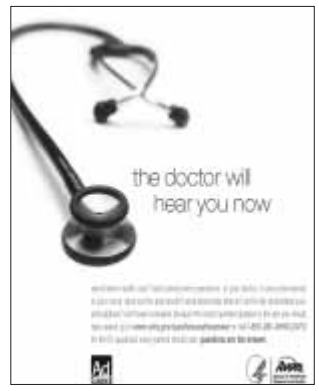
The agencies are funded by increases in property tax revenues from the blighted areas they fix up, known as tax increment financing.

Over time, critics say redevelopment has become a cash cow for developers of big box retailers, sports arena and even amusement parks while cities, counties and schools are losing out on billions in property taxes. According to the state controller's office, tax increment revenues amounted to $5.7 billion in 2008-09, an increase of 5.8 percent from the previous year.

Last fall the state Senate Office of Oversight and Outcomes found the public has little assurance that redevelopment officials were spending 20 percent of their revenues on affordable housing as the state requires.

The report looked at a dozen redevelopment agencies and found much of affordable housing funding was being used on staff salaries and administration, rather than for constructing and rehabilitating homes. The report also raised questionable spending practices, such as hiring a lobbyist and funding a public relations campaign.

Noonan, of the redevelopment association, said that while any case of abuse is one too many, there are "hundreds of other good things that redevelopment is doing throughout the state."



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Ordinance Numbers 2339 - 2344 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinance Numbers 2339 - 2344, which were adopted by the City Council on January 11, 2011.

Ordinance Number 2339 (CCS) amends the taxicab franchise with Bell Cab Company to award an additional 8 taxicabs.

Ordinance Number 2340 (CCS) amends the taxicab franchise with Independent Taxi Owners' Association to award an additional 8 taxicabs.

Ordinance Number 2341 (CCS)amends the taxicab franchise with Metro Cab Company LLC to award an additional 13 taxicabs.

Ordinance Number 2342 (CCS) amends the taxicab franchise with TMAT Corp. dba Taxi! Taxi! to award an additional 13 taxicabs.

Ordinance Number 2343 (CCS) amends the taxicab franchise with L.A. Taxi Cooperative, Inc. dba Yellow Cab Company to award an additional 8 taxicabs.

Ordinance Number 2344 amends Chapter 4.04 of the Santa Monica Municipal Code to replace the prohibition against bee keeping
with a new code provision that allows bee keeping in single family neighborhoods subject to various restrictions intended to protect safety.

These ordinances will become effective thirty days after their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the city Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone (310) 458-8211.

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Dow average nears 12,000

CHIP CUTTER & DAVID K. RANDALL
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) The Dow Jones industrial average closed within 20 points of 12,000 Monday, its highest point since June 2008.

Technology stocks rose after Intel Corp. increased its dividend and said it would buy back more of its stock. The company gained 2 percent.

Materials companies rose after a report from the National Association for Business Economics showed that economists are more positive about economic growth and the job market than at any time since the start of the Great Recession in December 2007.

Vulcan Materials Co., Alcoa Inc. and Sealed Air Corp. each gained more than 3 percent. Alcoa, which jumped 4.1 percent, was the top-performing stock among the 30 that make up the Dow Jones industrial average.

The Dow gained 108.68 points, or 0.9 percent, to 11,980.52. The last time the average closed above 12,000 was June 19, 2008.

The broader Standard and Poor's 500 index rose 7.49, or 0.6 percent, to 1,290.84. The Nasdaq composite gained 28.01, or 1 percent, to 2,717.55.

Gains were spread across the market. Financial and health care companies were the only two of the 10 company groups that make up the S&P index to fall.

McDonald's Corp. gained 0.5 percent to $75.38 after it said it meet analyst expectations and warned that rising food costs could affect its margins this year.

J.C. Penny Co. jumped 7 percent to $32.52 after the retailer said it would close some stores and its catalog business to reduce costs.

Three stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume came to 4 billion shares.

Congresswoman's shooter pleads not guilty

JACQUES BILLEAUD
Associated Press

PHOENIX The suspect in the shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords smiled and nodded but didn't speak as he appeared in court Monday and his lawyer provided the 22-year-old's first response to the charges: a plea of not guilty.

