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THE ON THE MEND ISSUE



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PROTECTED: **The City Council on Tuesday approved the sustainability bill of rights, a document that calls on city officials to recognize the rights of natural organisms and communities to 'exist, regenerate and flourish' and gives individuals the ability to sue to protect those rights.**

Council supports rights of environment, corporations

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A dual measure before the City Council Tuesday to support legal protections for the environment and end corporate personhood got a split response from elected officials who enthusiastically supported a healthy environment but watered down the call to restrict rights to living beings.

Council members unanimously passed a resolution backing a bill of rights for the environment, which would give legal standing to city officials to protect the environment within Santa Monica's borders if passed as a law in the future.

Four of the six present — Councilmember Pam O'Connor was absent — couldn't get behind the second piece, which asked the council to throw its support behind the Move to Amend campaign, a national movement to "clearly establish" that corporations do not have the same rights as individuals.

People from across California flocked to the meeting to support the two resolutions, which they felt bolstered one another by codifying the rights of the environment and restricting the organizations that they felt hurt it and democracy.

Almost 40 speakers took to the podium in favor, including students from Santa Monica High School, members of City Hall's Task Force on the Environment and the Los Angeles affiliate of Move to Amend.

Many gathered ahead of the meeting to hold a demonstration on the steps of City Hall.

Jenna Perelman, a senior at Santa Monica High School and co-president of the Solar Alliance, told council members that responsibility to protect the environment against corporate interests belongs to

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Samohi teacher's harassment probe is public record

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SMMUSD HDQTRS Parents have the right to review records detailing a Santa Monica High School teacher's violation of the school district's sexual harassment policy, an appeals court ruled this week.

While the math teacher, who was reprimanded but not criminally charged in the incident involving a 13-year-old girl, has substantial privacy rights at stake, parents have an overriding interest in learning about

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Cops dismantle car theft ring

Pieces of Travolta's Mercedes recovered

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Special to the Daily Press



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PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Parts of actor John Travolta's older-model Mercedes were recovered after Santa Monica police officers helped shut down a "sophisticated" car theft ring, authorities said Wednesday.

Using video footage and tips from the public, investigators arrested two men in connection with the theft of Travolta's 1970 Mercedes 280 SL convertible, which was stolen after the actor parked it on a residential street in

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012

Troubled teens on stage
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1211 Fourth St., 5:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
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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.

The story behind stories
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Join the library for a lively discussion about how processes for engaging people through their stories has evolved over the last 30 years. For more information, visit www.storycenter.org.

Food for a cause
Olympic High School
721 Ocean Park Blvd., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Olympic is hosting a special food truck night to raise funds for the school. For more information, call (310) 392-2492 ext. 66-207.

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.

A bug's life
Santa Monica Pier
1550 Pacific Coast Hwy., times vary
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.

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SAVED: **The City Council agreed to landmark this home at 2501 Second St. in Ocean Park.**

City Council places landmark tag on Ocean Park home

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Council members upheld the decision of the Landmarks Commission to designate a home in Ocean Park as a city landmark.

The home, on the 2500 block of Second Street, consists of two cottages. The commission felt that the front cottage was a physical representation of the history of the city, embodied architectural characteristics specific to the time and place that it was built and is on a highly visible corner in the Ocean Park neighborhood with other early 20th century buildings.

The appellant, Plaster Family Trust, held that the home was in poor repair and could not be fixed without rebuilding it, effectively destroying the historic elements of the place.

Land use attorney Chris Harding, who represented the trust, also said that restoring the home would be prohibitively expensive.

The council backed up the Landmarks Commission on a four to three vote with councilmembers Pam O'Connor, Terry O'Day and Bob Holbrook against.

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Development agreements in full compliance, city staff says

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL An annual summary of developments governed by special agreements in Santa Monica found that all of the finished projects are meeting the obligations they have to City Hall.

That's a departure from last year's report, which found that four — including Saint John's Health Center, Yahoo! Center, the Paseo del Mar housing development and the Dorchester House — had not met their commitments to various degrees.

Development agreements are special contracts between City Hall and developers that allow them to build outside of the zoning code in exchange for benefits that City Hall could not otherwise ask for.

In the past, several of those commitments went unchecked, the most significant of which was the 442-space subterranean parking garage and new entry plaza that Saint John's Health Center was obligated to build as part of its development agreement.

In 2007, the hospital asked for a 10-year extension so that it could lease off-site parking spaces and operate a valet service in the meantime.

In mid-2011, the City Council voted to amend both Saint John's and the Yahoo! Center agreements, bringing them into compliance by axing some key provisions, like the parking structure, and putting in place new requirements.

In the hospital's case, that included providing even more parking off-site than would have been necessary using the garage, extra protections for the neighborhood and implementing a traffic reduction program to make it easier for the neighborhood.

The Yahoo! Center was given permission to lease out over 1,000 parking spaces — some of which went to Saint John's to meet its requirements — which it was already doing prior to the amendment.

In exchange, City Hall got another program meant to cut down on traffic and congestion in the area.

Neither development has to provide proof that it's meeting its new obligations for one calendar year after its amended agreement was signed, said Planning Director David Martin.

That means that staff will not report on the new provisions put in place to excuse the loss of the older requirements until 2013.

All in all, City Hall has made 20 development agreements since the practice began in the 1980s and there are another five in development.

Of those, 12 projects are built and have been found to be in full compliance with their development agreements. Two, the St. Monica Catholic Community and Agensys, are being built and construction hasn't started on the remaining six.

Development agreements became the go-to method of getting major projects built in Santa Monica, particularly as City Hall moved to redo its Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE.

That took seven years of public process to complete.

City Hall has just begun the process to create a new zoning ordinance, which will put the values of the LUCE in action throughout the city.

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Not perfect, but palatable

Editor:

Dear City Council,

In the spring of 2010, the Board of the Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Coalition delivered our endorsement of the hotel proposed for 710 Wilshire Blvd. Recently, we responded to the draft environmental impact report and have seen the project in its current state. Our endorsement remains unanimous and enthusiastic.

In Wilmont, we are very conscious of the difference between Downtown and residential neighborhoods. Part of Wilmont is in the Downtown District, as is this hotel. We know that income from hotels supports much of what we love about our city.

Tuesday night, there was a long discussion about a small residence in Ocean Park, and whether or not the decision of the Landmarks Commission to landmark that property should stand. Much of the discussion dealt with the cost to restore and maintain a landmark.

The beautiful building at 710 Wilshire is a very significant landmark. We want it to remain so. We know that it requires a lot of money to restore and maintain the building we love. The building should be an attraction, and should make walking along that section of Wilshire enjoyable.

We believe that this hotel, smaller than originally envisioned and larger than many would prefer, can create enough money to keep the building in style.

This is not to say that we think the proposal is perfect.

