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THE COOL TWIST ISSUE

EPA: Malibu samples, cleaning OK

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU HIGH SCHOOL Results from testing and cleaning that occurred over winter break at Malibu High School were given a preliminary stamp of approval from the federal government.

The amount of PCBs, a cancer causing substance, found in the dust particles was reduced by 93 to 99 percent following the cleaning, according to a letter sent to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District from the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) on Monday.

The amount of PCBs found in the air was cut in half in the classrooms, said Steve Armann, the EPA official managing the Malibu High School contamination.

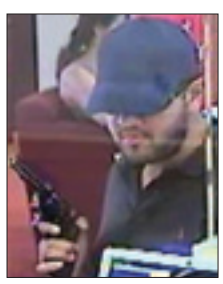
All the results show levels that are within the range that the EPA finds acceptable, he said.

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Suspect in bank robberies busted

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

DOWNTOWN Authorities have apprehended a man they believe is responsible for robbing eight banks on the Westside, including five in Santa Monica.



POSSIBLE SUSPECT

Alim Shamil Urmanchev, 44, was taken into custody Monday night and is expected to be charged in connection with the armed robberies, a spokesperson for the

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HIP TAKE: Artist Luke Haynes with one of his creations, a quilt featuring the faces of rappers Jay Z and Kanye West.

Stitching up the age gap

Artist takes quilting to next level at 1450 Ocean

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

PALISADES PARK The first artist in residence at 1450 Ocean epitomizes the new cultural center's current metamorphosis.

Luke Haynes' sees his work, which includes portraits of Jay Z, Madonna, Ronald Reagan, and Barack Obama all stitched onto quilts, as a bridge between the young and old.

1450 Ocean was the Senior Recreation Center until last year when, as directed by City Council, it became a space for creative cultural programs for anyone 18 and older. All senior services were moved to the Ken Edwards Center on Fourth Street and are run by the nonprofit WISE & Healthy Aging. City staff and council wanted to consolidate seniors services under one roof.

Senior's complained about the loss of services and ocean views. 1450 Ocean was slow to get off the ground with some early classes being canceled because of a lack of attendance.

Naomi Okuyama, who runs the programs for 1450 Ocean, said that Haynes, who starts the residency on Saturday, is a great match for the center's new vision.

"I think we really are finding our legs," she said. "He's offering training, which is something we're trying to do. And there's all of this excitement generated between the arts and the crafts."

Haynes, with his contemporary quilts, is used to his role as the quilt-maker for all ages.

"I get it all the time," he said. "I'm involved with a lot of quilting companies and at all the board meetings they're asking how we bring in those younger people. We don't have a lot of that private pedagogy anymore, where a grandmother sits down with her granddaughter teaching her how to sew."

Haynes learned how to quilt from classes, not his grandmother, and he'll be offering classes of his own in February at 1450 Ocean.

City Hall will collect fabrics from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 8 at 2500

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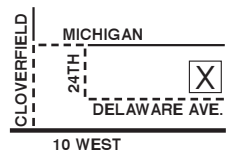


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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014

Follow that chef
Downtown Farmers' Market
Third Street and Arizona Avenue, 9 a.m.
Have you ever wondered what all those chefs are going to make with all that fresh produce they buy at the Farmers' Market? Now is your chance to follow a chef back to the kitchen and learn how they put all of the ingredients together to create a special menu. Classes are free of charge and require RSVP.
For more information, visit thegourmandiseschool.com

You've got mail
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3:30 p.m.
Learn how to use e-mail and create your own free account. Seating is first come, first served. Beginner level. For more information or questions, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Under the big top
Santa Monica Pier
Times vary
Cirque du Soleil returns to Santa Monica. This time around, the world famous troupe presents "Totem," an artistic look at mankind's evolution. For more information, visit cirquedusoleil.com.

Chinese New Year crafts and treats
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.
Celebrate Chinese New Year by creating your own paper lanterns. There will also be sweet Chinese treats. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

Talking issues
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7:30 p.m.
UCLA professor Adam Winkler and Marianne Williamson, who is running for Congress, will be speaking Wednesday about getting corrupt money out of politics.
For more information, visit marianneforcongress.com.

What happened to Prudencia?
The Broad Stage, The Edye
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
The National Theatre of Scotland unleashes its company of five actors and musicians to tilt your kilt in "The Strange Undoing of Prudencia Hart." It's an entertaining evening of supernatural storytelling, music and theatre inspired by the Border Ballads, Robert Burns and the poems of Robert Service.
For more information, visit thebroadstage.com.

Thursday, Jan. 30, 2014

Hangar full of art
Barker Hangar
3021 Airport Ave., 11 a.m.
Art Los Angeles Contemporary is back. The renowned fair presents 70 top international blue chip and emerging galleries from around the world, with a strong focus on Los Angeles galleries. Participants present some of the most dynamic recent works from their roster of represented artists, offering an informed cross section of what is happening now in contemporary art making. For more information, visit artlosangelesfair.com.

