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SMPD cleared in de la Torre probe

Office of Independent Review finds no wrong-doing, however, questions actions of investigator

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL The Santa Monica Police Department's investigation into school board member Oscar de la Torre's actions during a fight between two teens was appropriate, as was sending the case on to prosecutors, according to a report released Monday from the Los Angeles County Office of Independent Review (OIR).

However, the lead investigator's actions were questionable, his report containing "an unusual mixture of facts and advocacy," the report stated.

The findings were presented to city officials by OIR chief attorney Michael Gennaco, according to a press release issued by City Hall. The release did not include the total cost to taxpayers for the report. City officials could not provide that information by presstime.

While OIR recognized that it was appropriate for the SMPD to initiate the investigation and refer it to prosecutors based on video evidence and a judge's decision to issue a search warrant, the report found problems with the lead investigator's interviewing and report-writing techniques.

"[O]ur critical eyes noted that certain interview techniques were employed, such as advocating a point of view and feeding witnesses information, that do not comport with the 'just the facts' orientation of common investigative practices," the report stated. "In addition our review found that there could have been more follow up with witnesses … [and] the report contained an unusual mixture of facts and advocacy, and was not a dispassionate rendering of the facts."

The OIR made recommendations to address these issues, focusing on best practices in investigative and interview techniques, report writing, training and supervision.

"We appreciate the work of Mr. Gennaco and the OIR in conducting this independent and thorough review," Police Chief Tim Jackman said. "We are committed to following the recommendations of the report entirely. We will be moving swiftly to ensure implementation."

de la Torre became the focus of an SMPD investigation in March of 2010 after he showed up at the scene of a fist fight between two Santa Monica High School students near the Pico Youth & Family Center, which he runs. The center receives funding from City Hall.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Samohi Vikings control their own playoff fate

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI As the season winds down, Santa Monica High School's boys' basketball team holds its playoff destiny in their hands.

Currently in fourth place with a 4-4 Ocean League record, Samohi's matchup up with third place Morningside today at home has taken on heightened importance.

A win would tie Samohi for third place with one regular-season game remaining. If both teams win their final games on Thursday, it would create a tie for third place in a league that is granted three automatic playoff berths. That tie would be settled during a one-game playoff on Friday to determine the league's final playoff entry, said Wendell Yoshida, president of the

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

IN STEP: **Firefighter Bill Howard (right) performs a back-up line during routine practice at Fire Station Five on 25th Street Monday afternoon.**

Council keeps buses moving, fires at bay

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

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL To keep more than 120 Big Blue Buses and other city vehicles on the road through the end of the current fiscal year, the City Council is expected tonight to approve a $1.8 million contract for the purchase of liquefied natural gas.

In all, the council is expected to spend a little more than $4.6 million Tuesday, much of it going toward the purchase of fuel, street light improvements, a cold milling machine used for street repairs and consultants working on the implementation of the Land Use and Circulation Element, an update to the city's General Plan that will dictate development in Santa Monica for the next 20 years.

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Join Mr. Jesse and all his puppet pals for some heartfelt stories and a puppet show. There will be two shows. The first at 3:30 p.m. and the other show is at 4:30 p.m. For more information about this free event, call (310) 458-8683.

All about bridge
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 2 p.m.
Are you familiar with bridge but haven't played in while? Do you know the basic rules of bridge but don't play with anyone to practice it? Come play with Joy Williams and other bridge players every Tuesday at the Senior Center. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Ice time
Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue
12 p.m. — 10 p.m.
ICE at Santa Monica offers the unique opportunity to ice skate in the sunshine. The rink will close on Feb. 15. Admission is $10. For more information, call (310) 393-8355.

Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011

Art by the bay
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk. 7 p.m.
Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium invites artists to find their inspiration at the aquarium during Artist Night. Participants are invited to sketch, paint, and take photos of any of the marine center's more than 100 local species on exhibit. This two-hour photography/art session will be available to 25 participants only on a first-come, first-served basis. Please RSVP by calling (310) 393-6149 ext. 106.

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Learn more about chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) from experts during this free event. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

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CORRECTION

In the article "Local Catholic elementary schools move to longer school year," published in the Feb. 5-6 issue of the Daily Press, it should have stated that the president of St. Monica Schools is Thom Gasper.



WAY UP THERE

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Santa Monica College's AJ Harris dunks against Citrus College on Saturday. The SMC Corsairs won the game, 100-91.



SAM SIGNS

Photo courtesy St. Monica Catholic High School

St. Monica football player Sam Holguin on Friday signs a national letter of intent to play for the Naval Academy.

Santa Monica police introduce D.A.R.E. program

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

GRANT ELEMENTARY In an effort to keep kids off drugs and alcohol, the Santa Monica Police Department today will start teaching fifth graders here the D.A.R.E. curriculum, the first time in the city's history that officers have used the educational program designed to prevent drug use, membership in gangs and violent behavior, law enforcement officials told the Daily Press Monday.

Two officers assigned to the Police Activities League will administer the program at Grant Elementary School over the next 10 weeks, helping 123 students cope with peer pressure. The plan is to start at Grant, see how students react to the program and possibly expand it if successful, said SMPD Chief Tim Jackman.

The chief likes that D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), which was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles and is now taught in 75

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Cory LaGuardia sets St. Monica scoring mark

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

ST. MONICA St. Monica's girls' basketball program has a new scoring champ.

Senior guard Cory LaGuardia eclipsed Alex Pagnato's mark of 1,158 points during a game against Camino Real League rival St. Joseph on Jan. 27, but team officials didn't confirm the feat until last week after a review of the team's historical records.

"I'm very excited to set the record," LaGuardia said. "It's such an honor."

The senior sits at over 1,200 points for her career with that total sure to grow before the season ends this week.

The scoring title is just the latest in a long list of accomplishments for the sharp-shooting guard. In her four years on varsity, LaGuardia has twice been named to the all-league team with a third likely this season. LaGuardia also starred on the school's volleyball team, earning all-league honors in 2009.

Aside from her athletic prowess, LaGuardia is the current student body president, sporting a 4.3 grade point average. As if that isn't enough, she was also St. Monica's homecoming queen this year.

"She's a great athlete, but she is an even better person," Head Coach John Skinner said. "She's just an all-around leader."

For LaGuardia, being a part of school

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Thanks are in order

Editor:

[Recently] our family experienced a loss that brought us to our knees. The loss of our beloved Matthew [Mezza] caught us unaware and has, quite literally knocked the breath out of us. We have been gasping for air ever since that moment.

In the midst of our terrible sorrow we have been overwhelmed by the warmth, love and generosity that has poured in from the many people who have stepped in to try and help us survive our loss. Friends from Samohi, the baseball team, Little League, JAMS, Grant Elementary School, SMPD, the City of Santa Monica, our synagogue Beth Shir Sholom, St. Monica's Church, the court system, the Public Defender's Office and people who have never met us, but have been moved by Matthew's death, have all come together in an amazing demonstration of love to provide for our every need. People have generously fed us, provided us with transportation, covered the costs associated with hosting people after the funeral, and thousands of dollars have been donated in Matthew's memory. There is no way that we can ever individually thank each person who has stepped in to help us through this loss. So many people have sent cards, letters and flowers with lovely notes about Matthew, sharing memories and stories that have brought smiles to our faces and tears to our eyes. This showing of generosity of spirit from our community is deserving of individual thanks, but there is no way for me to write to each of you. So many donations have been made by people that we do not know or for whom we have no addresses. The sheer number of people who have stepped in to help us mourn our loss is staggering, and so I have elected to send our letter of appreciation electronically, despite knowing that my mother disapproves.

To each of you who took care of us, fed us, wrote to us, prayed with us or prayed for us, sat shivah with us or donated in Matthew's memory – we thank you. We ask that you help us to remember Matthew. Matthew was a wonderful child who was funny and bright, a strong student, a good teammate, and a great friend. He had new and innovative ideas to solve the world's problems and had a mind that was always working, looking for a way to understand what happened around him. Matthew was never embarrassed to ask a question – his need to know outweighed even an adolescent's self consciousness. We still weep when we try and absorb the shock of this loss, but eventually we will be out in the world around us. When you see us, please say hello and tell us that you remember our son.

With love and appreciation,

Ellie Schneir
Santa Monica



Your column here

Lee H. Hamilton

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Why the U.S. Congress is less than the sum of its parts

WITH AN UNEXPECTEDLY PRODUCTIVE lame-duck session behind it and a new majority taking charge of the U.S. House, Capitol Hill is an energetic place at the moment. The question on everyone's mind — and not just in Washington — is whether this energy will amount to anything.