During the 2010 discussion, we recall unanimous City Council support for the proposal that workers' pay be commensurate with union hotels nearby. We expect that promise to be honored.

We remain concerned about parking impacts. The price charged for this parking should be closely monitored. The cost should not push people into the residential neighborhood, an area notable for its lack of parking. Hotel guests should not be encouraged to take over the structure at the nearby library, either.

Many in our community would like to see a much smaller project.

We look forward to dining inside the restored hotel and having it in our community.

Valerie Griffin
Chair, Wilshire/Montana Neighborhood Coalition

Looking for a guarantee

Editor:

Dear school board and Samohi principal,

Why can't Santa Monica High School administrators and the school board provide a safe environment for our students on the high school campus? A fight between 30 people, including students, broke out after a basketball game at Samohi Friday night ("Brawl breaks out at Samohi after close game," Jan. 25, page 1).

When will the district take charge to keep our children safe while on district school grounds? First a student shooting three blocks away, then gang fights, now this. What will it take for those in charge to actually take responsibility and ensure the safety of our children?

Dr. Lisette Gold
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Why we need to save bees

A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO I BEGAN preparing for my spring classes. At roughly the same time several students approached me and wanted to know more about our incredible honeybees.

After the conversation ended, a few hours later, I thought about jotting down what was said. The following is the abridged version.

The more scientists find out about how life's rich tapestry works — and that each critter has such a crucial role to play — the more we are convinced that all life-forms share a number of similarities. It's truly uncanny.

Take for example humans and honeybees: we are quite similar in a number of ways. We both share addiction and rage management issues. Bees and humans just can't seem to get enough caffeine, nicotine or cocaine; once we start the euphoric "give-me-more" insatiable gene dominates our habits.

It also turns out that both angry humans (mostly males) and worker honeybees (exclusively females) head-butt one another. In the case of the honeybees, when the hive is under attack bees stop their sexy waggle dance for a tenth of a second and vibrate 380 times a second. Vibrations are accompanied by head-butting fellow workers, which we now know conveys that the hive is under siege.

Over the past four years a quarter of a trillion honeybees have died prematurely on our home, planet Earth. Clearly something is terribly wrong here.

In so many different ways the bees are acting as nature's canaries in coal mines. Of the 100 crop species providing 90 percent of the world's food — about 74 percent are pollinated by bees. The bees are the first critters to touch and help make our food; they are getting sick around the globe. As a matter of fact, in March of 2011 the United Nations issued a warning that mass bee deaths signal the writing on the wall for global food security.

The list of bee-caused deaths includes the collision of the following factors: neonicotinoid insecticides, climate change, air pollution, introduced mites, bacteria, fungi, bee husbandry, exposure to high frequency cellular radiation and the latest discovery of parasitic flies.

When any organism's autoimmune system is significantly compromised, not dissimilar to humans afflicted with AIDS, it becomes highly susceptible to a number of potential new ailments including parasites. In the case of our beleaguered honeybees the latter appears to be applicable.

Excellent work from the University of San Francisco recently showed that parasitic flies latch onto honeybees causing them to become disoriented and exhibit "zombie-like" behavior. Bees are social creatures and when they get sick they will not go home. Honeybees carry a selfless gene that sacrifices an individual to safeguard the entire colony.

The Santa Monica City Council is to be congratulated for allowing urban beekeepers the privilege of keeping hives in our city.

There's a tremendous amount each of us can do to help urban bees. This spring I suggest planting native yellow and blue flowers in large patches. Please do not use any herbicides, insecticides, miticides or fungicides in your garden. Also, as the weather gets warmer place a bowl of water in the garden for the bees; they, too, need fresh water. Replenish that water bowl, daily.

Recently an investigative story I wrote was picked up by the Wall Street Journal because it had an important message about honey and our national food security in the U.S.

The Chinese are the biggest honey producers on the globe and they have begun in earnest to micro-filter hundreds of millions of pounds of honey, essentially removing the country of origin or the honey's fingerprint, making it impossible to trace. China continues to use banned carcinogenic poisons on their crops. In 2002, 154,000 pounds of Chinese honey contaminated with chloramphenicol (which causes bone marrow failure) turned up in our grocery stores, unknowingly.

In America, we import at least 150 million pounds of honey and consume over 330 million pounds of honey, annually. It's baked into everything from breakfast cereals to cookies and mixed into sauces, beverages, processed foods and even cough drops.

Protect your family, support local beekeepers by purchasing their honey. In Santa Monica we have a splendid Farmers' Market — buy your honey locally.

Lastly, I strongly advise you to consider planting both vegetables and fruit-bearing trees this springtime. Our urban bees need healthy sources of nectar and pollen; and we need the bountiful produce that bees miraculously create.

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Court delays ruling on unusual Honda hybrid suit

LINDA DEUTSCH
AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES An unusual small claims lawsuit by a Honda hybrid owner took another complicated turn Wednesday with additional arguments that prompted a commissioner to delay a ruling for more consideration.

Superior Court Commissioner Douglas Carnahan said he was aware of "a media blitz on this case," and wanted to be clear on all of the issues raised by Honda owner Heather Peters.

Peters told the court she was anxious to get the matter resolved and did not want to waste the court's time.

"You're not wasting the court's time," said Carnahan. "These are serious issues affecting more people than just you."

Honda representative Neil Schmidt showed up for the hearing with a stack of envelopes that the commissioner estimated as 8 inches high, purportedly containing letters from satisfied Honda owners.

Carnahan declined to open the envelopes, saying it would just prolong the hearing that has already gone on longer than most small claims court actions.

Peters said she did not want to see the letters and had submitted her own testimonials from those who are dissatisfied with the cars.

"I'll stipulate there are people who love their cars," she said as she pointed to the audience where six other disappointed Honda owners were seated, including a woman who drove from Sacramento to attend the hearing.

The woman, Kathy Wood, of Elk Grove said outside court, "I drove from Sacramento because if she can do all this that's the least I can do."

Peters, a former lawyer, has been using the Internet to try to rally other Honda hybrid owners to follow her example and go to small claims court rather than accept a proposed class-action settlement by Honda.

Peters bought her car in April 2006.

Peters claimed the car never came close to the 50 miles per gallon (21.26 kilometers per liter) promised and that it got no more than 30 miles per gallon (12.75 kilometers per liter) when the battery began deteriorating. She still owns the car and wants to be compensated for money lost on gas, as well as punitive damages.

She bolted from a class-action lawsuit in order to sue for $10,000 rather than agree to a proposed settlement by Honda with thousands of car owners that would give each owner $100 to $200 and a $1,000 credit on the purchase of a new Honda.

She has said that if all owners of the problem cars won in small-claims court, it could cost Honda $2 billion

Wood said she is planning to opt out of a class-action suit.

"I'm never buying a Honda again," Wood said.