Friday, Jan. 31, 2014

Maupin live
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 12:30 p.m.
Join the library for this unique lunchtime event with best-selling author Armistead Maupin, celebrating the release of his final book in the "Tales of the City" series, "The Days of Anna Madrigal." Armistead will be joined for the event by his good friend, Santa Monica's very own Don Bachardy. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Youth awarded scholarships

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica named its Youth of the Year over the weekend, sending Gabriela Hernandez off with a scholarship worth $8,000 thanks to the generosity of donors.

One of the event's highlights was a surprise for the Youth of the Year finalists. As they stood onstage at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows Saturday, emcee Deb Carson of Fox Sports Radio announced that a generous club benefactor who had been a Youth of the Year judge decided to award each of them $4,000, for a total of $16,000 for the youth.

Hernandez was stunned by her win as well as by the unexpected monetary bonus she received on top of her Youth of the Year prize, provided through the David A. Cathcart College Scholarship.

"It's something I still haven't entirely processed," she said in a press release. "It means the world because the club means so much to me and for them to recognize me is incredible."

The awards banquet was presented by the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica.

Hernandez will act as the club's ambassador throughout 2014 and will participate in additional Youth of the Year competitions with hopes of eventually moving on to the national level.

Established in 1947, Youth of the Year highlights the impact that mentoring from caring adults can have on young people's lives.

The banquet was the first event to kick off the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica yearlong 70th anniversary celebration.

– DAILY PRESS



Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

PROUD DAY: **(L-R) Finalists Tayon Blockmon, Geanna Grammatico, Gabriela Hernandez and Aemoni Harris pose with Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica board member Bill Dawson (center). Hernandez won Youth of the Year.**

DOWNTOWN

10 Freeway closure

Caltrans is closing all lanes of Interstate 10 westbound from the Fourth and Fifth streets off-ramp to the McClure Tunnel on Thursday, Jan. 30, from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. for guardrail repair.

Caltrans reminds all motorists to "slow for the cone zone" and "move over."

"It's the law."

– DP

SACRAMENTO

Improving the coast

Santa Monica-based environmental watchdog Heal the Bay is receiving $169,000 to compile information on the benefits, costs and feasibility of three "Living Streets" programs in Los Angeles that address causes and expected effects of climate change.

The three programs are "Complete Streets," which encourages the use of streets by bicycles, pedestrians and public transit vehicles to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; "Green Infrastructure," which looks at street design and materials used that help capture rainwater for reuse and prevent polluted water from entering the Santa Monica Bay, and "Cool Streets," which use reflective materials embedded in asphalt to reduce the absorption of solar heat and lower the surrounding temperature.

Heal the Bay, working with Green LA Coalition, will gather information to see what these types of streets will cost and how best to maintain them if built.

The coastal-improvement grant from the California Coastal Conservancy was made possible by a law – SB 1066 – authored by State Sen. Ted Lieu, D-Santa Monica. The bill requires the conservancy to prioritize projects that maximize public benefits such as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, preserving and enhancing coastal wetlands and natural lands, and reducing hazards to harbors and ports.

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors will receive just under $70,000 to assess the vulnerability of coastal beaches to sea level rise and plan for their protection.

"Billions of dollars of economic activity are at stake," Lieu said about the looming threat that climate change poses to the region's infrastructure. "With the coastal economy contributing $40 billion annually to the state and with 80 percent of California's 38 million residents living within 30 miles of the coast, we must act now to ensure our coastal economy weathers climate change."

Descriptions of all funded projects can be found at the Coastal Conservancy's website, scc.ca.gov.

– DP

Man pleads not guilty in Venice homeless beating

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A reputed gang member has pleaded not guilty to assault with a deadly weapon for allegedly beating a homeless man in Venice with a folding chair and a pipe — an attack that was captured on video.

Los Angeles County prosecutors say 31-year-old Apolinar Lopez entered the plea Tuesday and is free on bail. He faces up to 11 years in prison if convicted.

Authorities say Lopez has previous convictions for possessing cocaine base for sale.

The homeless man beaten during the Dec. 13 attack had head injuries and a broken arm.

Police told City News Service that the men knew each other and had some sort of dispute.

LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Former Samohi star LaRue switches to Washington State

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

PULLMAN, Wash. Former Santa Monica High star recruit Sebastian LaRue has transferred to Washington State after redshirting at Texas A&M this past season, he announced via his Twitter feed.

The speedy wide receiver has already enrolled in classes at WSU and will sit out the coming season awaiting eligibility. He will have three years of college ball remaining.

"I want to be closer to home," LaRue told 247sports.com. "That's the big thing. I really enjoyed my time at Texas A&M but I'm just not happy there."

LaRue, who was an Under Armour All-American in 2013, caught 51 passes for 868 yards and 8 touchdowns his senior year at Samohi.

He was rated the No. 9 wide receiver in his class by ESPN.

PACIFICA CHRISTIAN CRACKS POLL

Pacifica Christian's boys' basketball team has entered the CIF-Southern Section Division 5AA poll at No. 16, it was announced this week.

The Seawolves are 9-7 this season and are 0-2 in the Liberty League.

Next for Pacifica Christian is a non-league road game at Valencia's Trinity Classical Academy on Thursday. The game begins at 3:30 p.m.