In the two weeks since the deadly attack outside a Tucson grocery store, Jared Loughner's hair — shaved in the mug shot that's become an enduring image of the tragedy — has grown out slightly. The 22-year-old Tucson resident wore an orange prison jumpsuit and glasses, and his wrists were cuffed to a chain around his waist as eight U.S. Marshalls kept watch in the packed Phoenix courtroom and gallery above.

Loughner faces federal charges of trying to assassinate Giffords and murder two of her aides. He will later face state charges in the attack that killed six people, including U.S. District Judge John Roll and a 9-year-old girl.

Investigators have said Loughner was mentally disturbed and acting increasingly erratic in the weeks leading up to the attack on Jan. 8. If Loughner's attorney uses mental competency questions as a defense and is successful, Loughner could be sent to a mental health facility instead of being sentenced to prison or death.

But his attorney, Judy Clarke, said she wasn't raising issues of competency "at this time" after U.S. District Judge Larry Burns of San Diego asked whether there was any question about her client's ability to understand the case against him.

Giffords was shot in the forehead and twelve others were injured in the shooting. The Democratic congresswoman spent two weeks in a Tucson hospital before she was flown to Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center Hospital on Friday. Shortly after her arrival, doctors said she had been given a tube to drain a buildup of brain fluid that has kept her in intensive care.

Hospital spokesman James Campbell said Monday the next update on Giffords condition would come when they are ready to move Giffords to the rehab hospital.

Prosecutor Wallace Kleindienst estimated that he would know within the next 30 days whether additional federal charges would be filed against Loughner. Kleindienst said prosecutors provided defense lawyers with records taken from Loughner's computer and documents of about 250 interviews made in the case.

The judge did not rule on prosecutors' request to move the federal case back to Tucson so that victims and witnesses do not have to make the four-hour round trip drive to Phoenix to attend court hearings. The case was moved because one of those killed, Roll, was a federal judge.

Clarke said she didn't oppose the request at this time, but questioned where Loughner would be jailed in Tucson if the case were moved.

Clarke has not responded to requests seeking comment. She is one of the top lawyers in the country for defendants facing prominent death penalty cases, having represented clients such "Unabomber" Ted Kaczynski and Olympic bomber Eric Rudolph. She has a reputation for working out plea deals that spare defendants the death penalty, as was the case for Rudolph and Kaczynski.

The judge set a March 9 hearing to consider motions in Loughner's case.

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Restaurant-goers turn to home cooking in tough times

ELLEN GIBSON
AP Retail Writer

Eating at home may be one of the few behavioral changes from the recession that stick.

Forced to eat more meals at home when money was tight, people learned new habits. Some discovered they enjoy cooking and dining in. As the economy improves and families have more spending money, they're still saving restaurants for special occasions.

Restaurants traditionally have led other types of businesses out of a recession. This time, they're at least a year and a half behind retailers. Sales of clothing grew 5 percent last year and autos rose 11 percent, as Americans started feeling better about their finances. At casual sit-down restaurants like Outback Steakhouse, the increase was just 1 percent. Some analysts say that could be the new norm.

President of her own marketing agency in Raleigh, N.C., Beverly Murray, 46, never thought she'd have time to cook. But in 2008, her business tanked. Suddenly dropping $10 or $20 on every meal was not an option. So she got to know her stove. Now she subscribes to Cooking Light magazine and even has a signature dish, chipotle seared chicken.

When she does go out, she says, it's a special occasion with friends. Having lost 30 pounds as a pleasant consequence of cooking at home, she is sticking to the new routine, even as business picks up.

"People are becoming not only accustomed to eating at home, they're enjoying it," says Darren Tristano, executive vice president of restaurant consulting firm Technomic Inc. "They can sit in front of their 50-inch flat-screens and not have to tip a waiter."

Americans lead the world in restaurant spending. About 44 percent of food dollars are spent outside the home — a figure that started rising sharply in the 1970s, as more women joined the work force. Full-service restaurant revenue rose 5 to 7 percent a year in the decade leading up to the Great Recession, which halted growth. Over the next decade, visits to restaurants are forecast to increase less than 1 percent a year, according to the NPD Group. That's less than the population will grow.

Instead of handing their money over to mediocre eateries during the week, people are saving up for the occasional nice meal, says Stifel Nicolaus analyst Steve West. Meanwhile, cooking has become hip, says Rick Smilow, president of the Institute for Culinary Education, where registration for recreational courses was up 10 percent last year.

