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School board considering adding permit students

SMMUSD policy change will increase district population, revenues

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU CITY HALL District officials may relax restrictions on the number of students from outside district boundaries that may attend school in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District in order to increase enrollment and state funding to local schools.

The concept, presented to the Board of Education at its meeting Thursday night in Malibu, revolves around increasing the number of available permits for the 2012-13 school year from 200 to 300.

The new policy would end a moratorium prohibiting permit students from entering during grades seven through 11.

It would also add international students as a seventh type of student eligible for a permit into the district.

New students bring in additional money

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Stepping out

OPCC shelter offers homeless a chance to engage in culture

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Michael Pierce points to a notebook shaped object being cradled by an antique Roman figure in a statue at the Getty Villa on Pacific Coast Highway.

"Hey look, the first laptop," he says.

Pierce is an ex-commercial pilot and actor; he's a natural jokester who never stops cracking one-liners.

Pierce is also homeless; he was diagnosed with post traumatic stress after a plane crash, and his house went into foreclosure after a too slow show business career.

Pierce is now with Samoshel, an emergency housing program that helps homeless adults in Santa Monica find jobs and permanent housing.

But Pierce wants the program to supply its clients with more than that.

This trip to the Getty Villa was planned, financed and attended exclusively by Samoshel's homeless clients, not its staff.

And this trip is just the beginning, Pierce said.

He wants more artistic and cultural outings, like the trip to the Getty Villa, to help boost the morale of Samoshel's clients.

"What we really need is a way for these guys to relax a little," Pierce said.

Samoshel is probably the program that can do that.

Established in 1994, Samoshel became a part of the Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) in 2005, and is housed in a squat tent on Colorado Avenue.

At first, the tent was supposed to be tem-

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NO LOSERS HERE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Santa Monica Fire Chief Scott Ferguson (sporting his kilt) took home the trophy on Friday, beating outgoing Santa Monica Police Chief Tim Jackman (with the second place prize of a bottle of ketchup) during the Santa Monica Shelter & Hunger Coalition Super Bowl-A-Thon at the Bay Shore Lanes. The community-wide event, which features teams from the local media, the hospitality industry, and businesses, helps raise funds for homeless services.

Possibly gone: Norm's joins Denny's in resale

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD Want steak and eggs at some disgusting hour of the morning? Get it while you can.

Norm's Restaurant, a diner at the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue, has been put up for sale according to a representative of a Downtown Los Angeles real estate firm.

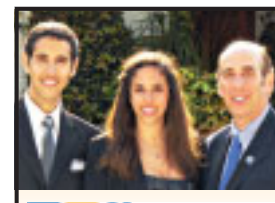
It joins the Denny's across the street, sold by the same firm to apartment developer NMS Properties.

NMS Properties closed escrow on the Denny's property last week, said Patrick

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Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

The story of Mr. Wilshire
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m.
Take a step back in time and meet Henry Gaylord Wilshire, the man for whom Wilshire Boulevard is named, in a presentation by Louis Rosen, author of "Henry Gaylord Wilshire: the Millionaire Socialist." A book sale and signing will follow the reading. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

That vintage feel
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St.,
10:30 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Nearly 90 vendors make the Santa Monica Vintage Show a popular spot to cop some cool threads. Organizers promise that everything from Edwardian to modern will be on display. This show also takes place on Sunday. Cost: $10. For more information, call (310) 230-8375.

Bug out
Santa Monica Pier
1550 Pacific Coast Hwy.,
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Cirque du Soleil's "OVO" is under the big top by the sea. In this show, Cirque delves into the secret lives of bugs to tell their unlikely stories. The show runs through Feb. 26. For more information, call (800) 450-1480.

Sunday, Feb. 5, 2012

Show your work
Michael Landon Center
24250 Pacific Coast Hwy.,
9 a.m. — 4 p.m.
All weekend long, the City of Malibu is hosting a gallery featuring works by Malibu K-11 students at the scenic Malibu Bluffs Park. Come see watercolors, acrylics, sculptures and more, including the winners of the 2012 Malibu Student Art Show. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 317-1364 or visit www.malibucity.org.

Not your father's Shakespeare
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 11 a.m.
You've never seen the Bard quite like this before. A cast of three puts on the play "Romeo and Juliet" in a raucous, irreverent style that gets the audience involved in this in-your-face theater. Cost: $10, children 12 and under $7. All seats must be reserved. For more information, call (310) 828-7519 or visit www.morgan-wixson.org.

Monday, Feb. 6, 2012

In shape from head to toe
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
9:10 a.m. — 10:10 a.m.
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Men's underwear getting a little extra attention

BY SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK Some things are fashion, and some are necessity. Where do men's undergarments fall? Increasingly, right in the middle.

There's a guaranteed market that needs to replenish supplies no matter what the economy is doing. But innovation in style and technology has made boxers, briefs and undershirts that were once an afterthought into a buzz-worthy category of men's clothes. So much so that H&M is debuting ads for its new undergarment collection by David Beckham during the Super Bowl on Sunday, and Jockey wasted no time signing football star Tim Tebow as its new spokesman.

It makes sense as a growth category, says Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst with market research firm The NPD Group, but it took the right conditions to get on the fashion industry's radar: streamlined design, comfortable stretch fabrics, the idea that dressing starts at the base layer and that shabby-chic doesn't cut it anymore.

Men, in general, aren't as interested in fleeting trends, he adds. They are, however, willing to buy an "evolved" product if they need to replace an old one. And, Cohen says, as has happened with smartphones or athletic apparel, sometimes men will trade up if they think there's genuine newness.

It's a purchase men are likely to make for themselves, although creating products that appeal to women — either on a business level or a more personal one — is a factor, and that's why you'll see models such as sports figures as top ambassadors, he says.

"Undergarments are relatively inexpensive so everyone can participate," Cohen says. "It's something that's easy for a woman to buy for a guy, something for the guy to buy for himself, there's need. It hits a large swath of demographics."

The total men's underwear and undershirt market for 2011 was up more than 7 percent over the previous year, totaling almost $3.3 billion, NPD numbers show.

H&M must see the potential. The collaboration with Beckham launches with not only boxers, briefs and Ts, but also vests, pajamas and long johns. Beckham said in a statement that it took him and his design team 18 months to come up with just the right initial styles. The plan is for new products each season to expand on these basics.

"It all starts with underwear and you build your wardrobe from there," agrees Patrick Doddy, senior vice president and brand director of A/X Armani Exchange. "It's literally the foundation to your style."

A/X's core, younger consumer — probably an urbanite in his 20s or 30s — isn't self-conscious about purchasing undergarments in the middle of a bustling store, he says. This fashion-savvy customer knows, just like his girlfriend or wife does, that flattering, stylish underwear only enhances his overall look.

One of the brand's now-core styles, the hip brief, was added to the offerings because of the popularity of low-rise pants, and seamless products became a necessary addition when silhouettes became slimmer, Doddy explains.

Boxer-briefs (a hybrid with legs like boxer shorts but a tighter fit like briefs) are the best-selling style for Tommy John, which CEO Tom Patterson sees as a reaction to the shift to flat-front trousers. "Tailored clothing is booming, and it makes sense to have clothes that fit your body. It's taken a little while for underwear to catch up, but it's on its way," he says.

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CULTURE KIDS

Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

Students from Will Rogers Elementary School parade through campus Friday underneath a handmade dragon to celebrate the Chinese New Year. 2012 is the Year of The Dragon, which is very much revered in the Chinese culture. In Chinese astrology the dragon is the mightiest of the signs. Dragons symbolize such character traits as dominance and ambition.

Director, writer, producer Zalman King dead at 70

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Actor and filmmaker Zalman King, who became known for his erotic work after writing and producing his breakthrough film "9 1/2 Weeks," has died. He was 70.

King's son-in-law Allison Burnett says the filmmaker died Friday morning at his home in Santa Monica, after a six-year battle with cancer.

Born Zalman King Lefkovitz in 1941, King began his career as an actor in the 1960s. He and wife, Patricia Louisianna Knop, collaborated on the screenplay for "9 1/2 Weeks," which became a cult hit starring Kim Basinger and Mickey Rourke.

King's other credits include "Wild Orchid" and "Two Moon Junction," which he wrote and directed.

He is survived by his wife and daughters Chloe King and Gillian Lefkovitz.

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Get rid of it

Editor:

Given all of the financial needs of society, how can anyone seriously consider spending over $400,000 on the "Chain Reaction" sculpture ("Damaged 'Chain Reaction' sculpture needs a savior," Feb. 3, page 1)? It is an eyesore and was overwhelmingly opposed by the community when it was first installed. Get rid of it and invest the money in something important.

Jaime Gomez
Santa Monica

Straight talk

Editor:

Dear honorable Board of Education members,

Many of you know me. I am not a gadfly. I am active within the Santa Monica community as a board member of the Ocean Park Association and the Santa Monica Pier board, as well as a District Advisory Committee member to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

I attended the State of our Schools meeting [Tuesday] night. Congratulations on the turn out. It's clear that many Santa Monica community members share a common interest in the strength of our local schools.

I was the one who asked for an explanation on the wisdom, financial or otherwise, of serving prepackaged foods such as "Wild Animal Potato Nuggets" in our cafeterias. I misspoke. The item is actually called "Potato Crunch Sea Wonders."

The question deservedly got a chuckle, but since I took the time to come to this meeting, I feel I deserve an honest public discussion about this, rather than the corporate-line-type answer I received of how much our schools' nutritional program is ahead of the curve. Really? Our cafeteria workers are not cooking the food they are serving to our kids. It's being trucked in from a third party vendor. There's a meal called a Potato Crunch Sea Wonder. I might not have agreed, but even if I were told that the district couldn't afford to prepare fresh food on the school sites, at least I would have felt that the answer had been honest. Instead, I felt like I was hearing the talking points of a politician on "Meet the Press."

Consider our Santa Monica City Manager Rod Gould, who is a shining example of someone who gives a straightforward answer. Sometimes it's not what we want to hear, but he's honest. I expect nothing less from you and your SMMUSD staff.

I applaud how the SMMUSD is lifting its veil and holding public meetings so the community can see its finances, achievements, and future plans in plain speak. I applaud the Spring Board program, which will produce critical thinkers instead of testing robots. There is much that's wonderful about our school district. Please let's not pretend that the school meals we serve our children fit into that category.

Thank you for your time.

Lori Nafshun
Santa Monica



On the Beat

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

New cops on the block

Q: I UNDERSTAND WE HAVE SOME CHANGES within the Neighborhood Resource Officer Program. I have had a very helpful relationship with my NRO and I am wondering who the new officers are and what area they are assigned to?

A: For those of you that don't know what the Neighborhood Resource Officer Program is about I will give you a brief summary of what we do. The program was started by Police Chief Tim Jackman who wanted to have a veteran officer assigned long term to each of the eight beats. The goal is to be the go-to-face of our department, serving as a liaison between the residents and business. We are here for you to solve longer-term problems such as blight or chronic crime and to build relationships and accountability.

