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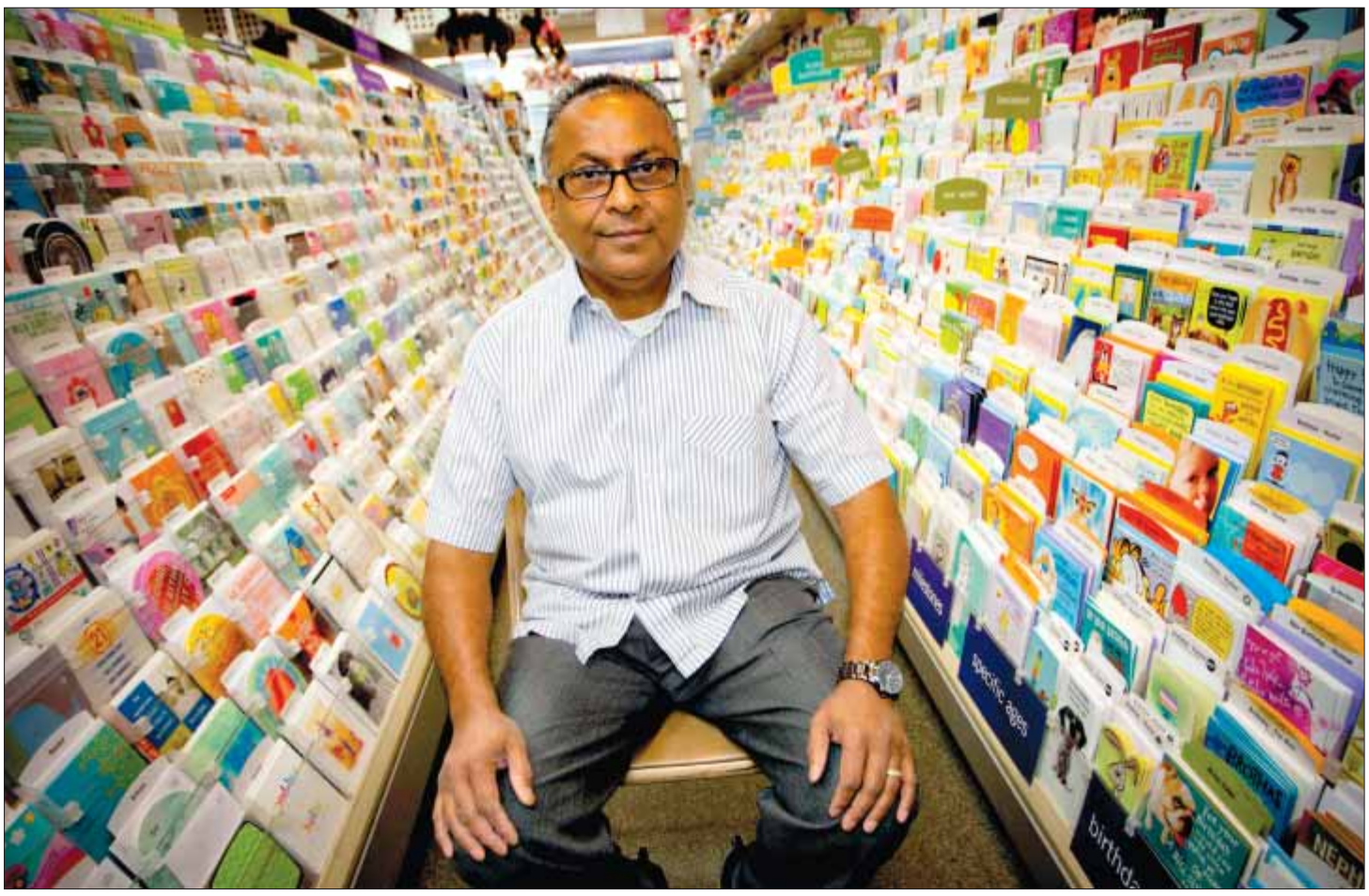
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CARD MAN: **Ron Patel has decided to close his Hallmark Gold Crown store because of flagging business.**

## Longtime business owners bow out after 25 years

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD After 25 years of business in Santa Monica, the Hallmark Gold Crown store here has announced it will close April 30, leaving a swath of grieving customers in its wake.

The decision to close came after a year of reflection, based on the flagging economy and fierce competition from free or cheap electronic cards favored by young people.

"The older generation still wants to receive and hold cards," owner Ranjoo Patel said of the electronic cards. "We found it had a greater impact amongst younger people."

Husband and wife team Ron and Ranjoo Patel have owned and operated the shop, called And the Three Bears, since Feb. 21, 1986.

Twenty-five years ago, the couple traveled from their home in Utah to visit Santa Monica with friends.

They were looking for an new, more social environment to raise their children, Ranjoo said.

While walking, they happened upon the shop, which was decorated just as it is today with bunnies and shamrocks pressed to the inner window proclaiming the spring season.