SAMOHI B-BALL TRIES TO STAY IN OCEAN LEAGUE RACE

Samohi boys' basketball hosts Hawthorne today with the hopes of staying tied for first place in the Ocean League.

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What happened?

Editor:

In the afternoon, cars speed down our narrow winding street. Why? Because they are trying to escape the gridlock on Ocean Park and Lincoln boulevards.

So, we look at the plan for the Bergamot Transit Village and ask, "Why?"

Well the obvious answer is [money]. But for whose benefit?

What happened to "no new net car trips?"

What happened to "neighborhood preservation?"

What happened to "community well-being?"

Whatever community benefit you are contemplating trading for this Bergamot monstrosity, it is not worth it.

If the city spent as much time studying and planning traffic solutions to our citywide gridlock as it does negotiating development agreements with these big developers, we all would be better off.

Cathy Larson and Roger Allen
Santa Monica

In support of project

Editor:

I support the Hines proposal for the Papermate site in the Bergamot Transit Village. As Ethan Elkind says in his editorial in the Jan. 27 L.A. Times regarding light rail: "But these billions risk being wasted if city leaders do not promote, and residents do not allow, new growth around rail stations and corridors. ... Focusing development around rail provides multiple benefits. It allows the region to accommodate new residents and natural population growth without building endless subdivisions on open space and worsening traffic and air pollution."

In addition, California regulations AB 32 and its offspring, SB 375, mandates a reduction in greenhouse gasses, by, amongst other means, reducing vehicle miles traveled. This project does so by its mix of housing and business, its location, density and its radical and very aggressive TDM (traffic demand management).

Santa Monica prides itself on being progressive, forward thinking and environmentally sound, and as such the Land Use & Circulation Element was created. Created to allow limited, smart, and appropriate growth while preserving the residential neighborhoods. The desire was to balance jobs and housing, and that the housing be spread throughout income groups. The project proposed by Hines realizes the aspirations of the LUCE.

Should the project not proceed as proposed, then the default is to adapt the existing structure into "creative office" use. Not in itself a bad use, but it would produce a negative outcome.

There would not be any TDMs, and, consequently, it is likely that there will be just as much traffic as with the proposed project. No housing will be provided, upsetting the jobs-housing balance. There would be no urban village, creating a dead zone adjacent to the station. And, last but not least, the urban raceway would be preserved that is the contemporary Olympic Boulevard.

There has been a great hue and cry regarding the size of this development, but mostly by those it would not directly affect. The lack of a sensitive development would be the negative it already is, worse when occupied. There are many in the community who do appreciate the model of the urban village where density provides the opportunity to live, work and recreate, while having access to excellent public transport and having little need to drive anywhere.

Gwynne Pugh
Santa Monica

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A Santa Monica you've never seen

YOU CAN TAKE THE PROVERBIAL LONG walk off a short pier, but our pier is pretty long, so I suggest you instead take a short walk Downtown that's long on history. It covers only six blocks but takes a couple of hours, because there's so much to see that you've always seen but didn't know what you were seeing.

The Santa Monica Conservancy has been giving this walking tour of our local history for seven years now, every Saturday morning at 10, but I just found out about it. (By reading the invaluable What's Up Westside notices in the Daily Press.)

"The walk traverses more than 130 years of Santa Monica history, from its Wild West frontier beginnings to the sophisticated metropolis of today. You'll learn about the civic leaders whose vision built the growing city, and experience Downtown's diverse architectural heritage, including:

• The 1875 Rapp Saloon, opened the year the city was founded, later served as the first City Hall. Having passed through many adaptive reuses in its long life, today it is incorporated into the Hostelling International facility.

• The Majestic Theatre, later the Mayfair, the city's first theater built to showcase the nascent film industry, which used the city for film locations.

• The Keller Block, a splendid example of Romanesque Revival architecture.

• The Builders Exchange, a restored Churrigueresque/Spanish Revival building, with intact decorative interiors.

• The Bay Cities Guaranty Building, the city's first skyscraper, a soaring Art Deco landmark with its signature clock tower.

• The El Miro Theater, an exuberant Art Deco/Streamline Moderne creation that became the centerpiece for the revitalization of the old mall into the Third Street Promenade."

Now, maybe that description from the conservancy's website doesn't arouse your curiosity. It's just talking about buildings. It would mine, because I'd never heard of half of them, and the little teaser alongside each one piqued my interest to know more.

But the tour gives you much more. Our docent/guide that morning, Jeff, told our small group at the start that he might get a few facts or dates wrong but he felt the most memorable thing you could hear on a tour is stories, ones that bring history to life and give you real people to attach to the events and buildings. He certainly accomplished that, with some timely interjections from Kay Pattison, the tour docent leader.

The tour costs $10 and is well worth it. The conservancy has a booklet, for $3, that gives you the information and would allow you to walk the tour yourself. But you'd be missing out on all those good stories, and if you take the tour they throw in the illustrated booklet for free.

Did you know that, before Hollywood, Santa Monica (very briefly) was the center for movie making, with open air, three-walled studios facing the ocean? Only problem — they soon discovered the marine layer that blew half the filming day, so Chaplin-Pickford-et al packed up and moved not-too-far east.