Given the trumpet blasts of resolve coming from leaders at both ends of the Capitol, you'd expect plenty of action. Yet if you ask ordinary Americans about what they hope for from legislators, you'll mostly get cynicism. In their view, Congress is irredeemably broken or, at best, mis-functioning.

It's tempting to write off the problem as rooted in weak-kneed or overweening politicians — or a toxic mix of both. They exist, but they're not really the issue. Members of Congress do not lack dedication or motivation to do well; they are not inept or so blinded by power that they would sacrifice the nation's well-being on the altar of personal advancement. Most are able politicians, strongly committed legislators, and among the hardest-working people this country produces.

The problem is not members of Congress themselves; it's that Congress amounts to less than the sum of its parts. I've often wondered why this is the case, and have a few thoughts on why it might be so.

You could certainly argue that the challenges lie in the nature of Congress itself. Its members might be talented individually, but they represent widely different districts, come to the job with vastly differing perspectives, and must respond to a bewildering array of pressures. Just sorting through the regional, ideological, and political differences they confront is hard enough.

Then there are the structural issues that block effective governance, from the gradual decline of true conference committees and the appropriations process to the runaway use of the Senate's filibuster rule: In the '73-'74 session of Congress (preceding the last major effort to reform the filibuster), there were 44 filibusters; in this last Congress there were 135. These are not unfixable problems, though a move in the Senate to disarm the filibuster recently fell short, and advocates of reform had to settle for more incremental but positive changes.

In truth, Congress' most difficult problems are almost cultural in nature. Too many activities distract legislators from the serious business of legislating.

Congressional formalities, legislating on trivial matters (such as naming a post office), and speech-giving across the country might have some value, but they dramatically reduce the time spent on serious legislating.

The most obvious of these is money — not just its influence on political decision-making, but its effect on how members of Congress spend their time. The pressure to raise money is constant; Capitol Hill and its precincts are awash in fundraisers most evenings, and members spend an unseemly portion of their time away from legislating in order to work the phones or attend fundraising events at home. The equation is simple: time spent raising money is time not spent attending to the people's business.

When members do turn to legislating, what is often topmost on their mind is how to gain political advantage over the opposition, not finding remedies to the issues besetting us. The rise of political consultants to positions of influence not just on Congress-members' campaigns, but on their full-time staffs, has often led members to adopt the short-term perspective that comes from paying attention to daily polls and tactical positioning, not the longer-term outlook that grows from deliberation and discussion and that leads to crafting real solutions to our serious long-term challenges.

This trend has been abetted, even encouraged, by the unrelenting demands of the news media, whose practitioners seek comments from members from early morning to late at night, force members to take positions quickly, excoriate them for reconsidering or compromising, and in too many cases today serve more as advocates than as educators.

Finally, Congress suffers from its own members' disrespect. An entire generation won office by running against the institution, building their political careers on criticizing it and deriding other members — something many of them continue to do while in office. They become so captivated by criticizing Congress and the actions of their colleagues — and benefit politically so much for doing so — that they lose focus on passing legislation for the benefit of the country.

Coupled with the partisanship that has made members and their staffs such fierce antagonists, all of this makes working together to craft broadly acceptable legislation and to buttress the institution itself much more difficult.

I don't want to suggest that Congress is dysfunctional. December's lame-duck session proved that it is not. But for today's energetic determination to turn into tomorrow's clear-eyed accomplishments, the denizens of Capitol Hill will need to look beyond procedural and structural change, and start addressing their own habits, assumptions, and culture. We all want to see a Congress that equals, if not exceeds, the sum of its talented members.

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Are schools becoming police states?

WHAT WE ARE WITNESSING, THANKS IN large part to zero tolerance policies that were intended to make schools safer by discouraging the use of actual drugs and weapons by students, is the inhumane treatment of young people and the criminalization of childish behavior.

Ninth grader Andrew Mikel is merely the latest in a long line of victims whose educations have been senselessly derailed by school administrators lacking in both common sense and compassion. A freshman at Spotsylvania High School in Virginia, Andrew was expelled in December 2010 for shooting a handful of small pellets akin to plastic spit wads at fellow students in the school hallway during lunch period. Although the initial punishment was only for 10 days, the school board later extended it to the rest of the school year. School officials also referred the matter to local law enforcement, which initiated juvenile proceedings for criminal assault against young Andrew.

Andrew is not alone. Nine-year-old Patrick Timoney was sent to the principal's office and threatened with suspension after school officials discovered that one of his LEGOs was holding a 2-inch toy gun. That particular LEGO, a policeman, was Patrick's favorite because his father is a retired police officer. David Morales, an 8-year-old Rhode Island student, ran afoul of his school's zero tolerance policies after he wore a hat to school decorated with an American flag and tiny plastic Army figures in honor of American troops. School officials declared the hat out of bounds because the toy soldiers were carrying miniature guns. A 7-year-old New Jersey boy, described by school officials as "a nice kid" and "a good student," was reported to the police and charged with possessing an imitation firearm after he brought a toy Nerf-style gun to school. The gun shoots soft ping pong-type balls.

What these incidents, all the result of overzealous school officials and inflexible zero tolerance policies, make clear is that we have moved into a new paradigm in America where young people are increasingly viewed as suspects and treated as criminals by school officials and law enforcement alike.

Adopted in the wake of Congress' passage of the 1994 Gun-Free Schools Act, which required a one-year expulsion for any child bringing a firearm or bomb to school, school zero tolerance policies were initially intended to address and prevent serious problems involving weapons, violence and drug and alcohol use in the schools.

The American Bar Association has rightly condemned these zero tolerance policies as being "a one-size-fits-all solution to all the problems that schools confront." Unfortunately, when challenged about the fact that under these draconian policies, a kid who shoots a spitball is punished the same as the kid who brings a gun to school, school officials often insist that their hands are tied. That rationale, however, falls apart on several counts.

First, such policies completely fail to take into account the student's intentions, nor do they take into account the long-term damage inflicted on school children. For example, as a result of the criminal charges against him, Andrew Mikel, an honor student active in Junior ROTC and in his church who had hoped to attend the U.S. Naval Academy, can no longer be considered as an applicant.

Second, these one-strike-and-you're-out policies have proven to be largely unsuccessful and been heavily criticized by such professional organizations as the National Association of School Psychologists.

Third, with the emergence of zero tolerance policies, school officials have forsaken the time-honored distinction between punishment and discipline. Namely, that schools exist to educate students about their rights and the law and discipline those who need it, while prisons exist to punish criminals who have been tried and found guilty of breaking the law.

Fourth, such policies criminalize childish, otherwise innocent behavior and in many cases create a permanent record that will haunt that child into adulthood. Moreover, by involving the police in incidents that should never leave the environs of the school, it turns the schools into little more than a police state.

Finally, these policies, and the school administrators who relentlessly enforce them, render young people woefully ignorant of the rights they intrinsically possess as American citizens.

There's an old axiom that what children learn in school today will be the philosophy of government tomorrow. As surveillance cameras, metal detectors, police patrols, zero tolerance policies, lock downs, drug sniffing dogs and strip searches become the norm in elementary, middle and high schools across the nation, America is on a fast track to raising up an Orwellian generation — one populated by compliant citizens accustomed to living in a police state and who march in lockstep to the dictates of the government. In other words, the schools are teaching our young people how to be obedient subjects in a totalitarian society.

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The beginning stage of any organization is a critical time to develop policies that the organization will utilize in its decision making process. Policies should include: conflict of interest, employment, director and officer compensation, ideological or social entrepreneurial values, organizational ownership and management.

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The first step in this process is deciding upon a name for the business and performing a name availability search to ensure that the name is not already in use in the location where you will be operating. Secondly, the business will need to determine what type of entity to form – whether it's a corporation, LLC, PC, LLP, L3C, Benefit Corporation, sole proprietorship or partnership. Choosing the type of entity will depend upon the purpose of the organization and the tax and legal status of its owners and stakeholders. Once the entity type is chosen, the next step is to draft, ratify and file the appropriate documents with state and local agencies and draft either Bylaws or an Operating Agreement.

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Bell officials appear for preliminary hearing

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Eight current and former officials of the city of Bell arrived in court Monday for a preliminary hearing to determine if there is sufficient evidence to try them on charges of looting the working-class Los Angeles suburb of $5.5 million.

Meanwhile, a prosecutor confirmed that attorneys for six of the eight have had preliminary discussions about reaching a possible plea bargain.

The eight — including the mayor, vice mayor and former city manager — are named in dozens of counts of misappropriation of public funds in a scandal that District Attorney Steve Cooley described as "corruption on steroids" on the day they were taken from their homes in handcuffs last September. Former City Manager Robert Rizzo is also charged with falsifying public documents in an effort to hide the scandal.

