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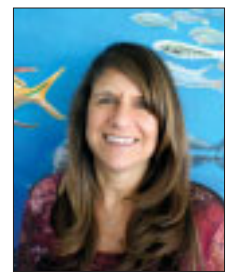
DANCE IT OUT

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Elementary school students compete in the third annual Ballroom MADNESS at Santa Monica High School on Monday. The students competed in the meringue, foxtrot, rumba, tango, swing and waltz. Roosevelt Elementary school came in first place, Pt. Dume placed second and Edison finished third.

Heal the Bay shakes up organization

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer



HALL

SM PIER Heal the Bay announced a change up in its management team Tuesday in preparation for the departure of long-time president Mark Gold, who has accepted a position with UCLA.

Karin Hall, Heal the Bay's current executive director, will lead the staff of the 27-year-old Santa Monica-based environmental nonprofit and Stephanie Medina Rodriguez, who has served on its board for eight years, will succeed Matthew Hart as chairperson of the Board of Directors.

The board decided to eliminate the position of president, a job it created for Gold in 2006 so that he could begin branching out from the day-to-day operations of the organization and into other roles in local boards and commissions, or writing editorials for Heal the Bay, Medina Rodriguez said.

"It made sense," she said. "Most nonprofits lead with an executive director … We decided that we have a full team, and a strong executive director."

At the same time, Gold had begun working with staff to develop a succession plan to ensure that when he left, the role that he had filled as the organization's frontman was divvied up amongst the 43 staff members that remained.

"We spent the last five years thinking about and building the organization so that when he left, the impact wouldn't be so horrible on the work that we're doing," Hall said.

Under the new organization, Hall will continue to provide day-to-day management for Heal the Bay and help guide the organization as it moves forward with its mission to educate people about the impacts

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Brawl breaks out at Samohi after close game

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI A fight broke out between Santa Monica High School basketball fans and supporters of the opposing team after a tense game that ended in a last-second victory for Samohi at the home game Friday night.

Approximately 30 people were involved, and Samohi students, parents and employees were punched, pushed or kicked by parents and students from Morningside High School, according to Samohi Principal Laurel Fretz.

The conflict lasted two to three minutes before eight police cars arrived on campus. Another four also responded to the call, according to the Santa Monica Police Department.

Tensions began before the game started, said Jordan Mathews, a junior team leader, and continued into the game.

Both Morningside coaches were ejected from the game during the last minute of play for double technical fouls, and Samohi scored the game-winning point in the last four seconds.

After the game ended, Morningside fans were directed up one pathway to board their buses and Samohi fans were pointed to a different direction to get to their cars or to walk home.

"Morningside fans, both students and adults, disregarded the directives of our administrators and security officers and approached Samohi fans," Fretz wrote in a message to the school community.

The crowd dispersed before police arrived on the scene.

"We are working with SMPD, our superintendent, (California Interscholastic Federation-Southern Section) and the principal of Morningside High School and Inglewood High School to ensure nothing like this ever happens again," Fretz said.

CIF-SS will not get involved with the incident because it happened outside the game, said Thom Simmons, spokesperson for the organization.

Principal Reginald Sirls of Morningside declined to comment for this article.

Samohi's basketball team will have a rematch on the road at Morningside on

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What's Up Westside

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A bug's life
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Cirque du Soleil's "OVO" is under the big top by the sea. In this show, Cirque delves into the secret lives of bugs to tell their unlikely stories. The show runs through Feb. 26. For more information, call (800) 450-1480.

Our story
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Already attracting rave reviews, David Cromer directs this adaptation of Thorton Wilder's "Our Town," the deceptively simple story of the birth, life and death of ordinary couple Emily Webb and George Gibbs; but within their story lies a piece of us all. Featuring award winning actress Helen Hunt. For more information, call (310) 434-3200 or visit www.thebroadstage.com.

Make it count
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10:30 p.m.
Santa Monica needs volunteers for the annual Homeless Count. Volunteers will gather at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium for training and then take to the streets to visually count the homeless population. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/homelesscountvolunteer.aspx.

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012

Troubled teens on stage
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 5:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Created and performed by members of the Teen Performance Lab, "Alone: A Cry for Help in Three Acts" explores the detachment and disconnection that can tear a home apart. Cost: $10. One night only. For more information, call (310) 394-9779 or visit www.santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Big band
Santa Monica High School, Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
The award winning Samohi jazz bands kick off the new year with a too-cool concert featuring trombonist Andy Martin. There's also an auction where the prize is the jazz combo playing at your next party or event. Cost: $10 adults, $5 students and seniors. Middle school students are free with an ID. For more information, visit www.samohiband.org.

Hollywood by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
Thomas Ince is mostly remembered for his mysterious death and connection to William Randolph Hearst, but during his show business career as a movie producer and more, he was involved in some of the most important projects of his day. At "Inceville: The Studio by the Sea," speaker Eric Douglas lectures about this important personality from Hollywood, and Santa Monica, history. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 395-1308 or visit www.facebook.com/SMBWC.

Friday, Jan. 27, 2012

Carrying the torch song
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd.,
8 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Singers Brianne Martin and Diana Wyenn present an ode to the love song, a medium that has infatuated musicians since the beginning. Featuring music by artists from Cole Porter to Mozart to Tom Waits, as well as special guest appearances. Cost: $10 adults, $5 students and seniors. For more information, call (310) 458-8634 or e-mail milesplayhouse@smgov.net.

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Google makes data easier to share across platforms

RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES Google Inc. is overhauling the way it treats user data, linking information across its array of e-mail, video and social-networking services so that information gathered in one place can be used in another.

For example, if you spent the last hour logged into Google to search the Web for skateboards, the next time you log into YouTube, there's a good chance you'll get recommendations for videos featuring Tony Hawk.

The changes take effect March 1 and remove some of the legal hurdles that Google faced by having more than 70 different privacy policies across various services. Now, there will be one main policy covering services such as Google Plus, Gmail, search, YouTube and Maps, with separate ones covering sensitive services such as Google Wallet.

Still, the changes could irk privacy critics because of the sheer volume of information collected — including your location, list of contacts and the contents of your email.

Google hopes to improve the user experience across its different services and give advertisers a better way to find customers.

"If you're signed into Google, we can do things like suggest search queries — or tailor your search results — based on the interests you've expressed in Google (Plus), Gmail, and YouTube," the company says on a new overview page for its privacy policy. "We'll better understand which version of Pink or Jaguar you're searching for and get you those results faster."

Ryan Calo, director for privacy at the Stanford Center for Internet and Society, said Google is trying to do the best it can to simplify its privacy policy and make it transparent without bogging down people with pages of legalese. The privacy documents now run about 10,000 words, down from 68,000.

But he said the company still needs to be careful how it uses the data so that it helps users, without revealing sensitive information.

"If it creeps people out, then they need to be aware of that," he said.

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NICE MOVE: **Chris Collins (left) breaks the grasp of a Morningside player earlier this season. He has committed to Boise State.**

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi players make college choices

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI The Vikings' number of NCAA Division 1 football commits has grown by two with the decisions this week by Kori Garcia and Chris Collins.

Joining the list of Santa Monica High School's prized recruits that includes Chad Wheeler, who has already started classes at USC, running back Garcia has decided to play for Cal Poly San Luis Obispo while Collins will suit up for Boise State, Head Coach Travis Clark said on Tuesday.

Both players made their decisions known over the weekend with Collins taking to Facebook to post a picture with his future head coach, Chris Petersen. Collins is expected to play linebacker, a position he dominated while at Samohi.

"At this point, the rabbit is out of the hat," Clark said. "[Recruiters] know we have players who can play on the next level. It brings a lot of excitement and motivation to the program."

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No whooping cough deaths in state last year

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES California did not suffer a single death from whooping cough in 2011, the first year since 1991 that there have been no fatalities in the state from the highly contagious illness, health officials said Tuesday.

The news comes after the state experienced a whooping cough epidemic in 2010 when 9,000 were infected. Most vulnerable to the disease are infants too young to be fully immunized. Ten babies died after exposure from adults or older children.

Cases of whooping cough, also known as

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Story behind funeral homes

Editor:

As the former cemetery administrator for Woodlawn Cemetery, I would like to respond to two recent letters to the editor I read in the SMDP. The first letter was from Margaret Coyne entitled "From the cradle to the grave" dated Jan. 16, 2012. In the letter, Ms. Coyne cited "outrageous prices for gravesites" at Woodlawn Cemetery. I just wanted to note that Woodlawn's prices are competitive with other cemeteries in the local market and in many cases lower.