What's Popeye got to do with Santa Monica? Where did the notorious Bugsy Siegel go for speakeasy partying? What swanky Ocean Avenue digs were opened to the military for R&R during WWII? Can you find the hooks on outer walls around Downtown that were used for the old trolley system (wish we still had it)?

I could tell you all this and more but you will enjoy it much more in person in the glorious winter sun, strolling leisurely around the Downtown Santa Monica that you thought you knew. You can just show up, in front of Hostelling International at 1436 Second St., but it's better to make a reservation at (310) 496-3146 or by sending an e-mail to dwt@smconservancy.org.

WEDNESDAY'S DEVELOPMENTS

I switched my column a few months ago from the weekend edition to Wednesdays for a number of reasons. But a down side is that I miss the immediacy of some important meetings, in particular Tuesday night City Council sessions. Grrr, phoo! Now I still have to go, but can't comment in a timely manner.

This week's was an important one, with the humongous Hines development under consideration. It's amazing how a groundswell of opinion can develop, against something that formerly seemed unstoppable. I trust the council members recognized a tipping point in public opinion has been reached, that they previously felt safe to ignore.

The vote is in as you read this, but let me add my two cents for the record, that I am opposed to the Bergamot Transit Village plans as they now stand, and the same goes for the entire Bergamot Area Plan. Too many apartments and retail and their inevitable car trips added to an area desperately in need of reduced traffic, and no green space. And what about the water consumption? Unacceptable.

Wait until the coming Expo Line has arrived and had its effects, then decide. What's the big hurry?

WHERE'S ROBERT REDFORD WHEN WE REALLY NEED HIM?

In Utah? This time of year, you betcha. He bought an entire ski area in the early 1970s and renamed it Sundance, and launched his famous film festival a decade later.

Santa Monica native son Redford (in)famously slammed his hometown in an interview in Esquire last April, conducted in his Santa Monica office, saying, "I'm never here more than two, three days at a crack. I get itchy — traffic, freeways, out of control development. There was never a land-use plan. This was a beautiful city once, and it isn't anymore."

Bob, give us 15 minutes of your time. Come to a City Council meeting and say those same things. You could help immensely in turning things around. You owe it to us.

I made my first trip to Sundance (the film fest) over the weekend, caught three movies and enjoyed the spectacular snow-covered sights. One doc was memorable, but not for the right reasons. Seeing "Mitt" in Utah is something I will never forget. The unabashed paean to the failed Mormon candidate was applauded in parts, and cries of "liar!" greeted the president's brief appearance on-screen, twice. Yikes.

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Prevent a garden slugfest with baits and upkeep

DEAN FOSDICK
Associated Press

Slugs and snails are ravenous plant eaters that leave behind slimy trails of destruction as they glide through nurseries and lawns, farm fields and gardens. Remedies abound, but prevention is an effective way to start.

"Remove any debris from the garden," said James Dill, a pest management specialist with University of Maine Extension. "Straw, boards, leaves and stuff like that. They provide the perfect hiding places for slugs in the daytime. Then they come out at night and do their damaging thing."

Slugs are essentially snails without shells, Dill said. "Sizes and colors are all over the map but both can be very destructive."

Slugs and snails prefer feeding on soft-leaved plants, although they will eat whatever is available.

"Three or four years ago I would have said strawberries, hostas and leaves," Dill said. "But when you see the damage (done) to potatoes or tubers, you realize they can rasp on anything."

Maine had a wet summer last year and slugs hit the state's potato crop hard. "Commercial growers reported 6 to 7 percent of their crop was damaged," Dill said.

Slugs prefer cool, rainy climates where they won't dry out. Snails, which can find relief from the heat by withdrawing into their shells, are more adapted to dry climates.

Effective snail and slug management calls for a combination of garden upkeep and trapping. As for the most commonly used homemade baits, however, put away the salt-shakers and leave the beer in a cooler, said Robin Rosetta, an entomologist with the Oregon State University Extension Service.

"Table salt can dry up the mollusks but it also can build in the soil over time, damaging plants," she said. "Fermented sugar water and yeast is cheaper than beer-baited traps and just as functional for drowning slugs."

Commercial baits are toxic to snails and slugs, but some varieties — especially those containing metaldehyde — can be harmful to children and pets.

"The iron phosphate products work really well, are generally less toxic than other chemical controls, and several are organic," Rosetta said.

Be prepared to reapply the baits since not all slug and snail species are active at the same time. "Bait throughout the year or you could see damage you didn't expect because you didn't hit a particular group," Rosetta said.

Making your yard less hospitable to slugs and snails is generally more effective than using chemicals, she said.

CONSIDER:

• watering plants in the morning when snails and slugs are less active. Using drip irrigation rather than sprinklers also makes their habitat less appealing.

• distancing plants that need more water from those that are drought-tolerant. "This will limit areas that slugs call home," Rosetta said.

• weeding to eliminate moist places where slugs find cover.

• handpicking slugs about two hours after sunset. "Handpicking is a viable method if you have the time and a small area," Rosetta said.