Schmidt presented charts that he said showed that even with the decreased mileage, Peters benefited from having the car. She called his calculations "laughable."

"If Honda snuck into my garage and siphoned gas out of my car, that's a crime," Peters told the commissioner. "That's what they're doing."

Honda also sent Darren Johnson, its manager in charge of certifications, to explain how Honda tests its vehicles in relation to tests by the environmental protection agency.

Schmidt claimed there was no fraud and said "we're being sued for telling the truth and she actually benefited from having the hybrid."

Carnahan said he was taking the matter under submission and would have a ruling probably next week or at least before the Feb. 11 deadline for people to opt out of the class action case.

Outside court Peters said, "I feel great. I did my best. However he decides it I'm happy I did it. It's brought to light a lot of background stuff that people should know.

"I'm the trailblazer here," she said, "and everyone else can follow what I did."

New county building law combats obesity

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Taking aim at obesity with wider sidewalks may draw snickers.

But Los Angeles County supervisors say a law approved on Tuesday is designed to promote exercise and make it easier to start community gardens for healthy eating.

The law requires new developments in unincorporated areas to have expanded five-foot sidewalk widths and bicycle parking, among other things.

Officials say wider sidewalks are designed for a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly environment.

Health Department obesity prevention director Suzanne Bogert tells the Los Angeles Times that the proper environment is needed to support anti-obesity and healthy eating programs.

The Q Line

Make your pick

The race for the newly-formed 50th Assembly District is starting to attract attention.

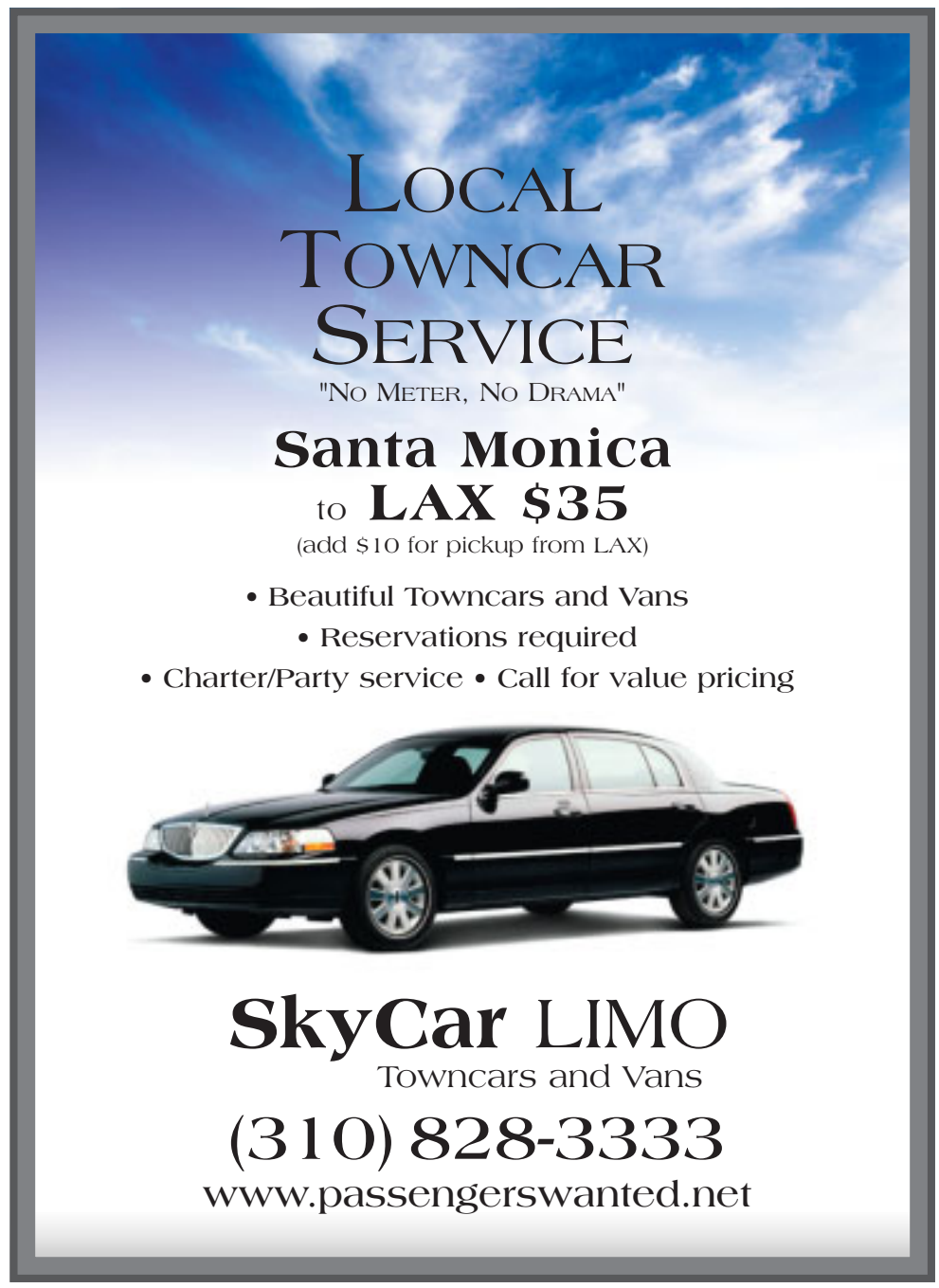
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Man gets reward in homeless killings case

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. A forklift driver who helped chase down a suspect in a string of homeless killings after seeing one of the victims stabbed to death received a $5,000 reward from law enforcement on Wednesday.

Donny Hopkins, 32, said he had stopped at a drug store to buy cigarettes for his wife on Jan. 13 when a man burst inside saying the serial killer was outside. The father of two said he ran toward the attacker as he stabbed his victim at least seven times outside a fast-foot restaurant.

"I'm yelling as loud as I can, 'hey — stop!' at the top of my lungs," Hopkins told The Associated Press. "He just kept going and kept going."

With Hopkins about 10 feet away, the attacker took off. Hopkins said he chased the man into a nearby mobile home park — where Hopkins lives — and dialed 911.

Authorities surrounded the area and later that night arrested 23-year-old Itzcoatl Ocampo, a former Marine.

Prosecutors have charged the Iraq war veteran with the murders of four homeless men in a nearly month-long spree that prompted police to fan out across suburban Orange County to urge the homeless to seek shelter indoors.

During that time, the Association of Orange County Deputy Sheriffs offered a $5,000 reward for information leading to the capture of the killer in a county more often known as the home to Disneyland and multi-million dollar beachfront homes than for its thousands of homeless people.

The association handed a check to Hopkins at a news conference outside the fast-food restaurant where a memorial of candles, flowers, teddy bears and signs has been created in memory of 64-year-old victim John Berry.