On Jan. 23, 2012, Sam Feinberg in a letter to the editor entitled "Not a good business move" indicates there was once five mortuaries in Santa Monica which have all closed down except for Gates, Kingsley and Gates mortuary located at 20th and Arizona. Mr. Feinberg is suggesting that the five mortuaries closed down due to lack of business and wonders how the Woodlawn Mortuary will be successful. What Mr. Feinberg does not realize is the fact the five mortuaries were all purchased by Service Corporation International (SCI), a publically-traded conglomerate which owns thousands of mortuaries and cemeteries worldwide including the local Gates, Kingsley and Gates mortuary. The fact is SCI as part of an aggressive acquisition business model is known for swooping into towns and purchasing as many "mom and pop" funeral homes as they can in turn merging them into one mortuary or centralizing operations for economies of scale. This is what was done in Santa Monica. The five local mom an pop mortuaries were closed down and their business was funneled into the sole remaining Gates, Kingsley and Gates mortuary. Based on the death rate, there are more than 900 deaths locally each year which is more than enough to support several mortuary establishments. It was my idea to establish a full-service mortuary on the grounds of Woodlawn Cemetery to provide the community with the convenience and economy of making all end of life arrangements at one single location. In June 2011, the city of Santa Monica became the first and only municipality in the state and nation to open a mortuary. If the city follows my advice and engages in an aggressive and comprehensive marketing and advertising campaign the mortuary and cemetery will be successful and will operate in the black. As a side note, Woodlawn Mortuary's prices are half of which the corporation-owned Gates, Kingsley and Gates charges for the same services and you won't find a more dedicated and caring staff.

Virgil A. County
Former administrator, Woodlawn Cemetery



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In it for the long haul

IT WAS EIGHT YEARS AGO THIS WEEK that I started dating my husband. That's 56 years in dog years, or 12 percent of Bernie Madoff's life sentence. Either way, it seems fitting.

In the time that we've been together, Rick has grown what I deem appropriately and sufficiently scared of me. It's a cue we've taken from my parents' relationship, I believe.

My dad recently returned from a grocery trip only to be promptly sent back out again by my mom to correct the perishable-food errors he made.

"You're always sending him back out," my older niece observed to my mom as my dad slammed the door to the garage on his way back out.

"That's because he's always wrong," my mom replied.

In my dad's defense, I think he does it on purpose — makes mistakes, that is — to get out of the house. That, and he likes to keep tabs on the latest happenings in the produce aisle. ("Did I mention the Asian pears are back!" he's been known to exclaim to me during our daily phone calls.)

My husband does the same thing when I send him to the store. That is, he makes mistakes. And he still manages to make them even while calling me from each and every single aisle of the store to ask questions. I'd like to think he annoys me on purpose so I'll stop asking him to shop, but there are some special kinds of ignorance that you just can't make up. (Yes, I agree the supermarket shouldn't sell expired milk in the first place, but who doesn't look at the date on the carton before putting it in their cart? And P.S. — nondairy creamer is not an acceptable milk substitute if the store has run out of 1 percent and no one in your family is lactose intolerant.)

The good thing about your spouse having a healthy fear of you is that little is ever your fault. Like on Sunday when I went to take a load out of the washing machine and found a seemingly infinite amount of little chemical gel balls plastered to our daughters' clothing.

"Did you wash a diaper?" I asked.

He looked panicked. "I didn't think I did," he said guiltily as I dug out and held up a soggy yet intact Dora pull-up diaper, minus its insufferable innards. "But I guess I did."

I sighed. Loudly. Never mind that he does 95 percent of the laundry in our house (probably because he rivals our 3-year-old budding fashionista in the amount of laundry he actually generates) and receives very little credit. I suppose it's entirely possible that I could have put the pull-up in the wash, too. But he's happy to absorb the blame, and I'm happy to assign it. Our marriage is generally pretty happy like that.

What I really strive for is to become a kind of Greek chorus in Rick's life, like my mom is in mine (although I aim to do it with more romance and less Monday morning quarterbacking of why I've yet to clear the remainder of my childhood possessions out of my parents' home). I think it's one of the benefits of marriage: you get to live with someone who will serve as your own figurative sideline commentator or coach while never having to worry about a literal cooler full of Gatorade being dumped on your head.

It was long ago that I started verbally closed-captioning Rick's every move (or so he would argue). Like Statler and Waldorf from The Muppets, it's kind of perversely pleasurable to add my two cents to everything he does. Well, it's pleasurable for me. And since I'm always right, he just lets me nitpick. It's what I do best, I've come to realize. He won't argue that point, or at least he won't belabor it.

Don't be fooled, however — of course there's something in it for him, too. Living with me makes the prospect of leaving for work — or a root canal — immensely pleasurable at all times for Rick. He practically skips out the door each morning, and while I can't actually see it, I can feel that the moment he steps outside he's Tebowing the fact that he gets to go somewhere for between eight and 12 hours that is free of my constant play-by-play analysis of his every move.

It's the thing that separates marriage from everything else: the ability to incessantly criticize while simultaneously loving the one you're with to bits and pieces. And let there be no mistake about it — if I didn't adore Rick endlessly, I wouldn't say a word. And because he loves me right back, he doesn't.

Like Bernie Madoff in North Carolina's Butner Federal Corrections Complex, Rick and I are in this for life (although thankfully we have more vending-machine privileges than Bernie).

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All in the fundamentals

SUNDAY, FOUR NFL TEAMS VIED FOR A shot at the Super Bowl. Because the Patriots and New York Giants won their respective contests, they'll be going to Indianapolis for the Super Bowl. For the Ravens and the 49ers, the season is over.

These four teams, even the two losers, didn't get this far because they were weak. And while the winners showed some creative plays, football at this level requires, more than anything, a mastery of the fundamentals.

In governance, mastery of the fundamentals is likewise critical.

In his annual State of the State address, Gov. Jerry Brown had every opportunity to discuss the fundamental problems facing California. These include a $15 billion budget deficit, $500 billion in unfunded pension liabilities, a tax and regulatory climate that drives businesses away, wasteful and ineffective use of our tax dollars and a political system unduly influenced by special interests — most notably the public employee labor organizations.

But like an eight-year-old Pop Warner quarterback who wants to try a "flea flicker" or a Statue of Liberty play before he knows basic passing and running techniques, Gov. Brown seems uninterested in — and even bothered by — the fundamentals of governance.

Take high speed rail. Beset with problems ever since voters approved a $10 billion bond in 2008, Brown pleaded with legislators in his speech to approve a business plan for the project so construction could begin — a plan so bad that the non-partisan Legislative Analyst's Office and a peer review group hired by the High Speed Rail Authority itself have derided it as illegal and not feasible.

Another fundamental of governance is to insure that expenditures do not exceed revenue. Although California is showing signs of a nascent recovery (which was helped by a reduction in taxes due to voter rejection of Proposition 1A in 2009) Gov. Brown wants to increase taxes to close the budget gap. This, despite the fact that California already has one of the highest tax burdens in America.

Raising taxes in a high tax state is even less defensible given that Gov. Brown actually envisions an increase in spending by seven percent.

The fundamentals of governance also dictate that state leaders keep their expectations realistic. Gov. Brown's tax hike plan requires voter approval. However, given that California voters have rejected the last seven statewide tax increase proposals, it is likely Brown's expectation will remain unrealized.

To his credit, Gov. Brown did spend some time in his State of the State Address on pension reform. But talk is cheap. While his plan contains many of the substantive reforms Republicans have sought for years, the real question is whether he is willing to expend political capital to achieve those reforms. Few Sacramento insiders believe that the labor controlled legislature will give Brown real pension reform. So rather than focus on raising campaign funds for his tax increase initiative, would it not be a return to fundamentals by taking the issue of pension reform directly to the People?

Another fundamental of governance is to ensure that businesses, which comprise a major component of your tax base, are treated fairly so they are not lured to other states offering a less hostile tax and regulatory climate. Given that CEO magazine has ranked California as the 49th worst place in the country to do business, this is not an academic concern.

Brown's solution is a restructuring of the Office of Business Development saying that businesses large and small now had an "effective champion to navigate the state's plethora of complex laws and regulations which can discourage investment and job creation." This sounds good, but would it not be a more fundamental fix to actually address the "plethora of complex laws and regulations" that are the problem in the first place?

California's fundamental problems are legion. But instead of confronting them head on, Gov. Brown chooses to call his critics "declinists" who "fantasize that California is a failed state." But it is not the "declinists" who rank California as having the worst credit rating — it is credit rating agencies who have no political ax to grind. It is not the "declinists" who are relocating capital outside of California — it is major business interests who would actually like a reason to stay in California. It is not the "declinists" who rate California's system of governance poorly – it is the non-partisan Pew Center on the States.