• using barriers to separate slugs and snails from planting beds. Slugs and snails are effective climbers so raised bed gardens and containers aren't good deterrents. "Placing copper strips around those systems, though, works as a repellent, and is toxic to slugs and snails," Rosetta said.

The Q Line

Water wise

A recent Daily Press article revealed that water usage is up in Santa Monica despite an ongoing drought across the state.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What are you willing to give up to save water in our drought-stricken region?

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MOVING ON: **Former Samohi star Sebastian LaRue is transferring to Washington State.**

ROUNDUP
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Samohi enters the game tied with Inglewood and Beverly Hills at 3-1 in league.

Samohi (11-9 overall) is the defending league champ and made an appearance in last season's state championship game.

Hawthorne is 0-4 in league and 6-11 overall.

Today's game begins at 7:30 p.m. at Samohi's North Gym.

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ARREST
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FBI said.

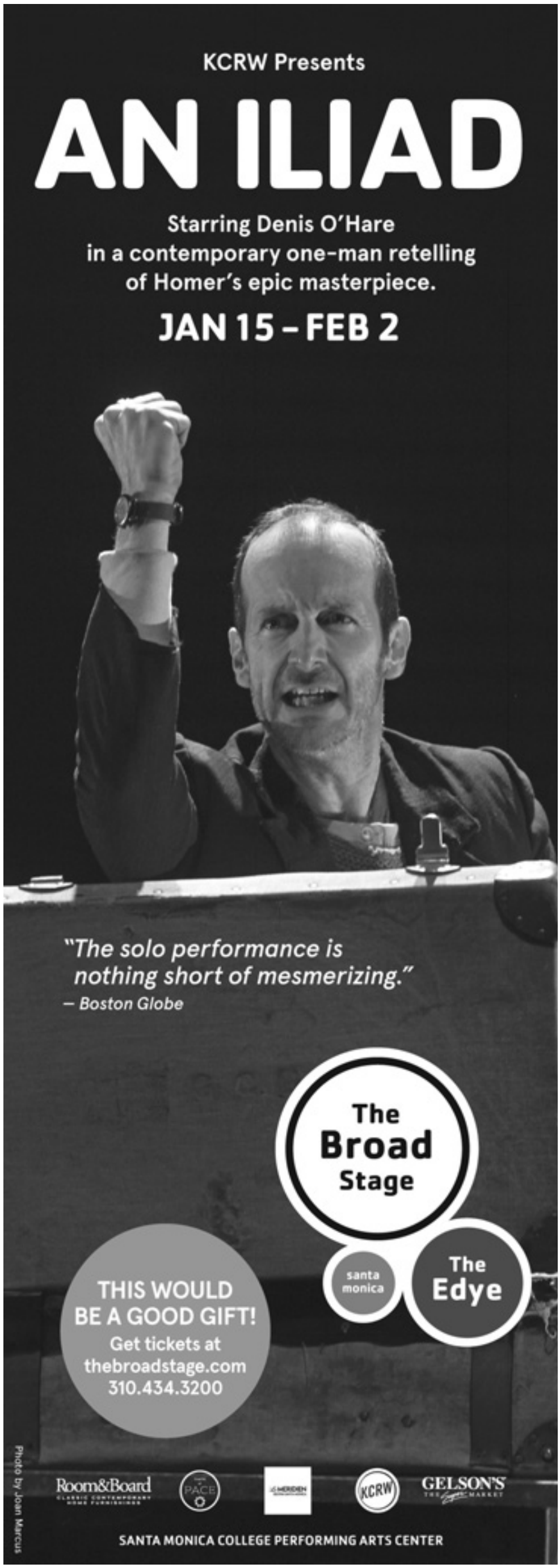
During the robberies, Urmanchev, dubbed the Gun & Bag Bandit by law enforcement, wore sunglasses and a hat, alternating between a baseball cap and a cowboy hat. He threatened with a weapon and carried a brown paper bag, in which he placed the stolen cash.

Authorities did not release the amount of stolen cash.

The first robbery linked to the suspect took place at the Santa Monica First Republic at 431 Wilshire Blvd. in May 2013, authorities said. The most recent took place on Jan. 7 at the Santa Monica U.S. Bank at 1401 Wilshire Blvd. The suspect also hit banks on Montana Avenue and Santa Monica and Pico boulevards.

U.S. Bank offered a reward of up to $10,000 for information on the Westside Gun & Bag Bandit, the FBI said. Officials with U.S. Bank could not be reached for comment on the arrest.

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QUILT
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Michigan Ave., the City Yards, where Santa Monica's trash and recyclables are collected for disposal. Those materials will be used for workshops on that day and the two following Saturdays to make a community quilt. It will be donated to Step Up On Second, a service provider for those with mental illnesses.

Haynes is also going to be creating his own work while in Santa Monica and plans to drop some quilts, guerrilla-style, around the city. On Feb. 11, he'll post clues on his website and the first person to find the work of art gets to keep it.

Some of his quilts take half a year and others can take a day, he said. Haynes recently moved to Los Angeles where the quilt culture is about pushing things forward rather than looking into the past.