There was also a "for sale" sign.

"Ron said, 'This is it. We start here,'" Ranjoo recalled.

He went to sit on the beach, watching the ocean waves for about an hour before he returned to his friends and proclaimed his intention to enter the card business.

Neither Patel had owned a business quite like this one before, but they worked with the previous owner of And the Three Bears to get a handle on the shift of the seasons, the must-have merchandise and unique cards not available at the average drug store.

Their efforts struck gold with customers in Santa Monica.

"They have real unusual, special things," said longtime customer Kae Kleinman. "I don't think there's another store like it."

Kleinman has been a customer of And the Three Bears since it opened. She is a self-proclaimed card addict, who is "horrified of e-vites" and holds to the Victorian fashion of packaging multiple cards together with ribbon.

"I like to have that beautiful, special piece of paper that you can keep," she said. "That's the beginning of the party, the beginning of the feeling that you're trying to evoke."

And much like the cards they sell, the Patels put a special touch on their store, she said.

"Visualize this: One of them would help me to the car with bags!" Kleinman said.

Over the years, And the Three Bears has ridden the roller coaster of the American economy through its highs and lows.

The shop almost closed in 1999, Ron said, but was saved by one key sale.

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## Buses to receive engine makeover

**BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD**
Daily Press Staff Writer

**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.**

CITY HALL The City Council is expected to approve a $750,000 expenditure to ensure Santa Monica's transit buses remain operational and eco-friendly through the remainder of a four-year contract with two mainte-

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## Homeless man dies following crash

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A 64-year-old homeless man who was hit by a car last week while walking across Ocean Avenue has died as a result of his injuries, Santa Monica police said Monday.

The man, who is yet to be identified, was transported to a local hospital in critical condition on Feb. 15 around 3:20 a.m., said SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler. Police were notified Monday that he succumbed to his injuries and died at the hospital.

The driver, a 64-year-old resident of Santa Clarita, was interviewed at the scene and released. Police said he was traveling northbound on Ocean Avenue approaching Arizona Avenue when he struck the man, who police said was walking outside of the crosswalk.

The accident is still under investigation. Anyone with additional information is encouraged to call SMPD detectives at (310) 458-8954 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8427. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous may call the WeTip hotline at (800) 78-CRIME (27463), or submit an online tip at www.wetip.com.

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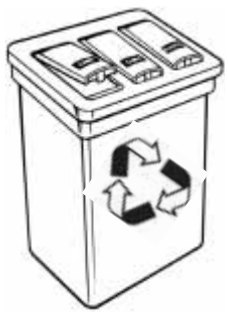
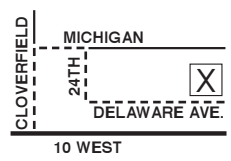
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## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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**Osteoporosis Update**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Public Library presents Osteoporosis Update, a seminar by UCLA Health System 50 Plus. UCLA rheumatologist Rebecca Gordon, MD, will discuss risk factors, preventive measures, screenings, and treatments for osteoporosis in women and men. For more information on this free event, call (310) 458-8606.

**Making funny**
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Veteran improv instructor, Brian Hamill, will host a weekly comedy improv workshop for seniors. All seniors are welcome to take part in this free workshop. If you'd rather just come watch the fun, then that's all right, too. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

### Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011

**Cut a rug**
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
Stop by the Santa Monica Bay Women's Club for a free dance lesson followed by dancing on the 3,000-square-foot floor. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

**Too fresh**
Arizona Avenue and Second Street
8:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
This popular market is considered by many to be one of the best in the Los Angeles area. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

### Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011

**'The Threepenny Opera'**
Santa Monica High School
610 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
Samohi's Theater Department presents the classic musical "The Threepenny Opera." With classic songs like "Mack the Knife" and "Pirate Jenny," this gripping musical grapples with the bourgeois capitalism and modern morality prevalent in Victorian London. This show runs through March 4. For more information, visit www.samohitheatre.org.

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# Church bus with teens aboard slides off mountain road

**THOMAS WATKINS**
Associated Press

PASADENA A bus carrying members of a Korean church home from a weekend retreat in Southern California slid off a mountain highway after colliding with another vehicle, killing one person, officials said.

The victim was one of 22 people on the bus late Monday morning when it collided with a Nissan Murano traveling in the opposite direction and slid 50 feet down a mountainside after hitting a power pole about 70 miles east of Los Angeles, California Highway Patrol Officer Mario Lopez said.

Daniel Lee, deacon at the Pasadena-based Light of Love Mission Church, said the bus was returning from a retreat at the Pinecrest Christian Conference Center near the accident site. He said most participants were middle-school or high-school aged.

Lopez would not say whether the person who died was a church participant or the bus driver. The other bus occupants and the two people in the other vehicle were hospitalized.

A California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection spokesman said earlier that the other car was a San Bernardino County Fire Department vehicle, but Lopez said the vehicle was privately owned. He had no details about the identities of that vehicle's occupants.