"While we never encourage citizens to put themselves in danger, his actions saved unknown lives," Tom Dominguez, the association's president, told reporters.

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his conduct and how school officials responded to it, said the Second District Court of Appeal in Los Angeles.

The teacher, identified in court records as Ari Marken, "occupies a position of trust and responsibility as a classroom teacher, and the public has a legitimate interest in knowing whether and how the district enforces its sexual harassment policy," the court said in Tuesday's 3-0 ruling.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District must now hand over the letter of reprimand Marken received and other records of an independent investigation conducted in November of 2008, with the names of the student and witnesses removed.

The court went so far as to say that the school district would have to disclose the records even if no misconduct was found — so long as a judge who reviewed the material can determine that it was based on reliable information and that the original complaint was "well-founded and substantial."

BACK IN TIME

The case dates back to October 2008 when the mother of a ninth grader told an administrator that her daughter had been sexually harassed by Marken, her math teacher. Marken, who received high marks on ratemyteachers.com, was removed from the classroom for a month while an investigator interviewed the teacher and other staff members, according to court records.

The girl's parents did not allow her to be interviewed, but the investigator determined that at least some of the allegations were most likely true.

The district found Marken violated the Board of Education's sexual harassment policy and issued him a reprimand, along with some directives on how to interact with students in the future.

The district's sexual harassment policy includes everything from making inappropriate jokes or drawings to teasing and touching someone's clothes in a sexual way, as well as making unwanted sexual advances.

Michael Chwe, a parent with two children at Samohi, filed a California Public Records Act request in December of 2010 asking for any and all documents related to the investigation. That was after more than 140 people signed a letter expressing disapproval of the district's handling of the case and asking for more information about the incident.

District officials originally agreed to release the information but stalled, giving Marken roughly two months to file a lawsuit arguing that the teen's complaint was neither well-founded or substantial and that disclosure of his public records would violate his right to privacy and cause him irreparable harm.

A Los Angeles Superior Court judge ruled against him in March of 2011 and the appeals court upheld that ruling.

It is unclear whether or not the school district will release the records.

"We understand the appellate court has decided in concert with the district's view of the matter and that we are working now with counsel on next steps," read a statement released Wednesday by Superintendent Sandra Lyon. "We will have a larger statement after our attorneys get back to us."

District officials may be awaiting word from Marken on whether or not he will seek review by the state Supreme Court. If so, the district may be barred from releasing the documents until the court makes its ruling.

Chwe said he was pleased with the court's decision and hopes the district releases the records immediately.

"Parents want to know if their kids' teacher has sexually harassed somebody, they want to know the details and they have a right to that information and a right to know how the district handled investigations into allegations of sexual harassment," Chwe said. "It's very frustrating that the district has consistently delayed or prevented this disclosure."

Chwe's attorneys were concerned about one aspect of the court's ruling. The court said people who seek disclosure of government records after an employee has gone to court to keep them sealed is not entitled to have their attorney's fees paid by another party.

"This will make it harder for people to get access to government records and to ensure that their constitutionally-protected rights are being respected," said Jeff Glasser, one of Chwe's attorneys.

Glasser said he is considering seeking further judicial review on that issue.

Richard Schwab, who represented Marken, said the court's ruling creates "an unfortunate slippery slope" where now a disgruntled parent, student or blogger can "abuse" the public records act in an attempt to "menace" a teacher.

While the public certainly has a right to know, the information being sought by Chwe "would not shed any light on public function," the allegations made being of the "lowest spectrum."

"If Mr. Marken had been an administrator or superintendent or the subject matter had been one of a significant issue, then I would have seen the need for public disclosure, but this was not the case," Schwab said.

He believes the ruling will make public employees more reluctant to cooperate in investigations of colleagues because they may be concerned their testimony could be made public.

"While I certainly uphold the high integrity of the First Amendment, I also believe the right to privacy should be given a high priority," Schwab said.

Glasser said public employees shouldn't be concerned if they are following proper rules and procedures.

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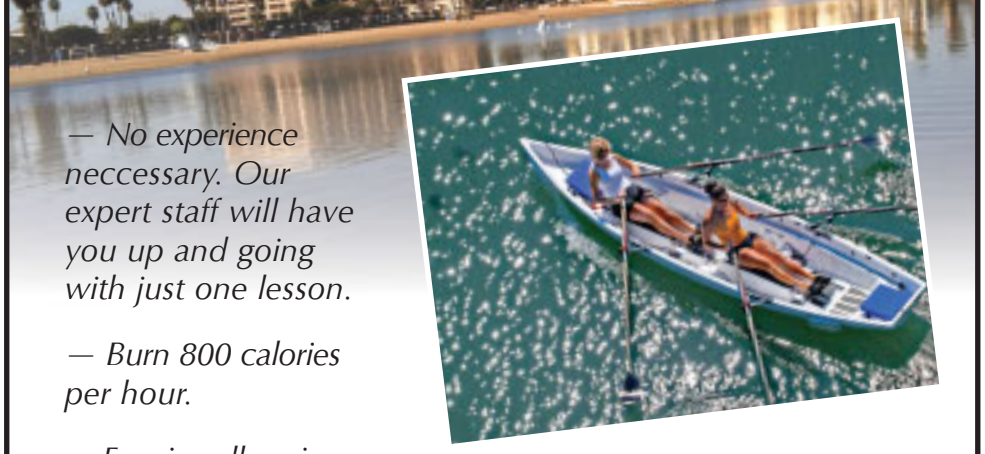
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Santa Monica last September, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

The arrests led to the dismantling of the car theft ring, which targeted older-model Mercedes and muscle cars. Pieces of eight vehicles were recovered at various chop shops spread across Los Angeles County, Lewis said.

Santa Monica investigators collaborated with the Taskforce for Regional Auto Theft Prevention (TRAP), which is comprised of "highly specialized" investigators from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles Police Department, California Highway Patrol, and various other law enforcement agencies in the region, who are experts in organized auto theft rings, Lewis said.

The two men arrested were identified as Michael Green, 58, and DL Rayford Jr., 52; both from Los Angeles. Green was arrested on Dec. 6, and Rayford was taken into custody on Dec. 19.

Lewis said authorities waited until Wednesday to announce the arrests because their investigation into Rayford and Green had been ongoing.

Green is charged with two counts of grand theft auto — involving Travolta's vehicle and another Mercedes. He is due Feb. 8 at the Airport Branch Courthouse, when a date is scheduled to be set for a hearing to determine if there is enough evidence to require him to stand trial.

Green is also facing a probation violation hearing in a petty theft with a prior case in which a 20-year prison term had been suspended, according to Jane Robison of the District Attorney's Office.

Rayford pleaded no contest to one count of grand theft auto and was sentenced Jan. 5 to 16 months in state prison, Robison said. He was also ordered to pay Travolta $50,000 in restitution, according to court records.