"I think weather plays a big part in that," he said. "You didn't need a quilt in the way you would if you were crossing through Colorado in a wagon."

Haynes makes a new quilt for himself every year and he sleeps with one since moving to the area.

"You can make lighter weight ones," he said. "And I'm not crazy. I kick it off in the heat of the summer."

Okuyama said that all of 1450 Ocean's programs are steadily becoming more popular.

They plan to host programs focused on electronics and on fixing household items.

During GLOW, the interactive art project held on the beach in Santa Monica, the center took a big jump forward. They worked with the event organizers to make LED badges, she said, and the turnout was great.

"The people running the program were so surprised to see people who were 19 to 85," she said. "It really was popular across the board. I think we're really still the best kept secret."

Haynes' website is www.LukeHaynes.com.

He will hold office hours from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays in February.

The final quiz show will be held on March 1 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **60.1°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
Potential modest W-WNW swell; Larger sets for standouts in the far western part of the county; deep morning high tide

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to chest high
W-WNW swell holds early then eases; Larger sets for top spots in the far western part of the county; watching winds; deep morning high tide

FRIDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** waist to stomach high
WNW swell dropping out; Steep NW swell bypasses region; larger sets for standouts; keeping an eye on conditions; deep morning high tide

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
WNW swell leftovers; Minimal NW windswell; keeping an eye on conditions

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 22, 2014**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcurGUY, SIMA and Swain Barber Foundation

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for at least 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

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

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

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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MALIBU

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It should be noted that the EPA only reviewed the results from five rooms — the ones that previously triggered their involvement. The district tested and cleaned several other rooms. The EPA did not review the findings from those rooms.

In October, three Malibu teachers reported that they had thyroid cancer. More than a dozen others complained of health issues in a letter to the district.

District officials shuttered and tested several rooms. The levels of PCBs in caulk and dust samples were high enough to trigger the EPA's involvement.

Before winter break, district officials announced that they would test the rooms, clean them, and then test them again before students returned.

Armann called the findings "preliminary" and gave the district 20 days to send a "full analytical data report" from the testing and cleaning.

EPA officials are currently reviewing results from their own testing. They plan to make them available next month.

Despite the positive preliminary results, some rooms remain shuttered, said Superintendent Sandra Lyon. Students and teachers will return once an environmental firm is brought on.

The Board of Education picked Environ last month but the contract is still being worked out. There is no word as to how much that might cost.

More than $340,000 has been spent on the contamination thus far.

More work is coming, Lyon wrote in an e-mail Tuesday.

"The EPA's directions focus on Malibu High School, but I want to stress that I am keenly aware that we made promises to the staff at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School to conduct testing on that campus," she said. "We shall."

In his letter, Armann also told the district that they have until March 30 to submit a plan for resolving the contamination issues. The plan should address the removal of all contaminated caulk as well as any pre-1979 caulk that is deteriorating. After the removal, the district has to take air and dust samples of the area where the clean-up occurred. They also have to make sure air from all rooms in the buildings built before 1979 is tested.

Armann recommended thorough annual cleaning of the school to maintain air quality.

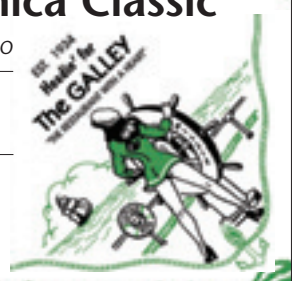
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INDULGE A LITTLE, LIBRA

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The unexpected seems to surround you as of late. You are full of surprises, and this intrigues certain friends. However, you also might throw a close loved one for a loop. Be more open about your process in an effort to calm this person down. Tonight: Go for what you want.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You'll want to make an impression, but you can't seem to cope with information that comes forward. Actually, it is the insight you gain that you have difficulty integrating. Tonight: Screen your calls, unless you want to work late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your ability to move past a problem and gain a new understanding remains high, as long as you brainstorm with one individual rather than several. You could be overserious with an associate. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Let others make their demands; you have a choice as to whether you want to respond. You might discover that there is no negotiating to be had -- it's either this person's way or the highway. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You could be more in tune with a situation, but you can't seem to get into the changing dynamic and uncertainty regarding your role. You easily could become irritated. Be aware of the fact that you probably will say what you feel. Tonight: Join friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You can't be less than you are -- it's not natural. When others need help, you're always there. Even if you feel slighted by someone, you would find it difficult not to come to his or her rescue. Do less if you would like to lessen your resentment. Tonight: Make it early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might experience a lot of frustration when it comes to a certain individual. Learning to do less will be important in this bond. Your expectations could be off, or your perception of this person might be distorted. Tonight: Ready to indulge a little.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your sense of well-being could be tested, mainly because you could be overtired. Know that you need to separate certain aspects of your life in order to lessen tension. Tonight: Head home early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A loved one's unpredictability could add excitement to your life rather than upset you. How you view this person's behavior, which you know won't change, could define the quality of your relationship. Tonight: Respond to a pushy friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might feel very connected to this day and also to the people around you. You could get a surprising call involving your home or a domestic issue. You'll speed through today feeling empowered, and you could be difficult to stop. Tonight: Indulge in a break.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your ability to see past the obvious will help you in a conversation. You might be unusually intuitive; however, if you don't make sense, your thoughts will be rejected. Try to be clear. Keep reaching out to someone at a distance. Tonight: Do your thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your intuition will take you far in a meeting, and it could help you reach a long-term goal. You could be taken aback by a partner who seems to be on the warpath. This person has been feeling rather off lately. Refuse to be triggered. Tonight: Not to be found.