Rather than waste time calling his critics names, it is clear that Gov. Brown should begin to take seriously the fundamental problems facing California. If he doesn't, it will surely become the "failed state" that he thinks some of us fantasize about.

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The Q Line

Make your pick

The race for the newly-formed 53rd Assembly District is starting to attract attention.

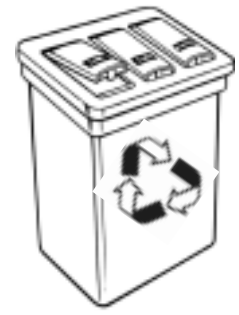
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Who do you like in the race? Do you favor Mayor Richard Bloom, activist Torie Osborn or Assemblymember Betsy Butler?

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Marine sergeant to serve no time in Iraqi killings case

JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. A Marine sergeant who led a squad that killed 24 unarmed Iraqis will spend no time in confinement, despite a military judge's recommendation Tuesday that he spend three months in the brig.

Military judge Lt. Col. David Jones said his hands were tied by a plea agreement that prevents any jail time for Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich.

Wuterich pleaded guilty to negligent dereliction of duty as part of a deal with prosecutors. The minor charge carried a maximum sentence of 90 days, which is what Jones recommended.

But because of the way the military system works, the terms of the deal with prosecutors weren't known to the judge until after he made his sentencing recommendation in court on Tuesday.

Prosecutors asked Jones to give Wuterich the maximum sentence of three months confinement, a reduction in rank and forfeiture of two-thirds of his pay.

They said his knee-jerk reaction of sending the squad to assault nearby homes without positively identifying the threat went against his training and led to the deaths of the 10 women and children.

"That is a horrific result from that derelict order of shooting first, ask questions later," Lt. Col. Sean Sullivan told the court.

The judge said he would recommend that Wuterich's rank be reduced to private.

He said he decided not to dock his pay because he is the divorced father of three young daughters with sole custody.

Wuterich has acknowledged ordering his squad to "shoot first, ask questions later" after a roadside bomb took the life of a fellow Marine, but he said he did not shoot any of the 10 women and children killed in nearby homes that he stormed with his men.

"The truth is: I never fired my weapon at any women or children that day," Wuterich told military judge Lt. Col. David Jones, who recommended the sentence that must be approved by the commander of Marine Corps Forces Central Command.

The surprise contention by Wuterich contradicts prosecutors who implicated him in 19 of the 24 deaths. It also counters testimony from a former squad mate who said he joined Wuterich in firing in a dark back bedroom where a woman and children were killed.

Defense attorney Neal Puckett said Wuterich has lived under the cloud of being labeled a killer who carried out a massacre in Iraq. Lawyers also said he has been exonerated of directly causing the deaths of civilians in the two homes and insisted his only intent was to protect his Marines, calling it "honorable and noble."

"The appropriate punishment in this case, your honor, is no punishment," Puckett said.

Wuterich, 31, told the court that his guilty plea should not suggest that he believes his men behaved badly or that they acted in any way that was dishonorable to their country. He said he ordered his men to "shoot first, ask questions later" so they would not hesitate in attacking the enemy, but he never intended to harm any civilians.

The plea deal that halted Wuterich's manslaughter trial has sparked outrage in Iraq, where many said it proves the United States does not hold its military accountable for its actions.

In Iraq, residents of the Euphrates river town of Haditha were angered by the fact that not one of the eight Marines initially charged will be convicted of manslaughter. A survivor of the killings, Awis Fahmi Hussein, showed his scars from being hit by a bullet in the back.

"I was expecting that the American judiciary would sentence this person to life in prison and that he would appear and confess in front of the whole world that he committed this crime, so that America could show itself as democratic and fair," he said.

In his statement, Wuterich also addressed family members of the Iraqi victims, saying there were no words to ease their pain.

"I wish to assure you that on that day, it was never my intention to harm you or your families. I know that you are the real victims of Nov. 19, 2005," he said.

A former squad mate testified during the trial that he joined Wuterich in firing in a dark back bedroom of one of the homes where he saw small silhouettes. Later, when former Cpl. Stephen Tatum returned, he said he found woman and children had been killed.

Military prosecutors worked for more than six years to bring Wuterich to trial on manslaughter charges that could have sent him away to prison for life.

But only weeks after the long-awaited trial started, they offered Wuterich the deal that stopped the proceedings and dropped the nine counts of manslaughter.

It was a stunning outcome for the last defendant in the case once compared with the My Lai massacre in Vietnam. The seven other Marines initially charged were exonerated or had their cases dropped.

The Haditha attack is considered among the war's defining moments, further tainting America's reputation when it was already at a low point after the release of photos of prisoner abuse by U.S. soldiers at Abu Ghraib prison.

Legal experts said the case was fraught with errors made by investigators and the prosecution that let it drag on for years. The prosecution was also hampered by squad mates who acknowledged they had lied to investigators initially and later testified in exchange for having their cases dropped, bringing into question their credibility.

In addition, Wuterich was seen as taking the fall for senior leaders and more seasoned combat veterans, analysts said. It was his first time in combat.

Brian Rooney, an attorney for another former defendant, said cases like Haditha are difficult to prosecute because a military jury is unlikely to question decisions made in combat unless wrongdoing is clear-cut and egregious, like rape.

"If it's a gray area, fog-of-war, you can't put yourself in a Marine's situation where he's legitimately trying to do the best he can," said Rooney, who represented Lt. Col. Jeffrey Chessani, the highest-ranking Marine charged in the case. "When you're in a town like Haditha or Fallujah, you've got bad guys trying to kill you and trying to do it in very surreptitious ways."

During the trial before a jury of combat Marines who served in Iraq, prosecutors argued he lost control after seeing the body of his friend blown apart by the bomb and led his men on a rampage in which they stormed two nearby homes, blasting their way in with gunfire and grenades. Among the dead was a man in a wheelchair.

Wuterich said his orders were based on the guidance of his platoon commander at the time. He has acknowledged the squad did not take any gunfire during the 45-minute raid.

Many of his squad mates testified that they do not believe to this day that they did anything wrong because they feared insurgents were inside hiding.

Haditha prompted commanders to demand troops be more careful in distinguishing between civilians and combatants.



BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Mayor signs law requiring condoms in porn films

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has signed into law an ordinance requiring that actors in adult movies made in Los Angeles use condoms.

Villaraigosa's office says the mayor signed the law Monday. It was passed by the City Council last week and will take effect 41 days after it is posted by the city clerk.

Officials with the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, which lobbied for such a law for years, expressed jubilation Tuesday at the mayor's action.

The group's president, Michael Weinstein, says the foundation will now turn its attention to getting similar laws adopted elsewhere, including Los Angeles County.

After the City Council adopted the measure, several of the industry's largest porn purveyors said they would consider leaving Los Angeles, known as the nation's porn capital, if it became law.

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MONTEREY PARK

County detectives use videos to probe shooting

Officials say detectives will review all the video they can find of a confrontation that ended when police killed a man who smashed windows of a Monterey Park fast-food restaurant and raised a metal bar toward officers.

Los Angeles County sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said Tuesday there was video from inside the Carl's Jr. restaurant and more from dash cameras.

Assistant chief coroner Ed Winter says the man was 22-year-old Steven Rodriguez, with an unknown address.

Whitmore didn't know if the status of the officers involved in Monday's shooting, and a message for Monterey Park police was not immediately returned.

Amateur YouTube video showed the man being struck with a Taser dart, pulling it out and making a threatening gesture with the pipe toward one officer. Ten gunshots followed.

AP

SAN DIEGO

Border Patrol says illegal crossers boarded plane

Authorities say a U.S. pilot tried to fly illegal immigrants from an airport in a remote Southern California desert community.

The Border Patrol said Tuesday that the Cessna involved in the sting was the fourth aircraft found to be used for smuggling people since last year in the agency's El Centro sector alone.

Lino Rodriguez is charged with allowing three migrants from Mexico to board his plane early Friday at the Imperial County Airport. The migrants told authorities they agreed to pay $2,500 each.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement says the migrants crossed on foot at a nearby border crossing and boarded the plane in an effort to avoid highway checkpoints. The plane was headed to Hemet, east of Los Angeles.

The defendant has pleaded not guilty.

AP

LONG BEACH

Dog rescuers arrested and charged with cruelty

Authorities charged two Long Beach dog rescuers with felony animal cruelty after they were found with 140 dogs in a U-Haul truck and minivan in Tennessee.

The Los Angeles Times says Bonnie Sheehan and Pamela A. King-McCracken were arrested on Jan. 17 after they were stopped by a state trooper east of Memphis.

The women are scheduled for a preliminary hearing Tuesday.

The women, who were headed for Virginia to hold dog auctions, operated Hearts for Hounds, a well-known dog boarding facility in Long Beach.