Since the inception of the NRO Program four years ago, Officers Joe Cortez and Robert Lucio have provided their neighborhoods with the highest quality law enforcement services, passion, and abilities. Their open communication with the residents and merchants helped enhance the quality of life in their beats and set a standard for the program. Officer Cortez has earned a new assignment as a motor officer and Officer Lucio has been assigned to a new position where his skills will continue to benefit the Santa Monica Police Department and the City of Santa Monica. Both of these officers will be missed, but I know new Neighborhood Resource Officers Ricky Verbeck and Scott McGowan will continue with the excellent service Officers Cortez and Lucio provided.

I am excited to introduce the new officers to you for a couple of reasons. The first reason is that I know they are motivated about their new position and eager to help. The other reason is that Officer Verbeck, Officer McGowan, and I have known each other since first grade where we all attended Roosevelt Elementary School. The three of us grew up together in the city we serve and are now working together in a detail that allows us to take even more ownership and personal commitment to the neighborhood.

Let me introduce Officer Richard Verbeck, your new Beat 4 Neighborhood Resource Officer. Beat 4 is the area south of Montana Avenue to Interstate 10 and from 20th Street to Ocean Avenue, excluding Downtown. Officer Verbeck brings a dynamic combination of approachability and hard work to the team. Having grown up in Santa Monica since the young age of 5, Richard (aka Ricky) knows what it's like and takes pride in being a true resident of our great city. He attended Roosevelt Elementary, Lincoln Middle School, "Little" St. Monica's, St. Monica High School and Santa Monica College.

Officer Verbeck has 10 years of patrol experience with several collateral assignments. Along with his current assignment as a Neighborhood Resource Officer, he is also a member of the Santa Monica Mounted Unit. His former assignments include being a member of the department's Defensive Tactics Unit, Crime Impact Team and Field Training Officer.

Officer Verbeck's sense of humor, dedication and persistent nature works hand in hand with the continued partnership of the Santa Monica Police Department and the members they serve.

If you see him walking your beat, take a moment to say hi and introduce yourself. If you have any concerns (no matter how small or how big) you can reach out to him, I know he'll do everything possible to help.

I would now like to introduce you to your new Beat 6 Neighborhood Resource Officer, Scott McGowan. Beat 6 is the area east of 20th Street to the eastern city limits and Montana Avenue to the 10 freeway.

Officer McGowan is extremely excited to become your New beat 6 NRO. Like I said before, he was raised in Santa Monica and was a resident of Beat 6 for many years. He attended Roosevelt Elementary School, Lincoln Middle School and graduated with Officer Verbeck from St. Monica Catholic High School. He obtained his associate of arts degree from SMC in business administration.

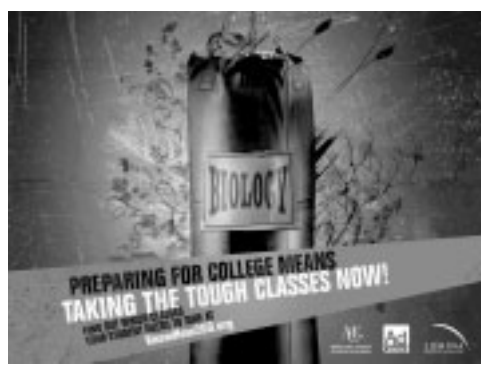
Officer McGowan began his career with the SMPD in 2000 as a police cadet. In 2005, Scott was hired as a police officer and attended the Orange County Sheriff's Academy where he obtained his basic training. After working three years in patrol, he was selected to become a Third Street bicycle officer in 2009. During his tenure as a bicycle officer, Scott was assigned to Downtown and was an ambassador to visitors from all over the world. Scott is also a member of the Crime Impact Team, where we eliminate specific crime trends by utilizing different resources.

Officer McGowan is eager to work with the community addressing your issues and solving them as quickly as possible so we can protect our beat's quality of life together. Please always feel free to contact him with any questions or concerns.

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The Q Line

Downtown impressions

A recent study found that visitors to Downtown are spending at consistent levels and that overall the mix of businesses and services makes the area attractive to shoppers. But, parking and traffic were cited as being some of the areas of concern.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What do you think are the positives in Downtown, and what do you think needs a little work?
Here are your responses:

"ELIMINATING PARKING METERS Downtown would make Santa Monica more business-friendly and a more welcoming city. The added good would more than make up for any lost parking revenues."

"THE POSITIVES OF DOWNTOWN ARE certainly there. The ambiance of the jacaranda canopy on the Third Street Promenade, the good maintenance combination of the city employees and the Ambassador Program is a good one. Many of the ambassadors are so pleasant and are very helpful. There is a decent variety of restaurants and shopping too. Planning to install four electric car dealerships on the 1200 block of the promenade is folly. Perhaps one is enough? The City Council contradicts itself by promoting the reduction of car trips and now opening four dealerships on the same block of the promenade? This will not be an enhancement for other retail trade at that location. The skating rink from the October to January season is also a fantastic experience for everybody and families are enthusiastic about enjoying an outing together. Having a permanent skating rink is worth thinking about. Once again the council needs to set their priorities straight about reducing parking spaces in favor of bicycles, etc. Do you see the people who spend the most money navigating Downtown on bicycles? Families like to come here together and have a place to put their purchases and to drive home in satisfied safety. Perhaps they come from Los Angeles, so bicycles and buses are unrealistic for safety and for nighttime schedules. If there is no parking here they will go elsewhere. To deny someone a secure bag is ludicrous! Some had no intention of shopping so they will not have a bag in their back pocket. I agree with Bill Bauer that sustainability should also consider living things like 'people.' Fanaticism of any kind could prove fatal to this great place."

"I SAW IN TODAY'S PAPER (FEB. 2, 2012) that the city conducted some interviews. I have to assume that most will be visitors making the comments as my neighbors rarely go to the Downtown area. My friend told me that she was interviewed, and she told me her answers, but she is also a stay-at-home mom who likes to roam around shopping and felt that stores were nice, but that the stores were not in touch with the people; the young '20 something' people who shop at the high-end stores really don't have the funds to shop at these stores. My son is in this group and he likes to meet friends Downtown for a beer or two, but he never shops there. I don't shop Downtown at all unless there is something I specifically need and then I take the bus if I will be more than two hours because I refuse to pay those high parking prices. I don't shop Downtown because in my neighborhood we have permit parking, and it was started by a friend who was upset that the college students were not only coming around the corner at 90 miles an hour and could cause an accident, but his greatest concern was when he saw the students parking on his grass in the front yard. The permit parking has gone street to street, and now every day, meter officers roam the neighborhoods looking for anyone whose permit is shown improperly. … In the 1990s, When the turn of the century came, Santa Monica became like a Barbie — all cosmetically redone to look perfect and the outside made out of plastic. There is a rush to get into everyone's pockets and take money so that the spending can continue while everyone is struggling to make ends meet. I am glad City Hall did a study, but the truth is that they did not ask the residents! They asked visitors and so the study will be slanted."

"I WAS A SITE MANAGER AT THE SENIOR Recreation Center, and so I got a lot of feedback about what was happening Downtown. And of course parking and traffic were cited. Parking especially was cited horribly, because they couldn't find a place to park. Even the vendors that brought our meals were having difficult times to find a place to park. And of course the pricing over at the mall; normal people can't afford what is going on there. And then when normal people, even if they have the money, are saying 'Wow, I'm there and if I have the money, I don't want to buy that.' It's not coming down like it should. It should be more practical maybe would be a good word, I'm not sure. But there's a lot of unhappiness in the people who actually live here. I suppose tourists, because they're going back home, aren't quite as concerned, but that's where we get a lot of business I know. I was disappointed too."

"THE ONLY POSITIVE I CAN THINK OF about Downtown is the main post office, which I'm going to less and less due to the parking problem. Other than that, I don't go Downtown, I don't shop Downtown, I avoid Downtown."

"I AM TRYING TO SEE THE BIG POSITIVE regarding Downtown. Unless you are willing to walk there, it's a huge hassle to drive and park. Again City Hall has greased the wheels of what it does best: Promote big nothingness, cheerleading its bloated view of positive statistics and sucking as much money from tax payers to support its imperialistic views. The mall on the mall: It's just the theaters and food shops that bring people. The place has too big stores that few spend at. The place needs a Target store to anchor a dismal shopping site. Malls need something constantly different to engage shoppers."

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OVERBID AND TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS OF THE OVERBID PROCESS FOR 127 Hollister Avenue, Santa Monica, CA

The Receiver has conditionally accepted that certain Residential Purchase Agreement and Joint Escrow Instructions and related sale documents collectively comprising the "Purchase Agreement" for the real property located at 127 Hollister Avenue, Santa Monica, California ("Subject Property"), subject to overbids and subject to the approval of the sale by the United States District Court for the District of Nevada ("Court") in connection with the receivership proceeding pending in the case of Federal Trade Commission v. Jeremy Johnson, etc., et al., Case No. 2:10-cv-02203-RLH-GWF.

Date, Time and Place for Submission of Overbids:
At 2:00 p.m. on February 15, 2012, the Receiver will accept overbids of the conditionally accepted Purchase Agreement from qualified overbidders. Overbids may be submitted in person only at the following location:

Prudential California Realty
3130 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 100
Santa Monica, CA 90403
Attn.: Mojgan Sheiban

Information and Inspection of Subject Property:
Questions regarding the Subject Property and arrangements to inspect it may be made through the Receiver's agent, Mojgan Sheiban of Prudential California Realty. Her telephone numbers are (310) 403-2390 (cellular) and (310 255-3494 (office). Her e-mail is mojgansheiban@PruLA.com.

Requirements to Qualify and Participate as an Overbidder:
A potential overbidder must notify the Receiver's office in writing no later 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2012 of his/her intent to overbid at the overbid session. The written notice by potential overbidders of their intent to overbid must be directed to the Receiver to the attention of the Receiver's Deputy, Kenton Johnson, at the address set forth at the top of this Notice, and the notice of intent to overbid must actually be received by the Receiver's office no later than 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2012.

Concurrently with the written notice of intent to overbid, and no later than 10:00 a.m. on February 14, 2012, each potential overbidder must present to the Receiver's Deputy, Kenton Johnson, at the address set forth at the top of this Notice, all of the following: (1) a cashier's check payable to "I Works, Inc. Receivership QSF" in the sum of $100,000.00; and (2) a written verification from a financial institution demonstrating to the Receiver's satisfaction, in the Receiver's sole opinion and judgment, the bidder's ability to complete and close a purchase of the Subject Property through sufficient funds or credit facilities within twenty (20) days of the date of the overbid session under the terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement and this Notice.