Outside court, Deputy District Attorney Jennifer Lentz Snyder confirmed prosecutors had discussed a possible plea bargain with attorneys for all of the officials except Rizzo and former Deputy City Manager Angela Spaccia. Snyder declined to discuss possible terms of the deal, saying the talks were only preliminary.

"We have been contacted about a possible disposition in this case," she said. "We have provided a response."

Rizzo, the former Bell city manager who was paid an annual salary and compensation package of $1.5 million a year, faces the most charges — more than 50 counts.

Others charged are Mayor Oscar Hernandez, Vice Mayor Teresa Jacobo, Councilman George Mirabal, former Mayor George Cole, former Councilman Luis Artiga, former Councilman Victor Bello and former Assistant City Manager Angela Spaccia.

Spaccia received an annual salary of $376,288 and the mayor and council members were paid about $100,000 a year for their part-time service to the city of about 40,000 people. Hernandez, Jacobo and Mirabal all face a March 8 recall election.

Authorities have said Rizzo was the ringleader of a scandal that went unchecked for years in which officials illegally paid themselves the huge salaries as well as made low-interest, unapproved loans to themselves and other city employees who ranged from high-ranking police officers to rank-and-file recreation attendants.

The money, according to local and state officials, came from property taxes and business license fees that had been raised illegally, as well as other funds, such as gas taxes, that were never intended for such use. The result, according to a recent report from Bell's interim city manager, is that Bell is as much as $4.5 million in debt and on the brink of bankruptcy.

All eight defendants appeared briefly before Superior Court Judge Upinder S. Karla on Monday and agreed to have the cases brought against them combined for one preliminary hearing, which is expected to last at least a week.

All have pleaded not guilty and all but Bello are free on bail. He appeared in court in an orange jail jumpsuit, the others in business attire.

The scandal came to light last summer when the Los Angeles Times reported on the salaries of Rizzo and others, prompting outrage in the blue-collar city just east of Los Angeles where one in six people live in poverty.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Councilwoman targets Harman seat

A Los Angeles city councilwoman says she'll seek a U.S. House seat expected to be vacated by Democratic Rep. Jane Harman.

Harman announced Monday she plans to resign to become the president of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.

Councilwoman Janice Hahn says in a statement she'll run for the seat in the coastal 36th Congressional District, which includes Venice Beach and the Port of Los Angeles.

The 58-year-old Hahn — a Democrat — is the sister of former Los Angeles mayor James Hahn and the daughter of Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who died in 1997.

She ran unsuccessfully for the House seat in 1998, and was a candidate for lieutenant governor last year.

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Live Nation buys rest of Front Line for $116M

Concert promoter Live Nation Entertainment Inc. said Monday that it bought the remaining 25 percent of its Front Line artist management business that it didn't already own from key executive Irving Azoff and Madison Square Garden for $56.5 million in cash and $59.7 million worth of newly issued stock.

In addition, Live Nation named Azoff chairman of the board, replacing Liberty Media Corp.'s John Malone. Malone was named chairman of Live Nation temporarily in October after a boardroom power struggle involving Barry Diller, who has since sold his shares and resigned from the board. Malone's seat will be filled by Liberty CEO Greg Maffei.

Liberty is also increasing its stake in Live Nation to about 20 percent from 18.3 percent if shareholders approve at the annual meeting expected in June. Liberty bought 1.8 million shares for $18.8 million in cash and agreed to purchase 5.5 million additional shares for $57.7 million if shareholders approve.

Live Nation said the move to take over all of Front Line will create tax benefits and eliminate an annual dividend to Front Line's minority owners, increasing free cash flow by $20 million a year.

Previously, most of Azoff's compensation came through the Front Line business.

"Through this transaction we will further simplify and consolidate our operating structure," said Live Nation CEO Michael Rapino in a statement.

Stifel Nicolaus analyst Benjamin Mogil raised his target price on the shares to $12 from $10, while maintaining his "hold" rating, based on the higher free cash flow estimate. He noted the structure better aligns the incentives of management since they own shares only in the parent company, Live Nation.

Shares rose 32 cents, or 3 percent, to $10.80 in afternoon trading Monday.

AP

Classroom a new stage for rockers

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES They may fall off the pop charts, some might even lose the muse. But these days old rock stars need not worry about fading away, not when there's a college classroom nearby.

Rock's gangster of love himself, Steve Miller, created some buzz recently when he became an artist-in-residence at the prestigious University of Southern California's Thornton School of Music. But it turns out the guy who famously proclaimed, "I'm a joker, I'm a smoker, I'm a midnight toker" wasn't nearly the first guitar-slinger to move from the stage to the classroom.

Mark Volman, who co-founded the Turtles and later played with Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention, runs the entertainment studies department at Nashville's Belmont University these days when he isn't out on the road singing "Happy Together." Lamont Dozier, one third of the legendary songwriting team Holland-Dozier-Holland, which created hits for everyone from Phil Collins to the Supremes, lectures on his craft at USC. Around the country, everyone from punk rockers to doo-wop harmonizers are holding down teaching positions at big-name universities.

"It brings the subject matter to life for the students in a way that a professor, no matter how well intentioned, just can't do," Chris Sampson, dean of USC's music school, says of turning the classroom over to people like Miller. "It makes all the learning go beyond just theory."

Indeed, sometimes the learning even goes beyond music — way beyond music — though the musicians will tell you there's still a connection.

Greg Graffin, who has a Ph.d in science, for example, has taught evolution and paleontology at UCLA in recent years when he wasn't on the road with the seminal punk rock band Bad Religion.

"I know it sounds crazy, but from my perspective the goal is the same," he says of playing music and teaching science. "The thing about the band is we've always been about asking questions and provoking people to think. We never maintain that we have the answers, and that's very consistent with a scientific pursuit."

Meanwhile, Rob Leonard, whose over-the-top version of "Teen Angel" with Sha Na Na at Woodstock can still be found on YouTube, runs the forensic linguistics department at New York's Hofstra University. He reunited with the group last year for a concert at Hofstra marking the university's 75th year.

"I like to say I'm one of the very few people in the world who have worked with the FBI and the Grateful Dead," quips Leonard, who has trained FBI agents in how to analyze language for clues in solving crimes.

The musician, who also has a Ph.d, says he really got interested in linguistics after he asked his record label where all the money from one of Sha Na Na's tours had gone — because it hadn't gone to the group.

"They said, 'Read the contract,'" he laughed.

That's the message Volman, who began teaching full-time 14 years ago, says he tries to drive home to starry-eyed students every school year. There's more to succeeding in the music business, he says, than just being a great musician.

"People come in with this television idea that everybody is going to be the next Carrie Underwood," he says. "They don't understand how many nights you're not going to get paid what they said you would and how many nights you're not going to have a room to sleep in because the promoter didn't get it in the rider you signed."

And for those who may think the music business has evolved too much in recent years for a '60s- or '70s-era pop star to have any relevant advice for students, Volman notes "Happy Together" was downloaded approximately 90,000 times last year.

"And I make 79 cents out of the 99-cent download," he tells the students in his music business class. "It's a lot different than the artist who doesn't own his own music getting 9 cents. I tell them that and they say, 'I want to own my own music too.'"

Music publishing is also one of the areas Miller, who lectures at USC part-time as an adjunct professor because of music commitments, has focused on during his time there.

Volman, although he teaches and runs his department, also still finds time to go out on the road about 50 times a year with the Turtles. It's something that gives him stories to tell the students, as well as ideas for projects to assign involving booking tours.

He'd also like to see more veteran music pros cross over to the classroom, agreeing they bring more to the table in terms of real-life experience. The biggest thing holding most back from teaching full-time, he says, is the advanced degrees required by most universities. He didn't earn a master's degree himself until he was in his 50s.

But once those bridges are crossed, say the musicians who have done it, the rest of the transition isn't that hard.

"I don't feel a lot different between being up on stage at a punk concert and being at the podium in a lecture hall," says Graffin.





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CONSENT
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The natural gas contract is with Clean Energy, a California-based company that has been providing fuel for City Hall since 2006. The council originally hired Clean Energy for years at a cost of $11,829,319, according to a city staff report.

The BBB operates 124 natural gas buses and plans to increase that number in the coming years. BBB also provides natural gas to fuel city vehicles and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, which combine to consume an average of 200,000 gallons of fuel every month. City staff is currently working to determine future fueling needs and is expected to have a recommendation to the council by June 2011, at which time a long-term contract can be approved.