Among the pieces of Travolta's car that were found were seats, the speedometer, hubcaps and other parts.

Authorities believe that Rayford drove Green's car after Green allegedly stole Travolta's Mercedes.

The investigation continues and anyone with information is asked to contact SMPD detectives at (310) 458-8936 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8495. The public may also contact TARP at (818) 830-6977 and ask for LAPD Detective George Molina.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the WeTip hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463) or submit the tip online at www.wetip.com. Tipsters can also contact Crime Stoppers by either calling (800) 222-TIPS, texting from their mobile, or by visiting www.lacrimestoppers.org. Callers may remain anonymous and may be qualified to receive a $1,000 reward from Crime Stoppers.

Travolta's car, which investigators said was worth roughly $35,000, was stolen Sept. 18 while parked on the 1400 block of Berkeley Street. Travolta, who played bad boy Danny Zuko in the cult classic "Greese," was visiting a nearby Jaguar dealership at the time of the theft. Police said the actor left his car parked for only 10 minutes.

On top of his love of airplanes, the actor is also an avid car collector.

In addition to owning a Rolls-Royce, Mercedes SL 500 and Jaguar XJ6, Travolta counts his classic Thunderbirds among his favorite vehicles.

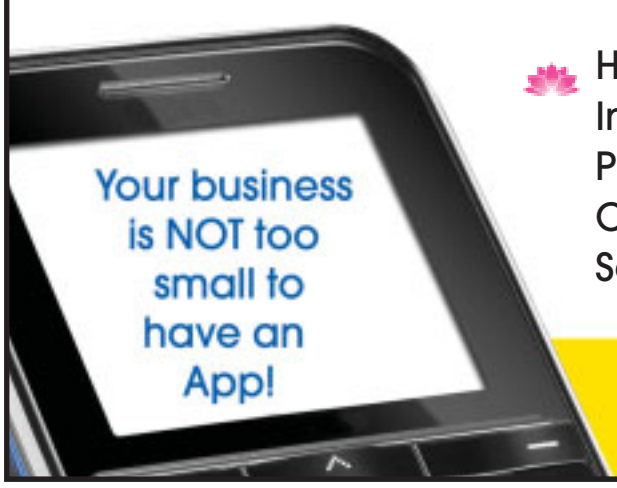
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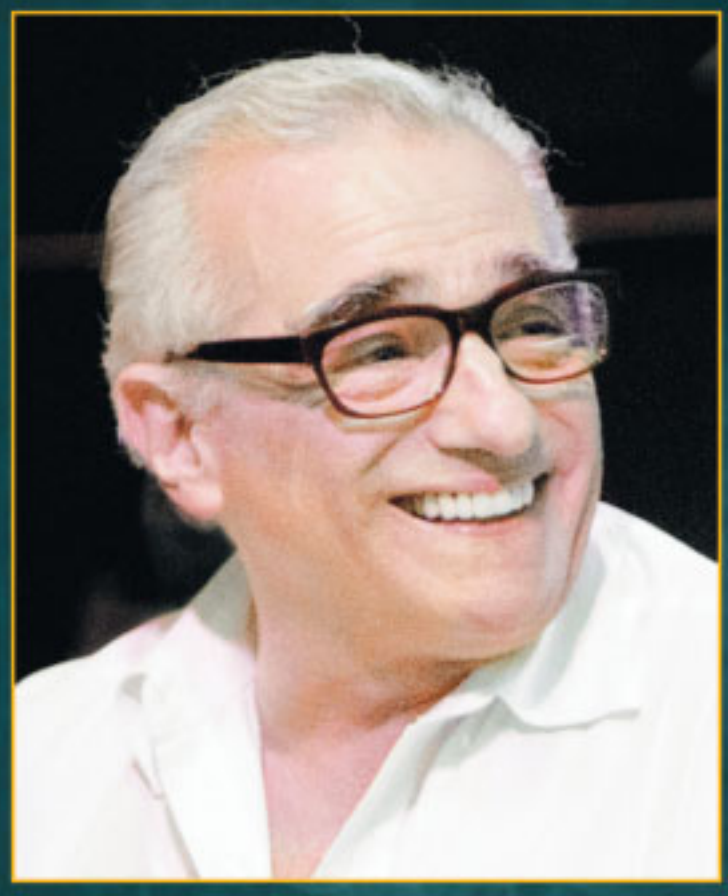
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ENJOYING THE ENVIRONMENT: **A man flies a kite on Santa Monica Beach on Wednesday.**

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everyone.

"During the demonstration, I spoke about the spiritual, 'He has the Whole World in His Hands,'" Perelman said. "But 'he' can change."

Despite the feeling of the assembled that the two resolutions went hand in hand, the City Council chose to consider each separately.

The Sustainability Bill of Rights, which guarantees the right for residents to enjoy a healthy environment, passed unanimously and with enthusiasm.

Although the resolution does not obligate City Hall to anything at this point, it was an important step, said Cris Gutierrez, of Santa Monica Neighbors Unite!.

It pairs the Sustainability Bill of Rights with Santa Monica's Sustainable City Plan, which will be updated this year, and means that part of that update will incorporate specific commitments to the environment and

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putting those commitments in the form of policies and statutes.

That will take the Sustainable City Plan from a well-intentioned, but voluntary, effort to one with teeth and consequences.

"This is a big paradigm shift," Gutierrez said. "It's an important one, and now we lay the groundwork and get people to understand."

Activists and task force members modified their request to make it more likely that the bill of rights would become law in Santa Monica.

The task force initially planned to present a fully-formed ordinance to the City Council, said Mark Gold, chair of the task force and outgoing Heal the Bay president.

"After further consultation with the city attorney, we chose a slower approach. We'll take this a couple of steps at a time," Gold said.

That was done to ensure success of the ordinance when it comes back before the council, perhaps when the Sustainable City Plan returns to the council for an update this year.

CORPORATIONS ARE PEOPLE, TOO

The Move to Amend resolution didn't gain as much traction with the City Council.

The movement targets the rights of corporations, which share almost all of the same protections as individuals under the U.S. Constitution. It aims to alter the Constitution to provide rights only to living creatures and establish that money does not equal free speech.

Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis feared that denying corporations "personhood" under the law would have unintended consequences.

Small businesses organized as corporations for legal purposes could find themselves open to search and seizure, or corporate cell phones could be tapped as they would not have a right to privacy, Davis said.

David Delk, coordinator for Move to Amend in Portland, Ore., said that many of the protections given under the Constitution would still exist on the state level.

"Mom-and-pop stores are covered by their state charters. The rights they get from that are still in place," Delk said.

Even so, council members seemed nervous to take on something as large as a constitutional amendment without further public process.