Additional Terms and Conditions of Overbid Session and Sale
In the event that an overbidder is the successful bidder at the overbid session, the cashier's check delivered to the Receiver's Deputy prior to the overbid session by the successful bidder will be deemed a nonrefundable deposit for the purchase of the Subject Property.

The successful bidder must close the sale of the Subject Property within twenty (20) days after the overbid session.

Overbidders are deemed to have completed all inspections and waived and/or removed all contingencies prior to the overbid session. Overbids presented with any conditions or contingencies will be rejected.

Overbidders will be required to execute promptly after the overbid session a California Residential Purchase Agreement substantially in the form of the Purchase Agreement with the purchase price modified to reflect the high bid accepted at the overbid session.

The sale price of the conditionally accepted Purchase Agreement is US$3,200,000 (Three Million Two Hundred Thousand US Dollars) all cash with no financing contingency. The Purchase Agreement and the Receiver's listing agreement further provide for the seller to pay a broker's commission of 6% of the sale price of the Subject Property to the listing broker. Cooperating Broker Compensation of one-half the total commission (3% of the sale price) shall be paid to a buyer's broker only from the total commission and will not be credited to the buyer if the buyer is not represented by a broker at the sale. For the complete terms and provisions of the Purchase Agreement, potential overbidders are directed to the Purchase Agreement, a copy of which is available from the Receiver upon written or telephonic request to Kenton Johnson, Deputy to the Receiver, at the address and telephone number listed at the top of this Notice.

The initial minimum overbid shall be not less than US$3,300,000.00 (Three Million Three Hundred Thousand US Dollars). All subsequent overbids must be at least US$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand US Dollars) higher than the previous bid. The sale to a successful bidder shall be on the same terms and conditions as provided in the conditionally accepted Purchase Agreement, except for the purchase price and except that the overbidders are deemed to have waived and/or removed all contingencies.



The Re-View
Merv Hecht
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Indian food cravings quenched

ONCE AT DINNER AT EL BULLI IN SPAIN, then considered the best restaurant in the world, we were served a course simply called "countries." It consisted of three small porcelain spoons with a spoon full of liquid in each. As you put the spoon in your month it was instantly clear what country it represented.

And so it is with Indian food. It may be hard to describe it, but you know it when you taste it.

But when I started to research for this column, I realized it was biting off more than I could chew. We are talking here about a cuisine with a history of over 5,000 years, from about 20 very different geographic regions, each with its own version of Indian food. Plus there are about a dozen restaurants in and near Santa Monica serving one version or another.

That said, most of the Indian restaurants in Santa Monica have frightfully similar menus, and none seems to take advantage of the tremendous diversity of Indian regional cuisine. One good feature is that the prices are always reasonable. For $12 to $18 the diner can expect an excellent lunch or dinner. Of course if you get hooked on the lassi yoghurt drinks, or have a few beers to quench the heat, the price might go up.

Rice and spice are the staples of Indian food. The next items commonly available include a surprising variety of beans and vegetables. Some regions' cuisine utilize peanut oil, others prefer sesame oil — still other chefs use ghee (clarified butter, available in local markets).

Some of the most popular spices are saffron, mint, chili peppers, black mustard seed, cumin, turmeric, fenugreek, coriander, and garlic. Many Indian chefs keep a mixture of their favorite spices, in their "custom mixed" proportions, ready to go. Some of these mixes have become popular and have special names, such as garam masala.

Of the many Indian restaurants around Santa Monica, there are four that I frequent on a regular basis. For a lunch buffet I like Nawab of India. They bring out fresh naan bread, and on the buffet there is always a good selection of saag (a spinach dish), lentils in a sauce, rice, tandoori chicken, and one curry (but not necessarily flavored with the "curry" spice best known here).

The second restaurant is Gate of India where I find the offerings to be of very good quality, and the dishes are served over a flame so they stay hot. The prices here are a bit higher than at some of the other restaurants, but not excessive.

Pradeeps Indian Cuisine, located on Montana Avenue, is convenient, never too crowded, and is particularly good for vegetable dishes and a more healthy Indian cuisine. Pradeep has specialties which are their own versions of traditional Indian dishes, which are nice to try for a change.

The first Indian restaurant I ever frequented was Akbar Cuisine of India, when it was owned and personally run by the father of the current Akbar owners. It was on Washington Boulevard in Marina Del Rey, and we would often go there after spending the day at sea. Now there is still an Akbar on Washington Boulevard, but it is closer to Lincoln Boulevard, in a smaller space. The biggest surprise in this location is the selection of very expensive cult wines.

If you go

Nawab of India
1621 Wilshire Blvd.
Santa Monica, Calif.
(310) 829-1106.
www.nawabindia.com

Akbar Cuisine of India
2627 Wilshire Blvd.
Santa Monica, Calif.
(310) 586-7469.
www.akbarcuisineofindia.com

Pradeeps Indian Cuisine
1405 Montana Ave.
Santa Monica, Calif.
(310) 393-1467
www.pradeeps.com

Gate of India
117 Santa Monica Blvd.
Santa Monica, Calif.
(310) 656-1664
www.gateofindia.com

The Akbar I go to now in Santa Monica features a typical menu, very good service, and very reasonable prices.

While I like to complain about the lack of attention to the huge variety of regional Indian dishes I've read about, the fact is that I almost always order one of three dishes, either chicken tikka masala, a very hot Vindaloo, or a tandoori dish. The tandoori is served without sauce, but with a spice rub.

My favorite is the chicken tikka masala. I'm not alone here. It is considered the most popular dish in British restaurants and in the UK it is considered a British dish, not Indian. Just as the French claim that the Syrah grape originates in France, not Persia, the Brits claim that they invented this dish! Chicken tikka masala is made by marinating chicken, usually in turmeric power and paprika to turn it orange, then cooking it in yoghurt, cream, and tomato sauce. Coriander, cumin, and chili may be added. It is said that there are over 50 different common recipes for this dish. The one at Gate of India is rich in yoghurt. The one at Akbar is less rich with more tomato in the sauce.

The other Indian dish to which I am addicted is Vindaloo, and I usually select lamb Vindaloo. The word comes from a Portuguese meat stew made in a wine and garlic sauce. Indian cooks significantly changed the original Portuguese recipe by adding spices and potatoes (to reduce the expensive meat content). As is often the case, the dish is even better if kept overnight and eaten the next day when the spices have infused into the meat.

Today, Vindaloo is often spiced to be the "hot" item on Indian menus for those so inclined. But I make it at home without much chili power or hot peppers so that my wife will eat some of it. I sauté pork butt or chicken pieces in ghee and chopped onion, add some cumin, turmeric, mustard, vinegar and salt and pepper, and cook until the onion is soft and the meat is browned. Then I add vinegar and tomato sauce, and cook until the meat is very tender.

Sometimes it comes out really good. And sometimes I wish I had gone to a local Indian restaurant.

Special alert: for those who read my recent article on the Palace's dim sum, and are looking for another dim sum restaurant serving from carts, drive down to the PV Palace Seafood Restaurant for lunch (about 20 to 30 minutes from Santa Monica): 2166 Pacific Coast Highway, Lomita, Calif., 90717, (310) 326-3228.

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Making the switch to a whole foods diet

BY JESS HILTON
Special to the Daily Press

There are hundreds of diets. I know people who follow a raw diet, only eating raw fruits and vegetables; others follow a vegan diet, completely shunning any food from animals; and still there are those who follow a caveman type diet eating a lot of meat and virtually no grains. There are people who follow many different diets falling in between these extremes. Which one is right? The answer is not very simple.

Some of us do better consuming some animal products. Others do better consuming a diet without animal products. Regardless of what diet you choose to follow, there is one rule to remember: eat real food!

The best way to eat a healthy diet is to choose whole foods. This means food in its most natural form. Whole foods have more fiber and retain more vitamins and minerals than processed foods, therefore choosing whole foods is a better choice for improving health and fighting disease.

Eating real food means ditching processed and fast foods and replacing them with more natural foods. This means instead of potato chips and French fries, eat baked potatoes and instead of chicken nuggets, eating grilled chicken breast. Eating foods found in nature, in their most natural form, is an easy way to improve your diet. Follow these tips to increase the amount of whole foods in your diet:

• Avoid ingredients you cannot pronounce.

• Avoid ingredients you cannot purchase on their own (a jar of high fructose corn syrup).

• Avoid food with more than five ingredients.

• Include more plants.

• Cook more meals at home, instead of going out or getting takeout.

This sounds simple enough, but for many of us, the barrier to a whole foods diet is convenience. If you are accustomed to peeling the lid off a frozen meal and popping it in the microwave, it is going to be overwhelming to start making meals from scratch. Start slowly. Begin by swapping out healthier more whole foods for those you are already familiar with like whole grain or sprouted grain bread instead of regular white bread or baguettes. Instead of regular pasta, try a quinoa or artichoke pasta instead and top it with fresh tomato sauce or sautéed vegetables.

Here are some other ways to make the move to a whole foods diet:

• Eat more plants.

• Instead of chips and crackers snack on nuts and fruit.



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HEALTHY: **Quinoa was known by the Incas as 'the Mother Grain.' It's no wonder, as it's full of nourishment.**

• When choosing meat, look for hormone and antibiotic free selections.

• Swap out processed and refined grains like white rice and pasta for whole grain options like brown, wild rice or quinoa.

• Replace sodas and high calorie drinks with water, fresh juices and herbal teas.

• Replace packaged foods with freshly prepared foods.

• Commit to cooking at home at least one night per week.

The benefit of making the switch to a whole foods diet is because processed, convenience and fast foods have been stripped of most of their nutrients. We are getting very little nutritional benefit from eating these types of foods. Whole foods, in contrast, retain their nutritional benefits and therefore are healthier for us.

Whole foods have higher levels of fiber, vitamins and nutrients. Processed foods are not just lacking in nutritional benefits, but they are also loaded with fillers like sugar and artificial sweeteners, artificial colors and other chemical ingredients which are detrimental to your health.

Quinoa is a whole grain (technically a seed) that is inexpensive and really versatile. Use it in place of pasta or white rice. It is a good source of fiber and a complete protein. It is also easily found at your local supermarket and should be part of your new whole foods pantry.

Here are some ways to incorporate quinoa into your diet:

• Add it to soups and stews.

• Mix it with nuts and fruit for a twist on muesli.

• Replace some ground meat in burgers and meatloaf.

• Stir it into oatmeal for a protein boost.

• Combine with lentils and sautéed kale for a hearty meal.

• Add it to pancake, muffin and crepe batters.

• Use it with smashed beans for a homemade veggie burger.