Diet fads produce no quick fix

LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON Before there was Dr. Atkins, there was William Banting. He invented the low-carb diet of 1863. Even then Americans were trying out advice that urged fish, mutton or "any meat except pork" for breakfast, lunch and dinner — hold the potatoes, please.

It turns out our obsession with weight and how to lose it dates back at least 150 years. And while now we say "overweight" instead of "corpulent" — and obesity has become epidemic — a look back at dieting history shows what hasn't changed is the quest for an easy fix.

"We grossly, grossly underestimate" the difficulty of changing behaviors that fuel obesity, says Clemson University sociologist Ellen Granberg, who examined archives at the Library of Congress. She believes it's important to show "we're not dealing with some brand new, scary phenomenon we've never dealt with before."

Indeed, the aging documents are eerily familiar.

Consider Englishman William Banting's account of losing almost 50 pounds in a year. He did it by shunning "bread, butter, milk, sugar, beer and potatoes, which had been the main (and I thought innocent) elements of my existence" in favor of loads of meat.

His pamphlet, "Letter on Corpulence, Addressed to the Public," quickly crossed the Atlantic and become so popular here that "banting" became slang for dieting, Granberg says.

While obesity has rapidly surged in the last few decades, we first changed from a nation where being plump was desirable into a nation of on-again, off-again dieters around the end of the 19th century, Granberg says.

Before then, people figured a little extra weight might help withstand infectious diseases that vaccines and antibiotics later would tame. It also was a sign of prosperity. But just as doctors today bemoan a high-tech, immobile society, the emergence of trolleys, cars and other machinery in the late 19th century scaled back the sheer number of calories people once burned, Granberg explains. Increasing prosperity meant easier access to food.

"An excess of flesh is to be looked upon as one of the most objectionable forms of disease," the Philadelphia Cookbook declared in 1900. Low-cal cookbooks hadn't arrived yet; the calorie wasn't quite in vogue.

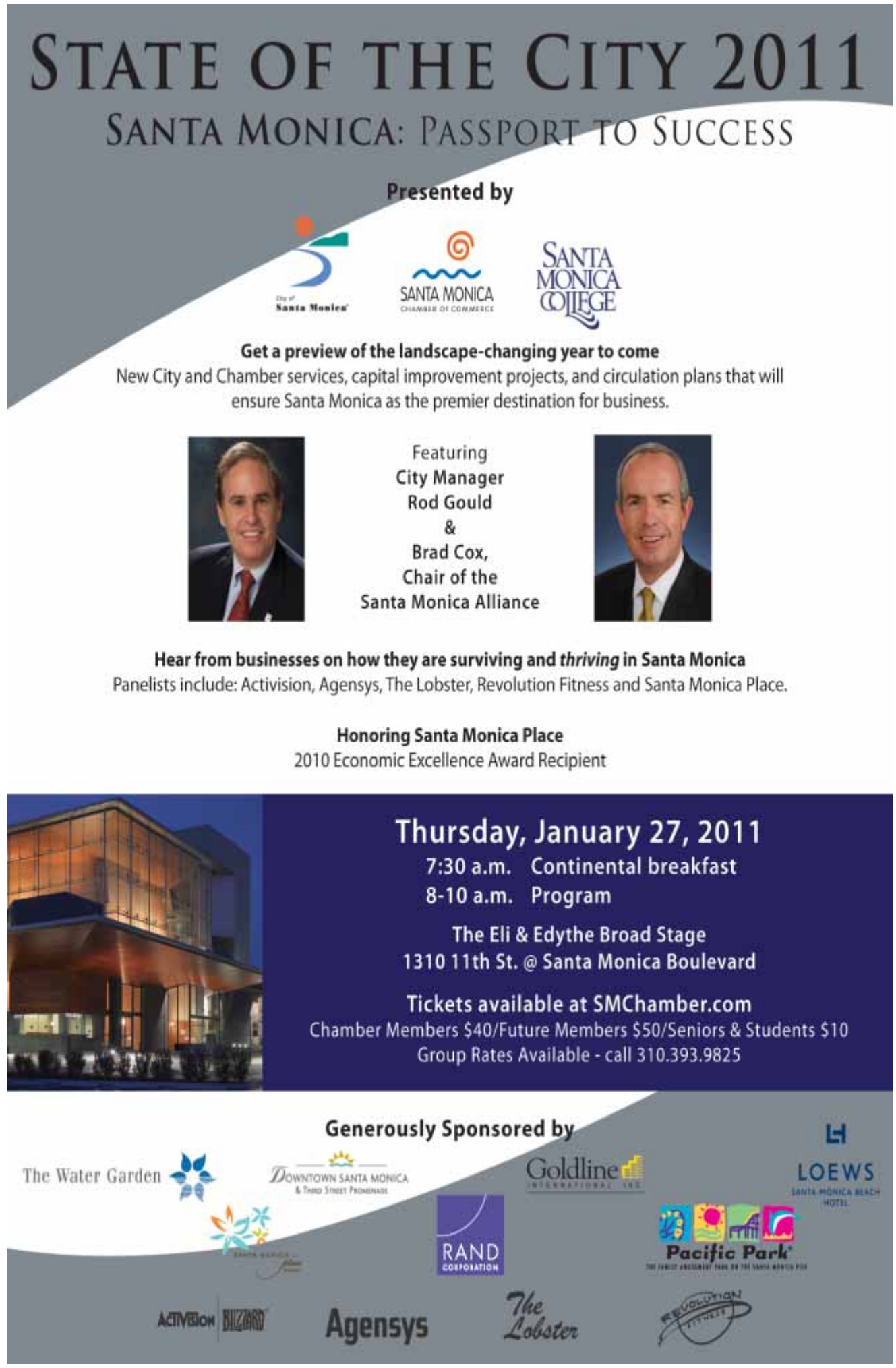
By 1903, La Parle obesity soap that "never fails to reduce flesh" was selling at a pricey $1 a bar. The Louisenbad Reduction Salt pledged to "wash away your fat." Soon came an exercise machine, the Graybar Stimulator to jiggle the pounds. Bile Beans promoted a laxative approach.