Shelby County Dist. Atty. Gen. Mike Dunavant says Sheehan and King-McCracken face one felony count each of aggravated animal cruelty. He says animals were crammed into the back of the truck with no food or water. One dog was found dead.

AP

LOS ANGELES

James funeral planned; Al Sharpton to eulogize

A public viewing will be held Friday for singer Etta James, and the Rev. Al Sharpton will eulogize the late legend at a private funeral Saturday.

A statement from Sharpton's representative Tuesday said the funeral will include performances by celebrities, but those names were not announced.

James died last Friday at age 73 after battling leukemia and other ailments, including dementia. She was most famous for her classic "At Last," but over her decades-long career, she became revered for her passionate singing voice.

The public viewing will be held in Inglewood and the funeral will be held in Gardena, both in the Los Angeles area.

The family is asking that any donations be sent to the Philadelphia-based Rhythm & Blues Foundation.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Truck loses paper load, clogs traffic

California Highway Patrol officers say traffic is seriously backed up because a Los Angeles freeway transition road from Interstate 5 to Interstate 10 is closed while they clear a big rig that overturned and lost its paper load.

CHP Officer Francisco Villalobos says the truck was carrying six giant rolls of paper weighing 41,000 pounds when it overturned around 3:45 a.m. Tuesday on the transition road between south 5 and east 10 in the Boyle Heights area.

Backup is heaviest on the 5 as people try to make their way into Los Angles. The Mission Road onramp to the 5 is also closed.

Villalobos says the call came in as an injury crash but investigating officers haven't checked in with details.

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Kennedy library releases last of his secret tape recordings

BRIDGET MURPHY
Associated Press

BOSTON Final recordings President John F. Kennedy secretly made in the Oval Office include an eerie conversation about what would become the day of his funeral.

In talking to staffers while trying to arrange his schedule, Kennedy remarked that Nov. 25 was shaping up to be a "tough day" after his return from Texas and time at Cape Cod.

"It's a hell of a day, Mr. President," a staffer agreed.

The exchange was among the last 45 hours of private recordings Kennedy made, tapes The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum released Tuesday. They provide a window into the final months of the 35th president's life.

They include discussions of conflict in Vietnam, Soviet relations and the race to space, plans for the 1964 Democratic Convention, and re-election strategy. There also are moments with his children.

The tapes are the last of more than 260 hours of recordings of meetings and conversations Kennedy privately made before his assassination in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

David Coleman, the professor who leads the Presidential Recordings Program at the University of Virginia, on Tuesday called the final recordings significant because while JFK didn't tape himself regularly, he chose to preserve important moments.

The university's Miller Center of Public Affairs already has published three volumes of Kennedy transcripts and is working on another two volumes from recordings that previously went public, Coleman said.

"Kennedy did not tape as systematically as Johnson or Nixon. But what he did tape was often very important discussions," he said.

"What you have is an unusually rich collection of decisions being made in real time."

The recordings also are valuable because they're a raw look inside the Kennedy White House, Coleman said.

"It's all unfiltered," he said. "It hasn't been massaged by committees or by the White House press machine."

Historians may gravitate most to Kennedy's recordings about Vietnam to see where his policy was heading when his presidency ended, Coleman said.

Kennedy kept the recordings a secret from his top aides. He made the last one two days before his death.

Kennedy library archivist Maura Porter said Monday that JFK may have been saving them for a memoir or possibly started them because he was bothered when the military later gave a different overview of a discussion with him about the Bay of Pigs.

The latest batch of recordings captured meetings from the last three months of Kennedy's administration. In a conversation with political advisers about young voters, Kennedy asks, "What is it we have to sell them?"

"We hope we have to sell them prosperity, but for the average guy the prosperity is nil," he says. "He's not unprosperous, but he's not very prosperous. ... And the people who really are well off hate our guts."

Kennedy talks about a disconnect between the political machine and voters.

"We've got so mechanical an operation here in Washington that it doesn't have much identity where these people are concerned," he says.

On another recording, Kennedy questions conflicting reports military and diplomatic advisers bring back from Vietnam, asking the two men: "You both went to the same country?"

He also talks about trying to create films for the 1964 Democratic Convention in color instead of black and white.

"The color is so damn good," he says. "If you do it right."

Porter said the public first heard about the existence of the Kennedy recordings during the Watergate hearings.

In 1983, JFK Library and Museum officials started reviewing tapes without classified materials and releasing recordings to the public. Porter said officials were able to go through all the recordings by 1993, working with government agencies when it came to national security issues and what they could make public.

In all, she said, the JFK Library and Museum has put out about 40 recordings. She said officials excised about 5 to 10 minutes of this last group of recordings due to family discussions and about 30 minutes because of national security concerns.

Porter has supervised the declassification of these White House tapes since 2001, and she said people will have a much better sense of the kind of leader JFK was after hearing them. While some go along with meeting minutes that also are public, she said, listening to JFK's voice makes his personality come alive.

She said he comes across as an intelligent man who had a knack for public relations and was very interested in his public image. But she said the tapes also reveal times when the president became bored or annoyed and moments when he used swear words.

The sound of the president's children, Caroline and John Jr., playing outside the Oval Office is part of a recording on which he introduces them to Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

"Hello, hello," Gromyko says as the children come in, telling their father, "They are very popular in our country."

JFK tells the children, mentioning a dog Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev gifted the family: "His chief is the one who sent you Pushinka. You know that? You have the puppies."

JFK Library spokeswoman Rachel Flor said the daughter of the late president has heard many of the recordings, but she wasn't sure if she had heard this batch.

"He'd go from being a president to being a father," Porter said of the recordings. "... And that was really cute."



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Greece, earnings worries send S&P to rare loss

SAMANTHA BOMKAMP
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Investors on Wall Street fretted Tuesday that a deal to keep Greece from triggering a financial crisis might fall apart, and a slew of corporate earnings reports at home didn't make them feel much better.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 33 points at 12,676. It has risen or fallen less than 100 points in 14 straight trading sessions, the longest calm stretch since late March and early April last year.

The Standard & Poor's 500 ended in the red for only the third time this year, losing a point to close at 1,315. The most the S&P has lost in a day this year is seven points. It is up 4.5 percent for 2012.

The Nasdaq added two points to close at 2,787 after a day of wavering between small gains and losses. The Nasdaq has led major the stock indexes in January with a 7 percent gain.

Technology stocks could be in for a strong day Wednesday. After the market closed Tuesday, Apple trounced analysts' estimates for its revenue and profit. Its stock shot up 9 percent in after-hours trading.

Rising stocks slightly outnumbered falling ones on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading volume was lighter than average at 3.7 billion shares.

Treasury prices rose from their lowest levels this year because of uncertainty about whether Greece will reach a deal with its creditors. That drew money back into safer investments.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 2.06 percent from 2.07 percent Tuesday. The lower yield indicates investors are willing to accept a lower return in exchange for security.

In Europe, Greece's stock market index fell 5.5 percent. Stocks fell less than 1 percent in Germany, France and Spain and ended slightly higher in Italy.

A deal between the Greek government and the banks that hold Greek national bonds is considered crucial to the stability of the European financial system. Investors fear that if Greece can't pay its debt, it could trigger a panic.

"There's a lot of apprehension about the unknowns," said Brian Gendreau, market strategist for El Segundo, Calif.-based Cetera Financial Group. "It's not what people think they know about Europe. It's what they worry they don't know."

Greece is trying to get its creditors to swap Greek government bonds for new ones that have half the face value. But agreeing on a new interest rate has been a stumbling block. Greece faces an important bond repayment deadline in March.

The International Monetary Fund predicted Tuesday that a recession in Europe, exacerbated by the debt crisis there, will slow the global economy this year. Europe's recession should have a modest impact on the United States.

The IMF forecasts global growth of 3.25 percent this year, slower than the 4 percent pace it projected in September.

In U.S. news, disappointing earnings reports added to investors' concerns.

Kimberly-Clark Corp., which makes Kleenex tissues, Huggies diapers and a number of other household goods, said rising costs pushed its net income down 19 percent in the fourth quarter. The stock fell 1.7 percent.

Chemical maker DuPont Co. said its fourth-quarter net income dipped as lower sales and higher costs overshadowed higher prices. The results still beat analysts' expectations, and the stock was flat.

Coal producer Peabody Energy Corp. fell 1.7 percent after its forecast for the first quarter fell well short of expectations.

Leading the pack of companies trading higher after reporting earnings, bag and accessories maker Coach Inc. gained 5.8 percent after quarterly net income rose almost 15 percent because of stronger holiday sales.