My favorite autumn/winter quinoa

Serves 2

1 cup quinoa, rinsed and cooked according to package directions
3/4-1 cup diced butternut or other winter squash
1 bunch kale, or other dark leafy greens, stalk removed and leaves cut into thin ribbons
1-3 garlic cloves, sliced, thinly
1/4 cup toasted almond slivers
sage, a couple of sprigs, chopped
red pepper flakes, to taste
olive oil

In a large sauté pan, heat a couple of tablespoons of olive oil. Add the squash, kale and sage to the pan. Keep an eye on the flame so as not to brown the squash; you want it cooked until it is tender. In the last couple of minutes of cooking, throw in the garlic and red pepper flakes.

Fold squash mixture into quinoa, drizzle with fruity olive oil and top with almonds.

Jess Hilton is a health and nutrition coach in Santa Monica. She can be reached at www.jesshilton.com.



Notice Of Availability Extending Public Comment Period For The Draft Environmental Impact Report For the Bergamot Transit Village Center [Former Papermate Site] Development Agreement

OFFICIAL NOTICE is hereby given that the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the proposed Bergamot Transit Village Center (proposed project) located at 1681 26th Street in the City of Santa Monica **has been extended to 5:30 p.m. March 12, 2012.**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would result in the construction of an approximately 766,094 sf mixed-use project within five buildings including up to 325 residential dwelling units, approximately 494,927 sf of creative office, and approximately 46,895 sf of ground floor neighborhood-serving retail and restaurant. The project would also include approximately 84,000 sf of ground floor recreational open space. Buildings would range in height to a maximum of 81 feet high.

An up to three-level subterranean parking garage would be constructed under the proposed project providing approximately 1,800 parking spaces. The proposed project would also include the construction of two new north/south streets in the western and eastern portions of the project site leading to two new signalized intersections on Olympic Boulevard. Additionally, a new east/west extension of Nebraska Avenue would be constructed along the northern edge of the project site connecting 26th Street to Stewart Street. On the project site, the streets would be constructed at grade over sections of the project's subterranean parking garage.

ANTICIPATED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The Draft EIR analyzed potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed project including: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Construction Effects, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Neighborhood Effects, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Shadows, Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities.

The Draft EIR determined that implementation of the proposed project will result in the following significant and unavoidable impacts: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Construction Effects (Air Quality), Neighborhood Effects (Aesthetics, Air Quality, and Traffic – Neighborhood Street Segments), Transportation and Traffic.

EXTENDED PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: A public review period will be provided for all interested persons to submit comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR. The initial 45-day comment period started on January 12, 2012 and was set to close at 5:30 p.m. on February 27, 2012. **In response to comments received during the comment period that Appendix A and Appendix J of the EIR contained inadvertent errors, the City extends the comment period for an additional 14 days. Therefore, the total public review period will be 60-days from January 12, 2012 to end at 5:30 p.m. on March 12, 2012.** Written comments should be sent to: Jing Yeo, Special Projects Manager, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Email: jing.yeo@smgov.net Fax: (310) 458-3380

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: The Draft EIR with the corrected Appendices A and J and background materials may be viewed online at http://www01.smgov.net/planning/planningcomm/environmentalreports.html or in person at the following locations:

- City Planning Division Public Counter, Room 111, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA
- Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, CA
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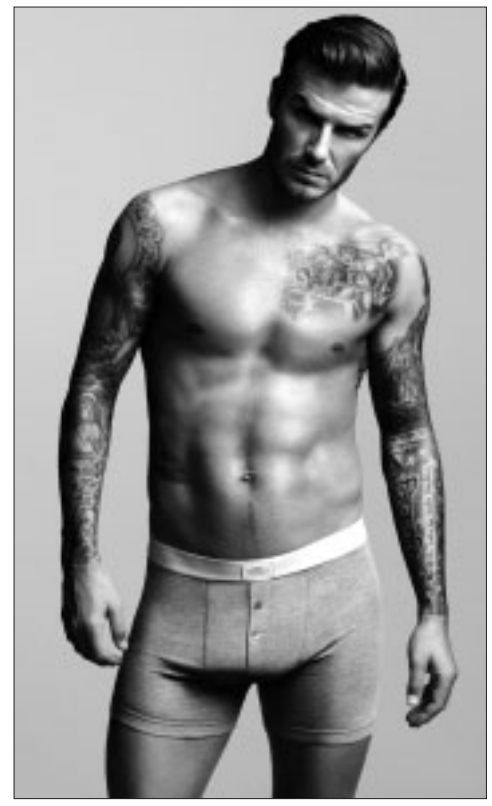
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Men like problem-solvers, the T-shirt that will stay tucked in, or boxers that don't ride up when they move from sitting to standing, according to Patterson. His brand's newest twist is a horizontal fly, which eliminates some fabric and, Patterson says, bulkiness.

Doddy says men think about this stuff. They have the same level of vanity as women, and they'll take boosts of confidence wherever they can get it.

Next up will be changes in the undershirt, with 9.4 percent growth last year, and then slimming shapewear, predicts NPD's Cohen.

"A decade ago, all the innovation was coming out of the shape of the bottom — you had the hybrid boxer-brief and younger guys wearing boxers. Now the growth is in undershirts. Guys are wearing them as everyday wear, not just for occasions. Men have recognized they can't do shabby chic and look like they just rolled out of bed," he says. "They are looking for a job, or how to do their job better or how to move ahead, and dressing is part of that."


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PERMITS
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to the district, approximately $5,300 from the state per child added to the school district.

The proposal came against the backdrop of a report by Dr. Dean Waldfogel of DecisionInsite, a team that makes projections of the number of students that will attend the district over the course of the next five years.

The report showed relatively stable enrollment, but that approximately 13 percent of SMMUSD students come from outside of the district, and of those, 11.5 percent are permit.

That's a marked difference from the over 20 percent permit students that comprised the SMMUSD population in the early 2000s, when the Board of Education approved a moratorium on permit entry.

Board member Jose Escarce rallied behind the staff suggestion, asking for a three-point plan that would increase the number of permit students in the district to bring the total population up to 11,500 students and make sure that happens by the 2012-13 school year.

First, the district would determine how to get to a carrying capacity of 11,500 students. Then it would have to do so by getting the permit applications and accepting them by spring of the current year.

According to DecisionInsite, the district currently has 11,249 students.

"There is some room to help permit students, and gives us the ability to get back to where we were," Escarce said. "Nothing dramatic, nothing outlandish."

In Escarce's estimation, every additional 25 students would require an extra teacher, but the added money from the state would far outweigh the cost at the district level.

Getting new students is the trick.

The vast majority of permit transfer students come from the Los Angeles Unified School District, which only allows transfer students throughout the year that have parents which work in the district to which they will transfer.

Any other transfer is contingent on the destination district having a program not available in the home district, and the application has to arrive between March 1 and April 30, said Melissa Schoonmaker of LAUSD.

The district will have to complete the studies and change the policy prior to the end of that deadline if it expects to entice the additional students to apply for permits.

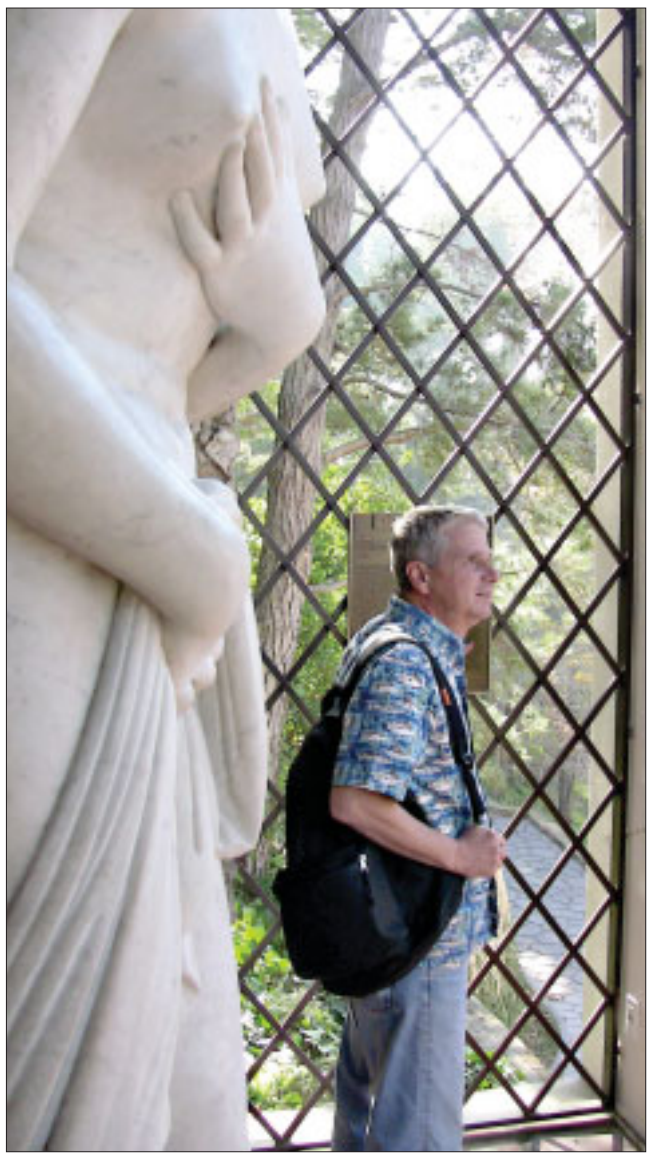
"There is some urgency," Escarce said. "The earlier we do it, the easier."

Staff will come back to the board with cut off dates for other school districts and a complete analysis of how many students each school can support and what grades they fall in.

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A WELCOMED DISTRACTION: **Michael Pierce, the activities coordinator for OPCC, checks out the art work at the Getty Villa on Thursday.**

OUTING
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porary, said Alinda Connolly, assistant director at Samoshel.

However, the tent, and the program, are still around, and trying to give homeless people who are willing something more than a hot meal and a place to sleep at night.

"We're so much more, so much more than that," she said.

For six months at a time, Samoshel offers clients case managers to help assess their mental health, and receives donations of food and more from schools, religious organizations, corporations and individuals, Connolly said.

Being part of OPCC, a host of other programs are available to residents, she added.

But Samoshel has a couple of features that make it stick out from other homeless programs, Connolly said.

Clients are given certain freedoms, like the ability to stay in the shelter during the day and have service animals on the property, she said.

Clients also take part in a money management program, where they are directed to save at least 60 percent of the money they make from employment, unemployment or welfare.

"Some balk, but at six months, they have thousands. Now they're ready to go into an apartment," Connolly said.

Residents of Samoshel are also allowed to elect a resident council, including a president and treasurer. The council holds weekly meetings, and is supposed to act as a level of authority that residents might be more comfortable trusting, Connolly said.

It's part of Samoshel's practice of putting more responsibility in the hands of clients, she said.

"Staff stays out of it," she added.

One of the things that the resident council tries to do is set up activities for the residents, something that had been lacking effort lately, said James Hagie.

Hagie, who acts as the treasurer for the resident council, said that even though he grew up in Santa Monica, he never knew that Samoshel was there.