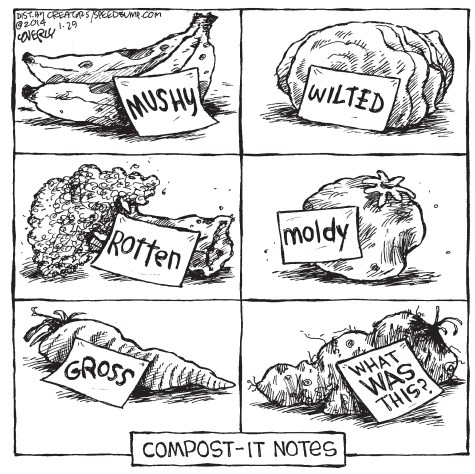
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year you travel more and sometimes seek resolutions through exploring different cultures and ideas. This transformation might be difficult and involve letting go of former values. If you are single, you will meet someone after June 2014 who might be The One. This person will grab your interest, nearly to the point of you becoming obsessed. If you are attached, the two of you will commit to more detachment and understanding. As you become wiser, you both will see your relationship evolve to a new closeness with less judgment and more caring. Listen to a fellow AQUARIUS -- he or she understands you.

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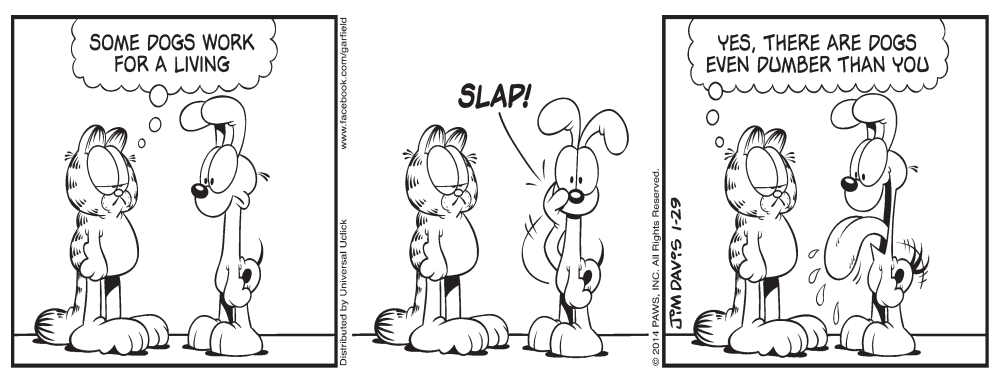
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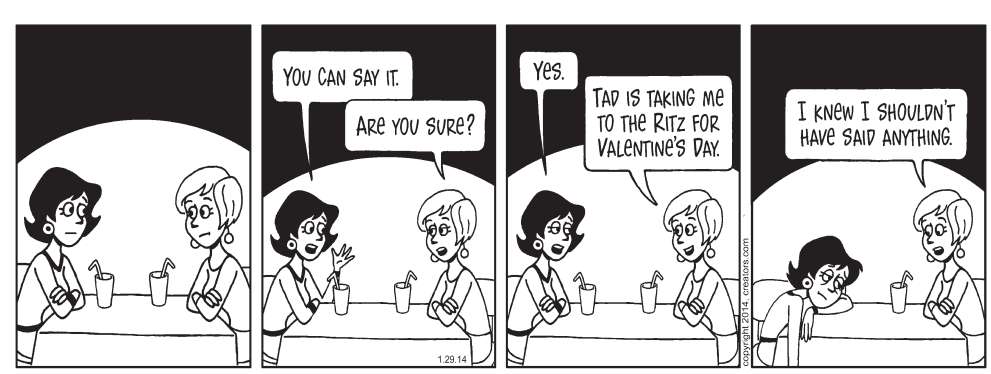
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Campaign event
7 Glasgow native
11 Sinai setting
12 Eats
13 Conducting needs
14 Santa sound
15 Depleted
17 Boost
20 Theater worker
23 Suffering
24 Chewbacca's pal
26 Book jacket bit
27 Vein contents
28 Much of N. Amer.
29 Toronto team
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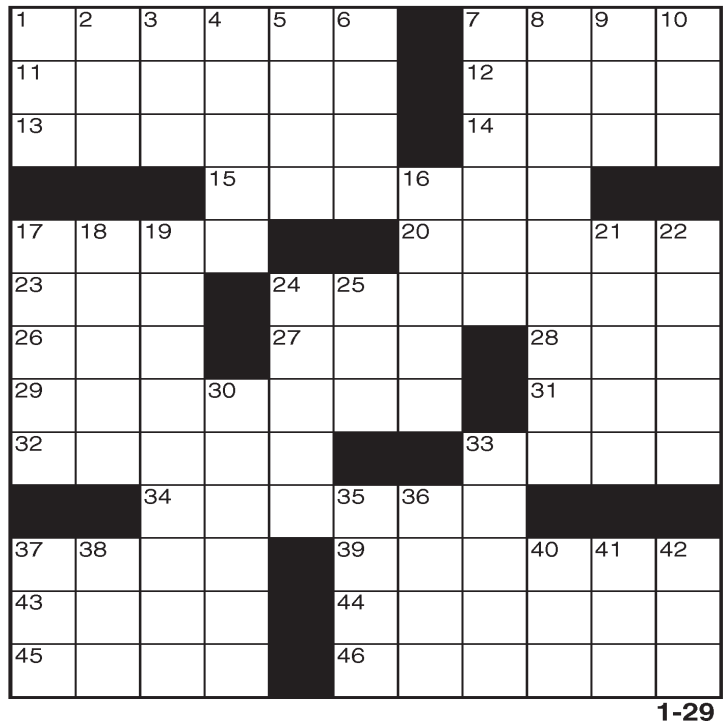
DOWN