Among other stocks making large moves:

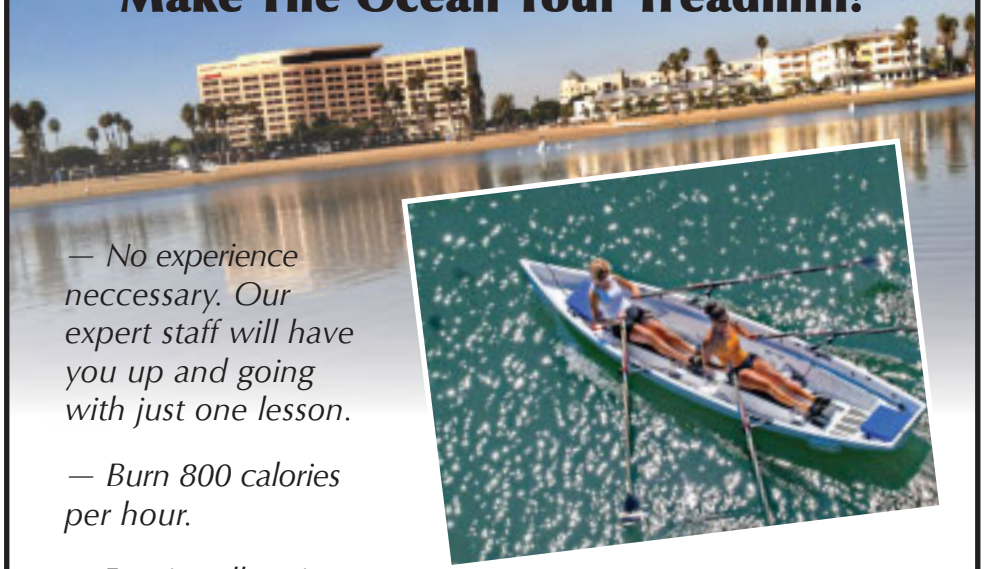
• Zions Bancorporation fell 7.5 percent, the most of any stock in the S&P 500, after the Salt Lake City bank reported income that fell far short of Wall Street's expectations. At least one analyst downgraded the stock.

• Hard disk drive maker Western Digital Corp. was one of the top gainers in the S&P after reporting that its results handily beat Wall Street's expectations. The stock jumped 6.3 percent.





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FIGHT
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Feb. 7.

The team expects the game to be intense.

"It's going to be war at their house," Mathews said.

It's been a difficult two months for Santa Monica High School.

The fight comes at the end of a week of peace after a series of gang-related conflicts sprung up on and off campus resulting in at least three suspensions.

In December, a student was shot several times in the chest just blocks from the school in what police suspect is also gang-related violence.

The outbreaks led police, Samohi and district officials to hold a special meeting with the Parent Teacher Association to explain what was being done to keep kids safe, including increased police presence on campus and extra adults out at break times.

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HEAL THE BAY
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humans have on the oceans.

She's no stranger to management, having spent 15 years as a senior executive in advertising firms that handled whale accounts like Starbucks, Expedia and Acura.

Still, the front-facing role she'll be playing at Heal the Bay, particularly in terms of fundraising and ensuring that the organization can stay on its feet in tough fiscal times, will be a challenge.

"We have a lot to adapt to internally in Heal the Bay without Mark," Hall said, "and the challenge in 2012 is to make sure that we are efficient and effective with every donor's dollar."

Medina Rodriguez, who has been the first chair of the Heal the Bay Board of Directors under Hart, feels confident that the organization will continue on in its mission despite the loss of its leader.

"Our job is to make sure that staff feels supported and good about it," she said. "We want to make sure everybody feels supported and valuable in their jobs."

Heal the Bay has a number of focuses in the coming year, including educating the public about new Marine Protected Areas that came into being on Jan. 1 and working with lawmakers to impose a ban on single-use plastic bags throughout California.

Santa Monica, with support from Heal the Bay, passed a similar ban in 2011, which officially came into effect in September.

The organization will also work with local school districts to get literacy materials developed in partnership with National Geographic into classrooms to teach kids about the environment and begin advocating for a permit system for storm water to reduce the amount of polluted runoff that finds its way to the ocean.

"It will be different without Mark in a lot of ways, but the work is the same and the people doing the work is still the same," Medina Rodriguez said.

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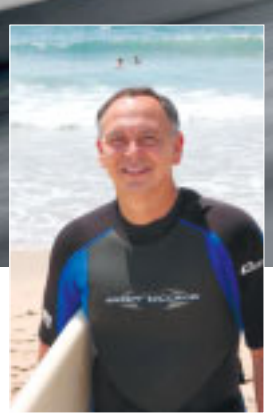


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ROUNDUP
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A third Viking, defensive back Dylan Muscat, is expected to make his choice in the next few days. He too is being recruited by Cal Poly. He has narrowed his choices down to Penn and Cal Poly after receiving 17 offers.

The verbal commits come after a banner season for the Vikings. Samohi finished the season 11-2 overall and reached the semifinals of the CIF-Southern Section Western Division playoffs.

The Vikings also won the Ocean League title along the way with Garcia earning Most Valuable Player honors and Collins being named Defensive Player of the Year.

"This will help us continue to keep the program in front of the masses," said Clark, who just completed his third year as coach. "I want us to be on the map."

Samohi's key recruit next season is considered wide receiver Sebastian LaRue, who has drawn interest from USC, UCLA and a number of Pac-12 schools. He too is being recruited by Boise State who have extended an offer to the underclassman.

SAMOHI BOYS DEEP INTO LEAGUE

Samohi's boys' basketball team hopes to defend its 4-0 Ocean League record this week with games against Hawthorne and Inglewood.

Coming off a thriller against Morningside at home on Friday, the Vikings will first host Hawthorne tonight at 7:30 p.m. and will travel to Inglewood on Friday.

The pair of league games comes at a good time, said junior Jordan Mathews, who won Friday's game with a lay-up in the final seconds.

"We're really jelling as a team," he said. "We're starting to be all about winning."

Hawthorne enters the game 0-4 in league, but Mathews said he and his teammates aren't going to let that into their minds as they prepare for the game.

"Those are the teams that you have trouble against sometimes," Mathews said. "Sometimes they sneak up on you."

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COUGH
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pertussis, dropped to 3,000 last year and authorities were waiting to see how this year goes before declaring the epidemic over.

"Everything seems to indicate we're heading in that direction," said state epidemiologist Dr. Gil Chavez.

Public health officials credited the decline to greater awareness, faster diagnosis and a new state law requiring that middle and high school students get a booster shot before starting school.

At the peak of the epidemic, doctors were urged to spot whooping cough early, send infected babies to the hospital and promptly treat those diagnosed.

"We worked very hard on that and I think it was successful," said pediatrician Dr. James Cherry of the University of California, Los Angeles.

The California Department of Public Health also gave out free vaccines to hospitals and aired public service announcements in English and Spanish.

"People rallied and got vaccinated and it made a huge difference," Chavez said.

Whooping cough cases tend to run in cycles, peaking every five years. It is a highly contagious bacterial disease that in rare cases can be fatal. Whooping cough starts off like a cold but leads to severe coughing that can last for weeks.