But in September 2010, a death in the family and a loss of income put Hagie on the streets.

In poor mental and physical health, he drank to cope with his situation until he finally checked into UCLA Medical Center for treatment, which led him to Samoshel, Hagie said.

The unique environment at Samoshel has been good for Hagie, he said.

He has been sober for 14 months now.

"A lot of it has to do with that place," he said of Samoshel.

And Hagie is happy to see that, unlike some of his predecessors, Pierce is excited about getting entertaining and engaging activities to the residents. Past entertainment coordinators had often made the activity a night in the shelter watching TV instead of going out.

"The other guy just had them watching movies the entire time," he said.

When the position of entertainment coordinator came up on the resident council, Pierce jumped at it, and at the chance to get the clients out of the shelter.

Certainly the trip to the Getty seemed to be a success.

The day ended with more jokes from Pierce about topics, from the god Mercury to medication. It also ended with a general agreement that this was a day well spent.

Clients eat well, and the program is effective for moving people to permanent housing, but morale is just as important, Pierce said.

Pierce is encountering some problems trying to get businesses to donate time and tickets to the residents; however, the Broad Stage, a product of Santa Monica College and bond money approved by residents, has promised Samoshel 10 tickets a month, he said.

Trips to Magicopolis, as well as movie theaters on the Third Street Promenade and bowling on Pico Boulevard, are in the works.

The chance to take their minds off their worries for a day's activity, and to do it in a social environment, should be a welcome one for Samoshel clients, Pierce said.

"I was just hoping to lift people's spirits," he said.

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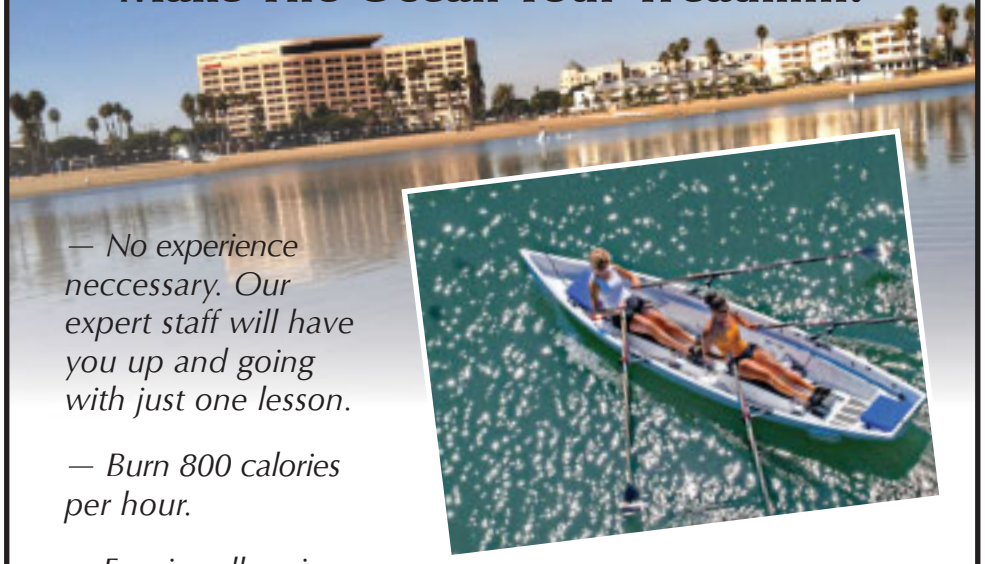
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AVAILABLE: **Norm's Restaurant, a diner at the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue, has been put up for sale along with The Wertz Brothers Antique Mart for a total of 1.5 acres.**

SALE
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Wade, senior associate with Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services.

The Wertz Brothers Antique Mart adjacent to the Norm's is also on the market. The two properties together would create a 1.5-acre plot, arguably the largest site for potential development available in Santa Monica, Wade said.

Greasy spoon deprivation is not imminent: Even after it's sold, Norm's will continue to operate by leasing the restaurant back while the buyer seeks the appropriate permits for whatever takes the restaurant's place.

"If business is good and the restaurant is profitable, it doesn't make sense to close as soon as the property is sold," Wade said. "It's a win-win for potential developer and the tenant-seller to continue operating until they're ready to break ground."

Both the Norm's and the Denny's were profitable businesses when the land was put up for sale.

The Denny's will become a mixed-use apartment complex with small units meant to take advantage of the central location and proximity to the incoming Exposition Light Rail Line, which will wind its way down Colorado Avenue by 2015.

It's not clear what's slated for the Norm's site, but developers have taken to heart goals set out in the Santa Monica general plan's Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE, that encourage high density housing in Downtown, Wade said.

"I think the restaurants are doing very well," Wade said. "This is the reflection of demand for land, housing and office space in Santa Monica with the new LUCE. It allows for higher density development at those sites."

NMS President Jim Andersen confirmed that his company was aware of the Norm's listing, but had no news beyond that.

It's not just the LUCE driving demand for housing developments.

As markets across the state slowly begin to rebound from the real estate-created recession, apartment-type properties and hotel properties begin to look attractive, said George Monte, a Realtor out of Arcadia, Calif.

"The reason for that is the ability to quickly adjust rents on apartment properties," Monte said. "It's an inflation hedge."

The same holds true for hotels, many of which are available through foreclosure, because room rates can go up as people regain the ability to pay.

It never hurts to be near the water, or to put a development in a walkable city with access to public transportation as oil prices begin to rise, Monte said.

"A project closer to the central district in the Downtown will, in the long term, hold up much better than something out in the boondocks," Monte said.

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L.A. teacher's molestation arrest brings questions, fury

BY CHRISTINE ARMARIO
AP Education Writer

A Los Angeles teacher is accused of taping his young students' mouths shut, blindfolding them and placing a giant cockroach on their faces. All of this, authorities say, in what should have been the safety of their classroom.

In the days since Mark Berndt's arrest, one of the first questions parents and educators across the country were asking was how it could have gone unnoticed for so long in a school where there are hundreds of children and teachers milling about.

What actions the Los Angeles Unified School District and leaders at Miramonte Elementary School took is still uncertain, but school safety experts say it's doubtful someone didn't suspect something along the way.

Far too often, there is a culture of "deny, deflect, downplay and defend," said Ken Trump, president of National School Safety and Security Services, who has worked in and with schools for over 25 years.

"When I hear these cases that have been going on for years and years and years, I find it very hard to believe somewhere along the line someone didn't suspect something," Trump said.

"Even if it was the teacher across the hallway, or the buzz in the cafeteria, or a parent who did come forward," he said.

Berndt came to authorities' attention at least as far back as 1994, when a 10-year-old girl claimed he reached toward her genitals during class. Sheriff's deputies sent the case to prosecutors, who declined to pursue charges.

Berndt, 61, continued teaching at the school for almost another decade before being fired. He taught 30 years at the school, which is predominantly Hispanic and where 95 percent of students qualify for free or reduced price lunch.

He was arrested Monday on felony charges of committing lewd acts on 23 boys and girls, ages 6 to 10, between 2005 and 2010. Berndt remains jailed on $23 million and could face multiple life sentences.

The fallout from the arrest continued Friday, as a second Miramonte teacher who was pulled from a classroom was arrested. Authorities say he was arrested for investigation of lewd acts upon two girls who were approximately 7 years old.

Some parents have pulled their children from classes as they try to get answers from school officials about why Berndt was able to continue teaching and whether there were any signs that could have tipped administrators off.

One of the first safety measures most districts take is a background check, but in Berndt's case, he had no criminal record. And that's not unusual with many of the people in positions of power at schools who are later accused of misconduct, Trump said.

Young children, like the elementary students Berndt taught, are often intimidated about coming forward to report a teacher, so parents need to instill a strong understanding of what behavior is inappropriate and what to do when misconduct takes place, said Ron Stephens, executive director of the national School Safety Center. They also need to ask their children questions, like whether they have any concerns, and have a visible presence at the school.

"Go visit the classroom," Stephens said. "Find out what the climate is like."

Training for teachers on child abuse reporting and sexual harassment prevention varies by state. In California, training on when and how to report a suspected incident of abuse takes place every year, in addition to a separate training program on sexual harassment held every two years.

MaryJo McGrath, a California attorney and expert on sexual harassment law, said the training has historically not been strong on what teachers should be looking for in colleagues' behavior and what to do if they suspect one of them is jeopardizing the safety of children.

"Nor do they address the difficulty of what it is to 'tell on your colleague,'" McGrath said.

Two women have told the Los Angeles Times they made complaints about Berndt's behavior in 1990 and that no action was taken.

Marlene Trujillo, now 30, said she and two other fourth-grade students told a counselor Berndt often moved his hands under his desk, near his lap, at the front of the classroom. They also said they had seen a jar of Vaseline in one of his desk compartments.

The counselor "told us it's not very good to make stories up. She said it was our imagination," she said. "It was never talked about again."

Dan Domenech, executive director of the American Association of School Administrators, said counselors and other school employees need to have their eyes and ears open and not be quick to dismiss any complaint.

"Oh, this kid is always complaining," a counselor might think, Domenech said. "Well, maybe, but maybe this time it is a valid complaint."

Overall, the single most effective strategy to preventing a crime is the physical presence of a responsible adult, Stephens said. Principals and other administrators need to make random stops to check in on teachers and students.

But what about all the hours of the school day when another adult isn't around? How can parents be assured their children are safe?

Many schools have doors with windows, but even that has its security drawbacks, Stephens said. He recalled a shooting in Red Lake, Minn., in which a 16-year-old shot and killed seven people at a high school. The shooter was able to enter a locked classroom by shooting through the glass window.

"It's a matter of finding that appropriate balance," Stephens said.

Another measure starting to become more common is installing cameras in the classroom.

Schools are using them to monitor the safety of students and teachers, but also for professional development. More districts are recording teachers so that they can later go back and identify what learning strategies were most effective and how to best communicate new material to students.

While it is possible the abuse happened even as administrators did their best to prevent it, most experts say, that is unlikely.

"I don't see how it could have escaped their attention," Domenech said. "The only thing I can imagine is they just didn't have the evidence."

Komen drops plans to cut Planned Parenthood grants

BY DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

NEW YORK For leaders of the nation's pre-eminent breast-cancer charity, it was a firestorm they didn't see coming — and couldn't withstand.

Susan G. Komen for the Cure on Friday abandoned plans to eliminate funding for Planned Parenthood. The dramatic retreat followed a three-day furor that resounded across the Internet, in Congress and — perhaps most tellingly — among Komen affiliates who openly rebelled, suggesting the leadership had bowed to anti-abortion pressure.

"We want to apologize to the American public for recent decisions that cast doubt upon our commitment to our mission of saving women's lives," a Komen statement said.