The council is also being asked to spend $1 million over the next two years on engine overhauls for buses. The contract is with Cummins Cal Pacific and is a reflection of an increase in the number of engines needing repairs.

BBB staff said the overhauls are needed to keep buses from emitting harmful pollutants, maintain compliance with clean air rules and regulations and keep buses operational. The natural gas engines to be overhauled are 6 years old and at the end of their life cycle of 225,000 miles, according to a city staff report.

PUTTING THE FIRE OUT

When the Santa Monica Fire Department purchased four new fire engines last year, they did not include equipment such as hand tools, hoses, nozzles and other items needed before the engines could be put to use.

To get those four trucks on the road, the council is being asked tonight to spend $155,465 on the necessary equipment. The contract is with Curtis & Sons, a California-based company. In all, six companies submitted bids for the contract, according to a city staff report. Funds for the contract are available in the SMFD's budget.

OUT WITH THE OLD

To repair Santa Monica's roads, city staff is asking the council to buy a new cold milling machine at a cost of $406,953. The machine will replace one that has reached the end of its lifespan under the guidelines of City Hall's vehicle replacement program. The machine is used to remove part or all of an existing layer of pavement with a grinding drum, according to a city staff report.

The vehicles are very specialized off-road equipment and are not available with alternative fuel engines.

Two bids were received. City staff chose Nixon-Egli Equipment, a California-based company, because its milling machine offered more flexibility, allowing the operator to adjust the milling width, which cuts down on the number of times a section of asphalt has to be compressed. The Nixon-Egli machine also allows for faster repairs of the tool head and it has an ergonomically- designed cab and seat, providing the driver better visibility.

TURN ON THE LIGHTS

The council is expected to award a $429,000 contract to California-based Wildan Engineering to provide street lighting design services as part of the 15-year, street light conversion program.

The program, which is approximately 60 percent complete, replaces high-voltage street light circuits and fixtures with more modern, safe, reliable and energy-efficient 120-volt circuits and fixtures, according to a city staff report. The program is coordinated with sidewalk replacement and street resurfacing projects.

Wildan recently completed similar projects for the cities of Newport Beach, Anaheim and South Gate. Representatives from those cities said the work was completed on schedule and within budget.

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Three consultants stand to make a total of $390,000, payment for detailed work on the LUCE. The firms are being hired to help city staff complete the Bergamot Area Plan, the Downtown Specific Plan (which includes the future Expo Light Rail terminus) and the Memorial Park Neighborhood. The work will include design services and guidance on implementing a bicycle network, height and density limits and circulation of traffic.

Another firm, Fehr & Peers, is expected to receive $275,000 for work on traffic patterns associated with the arrival of Expo Light Rail and how this will impact Downtown and the Civic Center.

The council will also be asked to allow the city manager to accept a grant in the amount of $625,000 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Bergamot Transit Village and Mixed-Use Creative District Master Plan.

TAKES MONEY TO MAKE MONEY

To collect on the sales tax increase approved by voters in November, the city manager must approve an agreement with the State Board of Equalization. The council is being asked to allow the city manager to move forward with the agreement so that City Hall can collect the estimated $12 million the tax increase is expected to generate.

City Hall must reimburse the state $175,000, the preparatory cost to administer the tax. That money will be withheld from future payments to City Hall.

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ST. MONICA
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activities comes naturally.

"I've always been involved in student government," she said. "I wanted to make a difference at my school. I knew that I wanted to make it a great experience."

That experience will continue tonight as the Mariners fight to qualify for the playoffs. St. Monica (11-14 overall, 4-2 in league) enters the home game against first place Cantwell-Sacred Heart currently in second place. With a victory, the Mariners would be virtually assured a playoff berth.

St. Monica's hold on second place comes after a slow start to the season as LaGuardia recovered from an injury sustained during the volleyball season. After missing the first four games of the season, LaGuardia rejoined a team working to incorporate the new coaching staff's approach to the game.

The Mariners struggled through the non-league portion of the schedule before turning it up during league play. Skinner attributes that success to time spent together and the return of LaGuardia, who is the team's leader on offense.

"We didn't have much of a summer together," said first-year coach Skinner. "I knew we were going to be a work-in-progress. But, through that, [the team] bought into our team mantra, which is to always compete.

"I think they started to see what we wanted to accomplish."

For LaGuardia, she believes that a deep run into the playoffs can become a reality if the Mariners continue to mesh at the right time.

"We just need to keep up what we're doing and keep playing as a team," she said. "We just have to leave it all on the court. This is our last shot, we might as well do all that we can."

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Police argued that de la Torre had failed to intervene in the fight promptly based on a cell phone video taken by a bystander that showed him stepping in after about a minute. Detectives presented a felony child endangerment case to the District Attorney's Office, but prosecutors declined to press charges.

After public outcry that the police investigation may have been politically motivated, City Hall hired OIR to review the police department's work on the case.

A frequent critic of the police department who runs a non-profit that offers programs for at-risk youth, de la Torre denied any wrongdoing in connection with the fight and called the investigation "an abuse of police practices with a malicious intent."

A two-term member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, de la Torre had considered a bid for City Council in November but instead ran for and won a third term on the school board.

de la Torre could not be reached for comment on the OIR report.

OIR is a civilian oversight group established by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 2001 to investigate matters under the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's Department.

The six-attorney panel is a private contractor for the county and also takes on cases for municipalities.

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SAMOHI
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South Bay Athletic Association, the body that governs the Ocean League.

"We have no choice, we have to win," Head Coach James Hecht said. "We can't look too far ahead, so we're just focused on Morningside."

Morningside defeated Samohi earlier this season, giving the game a little added motivation for Hecht and his Vikings.

Despite a slow start for a team that lost the top 11 players from last season's squad that was the runner-up in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 1A playoffs, the Vikings have been able to reel off four straight league wins.

Hecht attributed the slow start to his team's inexperience, but said that the Vikings have finally bought into his teachings, setting the stage for this week's playoff push.

"Everyone has stepped up their performance and execution," Hecht said. "The seniors have taken ownership of the team. They have been the leaders for us."

Hecht singled out seniors Logan Foster and Jeremiah Shevlin as a pair of players who have been instrumental in the Vikings' turnaround.

While the seniors have recently grown into leadership roles, the Vikings had been primarily paced by sophomore Jordan Mathews, who transferred to Samohi this year. Mathew's aggressive style on offense has been a boon to his team all season, but Hecht said that at times his teammates "stood around" and watched him do his thing during the early part of the campaign. Hecht said that has changed in recent weeks as the team learns to play together.

"People finally understand that if we're going to do anything, it can't be a one-man show," Hecht said. "It has to be a team show."

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D.A.R.E.
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percent of the nation's school districts and in more than 43 countries, not only provides kids with tools to make sound decisions and communicate better, it also provides his officers the opportunity to interact with preteens and build long-lasting relationships.

"This is a great partnership between the school district, us and the PTA," Jackman said. "Folks in Santa Monica really support the schools … . It's nice to see the community come together on something as important as the kids."

PAL Officers Austin Brown and Jennifer Rodriguez will facilitate the 10-week course. Brown said the SMPD spent roughly $1,000 to start D.A.R.E. and more money will be needed if it continues.

"The department is excited about the possibilities and is willing to put money for this and the kids in the community," Brown said.

D.A.R.E. fell out of favor during the 1990s as competing programs tried to discredit it. There were studies that showed no significant differences in illicit drug use between students who received D.A.R.E. and students who did not. There is still opposition to the program, with some going so far as to say it turns kids into informants for police.

Scott Gilliam, director of training at D.A.R.E., admits the program was "watered down" over the years as parents and schools pressured police to include curriculum dealing with bullying and other issues unrelated to drugs and alcohol.

The program was revamped, Gilliam said. Officers are no longer dictating but instead acting as facilitators of classroom activities, allowing students to drive the discussion while focusing on life-like and problem-based activities.

"We still talk about alcohol and tobacco and touch on marijuana, but it is based more on making good decisions using lessons learned from different scenarios," Gilliam said. "We allow kids to work through it themselves and figure out what's the best route to take when making choices in life."

Gilliam discredited studies used by opponents, saying many were flawed and paid for by competing, for-profit entities.

Jackman mentioned the changes to the curriculum as a reason for exploring D.A.R.E.

"We think this second iteration … is a much better program," Jackman said. "They went back and reviewed it, renewed it and used good evaluation methodology."

New lessons include evaluating advertising to see how tobacco and alcohol companies target youth, Gilliam said. Another focuses on how adults, not just peers, influence kids, while a third addresses friendships and how to evaluate them.