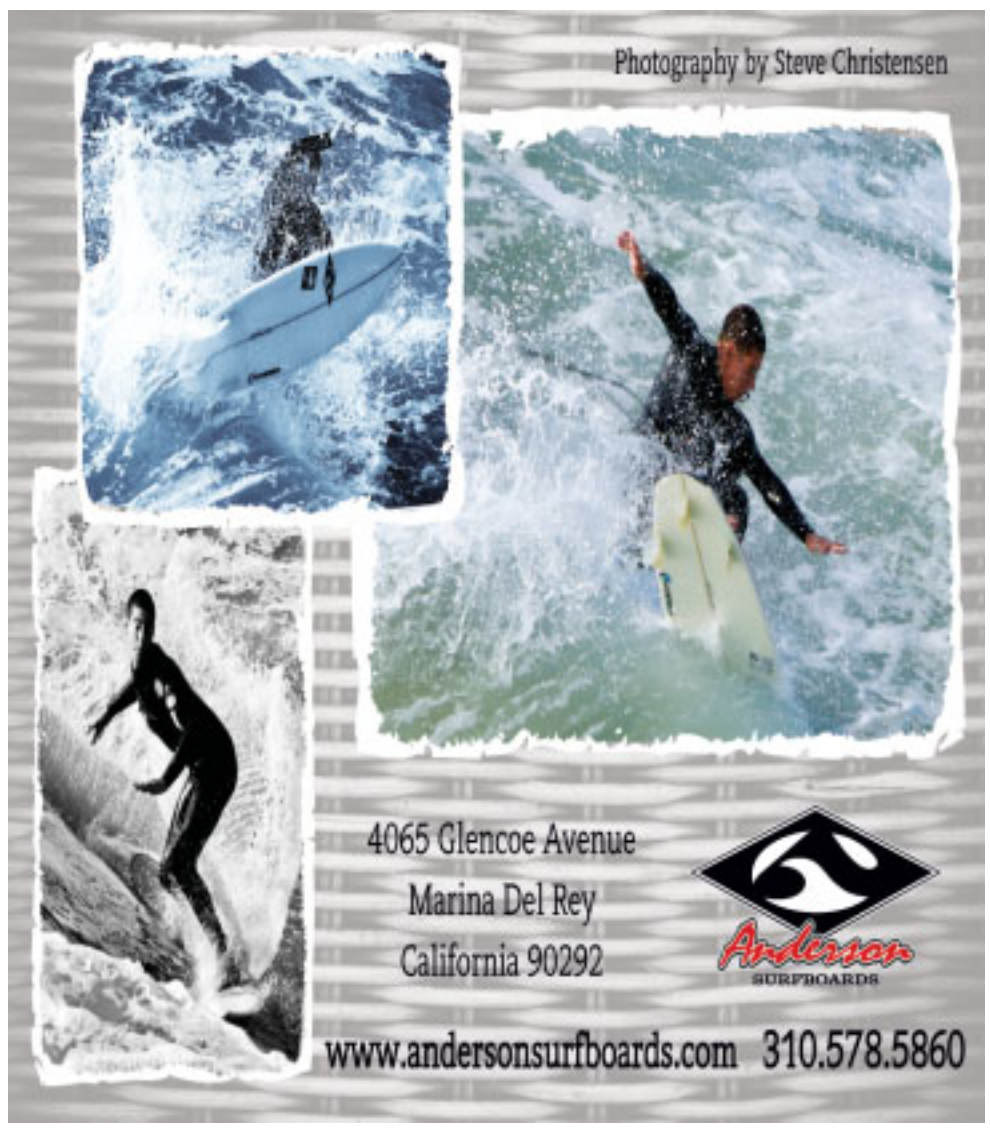
A 2009 study in the journal Pediatrics found that children who don't get vaccinated against whooping cough are 23 times more likely to get the disease than vaccinated kids.

Among those vaccinated, authorities recommend a booster shot for older children and teens to guard against the vaccine wearing off.



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Gadhafi loyalists seize Libyan mountain city

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BENGHAZI, Libya Moammar Gadhafi loyalists seized control of a Libyan mountain city in the most serious challenge to the central government since the strongman's fall, underlining the increasing weakness of Libya's Western-backed rulers as they try to unify the country under their authority.

The taking of Bani Walid, one of the last Gadhafi strongholds captured by the new leadership late last year, was the first such organized operation by armed remnants of Gadhafi's regime. A simultaneous outbreak of shootings in the capital and Libya's second largest city Benghazi raised authorities' concerned that other networks of loyalists were active elsewhere.

The security woes add to the difficulties of the ruling National Transitional Council, which is struggling to establish its authority and show Libyans progress in stability and good government. Bani Walid's fall comes after violent protests in Benghazi, where Libyans angry over lack of reform stormed the NTC headquarters and trashed offices.

In Bani Walid, hundreds of well-equipped and highly trained remnants of Gadhafi's forces battled for eight hours on Monday with the local pro-NTC revolutionary brigade, known as the May 28 Brigade, said Mubarak al-Fatmani, the head of Bani Walid local council. The brigade was driven out and Gadhafi loyalists then raised their old green flag over buildings in the western city.

Four revolutionary fighters were killed and 25 others were wounded in the fighting, al-Fatmani said.

There were no immediate signs that the uprising was part of some direct attempt to restore the family of Gadhafi, who was swept out of power in August and then killed in the nearby city of Sirte in October. His sons, daughter and wife have been killed, arrested or have fled to neighboring countries.

Instead, the fighting seemed to reflect a rejection of NTC control by a city that never deeply accepted its rule, highlighting the still unresolved tensions between those who benefited under Gadhafi's regime and those now in power. Those tensions are tightly wound up with tribal and regional rivalries around the country.

The May 28 Brigade had kept only a superficial control over the city, the head of Bani Walid's military council, Abdullah al-Khazmi, acknowledged.

"The only link between Bani Walid and the revolution was May 28, now it is gone and 99 percent of Bani Walid people are Gadhafi loyalists," he said.

He spoke to The Associated Press at a position on the eastern outskirts of Bani Walid, where hundreds of pro-NTC reinforcements from Benghazi were deployed with convoys of cars mounted with machine guns, though there was no immediate move to retake the city.

The fighters who captured the city Monday night belong to Brigade 93, a militia newly created by Gadhafi loyalists who reassembled after the fall of the regime, said al-Khazmi and al-Fatmani. The fighters, flush with cash and heavy weaponry including incendiary bombs, have been increasing in power in the city, they said.

There was no possibility to confirm their claims. However, there were no mass evacuations from the town after the clashes, an indication that the residents appear to accept the new arrangement, said Ali al-Fatmani, a revolutionary brigade commander in Bani Walid.

Authorities in Benghazi, where the NTC is centered, appeared concerned that the Bani Walid uprising could have sent a signal to other cells of Gadhafi forces.

An AP reporter who was present in the Benghazi operation room heard military commanders on Monday saying coordinated incidents of drive-by shootings in Tripoli and, to a lesser extent, Benghazi erupted as news of the Bani Walid takeover spread. In Tripoli, some shops closed, and fighters responsible for security in the capital were on a state of alert over the shootings.

Five months since the Gadhafi regime's fall and three months since his death, the National Transitional Council has so far made little progress in unifying its armed forces. Instead it relies largely on multiple "revolutionary brigades," militias made up of citizens-turned-fighters, usually all from a specific city or even neighborhood.

The militias were created during the months of civil war against Gadhafi's forces last year, and since the war ended in October, the various brigades remain in control of security affairs of each city they liberated. Though loyal to the NTC, they have also feuded among themselves and acted on their own initiative, and the council has been unable to control them.

A month ago, Gadhafi loyalists attacked another revolutionary brigade from Tripoli that entered Bani Walid, killing 13, said Mubarak al-Fatmani.

"The council (NTC) did absolutely nothing," said al-Fatmani, who resigned from his local council chief post to protest the NTC's failure to investigate the ambush. He still holds his position, since his resignation has not yet been accepted.

The council has faced increasing complaints that it is doing little to bring stability to the country. It faces a daunting task, since Gadhafi's regime stripped Libya of most institutions, and the civil war has stirred up widespread divisions, rivalries and resentments.

In the Benghazi unrest last Saturday, protesters broke into the NTC headquarters, smashed windows and carted off furniture and electronics, then threw bottles at NTC chief Mustafa Abdul-Jalil as he tried to address them and torched his car. The next day, Abdul-Jalil suspended the Benghazi representatives on the council in an apparent attempt to appease protesters. The deputy chief of the NTC resigned in protest over the suspension.

Bani Walid, a city of 100,000 located in the mountains 90 miles (140 kilometers) southeast of Tripoli, held out for weeks against revolutionary forces after Gadhafi's fall from power, with loyalist fighters dug into its formidable terrain of valleys and crevasses. Pro-NTC fighters finally took it in October.

The main tribe in Bani Walid is a branch of the Warfala tribal confederation, which stretches around the country with around 1 million members. The Bani Walid branch was one of the most privileged under Gadhafi, who gave them top positions and used their fighters to try to crush protests in the early months of last year's uprising against his rule.

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'Hugo,' 'Artist' recognized with most Oscar nominations

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BEVERLY HILLS American master Martin Scorsese journeyed to France, putting Hollywood's newest technology to work for his dazzling 3-D re-creation of 1930s Paris in "Hugo." French filmmaker Michel Hazanavicius came to America, reviving old-time Hollywood with his charming resurrection of early cinema in the silent film "The Artist."

The two films now head a 21st century Academy Awards show whose top nominees offer loving looks back to the infancy of moviemaking, when flicks really flickered and cutting-edge visual effects amounted to actors jumping out of the frame while the camera was stopped so they would seem to magically disappear.

Scorsese's Paris adventure "Hugo" led contenders Tuesday with 11 nominations, among them best-picture and the latest directing honor for the Oscar-winning filmmaker.

Hazanavicius' "The Artist" ran second with 10 nominations, including honors for the director and Jean Dujardin and Berenice Bejo, the stars of the film that could become the first silent movie to win the best-picture prize since year one at the Oscars.

Also nominated for best picture: Alexander Payne's family drama "The Descendants"; Stephen Daldry's Sept. 11 tale "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close"; Tate Taylor's Deep South drama "The Help"; Woody Allen's romantic fantasy "Midnight in Paris"; Bennett Miller's sports tale "Moneyball"; Terrence Malick's family chronicle "The Tree of Life"; and Steven Spielberg's World War I epic "War Horse."