As the government prepares to update U.S. dietary guidelines next week, the Library of Congress culled its archives and, with Weight Watchers International, gathered experts recently to discuss this country's history of weight loss.

Granberg recounted how real nutrition science was born.

The government's first advice to balance proteins, carbohydrates and fat came in 1894. A few years later, life insurance companies reported that being overweight raised the risk of death. In 1916, the Department of Agriculture came up with the five food groups. Around World War II, charts showing ideal weight-for-height emerged, surprisingly close to what today is considered a healthy body mass index.

Diet foods quickly followed, as did weight loss support groups like Overeaters Anonymous and Weight Watchers — putting today's diet infrastructure in place by 1970, Granberg says.





Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

A further decline, around head high max for west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see size drop to chest+ around west facing breaks, with still some rare head high pluses.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 19, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 16
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 27 / 11
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 16 / 31

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	B	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Aline creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	D	F
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	F	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	B	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	C	B
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	C
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	D	C
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	B	A
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	B
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	D

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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MLB

Torre considers gig with league office

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Joe Torre may not stay retired much longer.

The former Los Angeles Dodgers manager is leaning toward accepting a job with Commissioner Bud Selig that would allow him to stay in Los Angeles.

"He's got a position that he thinks that I can handle," Torre told The Associated Press on Monday. "I know we're on the same page, and I think it's just a matter of just sort of crossing the Ts and dotting Is at this point in time."

Torre said he's still resolving some questions in his own mind, but he expects to decide in the next two-to-three weeks. Selig's office is based in New York, but Torre says the commissioner hasn't said he couldn't work from Los Angeles.

The 70-year-old Torre retired in September after three years managing the Dodgers, ending a career on the bench that included overseeing the New York Yankees. He played 17 years in the major leagues.

"I've been in the dugout forever, I know what I'm doing there," Torre said. "When you start all of a sudden saying, 'This is your job,' it's not necessarily fear, it's just not sure about being able to do a job. With all the subject matter we've talked about, I feel good about it."

Torre said he and Selig haven't discussed job titles, but they have determined what responsibilities the job would entail, although he declined to be specific.

"I'd rather have that come from the league office," he said before teeing off in his Safe at Home Foundation's golf tournament at Wilshire Country Club.

"I want to do something that I feel useful. It really intrigues me the fact that I think this could fill the bill."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Stafon Johnson sues USC over weight-room accident

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Former Southern California running back Stafon Johnson has sued the university and an assistant conditioning coach for negligence in the weight-room accident that crushed his throat in 2009.

Johnson's suit filed Monday in Los Angeles Superior Court seekes unspecified damages.

Johnson was bench-pressing 275 pounds in the USC weight room when the bar dropped or fell onto his neck.