"I found that programs that lay out issues and consequences of certain actions, that give options to kids are the ones that are the most successful," said Grant Principal Alan Friedenberg. "The ones that don't do this may have a shelf life of a year or two, but it doesn't seem to matter as the kids get older. The fact that this program explores more in depth some of the issues that may lead to making bad choices is something I think has a chance."

Freidenberg said his teachers have been very enthusiastic, even though the D.A.R.E. course uses time normally reserved for instruction. D.A.R.E. lessons last roughly 45 minutes.

While drug and alcohol abuse is not an issue at Grant, Friedenberg said in middle school many kids are exposed and having the tools to deal with peer pressure is critical.

"If we are planting at least some knowledge in them about what can happen if you make certain choices, I think that's a good thing," he said.

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Major deal news, earnings push stocks higher

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NEW YORK Several big acquisitions and a strong earnings report from Loews Corp. pushed stocks higher Monday.

Pride International Inc. jumped 16 percent after Ensco PLC, a London-based oil rig operator, said it would buy the offshore driller for $7.3 billion.

Beckman Coulter Inc. gained 10 percent after Danaher Corp. said it plans to buy the manufacturer of medical diagnostic tests for $5.8 billion.

Loews Corp. rose 4 percent. The company, which owns Loews hotels and the property insurer CNA Financial Corp., said falling costs helped earnings rise 16 percent even as revenue slipped slightly. The results were higher than analysts were expecting and helped push financial companies higher.

Joseph Saluzzi, co-head of equity trading at Themis Trading, said that with no major economic reports due out this week, mergers and earnings reports will continue to drive stocks higher. Anything that can be construed as good news is likely to give investors a reason to buy stocks, he said.

"The path of least resistance right now is up," Saluzzi said. "People are beginning to assume the market is going higher. It's momentum."

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 69.48 points, or 0.6 percent, to 12,161.63. The Dow has now risen for six straight days, its longest winning streak since November.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 8.18, or 0.6 percent, to 1,319.05. The Nasdaq composite gained 14.69, or 0.5 percent, to 2,783.99.

Financial companies rose 1.5 percent, the largest gain of any of the 10 company groups that make up the S&P index.

Lorillard Inc. rose 2 percent after the company, which makes Newport and Maverick cigarettes, said it increased both sales and prices of its products.

AOL Inc. dropped 3.4 percent after saying it would buy the Huffington Post, a news and opinion website, for $315 million. Arianna Huffington, the site's co-founder and political pundit, will join AOL's management team.

Toy maker Hasbro Inc. rose 1.8 percent after reporting earnings that were lower but still beat analysts' expectations.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note edged down to 3.64 percent from 3.65 percent late Friday.

Monday was the first day of trading since the company that owns the Nasdaq exchange admitted Saturday it had been hacked late last year. The problem did not affect any trades, the company said.

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

Dad says Facebook's Zuckerberg no stranger to technology

BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK Mark Zuckerberg's father said in a radio interview last week that an early exposure to computers inspired his son's interest in technology, and he encouraged parents to support their children's strengths and passions with a balance of "work and play."

"My kids all grew up around the office and were all exposed to computers," said Dr. Edward Zuckerberg, a dentist. "There are advantages to being exposed to computers early on. That certainly enriched Mark's interest in technology."

Zuckerberg said he computerized his offices in 1985. His son Mark Zuckerberg, cofounder and CEO of Facebook, was born in 1984 and was raised in the house where his father's dental offices are located in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., in suburban Westchester.

The dentist spoke for an hour on Westchester station WVOX in an interview with Paul Feiner, supervisor of Greenburgh. Dobbs Ferry is a village in the town of Greenburgh.

The dentist said his own computer science background was "limited" — he majored in biology in college — but he said he's "always been technologically oriented in the office" and "always had the latest high-tech toys," including an early Atari 800.

"It came with a disk for programming," he said. "I thought Mark might be interested and I imparted that knowledge to him. From there it took off."

He said Mark got a book on programming, but "ultimately his ability to program was self-taught."

Feiner and a number of callers to the live radio program asked Zuckerberg for advice on parenting.

"Probably the best thing I can say is something that my wife and I have always believed in," he said. "Rather than impose upon your kids or try and steer their lives in a certain direction, to recognize what their strengths are and support their strengths and support the development of the things they're passionate about."

Zuckerberg said he "didn't believe in physical discipline" but added that certain behaviors require parents to let children know "right there on the spot, this is a behavior that will not be tolerated. If you impart your dislikes about certain negative behaviors early in their lives, they will learn to understand what your feelings on certain matters are."

Zuckerberg said he was not familiar with a new best-seller called "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother," which recommends pushing children to succeed academically in part by limiting extracurricular activities.

Zuckerberg said he doesn't want to portray himself as an expert on childrearing, but he said: "I think that extremes in any form in parenting are not good. Children need to be well-rounded. There's a place for work and a place for play."

He described Mark as "a good student" with "a special affinity for math and sciences," as well as a "very quiet guy" who "doesn't like to boast about his accomplishments." He said that when Mark was named Time magazine's person of the year, his famous son remarked that "it must have been a really slow year. He's very humble."

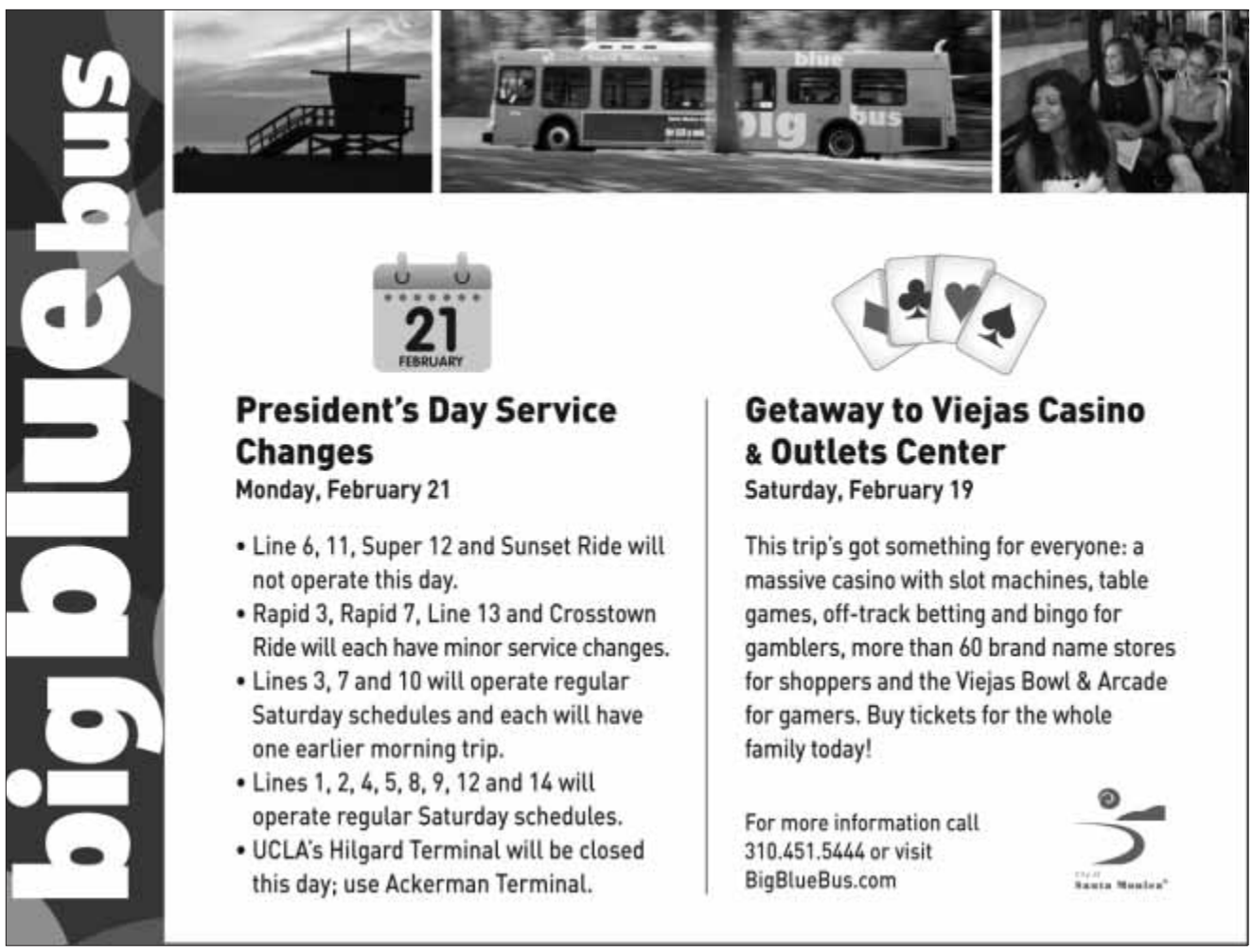
"I'm proud of his accomplishments and the accomplishments of all my kids," he added. Mark's sister Randi is marketing director for Facebook, his sister Donna is a Ph.D. candidate in classics at Princeton, and the youngest, Arielle, is a senior at Claremont McKenna College with a minor in computer science. Her dad said "she's doing a job search right now."

