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THE LOTS AND LOTS ISSUE

City Hall prevails in discrimination suit

Employee can't win back job if fired for legit reasons, court says

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES The California Supreme Court ruled Thursday that employees can't win certain damages, back pay or reinstatement even if discrimination played a substantial role in their termination if the employer can prove it would have made the same decision regardless.

The court did not clear employers of all liability, however. Employees may still recoup attorney fees and be entitled to injunctive or declaratory relief assuming that they can prove that discrimination was a "substantial factor" motivating their release.

The decision came out of a 2005 case filed against City Hall by a former Big Blue Bus driver who accused her supervisors of firing her because she was pregnant.

In the 2005 suit, Wynona Harris claimed

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Coastal regulators OK temporary beach zip line

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LOS ANGELES California coastal regulators have agreed to allow the city of Los Angeles to install a temporary zip line in Venice Beach.

The 7-4 vote Thursday by the California Coastal Commission came with conditions including setting up a program to track bird strikes.

The zip line, located near Venice Beach's famous skateboard park, would be operated for three months. Rides would cost $20. The Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks wants part of the revenue to go toward park maintenance.

Some residents worry that the seaside attraction will increase traffic in the neighborhood and that the launch and landing towers will block the ocean view.

After the pilot phase, the city would have to come before the coastal panel again to make the case for a permanent zip line.

A park by any other name

No consensus on naming of Civic Center park

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

CIVIC CENTER When it comes to naming the multi-million-dollar park currently under construction across from City Hall, residents seem unable to come to a consensus.

Following an exhaustive process to solicit input, city officials say residents did not give a single, clear preference for names put on a short list by the City Council in October, but instead submitted 166 new

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THE SCENE: **Pico Youth & Family Center Executive Director Oscar de la Torre speaks to supporters during a rally at City Hall last month. The crowd gathered to speak during a council meeting.**

PYFC fights to survive in midst of funding drought

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE The embattled Pico Youth & Family Center is still in dire financial straits with both of its major sources of funding tied up in red tape.

Although the City Council voted in December to continue funding the center through June 30, paperwork problems have left the center without a contract with City Hall and no funds to pay rent or payroll.

At the same time a $1.6 million check bequeathed to the Santa Monica-based center by philanthropist Peggy Bergmann is tied up in the courts as attorneys seek guidance given recent upheaval within the organization that led to the departure of half of its board of directors and threats to its relationship with City Hall.

Without cash flow from either source, however, the center is having difficulty keeping its doors open, much less paying for the help that it needs to get its adminis-

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RENEE'S

Renee's closes after 33 years; Rawvolution may be next to go

BY ALEX VEJAR
Special to the Daily Press

WILSHIRE BLVD Renee's Courtyard Cafe meant a lot to some Santa Monicans. It was a place where one could take their family for a nice meal; a place where budding musicians could have a chance to showcase their talents; a place where lasting relationships could form.

Mark Evans, long-time patron, even called it "the West Coast version of Cheers," self-proclaiming himself as the Norm Peterson of the restaurant.

But now it's gone, never to be seen again. After a run of 33 years, Renee's closed its doors Super Bowl Sunday.

"A part of the city has been lost forever," Evans said.

Jim Fishman, son of restaurant owner Renee Forest and manager of day-to-day operations at Renee's for the last five years, attributes the closure to a combination of decreased revenue from the recession and high rent prices. Forest, however, thinks it's simpler than that.

"It's the case of a very greedy landlord," Forest said. "He wanted more money. There's no magic to it."

Rand Alhadeff, the landlord, said he would not comment publicly about specific terms of the lease or any other details regarding the working relationship between himself and the restaurant owners.

"My whole attitude at this point is what's past is past," Alhadeff said. "I'm looking forward to the new tenant and what they're going to bring to the building."

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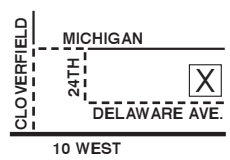
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Feb. 8. 2013

Bang the drum
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
4 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.
Kids ages 2-6 can discover the joy of drumming during this musical event sponsored by Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Juice it up
Nekter Juice Bar
1422 Second St., 7 a.m. — 11 a.m.
The first 50 customers will receive a $25 gift card in honor of the grand opening of the new Nekter Juice Bar. There will also be free 16-ounce juices and smoothies available for a limited time. For more information, visit www.nekterjuicebar.com.

High school musical
Barnum Hall,
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica High School Theatre Department invites you to enjoy a performance of Stephan Sondheim's "Into the Woods." Join Little Red Riding Hood, Jack & the Giant, Cinderella and other beloved characters in this musical fractured fairy tale about the importance of community and the perils of greed, with a live orchestra in historic Barnum Hall. Tickets are $10 for students and $15 for adults and can be bought at the door or at www.samohitheatre.org.

A little spacey
Santa Monica Amateur Astronomy Club
New Roads School
3131 Olympic Blvd.,
7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Dr. Kenneth Phillips, curator for aerospace science at the California Science Center, makes a special appearance to give the inside story and a talk about bringing the Endeavour space shuttle to Los Angeles. This event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013

Complete green street
SMASH/John Muir Schools
2526 Sixth St., 2 p.m.
Join the city of Santa Monica and the Ocean Park Association to celebrate the grand opening of the Ocean Park Boulevard "Complete Green Street." Ride your bike to the celebration. A bike valet will be available and there will be a bike ride down the green lanes. There will be live jazz, bicycle demonstrations and bicycle-made ice cream. This event is free and open to the public.

Great food for a great cause
The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica
1238 Lincoln Blvd.,
6 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
This outdoor evening soiree will feature a three-course dinner with wine. Proceeds will fund the club's local teen service learning projects, community service experiences and exploration abroad in 2013. Alex Chang of Animal Restaurant will be the guest chef for the evening. Don't miss out on this opportunity to taste his delectable dishes for a great cause. Tickets are $40 and childcare is available for $10 with a meal and activities included. To reserve your seat, visit www.smbgc.org.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi baseball sends pair to elite showcase

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI A prestigious Major League Baseball scouting showcase will feature a pair of Santa Monica's finest.

Samohi seniors Alex Turner and Connor Greene have been invited to the MLB Scouting Bureau Southern California Invitational Showcase on Saturday in Compton, Calif.

Samohi head coach Kurt Schwengel sees it as an honor for the team to have players considered by big league scouts.

"These two guys have been attracting between five to 15 scouts to all of our scrimmage games," Schwengel said. "It gives other guys the opportunity to receive exposure that they may have not otherwise."

Turner, a speedy outfielder, has impressed thus far. He's slammed three home runs in scrimmage games in just seven at bats.

Connor, Samohi's ace pitcher, has drawn at least 10 visits with representatives from big league clubs and the regular season hasn't even started yet.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LAX COURTHOUSE

Charges dropped against alleged shooter

Charges against Waiverly Thomas, the man accused of a brazen shooting near a memorial carwash on Pico Boulevard in December of last year, were "dismissed in the interest of justice" on Jan. 30, said an official with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.


THOMAS

Thomas, 31, of Colton, Calif. was charged with two counts of willful, deliberate, premeditated murder; one count of shooting at an occupied vehicle; and possession of a firearm as a felon.

Police said he opened fire on an 18-year-old woman as she ran from a carwash and jumped into a stranger's car at 18th Street and Pico in an attempt to flee the scene.

Police caught Thomas an hour after the shooting as he attempted to leave the police perimeter at Delaware Avenue and 16th Street in a 2010 Chevy Impala. Officers also found a handgun believed to have been used in the shooting.

There is currently a pending and continuing investigation.