His throat and larynx were crushed and he required reconstructive surgery.

The suit says Johnson suffered permanent injuries and loss of future earnings.

A USC statement says the school believes it wasn't at fault and calls the lawsuit disappointing.

Johnson played for the Tennessee Titans in the 2010 NFL preseason but was sidelined by a game injury.

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Somewhere (R) 1hr 38min
12:05pm, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:20pm

True Grit (PG-13)
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Dilemma (PG-13)
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

Way Back (PG-13) 2hrs 12min
12:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm, 9:00pm

Dead Awake (R) 1hr 29min
9:35pm

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

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

No Strings Attached (R) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 1:20pm, 2:10pm, 4:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 7:50pm, 9:40pm, 10:30pm

Dilemma (PG-13) 1hr 58min
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Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
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Country Strong (PG-13) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

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

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Social Network (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:20pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

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

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

Another Year (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

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

Blue Valentine (NC-17) 2hrs 00min
12:50pm, 4:05pm, 7:05pm, 9:50pm

Tangled (PG) 1hr 40min
12:00pm, 2:25pm, 4:50pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Company Men (R) 1hr 53min
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Green Hornet 3D (NR)
12:20pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Unbeaten (NR) 1hr 30min
7:15pm, 9:40pm

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

Time to socialize, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Defer. It makes others feel confident that you trust them. That thought might or might not be true. Let others think what they so choose. A friend could be surprisingly difficult or touchy. Tonight: Schedule some one-on-one talk time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Complete what you must. A boss or an older person might not be aware of how demanding a request might be. Develop better communication between you and this person. Start sharing. An unpredictable friend is just that -- unpredictable! Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your creativity adds to your ability to accomplish projects. Someone might see you as a solution-finder. Communication or a sense of direction leads you to a new option. Tonight: Could be late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Stay centered, and understand what others want as opposed to what you might think they need. You have a decision to make. Remain sensitive to the individual and tuck judgment away. Your perception simply might not be appreciated. Tonight: Let fun in; let your inner child out.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Make that extra effort to connect with others. A wave and a "hi" can elevate someone's mood and change his or her day. A close associate or someone you have money dealings with could be unpredictable. Strap on your seat belt. Tonight: Happy to get home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take a hint from Leo. Be aware of how much needs to be accomplished. Look to the end results. Determine what must be done first. Let others play devil's advocate; in fact, encourage just that. Sometimes you don't see the complete story or you miss a detail. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others often find you to be a great source of ideas. Handle all the people and inquiries. The question remains: What is essential for you to complete? A shortcut won't work. Add perspective and humor into a personal situation. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ If you can work from home, do. You might get a lot more done. Nevertheless, a flirtation or a child has the capacity to toss your plans in the air. You actually might be a touch uncomfortable if this happens. Screen distractions! Tonight: Smiling broadly -- finally. Time to socialize.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Meetings might point the way. You might be taken aback by a premonition. You might be startled by how right-on you could be. The unexpected tends to jolt you back into the here and now. Take your time responding. Tonight: A little mystery goes a long way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You assume your normal role. Investing too much -- be it money, hours or an innate gift -- into a project could be a mistake. Use care with transportation and communication. An element of surprise runs through this area of your life. Tonight: Find your friends.

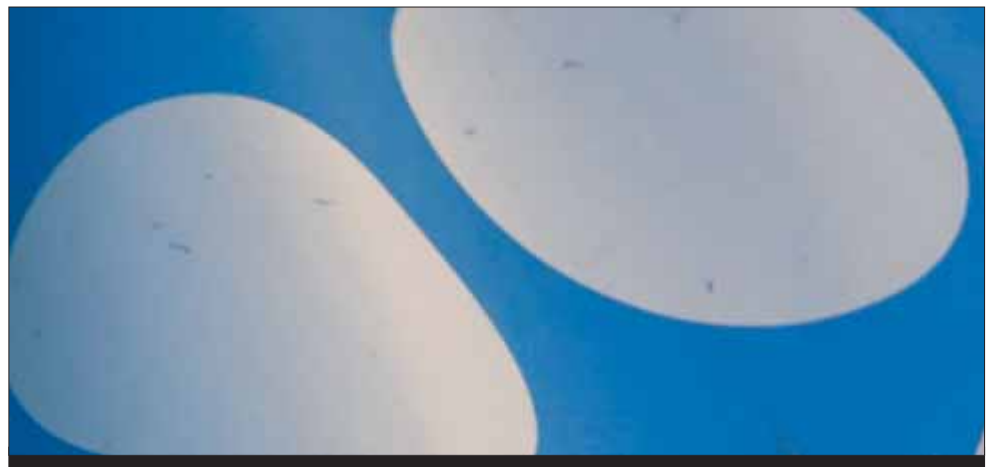
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Look for the passage you have not seen. Decide where you might be holding yourself back. Open yourself up to a risk. What you aspire to or want is great; now make it happen. You pull the wild card financially. Tonight: Catching up on everything that you didn't do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ A partnership, though perhaps not acknowledged, could be instrumental in moving forward. Travel and education could be some of the paths to the end. Try not to declare that something is impossible or untenable. By doing this, you are making sure it is. Tonight: Break out of the box in your thinking.