As first reported by The Associated Press on Tuesday, Komen had adopted criteria excluding Planned Parenthood from future grants for breast-cancer screenings because it was under government investigation, citing a probe launched by a Florida congressman at the urging of anti-abortion groups.

"We will amend the criteria to make clear that disqualifying investigations must be criminal and conclusive in nature and not political," Komen said Friday. "That is what is right and fair."

As a result, Komen said, "we will continue to fund existing grants, including those of Planned Parenthood, and preserve their eligibility to apply for future grants."

Komen officials were unavailable for further comment on how they came to change their plans. There was no indication that the organization had come under pressure from its corporate partners. But many of Komen's own affiliates nationwide had objected to cutting off the grants, which totaled $680,000 in 2011. An Aspen, Colo., affiliate announced Thursday that it would defy the new rules and continue grants to its local Planned Parenthood partner, while all seven of Komen's California affiliates said they "strongly opposed" the planned cutoff.

In addition, Komen was inundated with negative comments via emails, on Twitter and on its Facebook page. Many of the messages conveyed a determination to halt gifts to Komen — organizer of the popular Race for the Cure events —because of the decision.

Meanwhile, Planned Parenthood was reporting an outpouring of donations, large and small, that totaled $3 million between Tuesday evening and Friday afternoon. Planned Parenthood said the funds would be used to expand its breast health services, which already provide nearly 750,000 breast exams each year.

Planned Parenthood's president, Cecile Richards, said in a telephone news conference that she was astonished by the flow of donations and the often emotional support expressed for her organization on the Internet.

"This was simply a story, when it broke, it just caught fire," she said. "This kind of political bullying — folks are just saying, 'Enough.'"

Anti-abortion groups had pressed Komen for years to end its partnership with Planned Parenthood, even to the extent of recalling pink Bibles that were benefiting Komen and boycotting its Race for the Cure events.

Abortion foes applauded earlier this week when the funding cutoff was reported, and were dismayed by Friday's turnaround.

"The Susan G. Komen Foundation has caved in to the demands of radical abortion apologists," said Douglas R. Scott, Jr., of Life Decisions International, which had been mulling whether to remove Komen from a "boycott list" of Planned Parenthood partners.

Scott said Komen should have anticipated a backlash once word of its funding cutoff plans became public.

The charity, Scott said, "has either engaged in a nasty ruse ... or it is led by the most naïve people on earth."

Charmaine Yoest, president of Americans United for Life, accused Planned Parenthood of employing a "scorched-earth strategy to force compliance with their pro-abortion agenda."

"I don't find it surprising that Komen is dancing around trying to get their way out of this," said Yoest, a breast-cancer survivor. "Who wants to go up against a billion dollar organization which is perfectly capable of using thug tactics against even their friends?"

In Washington, Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., said he would press ahead with his investigation of Planned Parenthood, including assertions that it has improperly used public funds for abortions.

Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum, a former senator from Pennsylvania and a staunch for of abortion, said he was disappointed by Komen's shift. "It's unfortunate that public pressure builds to provide money to an organization that goes out and actively is the No. 1 abortion provider in the country," he said.

But members of Congress who support abortion-rights were elated by Komen's statement.

"It's a great day when our deeply held belief that breast cancer can only be wiped out if we all work together has triumphed over right-wing politics," said Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif.

It's possible that Komen may, in the coming years, find ways of cutting ties with Planned Parenthood by other means. Komen founder and CEO Nancy Brinker, in a news conference Thursday, spoke of shifting more grant money to organizations which provide mammograms themselves — in contrast to Planned Parenthood's practice of referring women elsewhere for mammograms.

Asked about this Friday, Richards said she was optimistic the renewed partnership would endure because of the close relationships between many Komen and Planned Parenthood local affiliates.

Nowhere was that solidarity more evident than in Aspen, where the Komen affiliate had placed an ad in a local newspaper declaring that it would defy the national edict and continue grants to its Planned Parenthood counterpart.

Marcia Goshorn, president of the Komen board in Aspen, said she was thrilled at Friday's turnaround by the national leadership.

"I think they listened, and I'm proud of that," she said.

Komen said it was immediately starting an outreach to its affiliates and supporters to get the charity back on track.

"We urge everyone who has participated in this conversation across the country over the last few days to help us move past this issue," Komen's statement said. "We do not want our mission marred or affected by politics — anyone's politics."

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CORRECTED NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Ordinance Amending the Interim Zoning Ordinance**

APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
LOCATION: Citywide

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following:

Introduce for first reading an ordinance of the City Council of the City of Santa Monica amending Interim Zoning Ordinance Number 2356 (CCS) to increase the permitted number of restaurants to two per block on the east side of Main Street, north of Ocean Park Boulevard, and to ensure that public parking spaces within existing public parking structures in downtown zoning districts are replaced in the event of their removal, redevelopment or conversion.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012, AT 6:45 p.m.**

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: Interim Zoning Ordinance
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
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Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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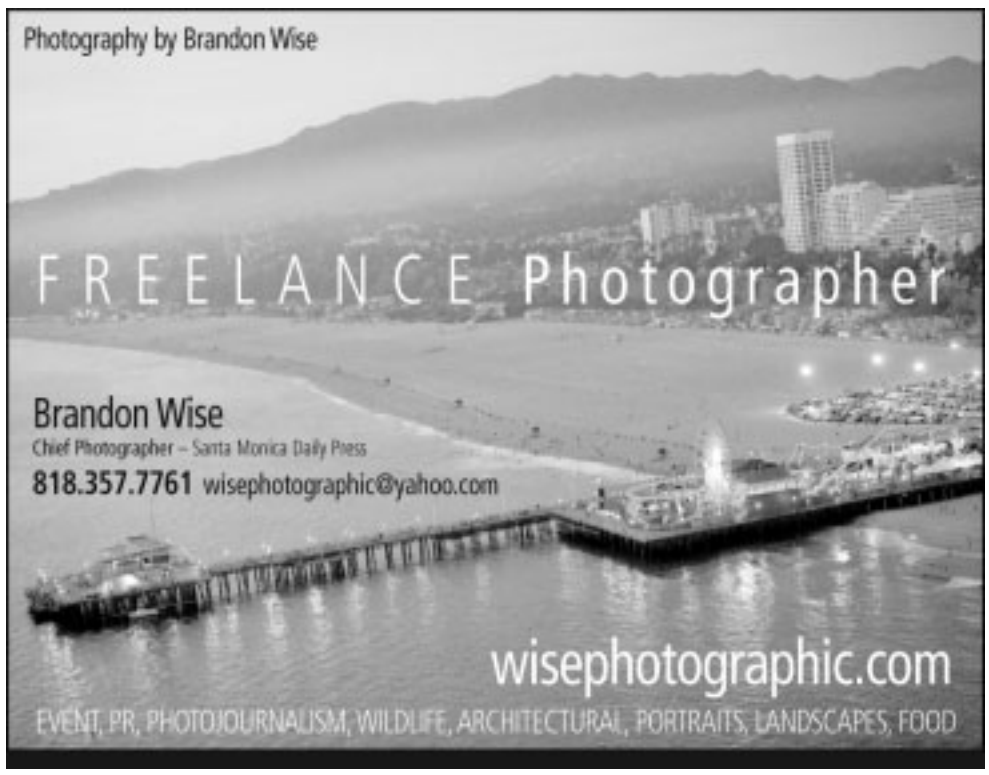
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON PROPOSED VACATION OF A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY ON OLYMPIC PLACE SOUTH AND 1ST COURT ALLEY and DEDICATION OF NEW RIGHT-OF-WAY EXTENSION ON 1ST COURT ALLEY

The City of Santa Monica proposes to develop a park project that includes the rights of way areas known as Olympic Place South and a portion of 1st Court Alley. The project requires the vacation of Olympic Place South and a segment of the existing 1st Court Alley and incorporation into the project of a new public right of way extension of the remaining segment of 1st Court Alley running east and west at 1665 Ocean Avenue.

On January 10, 2012, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 10651 (CCS) declaring its intention to order vacation of Olympic Place South and a portion of public right of way on 1st Court Alley and dedication of a new public right of way at 1665 Ocean Avenue, to allow for this development and set a public hearing for February 14, 2012 at 5:45 PM. The Drawing No. 4745 of the alleys proposed to be vacated and dedicated is on file and is available for review in the office of Architecture Services/City of Santa Monica located at 1437 4th Street, Suite 300, Santa Monica, CA 90401. Pursuant to Part 3, Chapter 3, "General Vacation Procedure", of the California Streets and Highways Code, the City Council directed the City Clerk to set a public hearing on the proposed vacation and dedication proceedings as follows:

DATE & TIME:
5:45 PM on February 14, 2012, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

LOCATION: **City Council Chambers**
1685 Main Street, 2nd Floor
Santa Monica, CA 90401

All persons interested in or objecting to the proposed right-of-way vacation and dedication may appear before the City Council at the public hearing to offer evidence in relation thereto.

For more information contact City of Santa Monica's Architecture Services Division at (310) 458-8725.

Egyptian soccer deaths bring new cycle of violence

BY AYA BATRAWY & MAGGIE MICHAEL
Associated Press

CAIRO Protesters filled the streets and clashed for a second day Friday with police who fired tear gas and birdshot in Cairo, as a deadly soccer riot focused rising public anger over lawlessness and collapsing security a year after Egypt's uprising.

Six people have been killed and more than 1,500 injured in the latest bloodshed that followed a violent melee and stampede after a soccer game Wednesday in the Mediterranean city of Port Said in which 74 people died.

Egyptians streamed out of Friday prayers in Cairo, Alexandria, Suez and several Nile Delta cities, criticizing police and calling on the military rulers led by Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi to step down.

On Cairo's Tahrir Square — the heart of the uprising that ousted President Hosni Mubarak a year ago — protesters raised banners and pictures of those killed in Port Said and chanted, "The people want to execute the marshal."

The police force, which for decades was associated with torture and corruption in the Mubarak regime, is now being criticized in the soccer stadium deaths — whether from a lack of control or, as some alleged, on purpose.

For many Egyptians, the security vacuum is not just a sign of incompetence but part of the larger overall failure by the military council to steer the country through its turbulent transitional period. They also see selectivity in policing the streets.

Leading democracy advocate Mohamed ElBaradei said delays in reforming the security apparatus is itself "a crime against the nation," adding that the current violence is the "price we pay for stumbling in the transitional period."

The clashes in Cairo began Thursday as the bodies of the dead soccer fans were returned to the capital for burial, and the violence escalated. Protesters converged on the headquarters of the Interior Ministry, which oversees police, throwing stones.

Police responded with tear gas and birdshot, and protesters donned helmets and gas masks to battle their way through streets thick with smoke from tear gas and burning tires.

"I came because I'm trying to do anything to feel that I took part in getting people's rights and voicing all that's inside me," said 20-year-old Ahmed Emad, whose two friends were killed in Port Said. "If I sit at home, I will explode after all I've seen."