"This may be symbolic, or it may be more than symbolic," said Mayor Richard Bloom. "Imagine taking that step in this city that believes in transparency, and open and full debate."

Council members Kevin McKeown and Terry O'Day stood against their colleagues.

The resolution did not require that all rights be taken from corporations, just that they don't get all the rights of people, O'Day said.

"Tonight, we simply lend our voice to the vision that it describes," he said.

A substitute motion, supported by Councilmember Bob Holbrook, Bobby Shriver, Bloom and Davis instead called for overturning the 2010 Supreme Court Decision Citizens United vs. the Federal Election Commission.

That decision was the impetus for both resolutions before the council Tuesday.

It stated that corporate funding of independent political broadcasts could not be limited under the First Amendment protecting free speech.

The decision opened the floodgates for corporate money into politics and earned the ire of activists who felt their speech being drowned out in a barrage of private dollars.

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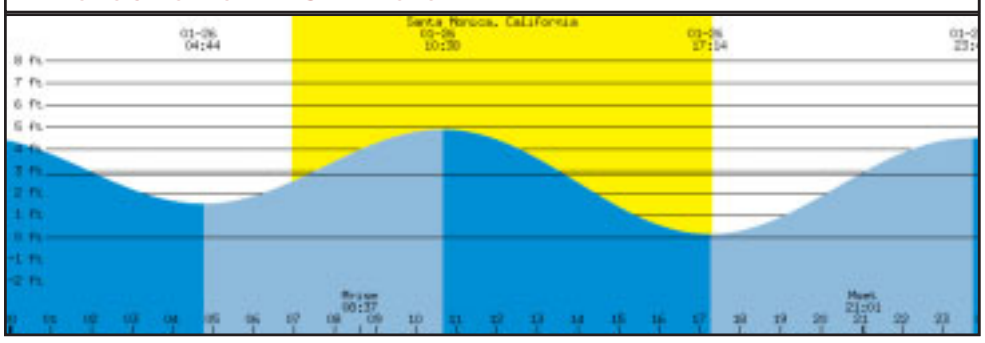
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
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
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	D	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon 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+
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 Windward 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
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Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

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NBA

Lakers pass Knicks as most valuable team in league

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NEW YORK The Los Angeles Lakers have surpassed the New York Knicks as the NBA's most valuable team, according to Forbes' annual report.

The magazine said Wednesday that the Lakers' value had increased 40 percent since last year to $900 million thanks to its blockbuster Time Warner TV deal. The Knicks' value increased 19 percent to $780 million with a boost from the renovation of Madison Square Garden. The Chicago Bulls, Dallas Mavericks and Boston Celtics round out the top five.

Despite a shortened season, the average team is worth $393 million, up 6.5 percent from last year, aided by the new collective bargaining agreement.

The Milwaukee Bucks are the least valuable team at $268 million.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ISSUANCE OF MULTIFAMILY HOUSING REVENUE BONDS FOR HIGH PLACE EAST APARTMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at 5:45 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, at the City of Santa Monica City Hall Chambers, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, the City Council of the City of Santa Monica (the "City") will conduct a public hearing as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, at which it will hear and consider information concerning a proposed plan of financing providing for the issuance by the California Statewide Communities Development Authority of multifamily housing revenue bonds in one or more series issued from time to time, and at no time to exceed $18,000,000 in outstanding aggregate principal amount, to finance the construction and development of a 45-unit multifamily rental housing project located at 1943, 1949, 1955, & 1959 High Place, Santa Monica, California. The facilities are to be owned by a partnership to be created and controlled by Community Corporation of Santa Monica, a California corporation (the "Borrower") or related entities, operated by Community Corporation of Santa Monica, and are generally known as High Place East (the "Project").

Those wishing to comment on the proposed financing and the nature and location of the Project may either appear in person at the public hearing or submit written comments, which must be received by the City prior to the hearing date. Written comments should be sent to the City of Santa Monica, 1685 Main Street, PO Box 2200, Santa Monica, California 90407 Attention: City Clerk. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance.

City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
Ordinance Numbers 2386-2389 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinance Numbers 2386 through 2389, which were adopted by the City Council on January 10, 2012.

Ordinance Number 2386 amends the City's Green Building Ordinance provisions on landscaping to exempt historic sites and botanical gardens from the requirements of that ordinance.

Ordinance Number 2387 approves a Development Agreement for 401 Broadway which authorizes the development of a new, re-designed, five-story, mixed-use project to include 56 residential units and 4.159 square feet of ground-floor commercial. Because the project is in the Downtown Parking Assessment District, there will be no on-site parking.

Ordinance Number 2388 amends and deletes older provisions of the Municipal Code relating to City-owned street trees to conform the code to the newly adopted Urban Forest master Plan.

Ordinance Number 2389 establishes new programs to be operated by the Public Works Department that will allow residents and businesses to obtain the following services for a fee: pressure washing of sidewalks for businesses; pressure washing of residential refuse containers; kitchen food scrap pails to help residents collect and transport food wastes to curbside containers; and rental of trash trucks for use as fixed attractions at parties and other events.

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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MOVIE TIMES

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

Fat City (PG) 1hr 40min
and
New Centurions (R) 1hr 43min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

War Horse (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
1:00pm, 4:40pm, 8:15pm

Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
1:10pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2hrs 40min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:05pm, 10:30pm

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

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
11:15am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:55pm, 10:30pm

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
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:25pm

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

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
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Adventures of Tintin (PG) 1hr 41min
2:15pm, 7:50pm

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

Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

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

Joyful Noise (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Adventures of Tintin 3D (PG) 1hr 41min
11:30am, 5:05pm, 10:30pm

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (R) 2hrs 07min
12:15pm, 3:30pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

Underworld: Awakening (R) 1hr 28min
12:20pm, 5:30pm, 10:30pm

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

Exercise tonight, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might want to pull back and get a better understanding of a friendship. This person sometimes goes overboard. Anger develops when you least expect it. Could someone expect more than you can give? Tonight: Get some R and R.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Being driven points a venture toward success. Another person's creative idea might backfire. No matter how nice you are when you nix this concept, the end results could be volatile. Do not spend too much energy on this issue. Tonight: Find your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Be as upbeat as you can when dealing with a higher-up or boss. Listen to feedback. On a personal level, your home life could be disruptive. Do not take the events here into your professional life. Focus on your public image. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You see a situation much differently than a partner. Through what might be animated conversation, you come to terms. If you detach, you see this person's caring. Otherwise, anger could be the result. Know you are cared about. Tonight: Catch up on calls.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Be sensitive to your needs financially. A close partner might have a different perspective and interests. This person has a very caring manner that often ropes you in. Know your limits, and be willing to say "no." Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Recognize how easily triggered you are. Pull back rather than lose your temper. Words spoken could cause a problem and cannot be taken back. A partner or another person you are financially tied to triggers strong reactions. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Sitting on strong feelings could be difficult. Pick and choose the timing to release your aggravation. Go back to the original issue. Others keep requesting your help with various projects. Toss yourself into at least one. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are all smiles, no matter how you look at a situation. A friend might be aggressive about you pursuing a certain path. You know how to say no, but in this case, it might not be heard. Trust your judgment. Tonight: Enjoy the one you are with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take a serious look at a schedule change. You clearly cannot do as you desire with your present commitments. Though you may not see the path immediately, it is there. Tonight: Buy something for your home or roommate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Make calls, schedule meetings and do not forget to make or confirm weekend plans. You could be overwhelmed by all that you have to do. News coming in from a distance could trigger a strong reaction. Tonight: You don't have to go far,