Happy birthday

This year, you often choose to pull back and take the high road. Experiences will open you up to many different perceptions. You gain compassion and acceptance. Travel could play a significant role. Many of you will go back to school and seek more specialization. If you are single, someone quite different could strut into your life any day. This friendship could be a real eye-opener. If you are attached, the two of you will experience greater closeness as you open up to new outlooks. Schedule a special vacation together. SCORPIO can push your buttons.

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



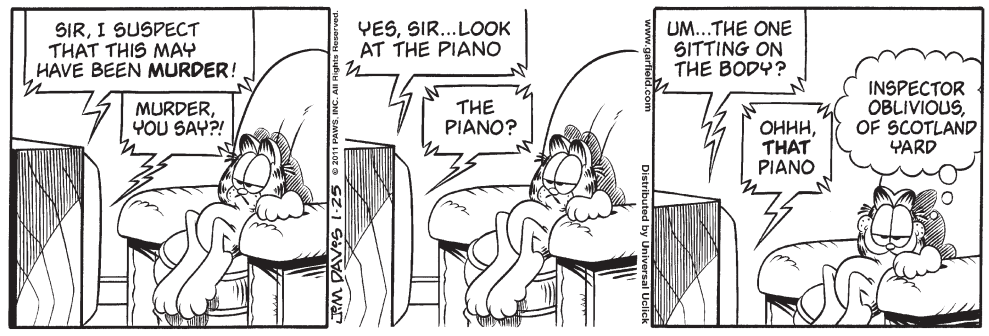
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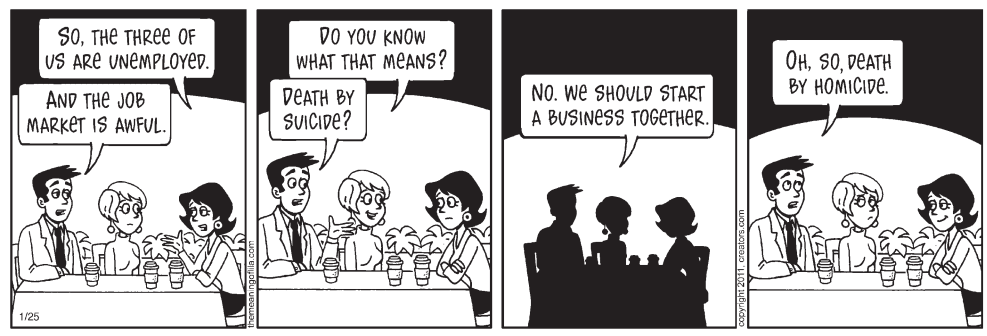
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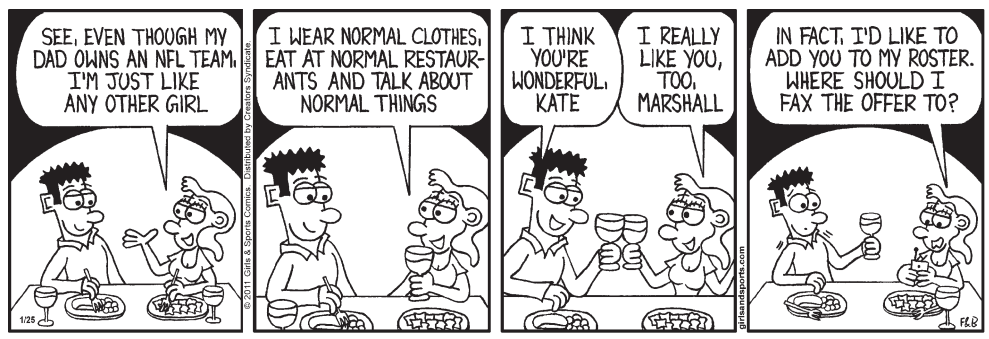
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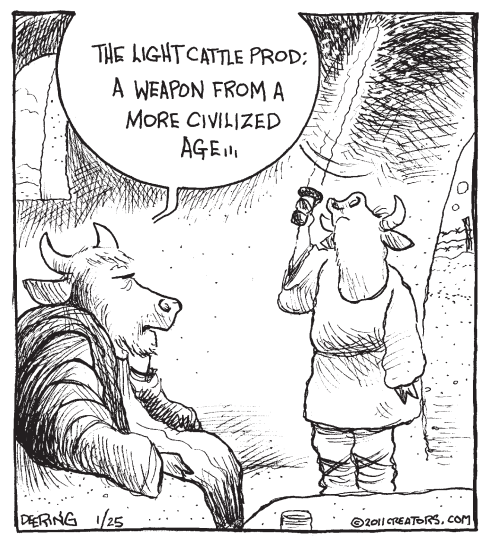
Girls and Sports