The death toll from Friday's violence rose to six. That figure included a security officer in Cairo, according to the official MENA news agency.

One protester in Cairo was killed after being hit by birdshot at close range, a volunteer doctor said on condition of anonymity because he feared reprisal.

Four protesters died in Suez after police opened fire on a crowd of about 3,000 demonstrators in front of police headquarters, according to local health officials. A third protester in Suez was in critical condition with a wound to the neck.

The Port Said soccer riot began when fans of the home team, Al-Masry, stormed the field after their club defeated Al-Ahly, one of Cairo's top teams. Police in black uniforms and riot gear were seen in television video broadcast nationwide standing by and largely doing nothing amid the chaos.

The bloodshed — the worst in the soccer world in 15 years — enraged protesters who were already frustrated with the slow pace of reform by the military leaders.

A network of zealous Al-Ahly soccer fans known as Ultras, who were prominent police foes during the uprising, accused the security forces of deliberately allowing the Al-Masry supporters to attack.

Some lawmakers suggested that the military allowed the attack to happen to show the need for a reinstatement of the recently abolished emergency laws, in which the police enjoyed nearly unlimited power.

For their part, police are resentful of the abuse they suffered during the uprising and they also fear being criticized or even prosecuted if they use excessive force, something that was tolerated and encouraged under Mubarak.

Activist Nour Nour said Interior Ministry officials "failed in providing security but have been successful in protecting what they want to protect."

The ruling generals, for their part, have accused a "third party" and "foreign hands" of being behind acts of violence.

Tantawi said incidents like the soccer violence "happen anywhere in the world. We will not let those behind it go. ... This will not affect Egypt and its security."

The police failure to prevent the soccer riot was the bloodiest example of a series of security lapses as crime has surged since the uprising.

Two American tourists and their tour guide were abducted at gunpoint Friday and held for several hours by Bedouin tribesmen in a brazen daylight attack along a busy highway in the Sinai desert, dealing another blow to Egypt's already battered tourism industry.

Maj. Gen. Mohammed Naguib, the head of security for southern Sinai, said the three were taken from a minivan while traveling from St. Catherine's Monastery to the Red Sea resort town of Sharm el-Sheikh.

They were released hours later after promises by security officials to look into their demands, which include the release of a number of fellow tribesmen arrested this week on drug trafficking and robbery charges.

Bedouins have long complained of discrimination and random arrests by the government, and the Sinai was restive even under Mubarak, but the kidnappings of the Americans and other recent high-profile attacks signaled an escalation.

Elsewhere on the Sinai Peninsula, four masked gunmen stopped the vehicle of two Italian workers for a food factory in the city of Suez, taking their car, more than 10,000 euros ($13,000) and their laptops, said company director Mohammed Antar. The Italians were not harmed.

On Monday, there was a series of major thefts in Cairo, including armed robberies at two banks and a mail office.

Adel Shokry, the secretary general of the south Sinai Hotel Association, said the general security situation in the country is "pitiful."

"I think there is plenty of lawlessness. The security agencies are not working as efficiently as they had before. They must review their positions," he said. "I think the army must step in to fill in this security vacuum."

Prosecutors close Armstrong inquiry, no charges filed

BY GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Federal prosecutors dropped their investigation of Lance Armstrong on Friday, ending a nearly two-year effort aimed at determining whether the seven-time Tour de France winner and his teammates participated in a doping program.

Armstrong has steadfastly denied he doped during his unparalleled career, but the possibility of criminal charges threatened to stain his legacy as the world's greatest cyclist and could have cast a shadow over his cancer charity work.

"This is great news," Armstrong attorney Mark Fabiani said in a statement. "Lance is pleased that the United States Attorney made the right decision, and he is more determined than ever to devote his time and energy to Livestrong and to the causes that have defined his career."

The probe, anchored in Los Angeles where a grand jury was presented evidence by federal prosecutors and heard testimony from Armstrong's former teammates and associates, began with a separate investigation of Rock Racing, a cycling team owned by fashion entrepreneur Michael Ball.

United States Attorney André Birotte Jr. announced in a press release that his office "is closing an investigation into allegations of federal criminal conduct by members and associates of a professional bicycle racing team owned in part by Lance Armstrong."

He didn't disclose the reason for the decision.

The pronouncement comes after a pair of less-than-successful cases against top athletes accused of doping. Home run king Barry Bonds was found guilty of obstruction of justice and sentenced in December to 30 days' home detention — a conviction he's appealing — but prosecutors were unable to convince a jury he lied about using steroids. Roger Clemens' steroid trial is slated for April 17 after a judge declared a mistrial last summer when prosecutors showed jurors inadmissible evidence.

Investigators looked at whether a doping program was established for Armstrong's team while, at least part of the time, they received government sponsorship from the U.S. Postal Service. They also examined whether Armstrong encouraged or facilitated doping on the team.

Armstrong won the Tour de France every year from 1999-2005.

Betsy Andreu, who with her husband and former Armstrong teammate, Frank, accused the cycling champion of doping, said she was shocked by Birotte's decision.

"Our legal system failed us," she said. "This is what happens when you have a lot of money and you can buy attorneys who have people in high places in the Department of Justice."

Led by federal agent Jeff Novitzky, who also investigated Bonds and Clemens, U.S. authorities sought assistance overseas, requesting urine samples of U.S. Postal riders from France's anti-doping agency and also meeting with officials from Belgium, Spain and Italy.

Prosecutors also subpoenaed Armstrong supporters and ex-teammates to testify in Los Angeles. Among them were Ukrainian cyclist Yaroslav Popovych, who rode on three Armstrong teams dating back to 2005; Allen Lim, an exercise physiologist for Team Radioshack; and longtime Armstrong friend Stephanie McIlvain.

The investigation began after Novitzky was told about a cache of PEDs found by a landlord in the vacated apartment of Kyle Leogrande, a cyclist who rode for Rock Racing and had a doping ban, according to several people familiar with the case.

The investigation also was spurred by disgraced cyclist Floyd Landis, who claims Armstrong had a long-running doping system in place while they were teammates. Landis, who was stripped of the 2006 Tour de France title for drug use, acknowledged in 2010 he used performance-enhancing drugs after years of denying he cheated.

One of the most serious accusations came during a "60 Minutes" interview last May when former teammate Tyler Hamilton said he saw Armstrong use EPO during the 1999 Tour de France and in preparation for the 2000 and 2001 tours.

The report also said Armstrong loyalist George Hincapie, another ex-teammate, told federal authorities that he and Armstrong supplied each other with PEDs and discussed them. Hincapie released a statement after the segment aired, saying he did not speak with the show and didn't know where it got its information.

As the investigation progressed, Armstrong assembled a legal team, hired a spokesman and briefly created a website to address any of the allegations reported by the media.

Frustrated by a slew of news articles about the investigation, Armstrong's attorneys filed a motion in July, asking a judge to order federal agents to testify about their contacts with reporters.

NBA

Martin returns to NBA with Clippers

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Clippers and free agent Kenyon Martin have agreed to a one-year deal, returning the veteran forward to the NBA after a brief stint in China.

Martin's agent, Andy Miller, confirmed Friday that the sides reached agreement. The deal, believed to be worth the mini mid-level exception of $2.5 million, is expected to be finalized as soon as Martin passes a physical.

Martin spent part of the season playing for the Xinjiang Flying Tigers in China and was required to wait until their season ended before rejoining the NBA. However, he was cleared to return Thursday by FIBA, basketball's international governing body.

The 34-year-old Martin averaged 8.6 points and 6.2 rebounds last season in Denver. The deal reunites him with former Nuggets teammate Chauncey Billups, now a guard with the Clippers. Martin also has a home in Los Angeles.

Martin has averaged 13.5 points and 7.2 rebounds in 11 NBA seasons, including a stint with New Jersey.

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 57.9°

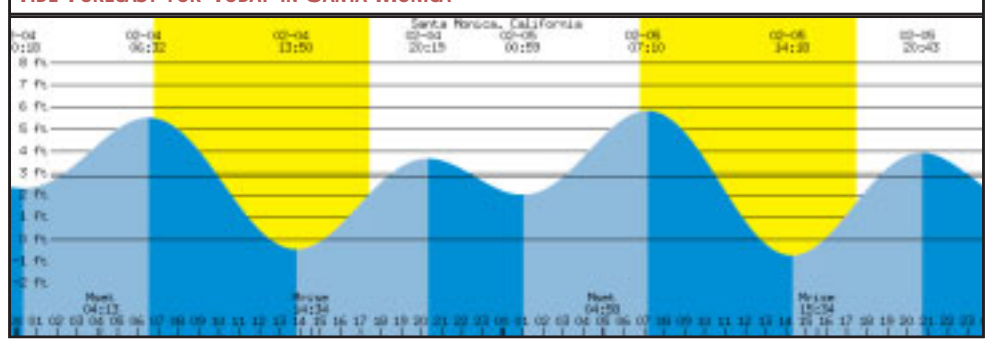
Swell Forecast

West facing breaks are expected to drop to chest high, with possible pluses at standouts. NW swell builds later in the day from north to south.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see west facing breaks get back into (at least) head high surf. Standout west facing breaks can expect some overhead sets.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **February 1, 2012**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 3
- Number of wet days -- 6
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Goodbrook Family Foundation, simplehuman, LazerGUY, SBBA

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

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

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

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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Heal the Bay

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MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, Feb. 4, 2012

The Cat Returns (G) 1hr 15min
4:00pm

Castle in the Sky (PG) 2hrs 4min
Princess Mononoke (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
7:30pm

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

War Horse (PG-13) 2hrs 26min
2:00pm

Albert Nobbs (R) 1hr 53min
11:20am, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Iron Lady (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (R) 2hrs 40min
12:10pm, 3:35pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 4:25pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

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

Big Miracle (PG) 2hrs 03min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Man on a Ledge (PG-13) 1hr 42min
2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
10:50am, 1:55pm, 5:00pm, 8:05pm, 11:00pm

Grey (R) 1hr 57min
10:45am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Red Tails (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
2:00pm, 4:55pm, 10:55pm

Chronicle (2012/ I) (PG-13) 1hr 23min
11:10am, 11:45am, 1:20pm, 3:35pm, 5:50pm, 8:20pm, 10:40pm

Contraband (R) 1hr 50min
10:55am, 11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 7:55pm, 10:25pm

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

If a Tree Falls (NR) 1hr 25min
11:00am

Hell and Back Again (NR) 1hr 28min
11:00am

Splinters (NR) 1hr 35min
11:00am

Joffrey: Mavericks of American Dance (NR) 1hr 27min
11:00am

Norwegian Wood (Noruwei no mori) (NR) 2hrs 13min
1:10pm, 7:00pm

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, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Dangerous Method (R) 1hr 39min
4:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Underworld: Awakening 3D (R) 1hr 28min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