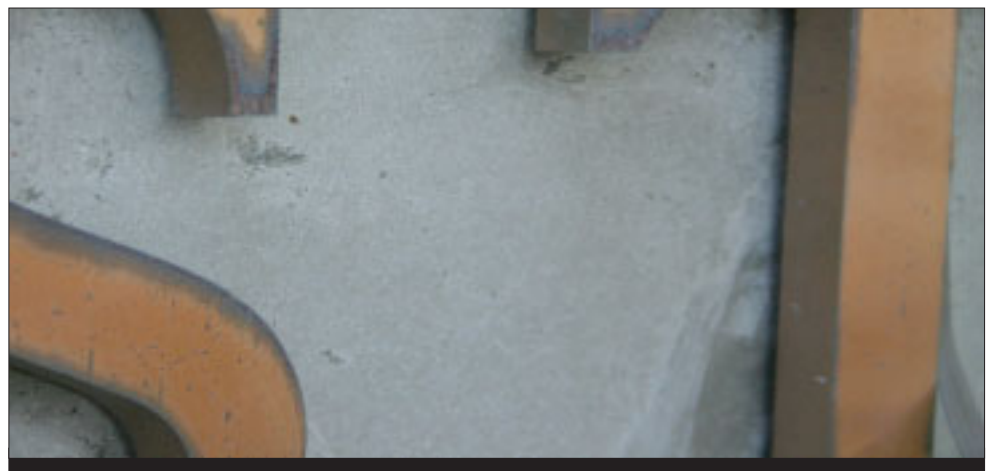
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Only you can decide what to do with your funds. You do not always have to defer to a partner. You care a lot about this person, regardless of how volatile he or she might be, yet you do not have to say yes all the time. Tonight: Make sure your budget is in the plus column.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Beam in others. Make a decision about who would be best to go to an event or begin a project with. Honor what you feel, and it all works out. One person could become quite irritated. Tonight: Do your own thing.

Happy birthday

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

You have a very appealing manner that draws many people to you. However, because you are surrounded by so many admirers, often jealousy comes into play. Be careful as to what you promise, and make sure you are clear about your expectations and desires. If you are single, you might commit to someone, only to suddenly find the bond volatile. Try to avoid commitment this year. If you are attached, the two of you often find that you disagree. Learn to respect your sweetie's perspective, and peace will be restored. PISCES spends money differently than you do.



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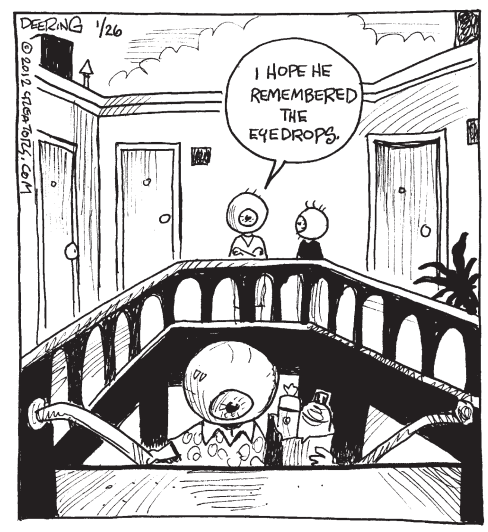
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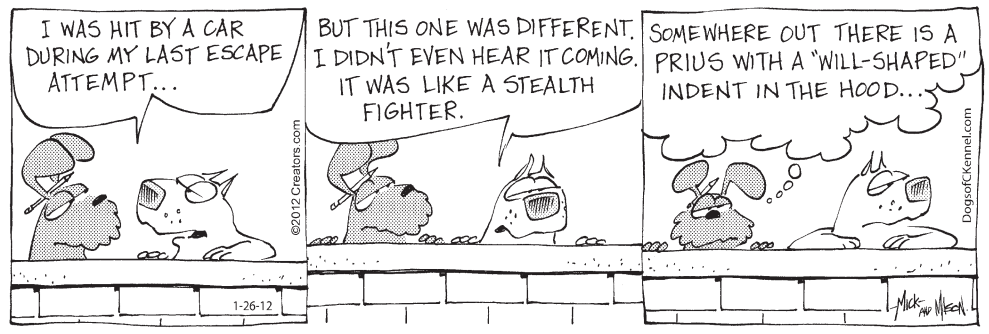
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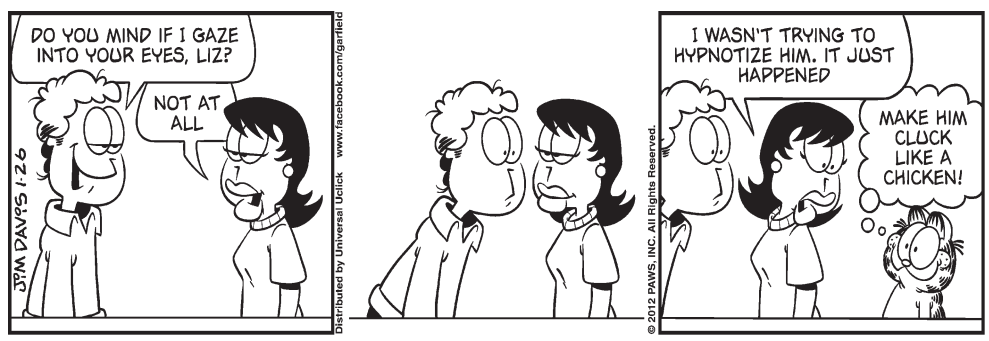
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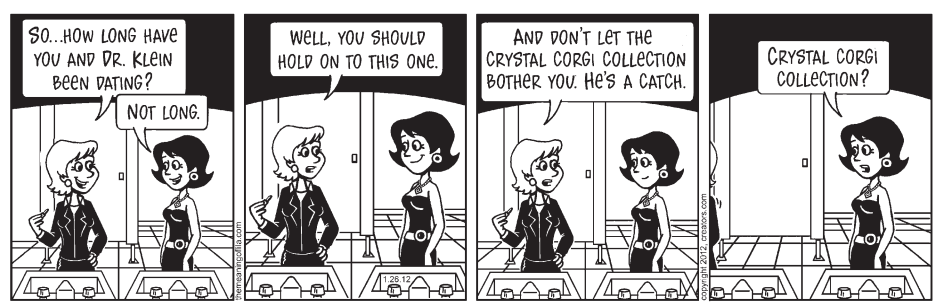
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Sudoku