Asked for his opinion of the movie "The Social Network," Zuckerberg said, "If I sat back and looked at it as a movie and not as a story about my son, it was a tolerable experience." But he added that there were aspects of the film "which did not accurately reflect the way certain situations occurred. That was disturbing to me."

Asked by a caller whether his wife, Karen, worked when their children were young, he said, "My wife was a superwoman. She managed to work and be home. We had a unique situation because my office was in the house. I highly recommend it if it works for your occupation. It did afford the ability to work and be home with the kids at the same time."

Karen Zuckerberg is a psychiatrist but she helps out in her husband's office.

Zuckerberg said he uses Facebook to promote his dental practice and spends about an hour a day on the site. He also still does Mark's "routine dental care."



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U.S. ports race to keep up with expanded Panama Canal

RUSS BYNUM
Associated Press

SAVANNAH, Ga. When Savannah welcomed the largest cargo ship ever to call on its booming seaport, the visiting vessel barely fit. The Figaro had to sail in loaded at half capacity to avoid scraping the river bottom, and even then could only navigate the shallow channel at high tide.

East Coast ports from New York to Miami simply aren't deep enough to handle such mammoth vessels as the CMA CGM Figaro, which measures 1,100 feet long with space for 8,500 cargo containers a tractor-trailer can haul one at a time. With a major expansion of the Panama Canal projected to be finished by the end of 2014, these gargantuan vessels will be able to sail between Asia and the U.S. East Coast.

The canal expansion is pitting seaports up and down the Atlantic coast in a race to dig deeper harbors capable of handling the so-called post-Panamax ships.

"It's going to almost triple the size of the vessels that are going to be able to transit the canal," said Kurt J. Nagle, president of the American Association of Port Authorities. "I don't think it's overhyped to say it's a gamechanger."

The post-Panamax ships require depths of up to 50 feet of water to navigate when fully loaded. Only one East Coast seaport — Norfolk, Va. — is that deep. Other ports are scrambling for federal permits and hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to scrape and suck tons of sand and mud from their bays and river bottoms.

The port of New York/New Jersey, the busiest port on the eastern seaboard, already has a $2.3 billion project under way to deepen its harbor to 50 feet. But the Bayonne Bridge spanning the shipping channel is too low for the biggest ships, and port officials say at least $1.3 billion more is needed to raise the span.

Savannah, the nation's fourth busiest container port and No. 2 on the East Coast, wants $588 million to dredge 6 feet from the Savannah River along 35 miles between the ocean and the city's port. The federal government would pay about two-thirds of the bill, but first the Army Corps of Engineers needs approval to start the project, which is expected within the year.

"This is a project that has significance not just for this area of the state or the state itself, but for the entire Southeast," Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal said during a Jan. 28 visit to the Savannah port.

Super Bowl ad revs up Motor City

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MIKE HOUSEHOLDER
Associated Press

DETROIT (AP) To a pulsating beat, hip-hop star Eminem drives a sleek Chrysler through the streets of Detroit, proudly cruising by the city's landmarks, towering skyscrapers and the hopeful faces of its people. His journey ends with an unapologetic message: "This is the Motor City, and this is what we do."

A day after it aired, one of the most-talked about Super Bowl ads sent shivers of pride through the battered city, which hopes car buyers are willing to look past Chrysler's billion-dollar bailout and embrace the idea that if a vehicle is "Imported from Detroit," that's reason enough to buy it.

"It's like an anthem or rallying cry for Detroit," Aaron Morrison of Mason City, Iowa, told The Associated Press via Facebook. "It makes me want to buy my next car made in America."

Morrison, a photographer, said the ad even inspired him to consider moving to Detroit to work for Chrysler.

The two-minute ad was unusual for its length, airing during a broadcast in which a 30-second spot costs $3 million. And it framed the gritty urban images, including vacant factories, with an attitude that embraced the city's past and its survival instinct.

"What does this city know about luxury, huh?" the narrator asks. "What does a town that's been to hell and back know about the finer things in life? Well, I'll tell you — more than most. You see, it's the hottest fires that make the hardest steel."

"Because when it comes to luxury, it's as much about where it's from as who it's for. Now, we're from America, but this isn't New York City or the Windy City or Sin City, and we're certainly no one's Emerald City."

The Chrysler ad was "the big story of the night," according to NM Incite, a Nielsen/McKinsey Co. that tracks online buzz. Consumers repeated the "Imported from Detroit" slogan in online comments, the company said.

For Chrysler, which emerged from bankruptcy in June 2009, right before General Motors, the commercial kicked off an advertising campaign that it hopes draws buyers back to showrooms and revives the brand.

"Detroit's ascendancy mirrors Eminem's own struggles and accomplishments," Chrysler brand CEO and President Olivier Francois said in an e-mail to the AP. "This is not simply yet another celebrity in a TV spot. It has meaning. Like his music and story, the new Chrysler is 'Imported from Detroit' with pride."

Of course, the tagline is not without some irony: Italian automaker Fiat Group SpA now owns 25 percent of Chrysler, and the ad was produced by Wieden + Kennedy, a Portland, Ore.-based agency known for its work with Nike. Chrysler switched after its previous advertising agency, a famous firm called BBDO, closed its Detroit office.

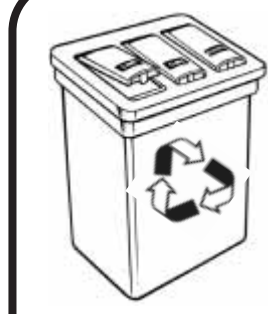
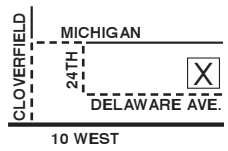
Still, Chrysler said, the entire commercial was shot in Detroit with a local cast and crew, and the voiceover work was done by Kevin Yon, who is from Michigan.

The out-of-state involvement did not bother Matt Clayson, 30, who is undertaking a Motor City turnaround of his own. In 2007, he and his wife bought a large but uninhabitable foreclosed home in Detroit's West Indian Village — a mix of stately older houses close to the Detroit River.

"It's interesting that it took an outside eye . . . to really kind of cut to some of the core basics of what is a city and what is a place," said Clayson, an attorney and director of the Detroit Creative Corridor, a nonprofit that aims to establish the city as a global center for creative innovation.

"They did something right, definitely. I'm not an expert, but I think they really summed up kind of where we've been and where we are as a city."

The stirring ad painted a picture that the outside world doesn't often see, said one retiree from suburban Detroit who was walking through downtown on Monday.


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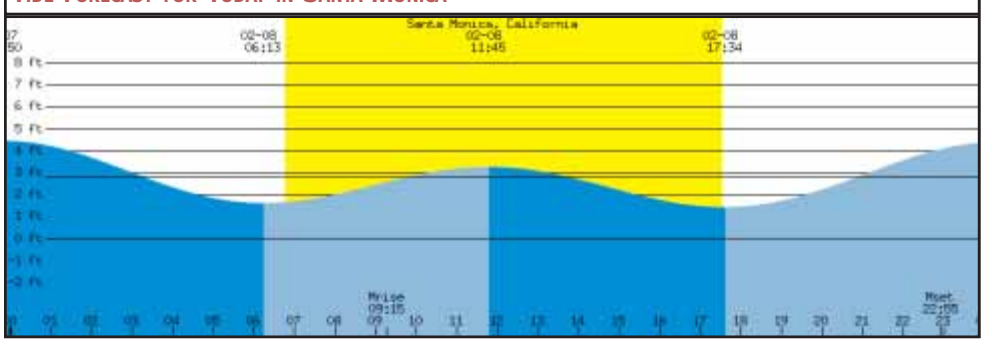
Swell Forecast

Should see our next NW swell build throughout the day. Max size as this swell fills in (early AM north Of LA, mid morning around LA.

Long Range Synopsis

NW swell increase as wind swell fills in as well. West facing breaks are looking more like head high, compared to Tuesday's chest max.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / 23
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 12

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

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

LEGEND

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

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NFL

Super Bowl most watched television program in history

DAVID BAUDER
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK For the second year in a row, the Super Bowl has set a record for American television viewing.