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

Hugo 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:20pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

Haywire (R) 1hr 33min
11:30am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:25pm, 9:50pm

One for the Money (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:40am, 2:25pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Woman in Black (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:50am, 2:35pm, 5:20pm, 8:05pm, 10:40pm

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Hang out with friends tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ A recent disagreement could be worked out, if you so choose. Let go of a power play, knowing full well what is possible. Invest a little cash in a situation; most people will come out smiling. Tonight: Entertain at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. You could be confused by everything that you hear. Step back and determine what suits you. Make it OK to adapt to a changeable person. He or she simply might be quirky. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might feel as if you must follow through on a situation and make the best of it. Laughter surrounds a friendship. Be more direct and sure of yourself. Listen to feedback from a somewhat judgmental person. Be appreciative, even if you dislike his or her idea. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Relate directly to a loved one who is difficult; however, don't get pulled into a power play. You might want to try another approach. Make it OK to go in your own direction on a project or idea. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Whether you are bored or simply not inspired, you will tend to stay close to home. Quite a few people would like your company -- you simply aren't interested. Whatever you are doing is a high priority. In some fashion, you are experiencing a completion. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Opt to be with friends or out and about. Don't be alone. You have a unique opportunity to meet someone very different or partake in an eye-opening event. A friend unintentionally puts you between a rock and a hard place. Tonight: Where the fun is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take a stand and be willing to control a situation in a different way or style. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with a roommate or family member who wants it his or her way. Your good mood only creates more defiance. This person is coming from a feeling place. Tonight: In the spotlight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Detach, especially if you are in an either/or situation. You might not be as sure of yourself as you might like. Too much questioning could create a degree of insecurity. Yes, it is wise to carefully reflect on an issue, but detaching works even better. Tonight: Where there is music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Money and emotions all are involved in a partnership decision. You could find that the best decision is to lie back a little, walk in the other person's shoes and then pull back and detach. Tonight: Go along with a request.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You could be more oppositional and defiant than you realize. Stop and take a hard look at a situation. Are you being controlling or reactive? Only you know for sure. Relax and handle this issue perhaps at a later date. Choose to have fun. Tonight: Acting like it is the weekend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You plunge into a task or project, sure of yourself. By the end, you might be questioning the original decision. Stop and give some thought to which direction might be the best to go in. Tonight: Whatever you do, make it easy!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Join a child or loved one, and make the most of the moment. Clearly your ideas and another person's do not match. Go along with the other person's. You will enjoy him or her even more if you do. Tonight: This, too, will pass.

Happy birthday

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

You are unusually caring and nurturing to those in your day-to-day life. Often you are startled by people's reactions. Your personal and home life anchors you, allowing you to flex with the many odd situations you might come into contact with. Learn not to challenge others, as they could become defiant just to be defiant. If you are single, you'll meet someone in your daily travels. Take your time getting to know each other. If you are attached, the two of you grow closer through taking on a mutually interesting hobby. CANCER can be a little sloppy.



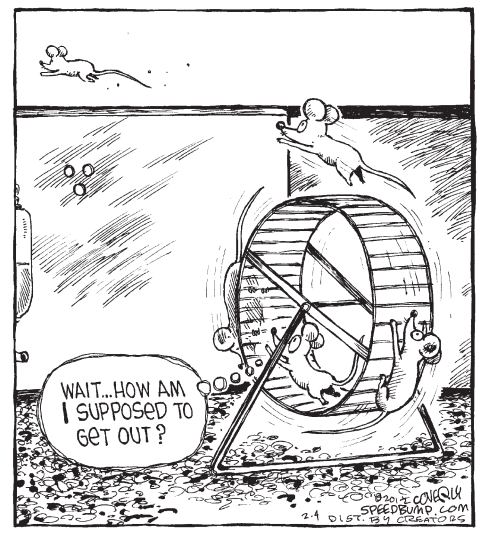
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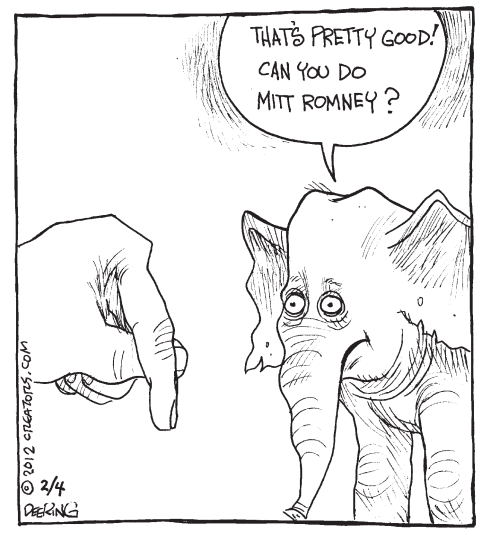
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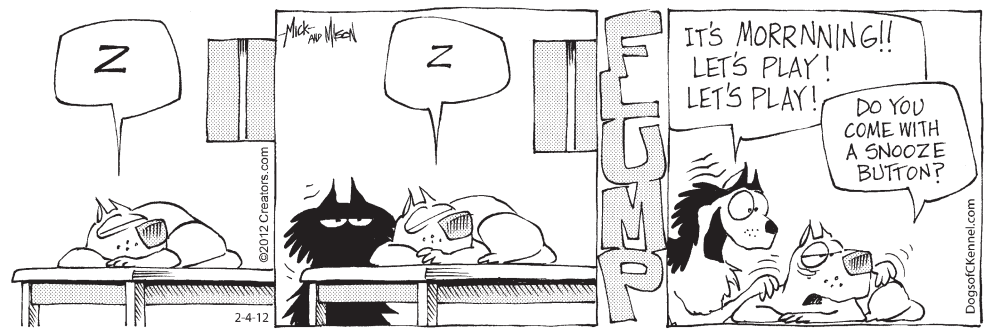
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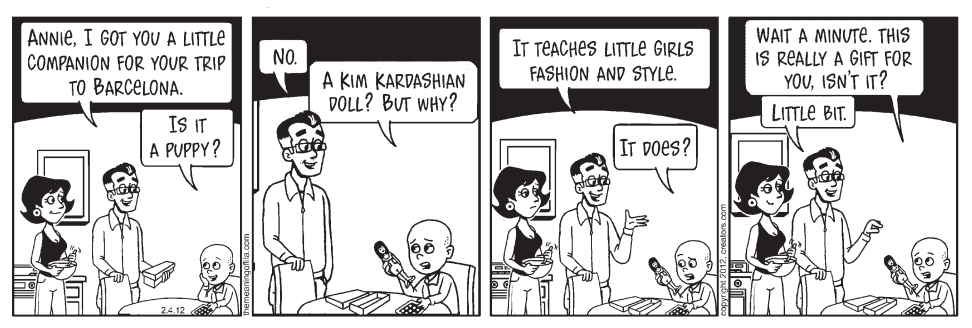
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Sudoku

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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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23 Honshu port
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35 Reunion group
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40 Desert spot
41 Pole star?
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43 Ultimate
44 Relaxed

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2 On the beach
3 Light gas
4 Revolves
5 Push away
6 Wall climber
7 Governor of Judaea
8 Campaign catch-phrase
9 Belfast setting
11 Derisive sound
15 Escape
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21 Missing
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27 Split start
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30 With good order
31 Clarifying phrase
33 Brilliance
37 Granny
39 "— your loss!"

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Yesterday's answer

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DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 7 19 21 49 53
Meganumber: 35
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Meganumber: 26
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DAILY DERBY:
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2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:46.67

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Need Time in the Gym: (1) According to police in Bellingham, Wash., William Lane, 22, had yelled slurs at a lesbian couple in the early morning of Dec. 11 and smashed the car window of one of the women, but she immediately chased him down, tackled him, and held him until help arrived. (2) Anthony Miranda, 24, was arrested and charged with armed robbery in December in Chicago after unknowingly choosing as his victim an "ultimate fighting" champion. The "victim" gave Miranda two black eyes and a heavily lacerated face, and, as Miranda drew his gun, overpowered him in such a way that Miranda wound up shooting himself in the ankle.

■ Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) Keith Savinelli, 21, was arrested in Gallatin County, Mont., in December and charged with attempted burglary involving a woman's underwear. When the resident caught Savinelli in the act, he attempted to talk her out of reporting him by apologizing and handing her his voter registration card, but she called police, anyway. (2) A 25-year-old man was rescued by fire crews in Tranent, Scotland, in December and taken to Edinburgh Royal Infirmary. According to police, four men were attempting to steal an eight-ton steamroller when the 25-year-old got his leg trapped underneath. The other three fled.

TODAY IN HISTORY

2002 - Cancer Research UK, the world's largest independent cancer research charity, is founded.

2003 - The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia is officially renamed to Serbia and Montenegro and adopts a new constitution.

2004 - Facebook, a mainstream online social network is founded by Mark Zuckerberg.

2006 - A stampede occurs in the ULTRA Stadium near Manila killing 71.

2008 - The London Low Emission Zone (LEZ) scheme begins to operate in the UK.

WORD UP!

excogitate
\ eks-KOJ-i-teyt \ , verb;
1. To think out; devise; invent.
2. To study intently and carefully in order to grasp or comprehend fully.

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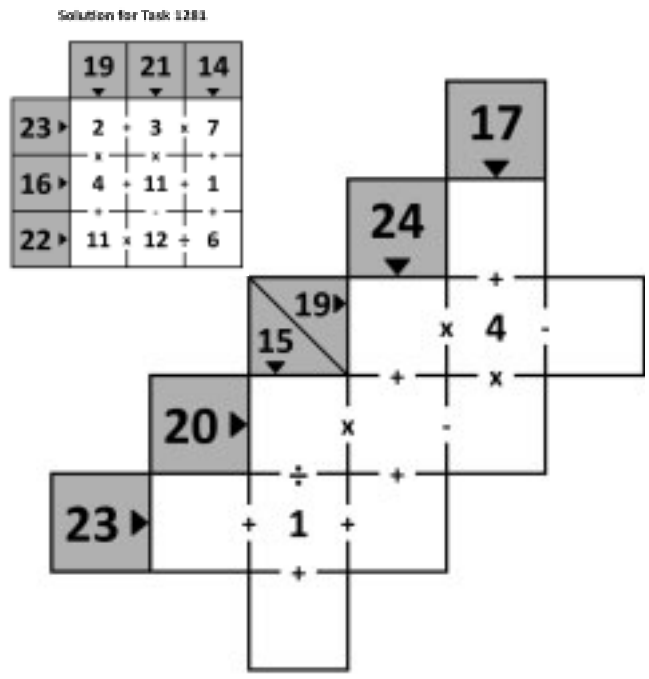
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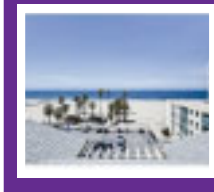
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