– ALEX VEJAR

DOWNTOWN

Hackers unite for app development

On Friday and Saturday, amateur, professional and student app developers can show their stuff at the AT&T Mobile App Hackathon.

The two-day competition will consist of an interactive networking session where developers will group into teams and begin brainstorming app ideas.

Afterwards, sessions will include non-stop coding, computing and designing. Developers will get the chance to pitch their completed apps on Saturday evening for a chance to win prizes.

Speakers for the Hackathon include Alex Donn, senior marketing manager at AT&T; Lucien Vattel, CEO of GameDesk; and others.

The event, which kicks off at 6 p.m. Friday, will be at Real Office Centers Santa Monica, located at 604 Arizona Ave. The 44,260-square-foot location was last occupied by Google. It features more than 200 socially-conscious, shared workspaces with enough room for 150 companies, according to the company's website.

The space is geared toward the high-tech and entertainment industries, which make up a significant portion of Santa Monica's business community, helping it earn the moniker Silicon Beach.

For more information on the Hackathon, visit realofficecenters.com/events.

– AV



GO MARINERS

Morgan Genser *editor@smdp.com*



ABOVE: St. Monica's Megan Lynch dribbles around Serra defender Anaiya Saa on Thursday at Airport Park. St. Monica won the game, 10-0. With the win St. Monica secures the Camino Real League title with a 6-0 record.
RIGHT: St. Monica's Jerry Clifford makes a move to elude Serra defender Eddie Garcia on Wednesday at Airport Park. The game ended in a 2-2 draw. St. Monica finishes the season 7-1-1 in Camino Real League play, good for a tie for first place with Serra.

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Lesson in language

Editor:

Your reader, Richard Galloway ("Cronkite would be devastated," Letters to the Editor, Feb. 5), takes exception to your headline "Samohi aide accused of grabbing teen's butt," Feb. 2-3. He claims that this shows disrespect to women. I'm not sure how he reaches this conclusion since, the last time I checked, I am anatomically correct in that department, too. If he is not, he has my condolences.

However, I do share his opinion of the word "butt." It is indeed crude and there's an end of it. He suggests "buttocks" or "derrière" as having a certain "je ne sais quoi" which would raise your journalistic standards.

I think "buttocks" is somewhat flabby and "derrière," though quite well-rounded, is too pretentious and flamboyant.

I would recommend the good old English term "bum," which is well seated in the English language.

"Samohi aide accused of grabbing teen's bum" seems to show a better grasp of the situation. Surely nobody could take literary exception to that?

Perhaps readers would like to write in and let us know their favored term for that part of our anatomy, which is always with us, but, except in a few cases, never directly observed by its owner. There is a rich lexicon.

I notice that if anyone objects to somebody's driving, they immediately call out to them and compare them to a derrière, but use a more Anglo-Saxon term.

What this is really showing deep disrespect for is not women, but all of us and our derrières.

What have our derrières done to us that we hold them in such contempt?

After all, what would we do without them?

I rest my case and my derrière.

Neil Macaulay
Santa Monica

Ban fireplaces?

Editor:

Not long ago I met a couple who was telling me the wife had lung cancer. She never smoked, and they have been mostly on a very healthy, vegetarian diet. They are telling me that they don't understand where this lung cancer came from.

Since a lot of people in my neighborhood in Santa Monica (Sunset Park) use fireplaces, I researched on the Internet what are the health effects of wood smoke. Wood smoke contains a hazardous mixture of chemical substances such as carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds and dioxin. These chemicals are irritating, toxic, and/or cancer causing.

One of the biggest human health threats from smoke indoors or outdoors is composed of wood tars, gases, soot and ashes. Most of the particular matter in wood smoke is smaller than 2.5 microns in diameter. Their small size allows them to go deep into the lungs. They also could go through any barriers or walls.

Fine particles are considered [bad], especially for young children, the elderly and people of all ages. Wood smoke causes asthma, bronchitis, respiratory problems, cardiovascular disease and lung cancer.

One thing the City Council should do is look into the problems of the health of people who are in Santa Monica. Maybe you are breathing some good air during the day, but are sleeping at night in smoke.

What is the sense of living by the ocean and breathing in harmful air from wood smoke?

Ava Hauer
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DAILY PRESS EDITORIALS

Balanced approach needed to close City Hall's budget gap

With City Hall facing a possible $29 million shortfall in five years, it's clear that several moves have to be made to raise revenues and cut costs so that residents can continue to receive the essential services they expect and deserve.

This newspaper is in favor of a balanced approach that will require some difficult decisions, such as forcing public employees to contribute more toward their retirement and healthcare; eliminating positions in city government that are obsolete (read Santa Monica Civic Auditorium jobs); cutting the number and or size of grants to nonprofits and money spent on affordable housing production; and increasing fees on non-residents, who use facilities like the Santa Monica Swim Center and Main Library. (Currently anyone can get a library card and check out materials for free, with residents footing the bill to the tune of roughly $110 a year per resident, and with no reimbursement coming from the state because of its own financial woes).

While being a progressive city that takes pride in protecting the environment and helping the less fortunate is laudable, City Hall has to go back to the basics, like making sure residents feel secure and have access to safe drinking water, that streets are clean and free of potholes, that parks are well manicured and trash is collected and recycled properly.

It's time for residents to re-evaluate their priorities and come to grips with the fact that with the loss of redevelopment agency money Santa Monica can no longer spend as freely as it once did. It's time to make the minor cuts and slight fee increases so that residents are not faced with the prospect of having to approve another parcel tax or sales tax increase — two things this newspaper currently cannot support as property owners and merchants are already facing hefty tax bills thanks to previous tax and bond measures for Santa Monica College and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

The call to charge non-residents more is one that seemed to gain the most traction at a recent City Council meeting. It should be done in tiers, with those who work in the city getting a slight discount since they frequent local businesses, pay for parking and contribute to the tax base. Workers could provide pay stubs once a year to lock in the savings.

For nonprofits, grants should first be reduced for those organizations that provide non-essential services such as programs that support the arts. Those that provide counseling, drug and alcohol recovery and emergency housing for the less fortunate should be considered last.

Increasing penalties for parking at an expired meter or for littering or adding another room on a home without getting the proper permits should also be considered — anything that keeps the City Council from considering another sales or parcel tax increase. Officials should also demand more money from developers as part of the development agreement process instead of feel-good amenities like community rooms and public art. Cash should be king. And those who violate agreements, such as the folks who once illegally leased parking spaces at the former Yahoo! Center, need to be penalized with fines. It would help close the budget gap and keep people honest.

And then there's branding. City officials should look at bringing in more revenue through the selling of naming rights or pushing merchandise at the Visitors Center. Every little bit helps.

City Hall's finance director is calling for a mix of cuts and revenue increases totaling 5 percent of the total budget. Compared to other cities, that is a relatively small pill to swallow. If we all sacrifice a little we can make this as painless as possible. It's time to get a haircut.

What took you so long?

Work began last week to improve markings and signage along the beach bike path to make it easier for cyclists and pedestrians to co-exist. Over the decades there have been many accidents where cyclists or inline skaters have collided with pedestrians who were illegally walking along the beach bike path instead of the pedestrian path farther from the surf.

This newspaper has been calling for improvements for years, as have members of the Recreation and Parks Commission and others who were fearful that someone would be killed in an accident and City Hall sued for millions.

The changes include painting a pedestrian path along the bike path so that clueless or indifferent people know where to walk instead of taking over an entire lane. While this should have happened sooner, this newspaper is pleased that City Hall has stepped up and made the changes.