Arguably the world's most passionate moviemaker for preserving old films and the heritage of cinema, Scorsese tried his hand at 3-D filmmaking for the first time on "Hugo" and crafted a look with such depth that the images are almost tactile.

"Hugo" follows the adventures of a boy and girl caught up in a mystery surrounding French silent film pioneer George Melies (Ben Kingsley), who stretched the boundaries of cinema with fantastical short movies in the early 1900s.

Today's digital technology made it possible for Scorsese to create his elaborate illusion of long-gone Paris. But the process he describes sounds as experimental and innovative as the work Melies did a century ago.

"It was harder to do because every time we put the camera in a position I wanted, we discovered new ways to do things or wrong ways to do things. We were, in a sense, constantly breaking new ground," Scorsese said. "We had to rediscover how to make movies every day, every setup."

Among the nominations for "Hugo" are adapted screenplay, cinematography, musical score and visual effects.

"The Artist" is a throwback to black-and-white silent days as a superstar of the pre-sound era (best-actor nominee Dujardin) falls on hard times when talking pictures arrive, while a rising star (supporting-actress nominee Bejo) becomes guardian angel for the former screen idol.

"Who knows? It might be possible that he's set off a chain reaction, and we're off for 100 years of silent movies," Dujardin said. "I would love it. It's really fun for an actor. It's very playful, and it's pure emotion. In the end, you only see what is essential. You take away the intellect, and what's left is life."

Along with his directing honor, Hazanavicius was nominated for original screenplay on "The Artist." The film's other nominations include musical score, cinematography and costume design.

While "Hugo" and "The Artist" are testaments to early filmmaking, another key nomination is a tribute to the big-screen's most famous sex symbol, Marilyn Monroe, a superstar who was never nominated for an Oscar. Michelle Williams earned a best-actress nomination as Monroe in "My Week with Marilyn."

"I would like to think that the recognition our film has received by the academy is a testament to Marilyn's legacy," Williams said.

Williams' competition includes Meryl Streep, who extended her record for most acting nominations to 17 with a best-actress honor as Margaret Thatcher in "The Iron Lady."

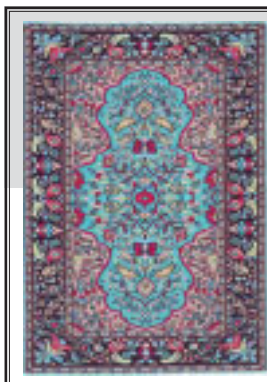
Also nominated: Glenn Close for the Irish drama "Albert Nobbs," Viola Davis for "The Help" and Rooney Mara for the thriller "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo."

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IN THE RACE: **Martin Scorsese's 'Hugo' leads all movies with 11 Oscar nominations.**

OSCARS
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Dujardin, the Golden Globe winner for best actor in a musical or comedy, will be up against Globe dramatic actor recipient George Clooney for "The Descendants," in which the Oscar-winning superstar plays a down-to-earth role as a dad in crisis.

While Dujardin and Clooney were almost assured of nominations, there were big surprises across-the-board, with longshots making the cut and favorites getting skunked.

Tom Hanks and Sandra Bullock's "Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close," which got mixed reviews and has not been much of a factor at earlier Hollywood awards, was a very unexpected best-picture nominee. Co-star Max von Sydow was a surprise nominee for supporting actor.

Malick's "The Tree of Life" also had been considered a bit of a best-picture longshot. The movie, which won top honors at last May's Cannes Film Festival but was a love-it-or-hate-it drama among audiences, also picked up a directing nomination for Malick.

Melissa McCarthy, a supporting-actress nominee for the wedding romp "Bridesmaids," is a rare funny lady competing at the Oscars, which seldom honor performances in mainstream comedies.

"I think it's a big coup for all of us," McCarthy said. "If you get the right thing and the right people, you can still make a really good movie that's still a comedy."

Demian Bichir also was a surprise nominee as best actor for "A Better Life," an immigrant drama that few people have seen. Bichir said he had been ill the night before and learned he was nominated when his girlfriend called with the news.

"I thought it was part of my hallucinations from the fever," Bichir said. "A nomination helps. I feel a lot better already."

Along with Bichir, Clooney and Dujardin, the best-actor contenders are Gary Oldman for the espionage tale "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" and Brad Pitt for the baseball story in "Moneyball."

Pitt's third Oscar nomination came for a film that he fought to make after it went on the back-burner amid screenplay and director changes.

"This one is more satisfying than ever," said Pitt, who also shared a best-picture nomination as a producer on "Moneyball." "This movie was dead in the water two and a half years ago."

Among those with strong prospects that came away empty-handed were Leonardo DiCaprio for "J. Edgar," from perennial Oscar heavyweight Clint Eastwood, whose latest film did not score a single nomination.

While Spielberg's best-picture contender "War Horse" picked up six nominations, the Oscar-winning filmmaker missed out in the directing category, a prize he has won twice. His first cartoon feature, the Golden Globe-winning "The Adventures of Tintin," also did not make the list for best animated film.

The animated films that did make it: "A Cat in Paris," "Chico & Rita," Kung Fu Panda 2," "Puss in Boots" and "Rango."

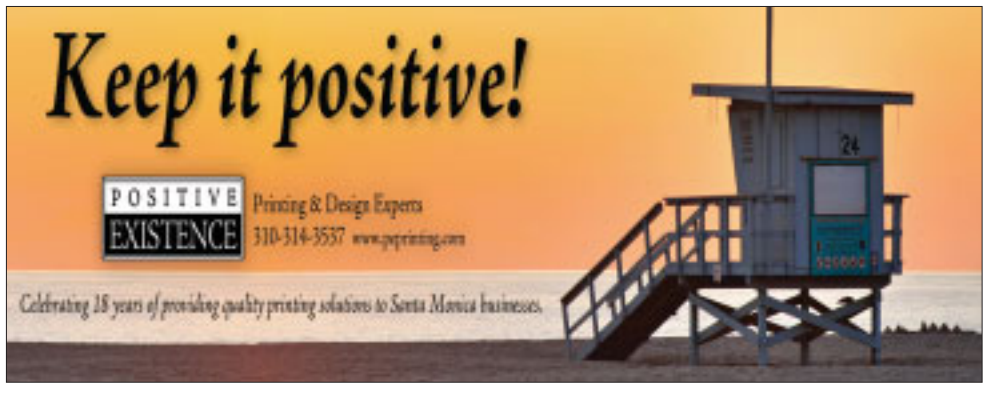
Besides von Sydow, supporting-actor nominees are Kenneth Branagh for "My Week with Marilyn," Jonah Hill for "Moneyball," Nick Nolte for the extreme-fighting drama "Warrior" and Christopher Plummer for the father-son story "Beginners."

Plummer won at the Globes for his role as an elderly dad who comes out as gay. At 82, Plummer would be the oldest acting winner ever at the Oscars; Jessica Tandy now holds that position for her best-actress win in "Driving Miss Daisy" at age 80.

Joining Bejo and McCarthy in the supporting-actress field is Octavia Spencer, whose Globe win as a fiery maid in "The Help" positions her as a possible front-runner.

Spencer's "The Help" co-star Jessica Chastain also is nominated, along with Janet McTeer for "Albert Nobbs."

Winners at the 84th annual Oscars will be announced at a Feb. 26 ceremony aired live on ABC from Hollywood's Kodak Theatre, with Billy Crystal returning as host for the first time in eight years.