1 Bit of ointment
2 Pitcher's stat
3 Night flier
4 In the area
5 Sardine holders
6 Move slowly
7 Ski with speed
8 Place to order a steak
9 Sound of delight
10 Tango quorum
16 Sahara sights
17 Fall sign
18 Homer work
19 Cheap hotel
21 Cow of commercials
22 Crowd sounds
24 Cheap liquor
25 Timetable abbr.
30 Brittle candy
33 Bowler's challenge
35 Border
36 Bends the truth
37 Many a time
38 Afr. neighbor
40 Fire remnant
41 Common article
42 Corn unit

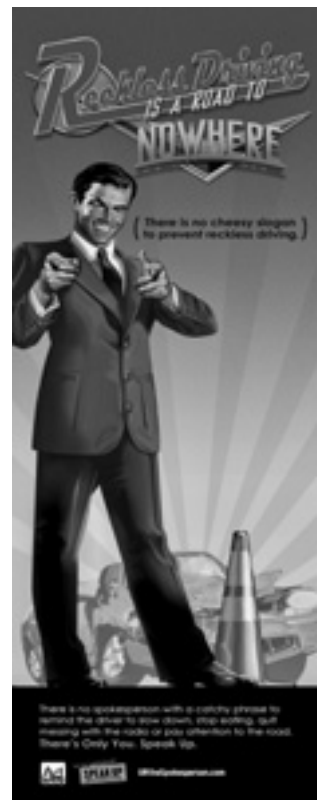
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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Officials in Taiji, Japan, announced in October they would build a tourist attraction to publicize a nearby annual dolphin cull in which thousands are killed. Park planners hope to attract visitors to swim and cavort in pools among the lovable, captured dolphins -- and also to dine on dolphin meat (and rare whale meat) scored from the culls. Conservationists are of course disgusted by the project.

■ Michael Robertson, 31, argued via a lawyer before Massachusetts's highest court in November that his arrest for taking "upskirt" photographs of a woman on the subway should be tossed out -- asserting that he has a constitutional right to take pictures of anything that is not covered up in public. Said his lawyer (a woman), noting that the victim's skirt provided only partial covering, "If a clothed person reveals a body part whether it was intentional or unintentional, he or she cannot expect privacy." (Robertson's case had been suspended at the trial court while he seeks a ruling on his legal interpretation.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

2001 - Thousands of student protesters in Indonesia storm parliament and demand that President Abdurrahman Wahid resign due to alleged involvement in corruption scandals.

2002 - In his State of the Union Address, President George W. Bush describes "regimes that sponsor terror" as an Axis of evil, in which he includes Iraq, Iran and North Korea.

2005 - The first direct commercial flights from mainland China (from Guangzhou) to Taiwan since 1949 arrived in Taipei. Shortly afterwards, a China Airlines flight lands in Beijing.

WORD UP!

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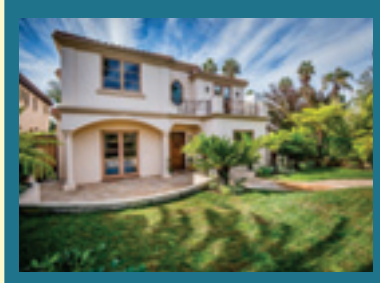
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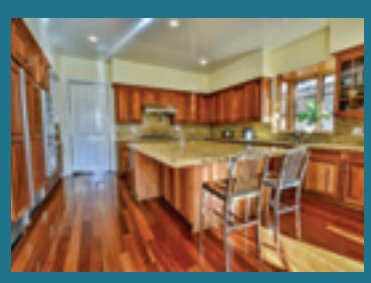
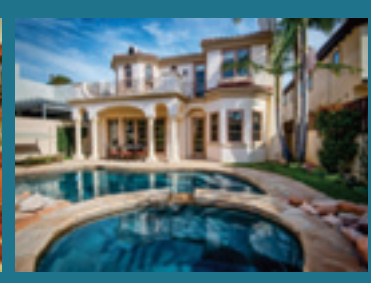
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