But simply painting lines on a path will not be enough. There must be an education component as part of the effort, which means stationing Community Service Officers at key points along the path in Santa Monica to stop and talk with pedestrians who are not following the rules. This doesn't mean they need to be cited. That's bad publicity. But handing out a one-sheet explaining the rules would be another layer to help maintain safety along the path. These same officers could also provide cyclists with another one-sheet informing them about the rules of the road. It certainly goes both ways. All parties need to be more respectful of one another, follow the rules and — if need be — slow down. We all have to share our streets and paths.

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The big bong theory

EVEN THOUGH THE DOW JONES RECENTLY pierced 14,000 and is fast approaching an all-time high, and even though home prices are on the rise as are many other economic indicators, there are still too few jobs available. Especially ones that pay six figures.

In Washington State, however, there's a job that does just that, pays approximately $100,000 a year plus I'm assuming some serious perks. And what's more, the application process appears to still be open. Keep in mind the job doesn't require advanced or professional degrees, but it does demand a very special knowledge of all things marijuana. You see the job in question is for Pot Czar in Washington after that state made marijuana legal last November. But first a little election history. (Coincidentally, last night Santa Monica city officials held a community meeting so that residents could weigh in on whether or not to allow medical marijuana dispensaries in the city by the sea. The Daily Press was there and will be reporting on the outcome in the weekend print edition.)

Lost in Obama's trouncing of Mitt Romney (332 electoral votes and 5 million popular vote margin) were the historic gains for women (20 female U.S. senators) and advances for the LGBT community. For example, Tammy Baldwin became the first openly gay person to win a U.S. Senate seat while marriage equality passed in Maine, Maryland and Washington. But it was also an "awesome" election for lovers of Mary Jane, better known as pot.

Voters in Washington and Colorado, for the first time ever, abolished cannabis prohibition. Some are predicting that this signals the beginning of the movement to legalize pot nationwide, to which others say, "Dude, are you high?"

This leads me back to the as of yet unfilled job in Washington, that being to advise the state on all things weed: how it's best grown, dried, tested, labeled, packaged and cooked into brownies. It might sound complicated to the lay person, but to the seasoned stoner it's second nature. In fact, I have at least three friends whose entire lives are seemingly devoted to such arcane knowledge.

Recently, Tacoma, Wash.'s Liquor Control Board reserved a convention center hall with a capacity of 275 people — plus an overflow room — to take questions about the hiring process. If you missed that meeting don't despair as the job is apparently still open. I wouldn't pick up and move to Washington just yet, but perhaps a road trip might be in order to fill out an employment application. With that in mind, I have a few suggestions.

As with most job interviews, an applicant's appearance is crucial and so it is with the Pot Czar position. But instead of a suit and tie, might I suggest a more appropriate ensemble for this particular job, something along the lines of Jeff Spicoli, Sean Penn's surfer stoner character in "Fast Times at Ridgemont High." (For trivia buffs, the Ridgemont Mall scenes were shot at our very own Santa Monica Place, circa 1982.)

And of course if the Liquor Control Board asks, "Are you experienced?" it might be permissible to play an air guitar and do your best Jimi Hendrix impression, assuming that you know who he is. In 1967, the influential electric guitarist's debut album was entitled "Are You Experienced." Most speculated that "experienced" referred to drug use, but Hendrix claimed it meant "are you at peace with yourself." (In 1970, 27-year-old Hendrix died of a drug overdose and definitely not from too much peace.)

All of this brings me to the question whether or not marijuana should be legalized nationwide. (And could Hendrix's "Are You Experienced" album, which I still own, possibly be 47 years old? Yikes!) Here's a 2011 FBI statistic to consider: police in the U.S. arrest someone for marijuana every 42 seconds. Talk about a buzz kill.

But the legalize marijuana movement is growing. LEAP, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, is a group of law enforcement officials that cites the extraordinary expense of arrests, trials and then imprisoning offenders, and instead recommends regulating and taxing marijuana. (The higher you get the lower the deficits?) In fact some are saying that taxing pot could be "Obama's new stimulus plan," a phrase that could give Rush Limbaugh indigestion, as if he needed an excuse.

As opposed to Limbaugh, the late William F. Buckley was respected by foes and allies alike. An iconic politically conservative author and commentator, Buckley founded the National Review in 1955 and supported legalizing drugs as far back as the 1990s.

But others say marijuana is a gateway drug and legalizing it would be a sign of moral decay. Perhaps I'm biased, but I know one "constituency" that would be dead set against legalization, the murdering Mexican cartels who rake in trillions off illegal drugs.

So if you're off to Tacoma in search of the Pot Czar's job, don't get discouraged if you don't get it. Remember, there's always Colorado and in 2014 maybe more states. As for me, I think I'm going to dust off Jimi's "Are You Experienced" and give it a spin on my turntable. Given today's high-tech world it's a little embarrassing that I own a turntable and hundreds of albums. Even worse is the realization that those albums are probably older than most of my readers.

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The Q Line

Park it

A city-contracted consultant has offered up a draft plan that would radically reduce the amount of parking required for new developments in most of Santa Monica.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you agree that developments need less parking than in the past or is this report just wishful thinking?

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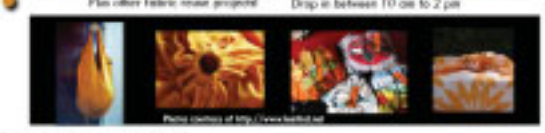
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Operator at nuke plant disputes safety claim

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LOS ANGELES The utility that runs the troubled San Onofre nuclear power plant on the California coast sharply denied Thursday that it was aware of equipment problems linked to a 2012 tube break that released a trace of radiation.

On Wednesday, Sen. Barbara Boxer pressed federal regulators to open an investigation at the plant after uncovering documents that she said suggest that Southern California Edison took engineering shortcuts and compromised safety.

The Democratic senator said in a letter to Nuclear Regulatory Commission Chair Allison Macfarlane that a confidential report obtained by her office shows Edison and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, the Japan-based company that built the plant's steam generators, were aware of design problems before the equipment was installed in 2009 and 2010.

But Edison said in a statement "it is simply not accurate" to suggest the company was aware of design problems, and pointed out the equipment carried a 20-year warranty against defects.

"SCE would never, and did not, install steam generators that it believed would not perform safely," the company said. Edison "sought to purchase replacement steam generators that would meet or improve upon the safety standards and performance of the original steam generators."

The seaside plant located between San Diego and Los Angeles hasn't produced electricity in more than a year, after a tiny radiation leak in January 2012 led to the discovery of damage to hundreds of steam generator tubes that carry radioactive water.

Boxer, who chairs the Environment and Public Works Committee, said the report written by Mitsubishi raises concerns that Edison and its contractor rejected safety modifications and sidestepped a more rigorous safety review.

"Safety, not regulatory short cuts, must be the driving factor in the design of nuclear facilities, as well as NRC's determination on whether (San Onofre) can be restarted," Boxer said in a letter co-signed by Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass.

In a statement, the NRC said it received the letter and "will review all available information in making a judgment as to whether the plant would meet our safety standards if restart were permitted."

Mitsubishi said design decisions were made "in accordance with well-established and accepted industry standards" along with a wealth of operating experience.

"Nothing is more important to us than the safe design and manufacturing of nuclear-energy facilities," a company statement said. "A thorough investigation has been ongoing and will continue. We will continue cooperating fully."

Boxer's disclosure further clouds the future of the twin-domed plant, which is seeking NRC permission to restart the Unit 2 reactor and run it at reduced power in hopes of slowing or halting tube damage.

The future of heavily damaged Unit 3 is not clear.