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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 29 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	D	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

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

LEGEND

DRY – each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET – grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns – no sample taken

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1:10pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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

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

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

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

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) 1hr 28min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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

Iron Lady (PG-13) 1hr 45min
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Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

Red Tails (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
12:40pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Contraband (R) 1hr 50min
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Descendants (R) 1hr 55min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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

We Need to Talk About Kevin (R) 1hr 50min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Dangerous Method (R) 1hr 39min
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Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1hr 41min
2:15pm

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) 1hr 28min
3:00pm, 8:00pm

Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm

Haywire (R) 1hr 33min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Joyful Noise (PG-13) 1hr 58min
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Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 1hr 41min
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Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 2hrs 07min
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ What you might be thinking may not be apparent. In fact, you are working on a very different, intuitive level. If you have a strong sense financially, follow through, as long as the risk is not too great. Share an inspired idea. Tonight: Relax to some good music.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You zero in on what is happening with a friend. Be gracious. Let this person tell you what is going on, though he or she might not be exactly sure. A friend who can be flighty taps into your energy. Do not allow this person to drain you. Tonight: Where the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ What you might have thought of as rumor or hearsay might not be. The end results will be excellent. Many of your interactions transform within a key relationship. Still, you need to detach from this person's need to control. Tonight: A spark on the social scene.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You might want to revamp your plans. The problem lies in the fact that once your day becomes fluid, it might never stabilize. Ask yourself if that is OK. Several demanding people seek you out. Tonight: Break past your thoughts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your fiery demeanor seems a bit off. You feel as if you must understand what is happening behind the scenes, especially with a key player. Others do not know what to make of you when you are like this. It gives them pause to think. Tonight: All smiles.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Others view you as excitable and full of energy. Your ability to detach will emerge, allowing you to make a perfect choice. You know what works. Answer to another person clearly. Your ability to understand allows you to be gracious when few can. Tonight: Taking in new vistas.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Put 100 percent into whatever you want. You will see the end results, which will make you smile. You also will feel much better about yourself. A partner comes up with a wonderful investment. Push comes to shove with a personal matter. Tonight: Togetherness works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your words make waves. You might want to decide if that is the end result you desire. Do not try to minimize the situation. Rather, claim responsibility and the ability to change it. Know what it is you want. Tonight: Ever playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Pressure builds, and you see life from a different perspective. Getting your view in line with reality needs to occur in order to experience success. Opportunities increase under those circumstances. Be willing to reorganize from a different perspective. Tonight: Happiest at home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your self-expression and ability to move forward depend on whether you can open up to a new perspective. Remain sure of yourself, and honor your core integrity. You cannot go wrong. Creativity surges to an unprecedented level if you relax. Tonight: Let talks flow naturally.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ What you perceive as a good idea could become one. Test it a little more. Be more sensitive to your personal needs, and you will gain. Not everything is work- or business-related. Let go and relax. Tonight: Buy a coveted item on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You flow through problems with optimism, drawing even more positive responses. A meeting that you thought would go a certain way becomes a little more difficult and, in some sense, convoluted. Tonight: Meet a friend; the activity is your call.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
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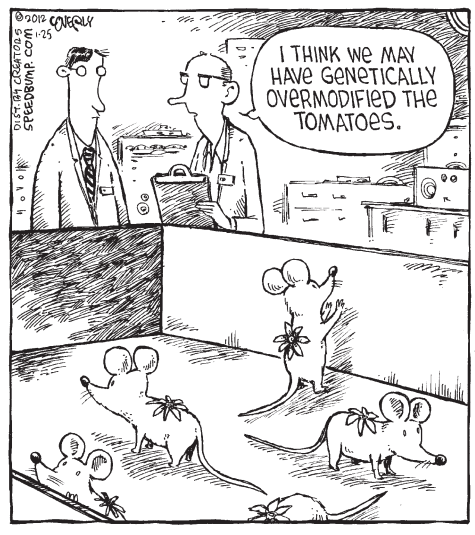


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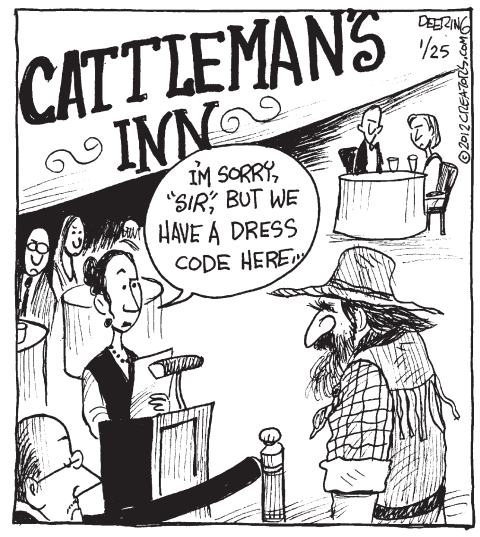
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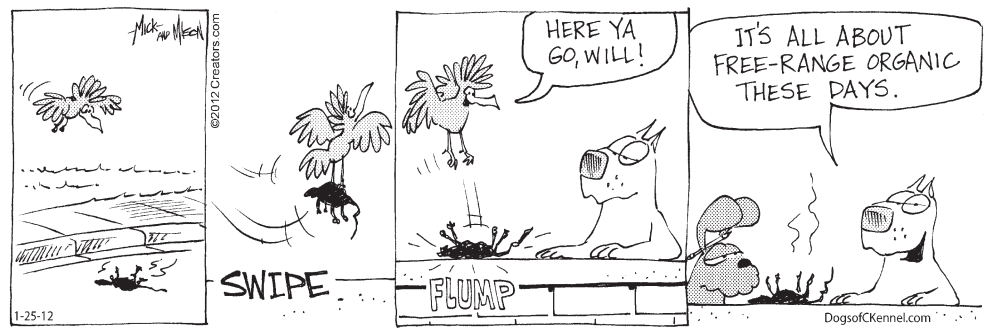
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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

6	1	3	7	9	4	2	8	5
2	8	9	3	1	5	7	4	6
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1 Fake
5 Brighton brews
9 Carried
11 Game setting
12 — trump (bridge bid)
13 Kidney-related
14 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
15 Book genre
17 Book genre
19 "— been real!"
20 Message from the boss
21 Director Craven
22 Skinflint
24 Sixth sense, briefly
26 Pollute
29 Boxing great
30 Book genre
32 Book genre
34 Compete
35 Strictness
36 Let up
38 Burger topper
39 Was partisan
40 Dispatched
41 Indiana city

DOWN

1 Nor'easter, e.g.
2 Sweethearts
3 Relaxed
4 Chess pieces
5 Vicinity
6 "Of Mice and Men" character
7 Makes law
8 Company division
10 Money, in slang
11 Base group
16 Electra's brother
18 Office helper
21 Legal paper
23 Cake courses
24 Galahad's mother
25 "— in the Rain"
27 Utah neighbor
28 More hackneyed
29 Big dos
30 Tip off
31 Poor
33 Bender
37 Sizable

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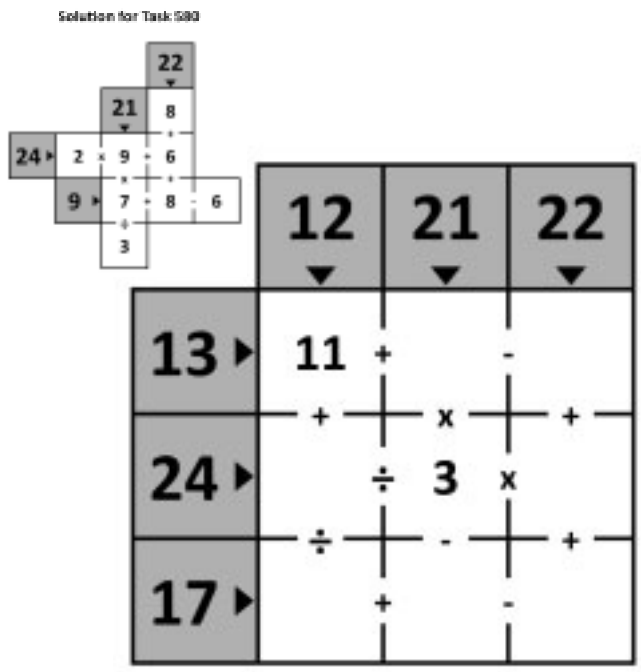
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Eldon Alexander, 36, and Ms. Korin Vanhouten, 47, had two different encounters with Ogden, Utah, police on Dec. 15. First, they were issued misdemeanor citations after being accused of shoplifting at a WinCo Foods store. They were released and walked out to their car in the parking lot, but summoned the police when they discovered that while they were busy shoplifting, someone had broken into their car and stolen a stereo. (The shoplifted items were worth about $25, the stereo about $60.)

■ Sheriff's deputies arrested novelist Nancy Mancuso Gelber, 53, in December in Bryan, Texas, after she had allegedly arranged a hit on her husband. (The "hit man," of course, was an undercover officer.) Gelber said she had walked in on the husband romancing with one of her friends, and the couple were in the process of divorcing (complicated by his having removed her from his health insurance just as she was scheduled for expensive surgery). Gelber is the author of the 2010 "crime thriller," "Temporary Amnesia," and told the "hit man" that she was quite familiar with investigative procedures (though obviously poor at spotting undercover officers).

TODAY IN HISTORY

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

1918 – Ukraine declares independence from Bolshevik Russia.

1919 – The League of Nations is founded.

1924 – The 1924 Winter Olympics opens in Chamonix, France, inaugurating the Winter Olympic Games.

1932 – Second Sino-Japanese War: The Chinese National Revolutionary Army begins its defense of Harbin.

1937 – The Guiding Light debuts on NBC radio from Chicago. In 1952 it moves to CBS television, where it remains until Sept. 18, 2009.

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2. To infer or deduce.

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