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Strange Brew

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Reciprocal
7 Ready for picking
11 Willing to consider
12 Heaps
13 Mexican revolutionary
15 Easy gaits
16 Hive group
18 Quill points
21 Lairs
22 Succeeded after a struggle
24 Antique
25 Bread spread
26 Old roadster
27 Trance
29 Extinct bird
30 Whirl
31 Muscle quality
32 Morley of CBS
34 Don Quixote's squire
40 Lotion additive
41 Area
42 Ties the knot
43 Autocrat

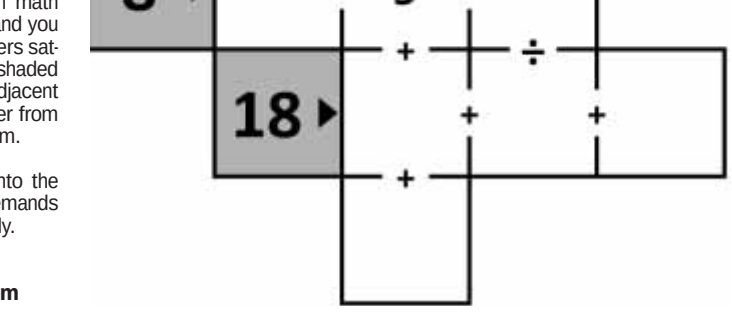
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1 Custodian's tool
2 — tree (cornered)
3 Wallet bill
4 Dad's brothers
5 One of the Musketeers
6 Velcro feature
7 Granola bit
8 Under the weather
9 Campaigner, for short
10 Greek vowel
14 Malice
16 Pants accessories
17 Finish
19 Chemical element
20 Soft leather
21 Uno doubled
22 Kids' card game
23 Also
25 He was swallowed by a great fish
28 Fishy sign
29 Head-covering scarves
31 Plains abode
33 Nixon's successor
34 Carpentry tool
35 Saloon brew
36 Silent OK
37 Tiny taste
38 Menagerie
39 Termite's cousin

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

3, 5, 7, 8, 11, 12

Solution for Task 228

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 5 9 21 35 38 Meganumber: 20 Jackpot: $63M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 2 19 24 35 45 Meganumber: 12 Jackpot: $9M

Fantasy 5: 1 6 9 15 32

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 2 9 4 EVENING: 8 1 0

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 05 California Classic 2nd: 08 Gorgeous George 3rd: 01 Gold Rush RACE TIME: 1:45.97

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A sculpture on display at Normandale Community College in Bloomington, Minn., was stolen in December. The piece, by artist John Ilg, consisted of wire mesh over a frame, with 316 rolled-up dollar bills stuffed in the mesh. The piece was titled, "Honesty." (Attitudes have changed in the two years since the piece was first presented, at the Minnesota State Fair, when visitors liked it so much that they added rolled bills to the display.)

■ Elected officials caught violating the very laws they have sanctimoniously championed are so numerous as to be No Longer Weird, but the alleged behavior of Colorado state Sen. Suzanne Williams following her December car crash seems over-the-top. Though a strong seat belt and child-seat advocate, Williams was driving near Amarillo, Texas, with her two unbelted grandchildren when her SUV drifted over the center line and hit another vehicle head-on, killing that driver and ejecting Williams' 3-year-old grandchild, who survived with injuries. A Texas Department of Public Safety report noted that Williams was seen scooping up the child, returning him to the SUV and belting him in.