Last year, federal officials blamed a botched computer analysis for design flaws that are largely to blame for unprecedented wear in tubes at the plant. They found a Mitsubishi analysis vastly misjudged how water and steam would flow in the reactors.

Gradual wear is common in steam generator tubing, but the rate of erosion at San Onofre stunned officials because the equipment, installed in a $670 million overhaul, is relatively new.

Boxer's letter adds new weight to a longstanding — and unresolved — question at San Onofre. Did Edison modify the generators so extensively before they were installed that the company should have sought an amendment to its operating license, a process that can take months or even years?

Edison has long argued such an amendment was unnecessary. However, environmentalists and other critics of the nuclear power industry have claimed the company deceived the NRC about the extent of the changes and want the agency to find the company acted improperly.

Those alterations included adding 400 tubes to each generator, compared to the originals, and installing V-shaped supports that were intended to minimize tube wear and vibration. According to company documents, each of the replacement generators weighed nearly 24 tons more than the original generators.

Engineers for Edison and Mitsubishi, writing last year in a trade magazine, said they needed to design generators that would require only minor modifications within the rest of the plant, but also meet a federal test to qualify as "in-kind," or essentially identical, replacements, which would allow them to be installed without prior approval from federal regulators.

Boxer said the report documented that Edison and Mitsubishi rejected some safety modifications, apparently because they believed they could force the company to seek a lengthy license amendment. It also indicates the decision to reject additional safety modifications contributed to the faulty design, she said.

Boxer's office did not release the report.

The generators, which resemble massive steel fire hydrants, control heat in the reactors and operate something like a car radiator. At San Onofre, each one stands 65 feet high, weighs 1.3 million pounds, with 9,727 U-shaped tubes inside, each three-quarters of an inch in diameter.

Overall, NRC records show investigators found wear from friction and vibration in 15,000 places, in varying degrees, in 3,401 tubes inside the plant's four generators, two in each reactor.

The plant is owned by SCE, San Diego Gas & Electric and the city of Riverside.



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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Gas station clerk robbed at sock-point

Editor's note: This report is part of Crime Watch, a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Crime Watch appears every Friday in the print edition of the Daily Press.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29, AT 4:55 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the Mobile gas station located at 731 Santa Monica Blvd. regarding a report of a robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with an employee who told officers that the suspect entered the station and threatened to strike her with a 16-ounce canned beverage hidden inside a sock if she did anything. He then reached over the counter before the employee could close the security window and allegedly took multiple packs of cigarettes. The suspect then walked out of the store. Officers checked the area but could not locate the suspect. Two days later they went back to the same station on a report that the suspect had returned and was inside the bathroom. Officers detained him and he was placed under arrest for robbery. He was identified as Timon Escobar, 28, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $50,000.

MONDAY, FEB. 4, AT 3:53 A.M.,
Officers were on patrol in the 2100 block of Neilson Way when they stopped a man who was walking along the sidewalk. Officers ran his name through their computer and learned he had a warrant for his arrest. Officers searched the man and said they found a glass pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamines. Police said the suspect was also in possession of marijuana. He was placed under arrest for drug possession, violating probation and three outstanding warrants. He was identified as Matthew Murillo, 27, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $41,324.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3, AT 2:58 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 400 block of Hill Street regarding the report of a possible home-invasion robbery. When officers arrived they made contact with a man who said that his friend was inside the residence with a head injury. Officers cleared the place out and found the man, who had been struck in the head with a hammer several times. When trying to sort out what happened and get medical aid for the injured man, officers detained a third man who walked back into the residence. He told the cops that he lived at the home and was the one who defended himself against the wounded man, whom he said tried to steal some clothes. Officers determined that the two were involved in an argument and that the homeowner assaulted the victim with a hammer. He was transported to a hospital for treatment and the homeowner was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Basil Hennessy, 19, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $30,000.

SUNDAY, FEB. 3, AT 5:35 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 900 block of 25th Street regarding a report of a man taking items out of a parked car. When officers arrived they made contact with the man. He told officers that he was on probation for a drug charge and was homeless. During a search of the vehicle police said they found two glass pipes used to smoke meth. The suspect was placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia and a probation violation. He was identified as Michael Naddour, 46, a transient. His bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2, AT 11:38 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1200 block of Fourth Street regarding a domestic violence call. When they arrived they detained the suspect at the location. The alleged victim, a female, was in the process of being treated by paramedics for undisclosed injuries. Officers learned that the woman and the suspect had an ongoing relationship and that they had been out most of the day drinking alcohol. The alleged victim and some witnesses said the couple got into an argument and the suspect threw his girlfriend to the ground, causing her to strike her head against a concrete wall. When she tried to get away, the boyfriend allegedly punched her in the face. The suspect was placed under arrest for domestic violence and a parole violation. He was identified as Eric Rodriguez, 25, a transient. No bail was set.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31, AT 7:30 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol in the area of 24th Street and California Avenue when they saw a man who they recognized from prior arrests for being on probation. They rolled up on him and asked to search him. A probation compliance check was conducted and officers said they found meth and some drug paraphernalia at the suspect's home. Officers also recovered an expensive mountain bike that was believed to be stolen. The suspect was booked for possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia, and receiving stolen property. He was identified as Eric James Wallace, 54, of Santa Monica. No bail was provided.

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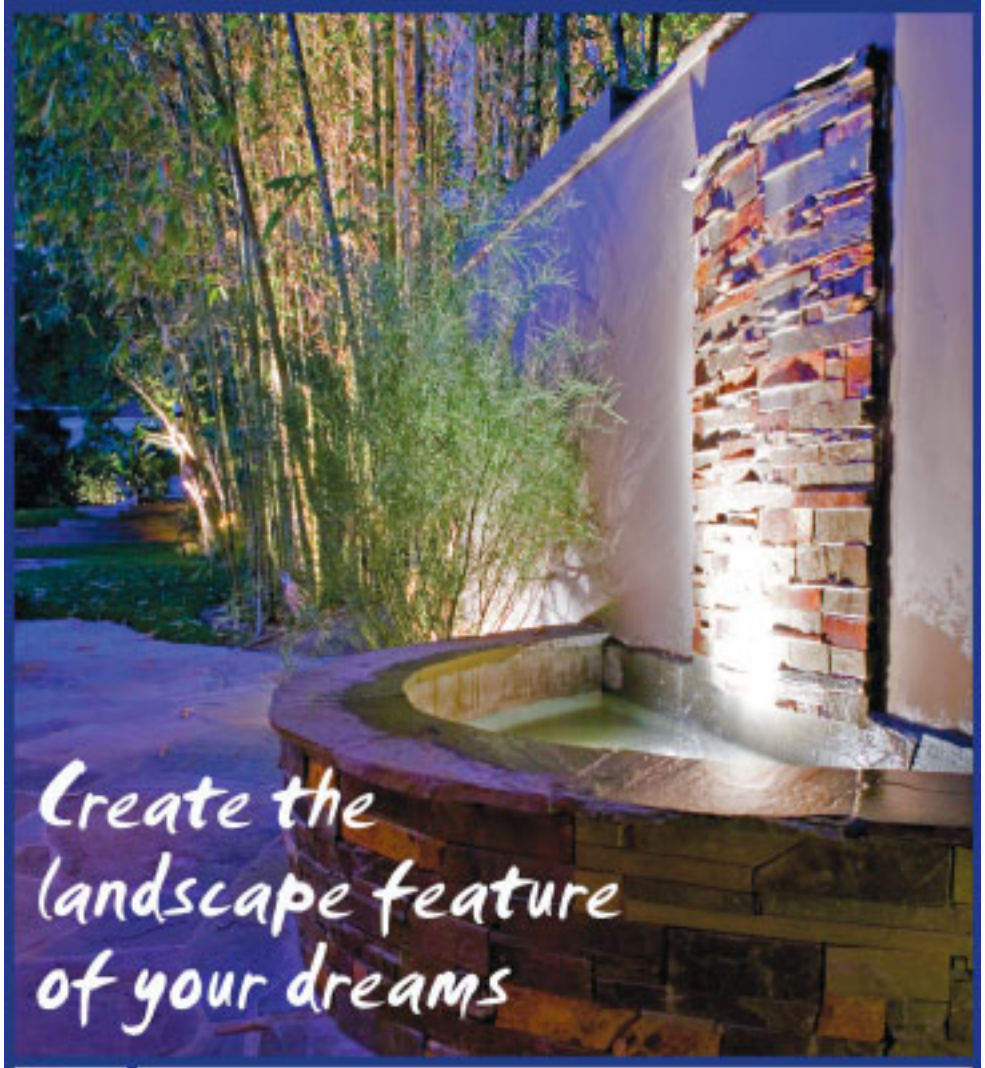