The Nielsen Co. said Monday that an estimated 111 million people watched the Green Bay Packers outlast the Pittsburgh Steelers in professional football's ultimate game. That tops the 106.5 million who watched the 2010 game between New Orleans and Indianapolis.

The series finale of "M-A-S-H" had held the title of the most-watched TV show in the United States for 27 years. It is now No. 3.

Fox had the advantage of a game between two of the National Football League's iconic franchises and, even though it looked like it could be a rout when the Packers took a 21-3 lead, it went down to the final minute and held viewers' interest.

In fact, the most-watched single play of the game was Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger's final incomplete pass to Mike Wallace with about a minute to go, according to measurements by TiVo Inc., the digital video recorder maker. When that pass hit the ground, it clinched the game for Green Bay.

The five most-watched events in U.S. TV history are now "M-A-S-H" (seen by just under 106 million people on Feb. 28, 1983) and the last four Super Bowls, Nielsen said.

Television ratings in general have been super for the NFL this year, with viewership up 13 percent over last year, Nielsen said. Games on CBS, Fox and NBC averaged 20 million viewers, more than twice what networks get for their prime-time programming.

"Super Bowl XLV caps what is arguably the most successful season that any sports league has ever had," said Pat McDonough, senior vice president for insight and analysis at the Nielsen Co. "The number of people watching NFL games has never been higher, with 24 percent more people watching the average NFL game this year than just five years ago. The Super Bowl continues to be in a category of its own."

Football has become the communal event that television, in a splintered competitive world of dozens of networks, rarely provides outside of "American Idol" or the Oscars. Compelling story lines for the games and the growth in high-definition television help make the games compelling for viewers. The games also tend to be DVR-proof, with viewers wanting to see them live.

Traditions that have built around the game itself make the Super Bowl compelling to non-sports fans. Christina Aguilera's goof on the National Anthem, the Black-Eyed Peas halftime show and the dozens of commercials that companies debut on TV's biggest stage were water-cooler discussion topics along with the game on Monday.

Fox's "Glee" took advantage of the time slot directly after the game, reaching 26.8 million viewers for its special episode. It was the most-watched scripted entertainment program on TV since Fox's "House" aired after the Super Bowl three years ago, Nielsen said.

TiVo also judged the Snickers commercial featuring Richard Lewis and Roseanne Barr to be the top-rated commercial of the telecast. The company determines that through a calculation that takes in viewership and how many times people rewind their DVRs to watch the ad.

Second place was Best Buy's ad with Justin Bieber and Ozzy Osbourne.

"Funny ads made it to the top," said Tara Maitra, TiVo's vice president and general manager for audience research and advertising sales.

The Black-Eyed Peas' halftime show, with guests Usher and Slash, held its own. TiVo said it had nearly identical viewer engagement numbers as shows with classic rockers over the past two years.

People were much less likely to stop the game to repeat the ads in the second half, when the football action was compelling, Maitra said. No beer ads made TiVo's top 10 rated ads for the game.

The average Super Bowl viewer with a DVR either paused, rewound or fast-forwarded 145 times during the game, TiVo said.

MLB

Dodgers give fans chance to pick throwback uniforms

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Dodgers will wear throwback uniforms honoring their Brooklyn roots for six games during the upcoming season.

The team is asking fans to pick from among three uniform choices.

Fans who vote online at www.dodgers.com/throwback between Monday and Feb. 17 can pick between uniforms that the team wore in 1911 or 1931 or during the 1940s.

The winning uniform will be announced on Feb. 25, the day before individual game tickets go on sale.

The Dodgers will wear the uniforms for the first time on April 21 against the Braves, the anniversary of the franchise's first victory, which also came against the Braves in 1890.

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-6232

Blue Valentine (NC-17) 1hr 54min
1:05pm, 3:55pm, 6:45pm, 9:35pm

Company Men (R) 1hr 53min
1:40pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:50pm, 3:40pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Dilemma (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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

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

No Strings Attached (R) 1hr 50min
11:25am, 1:15pm, 2:20pm, 4:10pm, 5:10pm, 7:00pm, 7:50pm, 9:40pm, 10:30pm

Sanctum 3D (R) 1hr 43min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Rite (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:10pm

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

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

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

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

Biutiful (R) 2hrs 27min
1:20pm, 4:40pm, 8:00pm

127 Hours (R) 1hr 35min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

Caligula Live Simulcast From Paris Opera Ballet, Paris ()
10:30am

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

Roommate (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:20pm

Mechanic (R) 1hr 40min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:05pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

Waiting for Forever (PG-13) 1hr 34min
1:15pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

From Prada to Nada (PG-13) 1hr 47min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

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

Follow the music, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You might be slow to start, but you zoom by midday. Accept a difficult person. He or she is not changing for a while, if ever. A male friend could be unusually assertive. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Assume a low profile. Fatigue drags you down. A boss could become difficult. You know the words to soothe his or her soul. Be ready to back up what you say with action. Tonight: Get as much R and R as possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Go for what you want. When speaking to a group of people, express your imagination. Fatigue could mark a child or loved one who might be difficult. Go back and do more research as more facts appear. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ An active stance surprises no one. A family member doesn't support your approach or desire to get key matters under control. A partner or associate could be too assertive for your taste. Know that anything can happen. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Make an effort to get past another person's vitriol and to get to the real issue. This person might not be able to explain his or her stance, forcing you to do the work to decipher his or her message. Conversations will allow more give-and-take once there is mutuality. Tonight: Follow the music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You often defer to a partner. Today this person is happy to pitch in. You might be overwhelmed by others' need to get to the bottom of a problem. Everyone wants something done yesterday. You can and will be able to cover all the bases with help. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ If you stop and consider various situations, you could be raining on your own parade -- the problem is you, not others. Rather than sabotage yourself, express your emotions. Your creativity encourages a fiery display. Tonight: Listen to a suggestion. Take this person seriously.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your ability to make a difference reflects in your productivity when you are focused. Evaluate what a family member really expects. Keep the different elements of your life separate. This style of living might be necessary with all the needy people in your life. Tonight: Working too late!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Once more, let your imagination flow. You might push away a friend who is touchy, but you cannot remain positive and upbeat with "that someone" around. Self-expression remains highlighted. Your words are heard. Tonight: Talking up a storm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Stay anchored and direct. Fatigue marks your professional interactions. You could be too involved sometimes, and not taking good care of yourself. You might decide to spend a lot of money in order to add to your comfort. A family member is delighted by your focus. Tonight: Deal with a situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might be uncomfortable or too direct. You wonder what is going on and have a tremendous need for answers. Someone close could walk away from you, causing more conflict. Be patient, and you'll get answers. Tonight: Hanging out with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Curb a tendency to overdo it. What you think is helping could be quite off. More and more, a partner becomes closed off. Take some time alone to center before you cause yourself a problem. Ask yourself what role money plays in your life. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost.

Happy birthday

This year, you are energized and verbal. Sometimes people absolutely love this more expressive you. Other times, you push people away. Be aware of the dimensions of your rhetoric. News from a distance could be more touchy than in the past. If you are single, you meet people with ease. With your hot temper, an easy, steady bond might be difficult to achieve. Relating becomes easy if you are attached, once you soften your style. Your sweetie will want to come in closer as a result. TAURUS can be an albatross.

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



MYSTERY PHOTO

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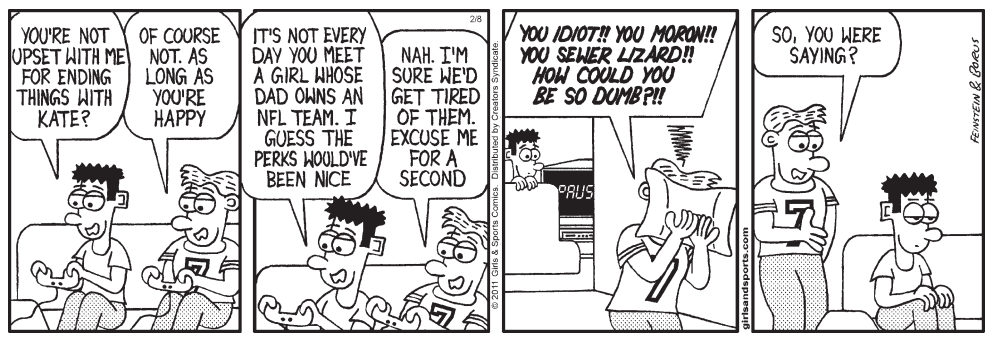
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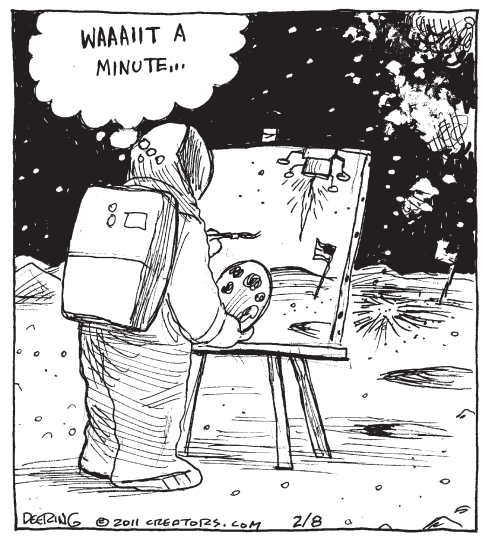
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Speed Bump