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1881 Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell form the Oriental Telephone Company.

1890 Nellie Bly completes her round-the-world journey in 72 days.

1909 Richard Strauss' opera Elektra receives its debut performance at the Dresden State Opera.

1915 Alexander Graham Bell inaugurates U.S. transcontinental telephone service, speaking from New York to Thomas Watson in San Francisco.

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1924 The 1924 Winter Olympics opens in Chamonix, France (in the French Alps), inaugurating the Winter Olympic Games.

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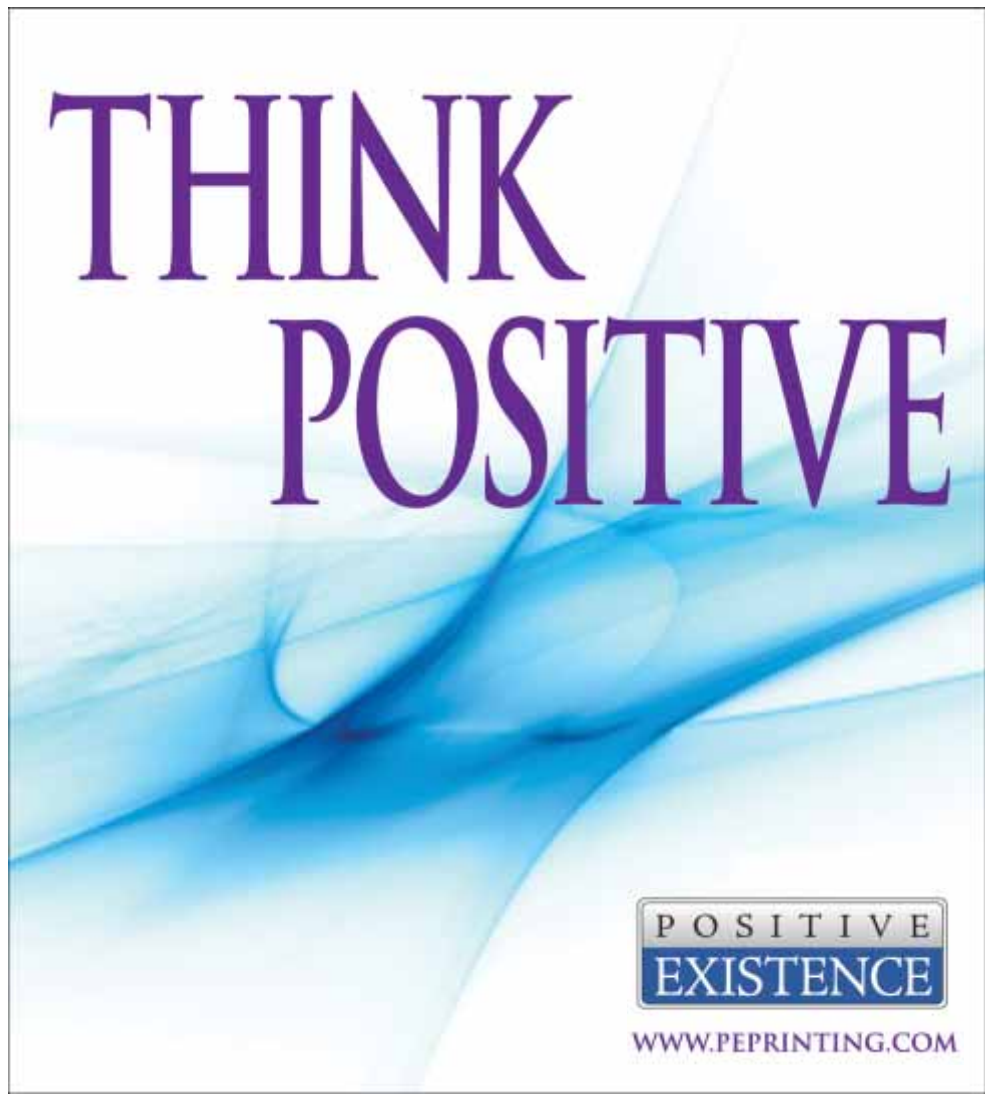
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