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IN PLACE: **Work crews installed this lookout structure last month at the site of a future Civic Center Park, known as Palisades Garden Walk. Park visitors will be able to stand inside of the structure and look out over the ocean. City officials expect the park to be completed in 2013.**

PARK
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suggestions ranging from the obvious (Civic Center Park) to the whimsical (Sandcastle Park and Endless Summer Garden) and even the politically charged (New Bum Park).

That has led city planners to recommend sticking with the original moniker coined during the initial planning process — Palisades Garden Walk.

The council is expected to debate the issue at its regularly-scheduled meeting set for Feb. 12.

The council's short list of names includes Arroyo Park or Santa Monica Arroyo Park to honor the design theme: a wash, dry creak or stream bed gulch that temporarily or seasonally fills and flows after sufficient rain; Tongva Park or Santa Monica Tongva park, to pay tribute to the indigenous people who once inhabited much of present day Los Angeles County; Parque Del Sol, which is Spanish for Park of the Sun; and Santa Monica Commons, as in belonging equally to the entire community.

In a survey circulated at several community meetings and posted on City Hall's website, Tongva received 128 votes. That was followed by Commons with 111 votes, Arroyo with 90 votes and Parque with 80. The "other" option received the most with 141.

Of the input received, 291 people (53 percent) gave a Santa Monica zip code, 149 (27 percent) provided a zip code outside of Santa Monica and 110 people (20 percent) provided no zip, according to a city staff report.

"Public input shows that none of the short-listed names resonated loudly with the majority of participants," the report states. "Since none of the short list of park names garnered clear support in relation to each other and other suggestions, staff believes that there is merit to returning to the name 'Palisades Garden Walk.' This name emerged during the Civic Center Specific Plan process adopted in 2005 … ."

City officials say Palisades Garden Walk embodies the description of the park, and furthermore the park was recently designated by the council as a botanical garden because its design "emphasizes native, locally adapted and extraordinary plantings."

"Therefore, establishing Palisades Garden Walk as the permanent name for the park would be reasonable and enduring."

Construction on the 6-acre park began in spring of 2012 and is estimated to be completed in late August 2013, city officials said.

For a complete list of names suggested, visit www.smgov.net and click on the tab "Council Agendas/Minutes" and select the Feb. 12 agenda.

Spaceship Adventure Park has a nice ring to it.

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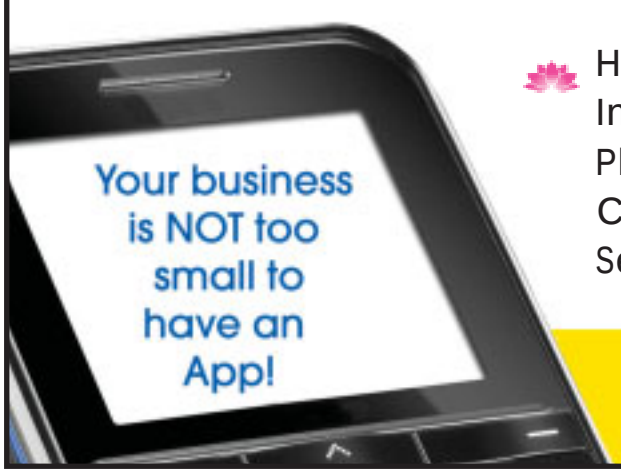
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Los Angeles Laker Girls (left to right) Jenny and Dara give long-term cancer patient William Arriaga, 34, an autographed Charles Barkley jersey and a Laker Girls poster at the Santa Monica UCLA Medical Center on Tuesday morning. Arriaga was a member of Fast Breaking Lakers, a Lakers-sponsored wheelchair basketball team for eight years.



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that she was fired after confiding in her supervisor that she was pregnant when the man confronted her about leaving the shirt of her uniform hanging loose.

The morning that Harris gave him a doctor's note permitting her to do her job with some limited restrictions, BBB supervisors held a meeting and received a list of probationary drivers who were going to be fired.

Harris' name was on the list, and her last day on the job was May 18, 2005.

According to the opinion, Harris already had two accidents on her record that the BBB leadership deemed "preventable." She had also missed two shifts without giving notice that she would be out and received a poor performance rating in a review.

When the case went before a jury, the attorneys representing the city went for a "mixed-motives" defense, meaning that City Hall shouldn't be held liable for discrimination if legitimate reasons to fire Harris would have been enough to let her go.

The court didn't buy the argument, instead telling the jury that Harris had only to prove that her pregnancy was a "motivating factor/reason for discharge."

Under those circumstances, the jury awarded Harris $177,905 in damages. She then sought $401,187 in attorneys fees.

A Court of Appeal found that the lower court had erred, and that the "mixed-motives" defense was allowable, but also found that there was substantial evidence supporting the jury verdict that Harris had been fired because of her pregnancy.

The California Supreme Court took up the issue of the mixed-motive instruction, ultimately ruling Thursday that employees like Harris would have to show that discrimination played more than a motivating factor in the decision to fire them if they intended to collect.

Santa Monica Assistant City Attorney Joseph Lawrence said that the City Attorney's Office was pleased with the outcome, and that the court had agreed with most points he and other attorneys put forward on behalf of the city.

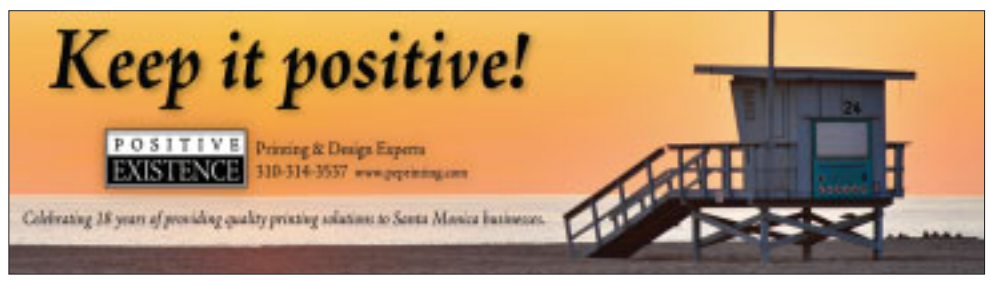
"The court is crystal clear … ," Lawrence said.

Lawrence doesn't believe the facts of the case go in Harris' favor under the higher standard.

If they did, it would still be difficult for her to win the over $400,000 in attorney fees, Lawrence said.

Harris' attorney did not respond to a request to comment for this article.

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The new tenant will be Tinga, a Mexican restaurant with one other location on La Brea Avenue. Tinga will operate under Renee's name for the first month, an employee at the restaurant said.