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Addition column
5 Team
10 Highway ramp
11 Two-some
12 Depend
13 Out of bed
14 Refrigera-tor feature
16 Make figures
20 Some Louvre paintings
23 Like '60s fashion
24 At — (baffled)
25 Make a point
27 Marks a ballot
28 Aloud
29 Diner freebie
32 Float need
36 Form couples
39 Singer Guthrie
40 Wading birds
41 Pride member
42 Rapper's entourage
43 Pursue

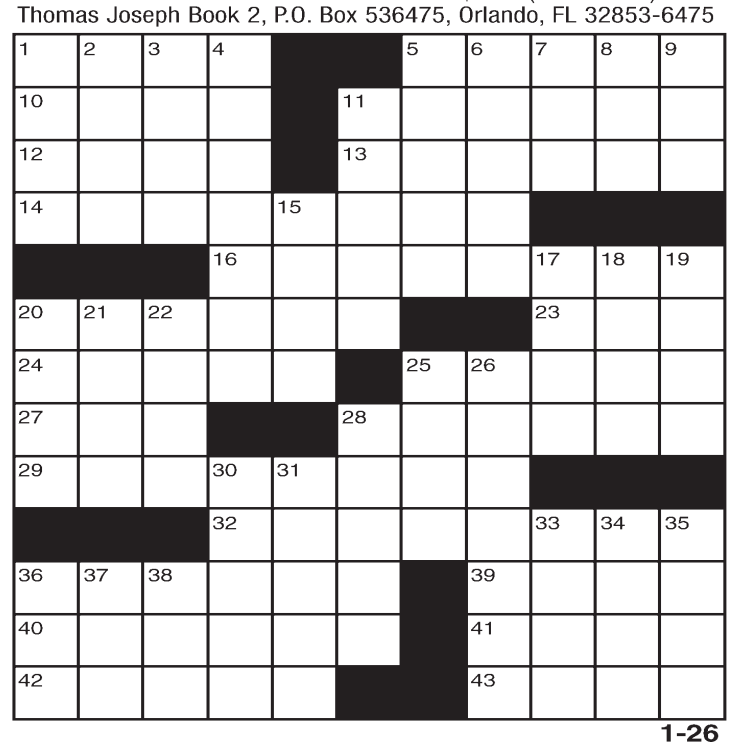
DOWN

1 TV's Hatcher
2 Suit
3 Khar-toum's river
4 Thwarts
5 Tender spots
6 Idiosyn-crasy
7 Good times
8 Hearty brew
9 Bear's lair
11 Bakery buys
15 Play makeup
17 In a frenzy
18 Shredded
19 First place
20 Long skirt
21 Tina's TV co-star
22 Snow-man's carrot
25 Blueprint number
26 Ranch pens
28 Flight makeup
30 Piano parts
31 Biting
33 War of 1812 port
34 Lotion additive
35 Cowled one
36 Vitality
37 Before today
38 Auditor's org.

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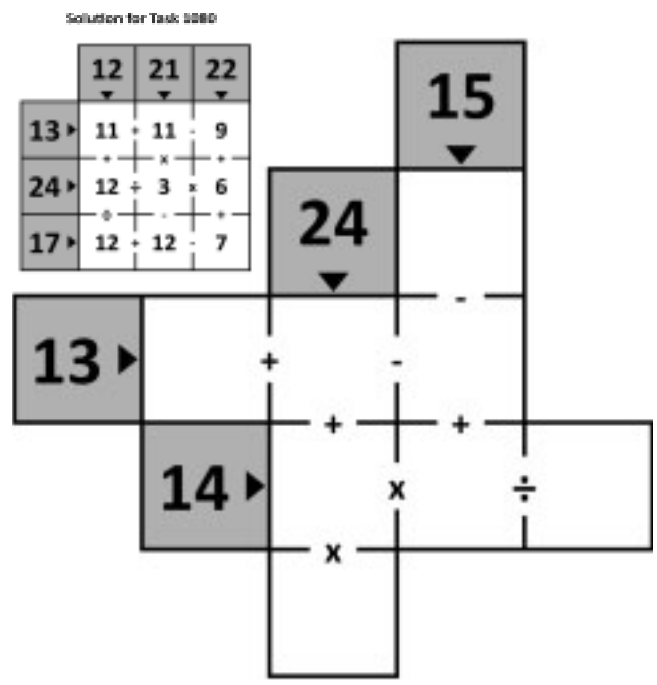
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Jesse Dimmick filed a lawsuit in Topeka, Kan., in October against Jared and Lindsay Rowley -- whom he has been convicted of kidnapping in a notorious 2009 episode that resulted in his being shot by police. Dimmick broke into the home and held the couple hostage at knifepoint, but now says that, during the siege, the couple made him an "oral contract," "legally binding," that they would help him hide if he would sometime later pay them an unspecified amount of money. According to the lawsuit, since Dimmick was subsequently shot (accidentally, said the Topeka police), his injuries were the result of the Rowleys breaching the contract to hide him safely. (Police, who had surrounded the home, arrested Dimmick when he fell asleep.)

■ The two men who heroically pulled a woman out of a burning car wreck in 2009, and surely (according to a highway patrol officer on the scene) saved her life, have sued the woman for the emotional and physical disabilities that resulted from the episode (brought to light in an August 2011 Associated Press report). David Kelley and Mark Kincaid not only stopped voluntarily to help, but were the only ones on the scene capable of pulling the woman to safety. (The fire was so hot that it melted Kelley's cellphone.) Kelley said he has suffered serious breathing problems and cannot avoid horrific dreams reliving the episode. The woman, Theresa Tanner, subsequently admitted that she deliberately crashed the car that day in a suicide attempt.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1962 - Ranger program: Ranger 3 is launched to study the moon. The space probe later misses the moon by 22,000 miles (35,400 km).

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1.To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of (specify all names by which the decedent was known): Lucille Stumbaugh, aka Lucille Brink, aka Lucille Witherow, aka Lucille Wolf
2.A Petition for Probate has been filed by (name of petitioner): in the Superior Court of California, County of (specify): Jack D. Wolf
3.The Petition for Probate requests that (name): Jack D. Wolf be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
4.The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
5.The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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6.A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
a. Date: Feb. 23, 2013 Time: 8:30am Dept.:11
b.Address of court: 111 North Hill Stt., Los Angeles, CA 90012
If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
8.If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.
9.You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
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