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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

	9		1			5		
7				2				
			6	5				2
5		4			3			
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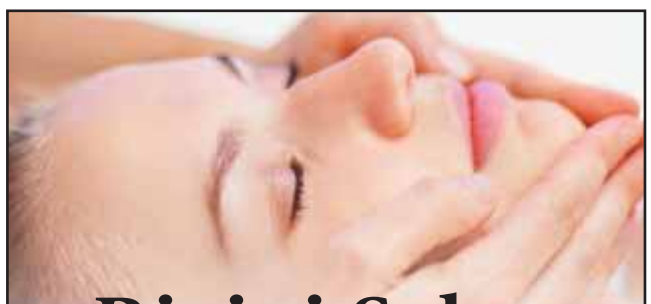
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GETTING STARTED

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

9	5	1	4	7	8	2	3	6
7	6	8	3	5	2	4	1	9
4	3	2	1	6	9	5	8	7
1	8	9	2	3	7	6	5	4
6	2	7	5	1	4	8	9	3
3	4	5	8	9	6	1	7	2
8	9	6	7	4	1	3	2	5
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20 Silent
21 Moose's kin
22 Ten: Prefix
23 Talk nonsense
26 Female fox
27 Green hue
28 Martini base
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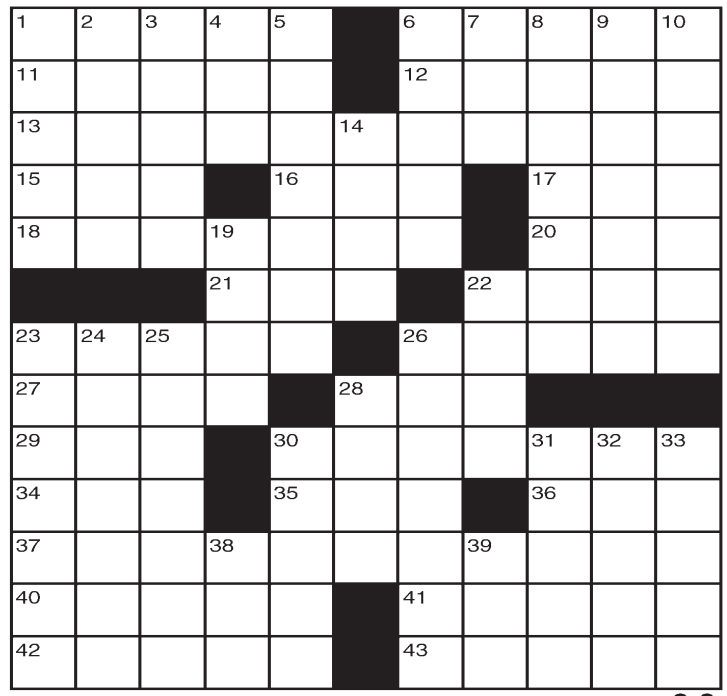
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2 Violinist Stern
3 Hint of color
4 Harris and Asner
5 Mariners' home
6 Lid
7 Cry of insight
8 Lana Turner film
9 Grocery section
10 Railroad worker
14 Onion's kin
19 Baseball's Rose
22 Bell sound
23 Sown
24 European resort area
25 Combination
26 Salad dressing ingredient
28 Leslie Caron movie
30 Confronts
31 "Chuck" character
32 Snared, as a steer
33 Graceful birds
38 Take advantage of
39 Pub quaff

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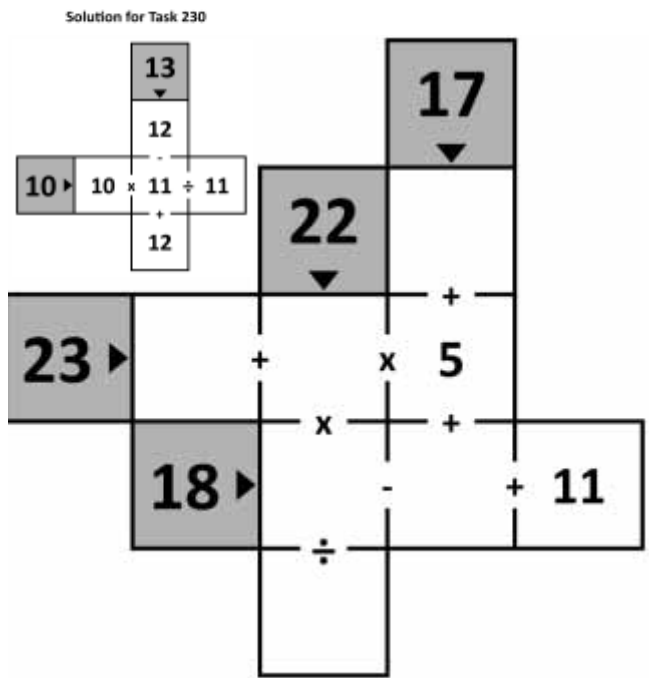
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Solution for Task 230



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Among the don't-miss tourist attractions in Thailand, according to author Jim Algie's recent guide ("Bizarre Thailand"): the monkey hospital in Lopburi, where terminal patients are treated with utmost respect (pending, of course, their imminent reincarnation); "Tortoise Town" in Khon Kaen province, where those critters outnumber humans by 4-to-1 and dominate the streets with shell-butting mating-rights competitions; and the Buffalo Head Temple near Bangkok, where the abbot's pagoda, for some reason, is made of 6,000 water buffalo skulls.

■ China's dynamic economy has created Western-style insecurities, including young women's anxieties about beauty and self-improvement as they search for employment. Consequently, China has become the world's third-largest consumer of plastic surgery services -- with demand that perhaps challenges the supply of skilled surgeons. Women typically want wider eyes, "sliced" eyelids, narrower noses and jaws, and smaller chins, and both men and women seek height by attempting the painful (and usually unsuccessful) "heel implant" procedure. (A currently popular, less invasive remedy for immediate body streamlining -- as when preparing for a job interview -- involves ingesting eggs of the ringworm, so that the worm devours food before the stomach can digest it.)

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1974 Military coup in Upper Volta.
1978 Proceedings of the United States Senate are broadcast on radio for the first time.
1979 Denis Sassou-Nguesso becomes the President of the Republic of the Congo for the first time.
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Obituaries



In Loving Memory - Jo-Anne Sachse

Jo-Anne Sachse passed away at her Fox Hills home on Monday, January 31, 2011, after a 3-year battle with melanoma cancer at the young age of fifty-two.

Jo-Anne was born in Vancouver on November 20, 1958. Jo-Anne graduated at the top of her class and was a very avid softball player in her younger years, recognized as the MVP on several occasions. She moved from Vancouver in 1988 to the westside commencing her 17-year marriage to Marvin Sachse and becoming the devoted mother of their two sons Joshua and Jordan. She had a passion for sports, cooking and gardening. She loved being on the water, athletics, travel and spending time with friends and family.

After a successful insurance career she flew into the air travel industry on the SST, was a dedicated full time mom, and eventually found her passion in gardening and landscaping where she made numerous friends while working at a local garden center.

Jo will always be remembered for her beauty, grace, cheerful positive outlook, an amazing zest for life, and a smile that lit up a room.

Our blessings and prayers are with her as her spirit now soars free from earthly restraints. The memory of her smile's brilliance and warmth will remain in our hearts, forever.

She appreciated the love and support from everyone who lifted her spirits by visiting, calling, and sending cards.

Jo requested that donations in her memory be sent to: Cancer Support Community, 1990 S Bundy Blvd., Los Angeles, CA, 310-314-2589, www.cancersupportcommunitybenjamincenter.org.

A celebration of her life will begin at 1:30, Saturday afternoon, February 12, at the Del Rey Yacht Club, 13900 Palawan Way, Marina Del Rey, and will never end in our hearts and minds.



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1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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