Renee's isn't the only small business that has faced the struggle to stay open due to high rents. Euphoria Loves Rawvolution, a raw food staple on Main Street for the last seven years, has enlisted the help of its loyal customers on their indiegogo.com fundraising page. According to the page, Rawvolution is in danger of being replaced by a "corporate coffee bar."

"Without your help, Rawvolution will not be here to continue to help people, change lives, inspire others and truly feed people. Please take a stand for real food and real community," the restaurant owner said on its indiegogo.com page.

As of Thursday afternoon, they have raised $2,814 of their $38,000 goal. The owners did not return phone calls for comment.

While Renee's closure after more than three decades may be considered a blow to the Santa Monica community, Rob York, president of York Consulting, said it was unique among others because the restaurant business generally has a high turnover rate.

"It's extremely rare for a restaurant to last that long," York said. "It's sad to see a place like Renee's go."

Mom-and-pop merchants have been complaining for years that it is hard to eke out a living with exorbitant rents and prohibitive City Hall policies, such as those against certain types of advertising and signage. Popular shopping districts like Main Street and Montana Avenue saw an exodus of boutiques in the wake of the economic downturn.

It seems that while economic conditions improve, it is still a tough row to hoe for local merchants.

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trative house in order, said Executive Director Oscar de la Torre.

"People are taking our money and then blaming us for being poor," de la Torre said.

The Pico Youth & Family Center and de la Torre came under fire in 2012 when a staff report highlighting financial management and reporting issues led the City Council to approve a six-month "last chance agreement."

City officials hired Social & Environmental Entrepreneurs, a consulting firm, to provide fiscal oversight to the center and brought in an outside consultant to work with the leadership on administrative problems.

By December, however, internal disagreements at the center blew up. Half of the board left, and City Hall posted letters of resignation detailing the former board members' concerns with the sustainability of the organization under de la Torre's leadership.

de la Torre said the outside consultant and members of the board were trying to rid the organization of one of its key missions, which is to teach youth how to advocate for their communities so that they can secure funding or other resources that are desperately needed.

The City Council gave the organization another six months to prepare itself to compete for its old contract, and de la Torre committed to resigning as executive director at the end of March.

Things have not gone smoothly since.

City Hall needs a program plan complete with objectives and methods to measure the effectiveness of services offered at the center, as well as a budget and documents from the prior six months before a contract can be finalized, said Setareh Yavari, acting human services manager with City Hall.

"They need to provide outcomes, set targets for meeting those outcomes based on their population and how many people they know they serve," Yavari said.

The center has gone through the process every year for the past decade that it has received funding from City Hall, she said.

de la Torre contends that city officials are being excessively picky when it comes to language included in the program plan, and that they are adding new reporting requirements.

"They're setting us up for failure," he said.

CHECK NOT IN THE MAIL

Matters at the probate court did not improve the situation.

Sonya Sultan, the attorney representing Bergmann's estate, petitioned the court to allow her to put the $1.6 million check in an account so that it could accrue interest as she waits for guidance from the State Attorney General's Office and courts on how to move forward.

The circumstances are unusual, Sultan said, because the check was returned to her by the center's former board chair undeposited and uncashed immediately before reports of disarray within the Pico Youth & Family Center were made public.

"Once the check was returned to us under those conditions and with what we heard was going on, our only choice was to go to court and get instructions from the attorney general and the court," Sultan said.

She and her partner, Bruce Sultan, told Bergmann about the Pico Youth & Family Center when the Pacific Palisades resident was preparing her will.

"We were always very supportive of the work of the center," Sultan said. "It's vital, vital work. They're going to pick up the pieces and carry on with the work, or another organization will do it because it's so important to the community. These youth deserve to be served."

Two of the center's clients, Krystal Jasmin and Marcos Santana, came to court with de la Torre to represent their peers.

"I believe in the cause and I have love for the cause," Jasmin said. "It's necessary."

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SATURDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** Knee to chest high occ. 4ft
WNW swell mix; plus sets to 3-4'+ at top breaks; watching wind

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
New long period WNW swell builds through the day; plus sets in the PM for standout spots in the western part of the region

SUNDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Long period WNW swell tops out with occ. chest high sets for standout spots in the western part of the region

WIND / WEATHER

For the end of the work week an approaching/passing front will affect the region. On Thursday morning wind will start off generally light/variable and surface conditions will be fairly smooth. Look for building onshore west wind in the late afternoon/evening as rain develops (especially for the more northern regions). Breezy onshore WNW flow continues Friday (10-25kts), along with rain and even a few thunderstorms.

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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+
Wishtoyo Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	C	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.	C	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	B
Penn Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
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.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	B	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of ONW jetty).	A+	A
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+	A+

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's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A-F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

ROUNDUP
FROM PAGE 3

This is the first time since former Samohi standout Tyler Skaggs drew scouts in droves to Samohi games in 2009, when the pitcher was drafted by the Los Angeles Angels in the first round.

The MLB showcase is a gathering of some of the region's top prospects that gives scouts from every team the chance to see high school ball players in action. Players will take batting practice, run timed sprints and face live pitching during the one-day affair.

Much of the early attention has been on Greene, but Turner has been able to wow scouts with his combination of speed and power. He's had just a few visits with teams, but Schwengel said that his standing as one of the fastest players in the country and his new-found power will surely endear him to scouts.

"I'm sure interest in him will grow exponentially as the season progresses," Schwengel said.

Samohi opens the season on Feb. 23 at home against Ventura.

ST. MONICA'S HOLUBOWSKI SIGNS WITH AIR FORCE

Bruising St. Monica running back Kevin Holubowski will sign his National Letter of Intent with the Air Force Academy during a ceremony on campus on Friday.

"We're very proud," head coach Adam Guerra said. "He's a great kid who has put in the work on the field and in the classroom to get this opportunity."

Holubowski, who led the Mariners in rushing this past season, was a key part of the Mariners' long playoff run to the semifinals of the CIF-Southern Section Northeast Division playoffs in November.

"I think sending kids to play college football is important," Guerra said. "The teacher in me likes to see them continue playing at excellent academic institutions as well."

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A public hearing will be held by the Planning Commission for the following:

Appeal 12-003 of Height Modification 11-0001, 3114 Fourth Street. Consider the following modifications to height standards for fences, walls, and hedges: Fence: A 4-foot-8-inch wood fence in the front setback along the south side property line. Wall: A 9-foot-2-inch wall system along the front property line with a stucco wall and a wood beam-column-corbel structure painted white. Hedges: A 26-foot-6-inch bamboo hedge on the rear half of the lot along the south side property line. An 11-foot-4-inch fenn pine tree hedge along the front and side property lines on the east side of the lot. A 12-foot-9-inch bottlebrush tree hedge along the side property line in the front setback on the north side of the lot. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.02.080(a), fences, walls and hedges cannot exceed 42 inches in height in the front setback. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(b), fences and walls cannot exceed eight feet and hedges cannot exceed 12 feet within the required side yard and rear setbacks. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification to the height limitations in the front, rear, and side setback areas, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Russell Bunim]: **APPELLANTS: Andy Zeff / Michelle M. Cardiel. APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: Peter & Kristen Diamandis.** This item was continued from December 19, 2012.

WHEN: **Wednesday, February 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Planning Commission public hearing, or by writing a letter or e-mail. Information received prior to the hearing will be given to the Planning Commission at the meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center. 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.

ESPAÑOL: Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar applicaciónes proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Point Blank (NR) 1hr 32min
The Killers (NR) 1hr 33min
7:30 p.m.

Dwayne Epstein will sign copies of his book "Lee Marvin Point Blank" at 6:30 p.m. in the Aero Lobby.

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

Gangster Squad (R) 1hr 53min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
12:30pm, 3:10pm, 5:45pm

Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:50am, 3:35pm, 7:10pm, 8:30pm, 10:30pm

Stand Up Guys (R) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D (PG-13) 1hr 28min
2:20pm, 7:15pm

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (PG-13) 1hr 28min
11:55am, 4:45pm, 9:45pm

Django Unchained (R) 2hrs 45min
11:05am, 2:50pm, 6:45pm, 10:35pm

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
11:45am, 3:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:45pm

Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:20pm

Identity Thief (R) 1hr 51min
11:10am, 12:10pm, 2:50pm, 5:40pm, 8:30pm, 11:15pm

Identity Thief (R) 1hr 51min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

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

Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters 3D
4:30pm, 9:40pm

Clandestine Childhood (Infancia clandestina) (NR) 1hr 50min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Quartet (PG-13) 1hr 37min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Parker (R) 1hr 58min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Bullet to the Head (R) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Side Effects (R) 1hr 46min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Mama (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

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

Port of Shadows (Le Quai des brumes) (NR) 1hr 31min
1:55pm, 7:20pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Impossible (PG-13) 1hr 47min
4:10pm, 9:50pm

Rust & Bone (De rouille et d'os) (R) 1hr 55min

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

Out with friends tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April19)
★★★★ Handle all professional matters, or any matters having to do with the public. By afternoon, you'll want to schedule meetings and intense discussions. You will see a totally different attitude come forward. Could this be a Friday mood? Tonight: Out with friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Do a little more research and/or have a chat with someone you respect in the morning. Take the lead in the afternoon, and set the standard for what's expected on an important project. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ A negotiation with a key partner could take you until midday to finalize. Even if you haven't come to a decision or a point of action, start returning calls. Tonight: Listen to some great music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Continue to defer to others. The responses you get could floor you. Note that you are gaining some interesting insights from others, and you might want to write them down. A discussion on a one-on-one level is inevitable. Tonight: How about dinner for two?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Revisit a project that is completed. You might opt to revise the message from this work or redo it in a meaningful way. Discuss this change with colleagues or those you consider to be in the know. Tonight: Try to clump all of your invitations together, if possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You have no doubt in your mind that you are more than ready for the next few days. You even might decide to make some plans in the morning. By midafternoon, last-minute problems could arise. Stay focused. Tonight: Out with your colleagues and friends.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be unsure about which way to go with a personal matter. Your ingenuity will kick in during the evening, and it will provide an answer regarding what path to take. Tonight: You know how to wow others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Communicate any reticence you have over a personal matter early on. Feel your way through this situation. Someone might surprise you with an invitation. Your initial reaction is probably the right one. Tonight: Home is where the fun is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 21-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be overserious in the morning. Once more, you might take a hard look at your budget and see how much you can push it. You know there are limits to everything. Others come forward late in the day. You'll feel more at ease with them. Tonight: Can anyone hold you back?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.19)
★★★★ Use the morning to the max for any crucial ventures. Your finances, your budget and how much you are willing to spend could become hot issues in the evening. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.18)
★★★★ Listen to news carefully. It might not be as difficult as you believe it is. Give yourself a little time to rethink all the information. You'll laugh at your initial reaction once you turn the corner on this matter. Tonight: Speak your mind, and use your charisma.

PISCES (Feb.19-March 20)
★★★ Your high energy attracts many people. You have pushed so hard that you might want to rethink your schedule. Don't put off an important matter that has been on the back burner any longer. Tonight: Something just for you.

Happy birthday

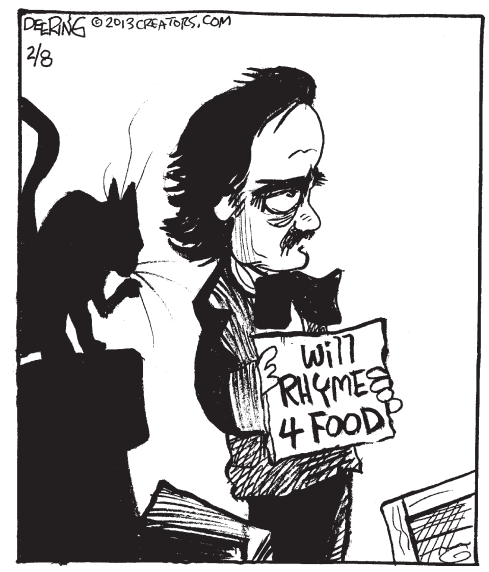
This year you will alternate between being reclusive and being open and friendly with others. During the times you spend alone, you will center yourself and become more grounded. When you finally emerge, you will be a force to be dealt with. Your personality and charisma also will come out. If you are single, you could change that status quo, if you so choose. Use care as you get to know someone new. This person might not be everything that he or she appears to be. If you are attached, your sweetie finds you to be unusually magnetic and caring this year. At times, you will have a tendency to be me-oriented. Remember, a partnership consists of two people. AQUARIUS is unique in his or her own way.

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

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



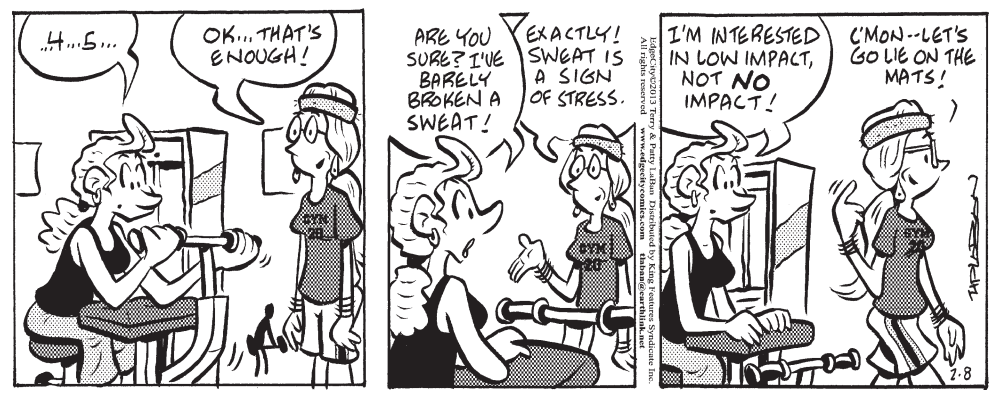
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By John Deering



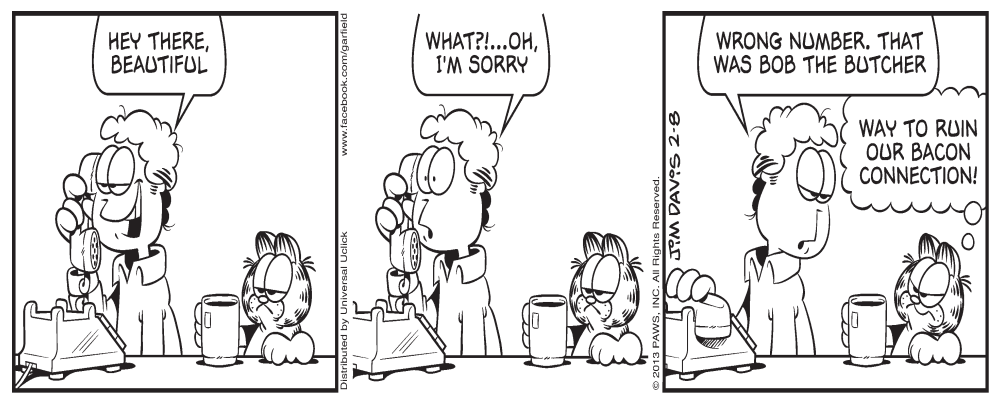
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



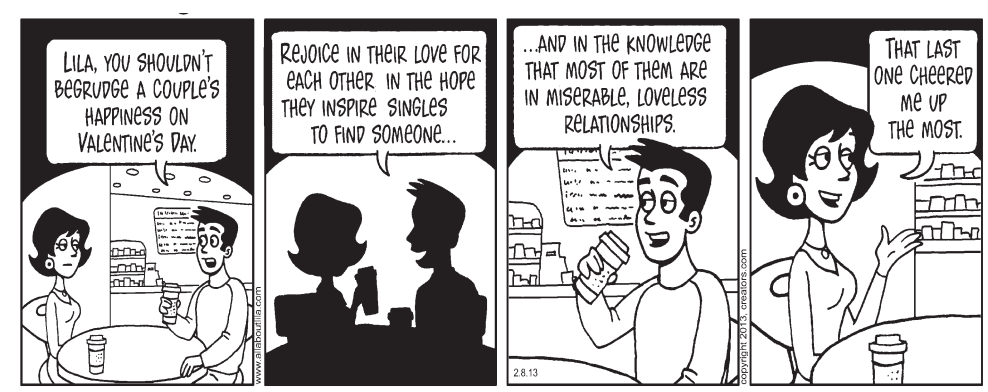
Edge City
By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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

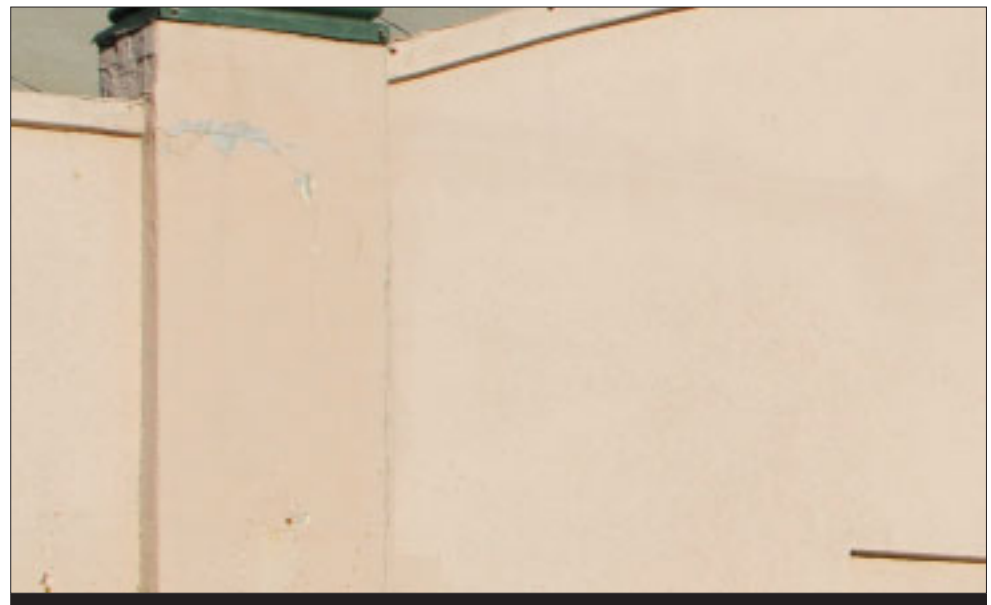
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7	8	9	4	5	1	2	3	6
6	1	3	8	7	2	9	4	5
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Chump
6 Masseur's targets
11 Love, in Lombardy
12 Will not
13 Praline bit
14 Informal greeting
15 Antlered animal
16 Hitch
18 Reunion group
19 Victor at Manassas
20 Switch settings
21 Genesis name
22 Record needle
24 Pro votes
25 One of 33-Down
27 Assorted: Abbr.
29 Buff
32 In the style of
33 Peaks: Abbr.
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35 Suffering
36 Try out
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40 Like Thor
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44 Low cards in pinochle
45 Jury makeup

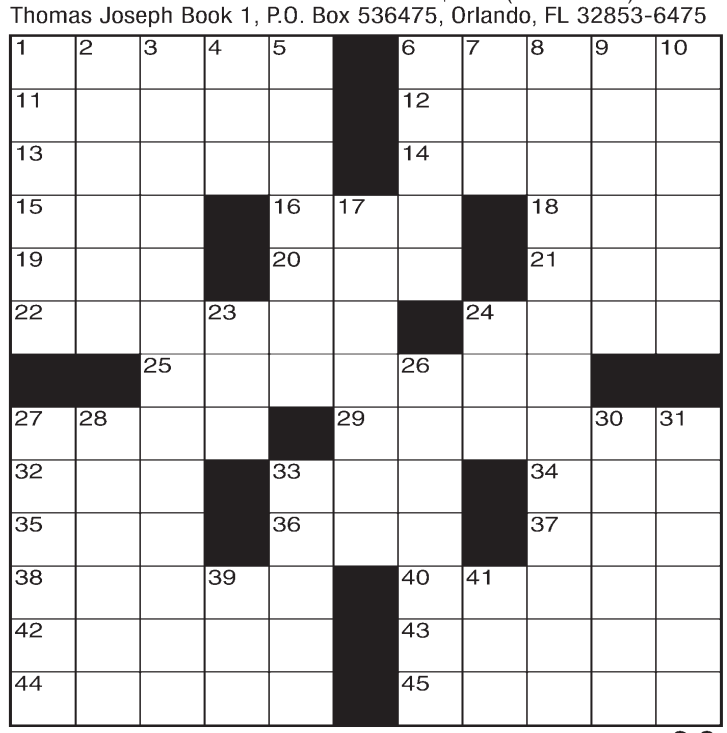
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23 Director Besson
24 Phone download
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Yesterday's answer

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2-8

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 2/5
2 5 10 26 44
Meganumber: 46
Jackpot: $12M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 2/6
1 8 12 32 41
Meganumber: 21
Jackpot: $20M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 2/7
3 4 16 29 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 2/7
MIDDAY: 8 4 5
EVENING: 0 9 2

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 2/7
1st: 04 Big Ben
2nd: 10 Solid Gold
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:47.13

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Generally, clients are held to account for their lawyers' errors because the lawyers are their "agents," but death row inmates might be treated differently, for they usually do not select or pay for their lawyers -- and because the stakes are so high. Alabama, though, looks at the problem unsympathetically, according to a January New York Times report. When an Alabama death row inmate misses an appeals-filing deadline only because of his lawyer's error (in murder client Ronald Smith's case, only because lawyer C. Wade Johnson was an often-incapacitated methamphetamine addict), the client forgoes the appeal. The Smith case is currently before the U.S. Supreme Court. (Alabama also remains the only state in which judges overrule juries and impose the death penalty instead of life in prison.)

■ William Michael Martin, 45, was charged in January with burglary of the East Texas Medical Center in Lufkin, Texas, where he went apparently in search of women's underwear and employees' personal photos, which police said he used as masturbation aids. At his home, police discovered a cache of women's underwear and several beach balls, which officers learned from photos were so that Martin could put them under his clothing and pose as pregnant.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1989 - An Independent Air Boeing 707 crashes into Pico Alto mountain in the Santa Maria Island in the Azores, killing 144.

1993 - General Motors sues NBC after Dateline NBC allegedly rigs two crashes intended to demonstrate that some GM pickups can easily catch fire if hit in certain places. NBC settles the lawsuit the next day.

WORD UP!

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