## D-FISH IN THE HOUSE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

**Lakers great Derek Fisher signs autographs for fans at the Adidas store on the Third Street Promenade before the NBA All-Star Game on Sunday.**

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYOFFS ROUNDUP

# Samohi girls' soccer hits road

**BY DANIEL ARCHULETA**
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Coming off a first round playoff win over Malibu last week, Santa Monica High School's girls' soccer team will hit the road today for the second round.

The Vikings will travel to Cathedral High School to play Alhambra Ramona Convent in the second round of the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Division 4 playoffs. The game will begin at 3 p.m.

### CROSSROADS ON TO THE SECOND ROUND

Crossroads' boys' soccer team defeated Grace Brethren 2-1 in double overtime on Friday to advance to the second round of the CIF-SS Division 6 playoffs.

Crossroads will host Jurupa on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

### SAMOHI BOYS TRAVEL TO LA PUENTE

Samohi's boy's soccer team will play at La Puente Wednesday in the second round of the CIF-SS Division 4 playoffs.

The No. 1 seeded Vikings advanced by dispatching El Segundo, 4-3, on Friday in a driving rain storm.

### PACIFICA KNOCKED OUT OF PLAYOFFS

Pacifica Christian's boys' basketball team was eliminated, 65-61, by AGBU from the CIF-SS Division 6AA playoffs on Friday in Pasadena.

AGBU advanced to face Rio Hondo Prep today.

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### New name is fitting

**Editor:**

It is with astonishment, and indeed awe that I regard the latest re-branding of the Bayside District's identity. I think the new name, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., sums it up rather well.

**Dan Jansenson**
Santa Monica

### Prove it

**Editor:**

RE: "Bike activists say accidents on the rise," Feb.18, 2011, page 1.

Regarding the issue of pedestrians using the bike path, I was very surprised by Sgt. Jay Trisler's statement that "... enforcement stops are made on violators."

I ride the bike path just about every day, and frequent the beach for breakfast or lunch, so I am fairly familiar with what goes on there. I have also done an informal survey with several of the vendors. No one, including myself, has ever seen a single instance where a pedestrian was either cited or an enforcement stop made for walking on the bike path.

I wonder if Sgt. Trisler can produce a single copy of a citation or other evidence that supports his claim. It also raises the question that, if in fact there are few if any actual citations or "enforcement stops," what does he base his claim on? Assuming that he believes what he said, where is he getting his information from?

**Kevin Dennan**
Venice

### Retort

**Editor:**

Jon Mann writes that removing the bike path down on the beach is the same as to achieve peace in the Mideast is to get rid of Israel ("Path fine where it is," Letters to the Editor, Feb. 21). God forbid. We don't want that.

Let's do the most orthodox thing. Let's leave the bike path down on the beach so the bicyclists will have something to complain and to talk about. Blood, sweat and tears.

**Geno Schotte**
Santa Monica






## That Rutherford Guy

**John W. Whitehead** — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

# Hitchcock never won an Oscar: go figure

**"Everything's perverted in a different way, isn't it?" – Alfred Hitchcock**

DO YOU EVER WONDER WHY SOME OF the greatest performers and directors of all time have never won an Oscar? It certainly has nothing to do with lack of talent. For example, the man considered the greatest director of all time, whose films have affected millions and changed the history of cinema, never received an Academy Award for best director.

In a career spanning half a century (1925-1976), Alfred Hitchcock completed 53 feature films — 23 British and 30 in America after moving to Hollywood. Hitchcock is routinely and without doubt listed as the best film director of all time. His films are heralded as some of the most influential movies ever made — affecting the directing styles of other directors around the world who are now considered masters themselves.

Hitchcock received accolades and awards that, if piled together, would form a vast mountain. Only one award escaped him — an Oscar for best director.

As curious as this seems, it is not all that surprising. The Academy Awards have always been drenched in political wrangling where the factors of who and what film receives an award often seem inconsequential. After all, what does being a "sentimental favorite" have to do with judging talent? In the process, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences has missed some big ones — including, among others, the failure to award the best picture Oscar to Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane," now acknowledged as the best film ever made. One wonders how many great artists and their films are being overlooked by the Academy as it prepares to hand out another batch of gold-plated statuettes.

Hitchcock was a master of cinema. Many of his films are without equal. "Rebecca" is a gorgeous Gothic women's picture; "Notorious" is a tragic love story; "Under Capricorn," a rich account of emotional self-sacrifice; "Strangers on a Train," a key exposition of the madman hero; "Rear Window" and "Vertigo," superb commentaries on watching film; "The Wrong Man," an exemplary study of chance and routine in conflict; "North by Northwest," a brilliant view of a frivolous Cary Grant being sobered by feelings; "Psycho," a scream of horror at the idea of madness; and "The Birds," an audacious use of science fiction apocalypse to dramatize intimate emotional insecurity.

Those are 10 films that are masterly produced and demand endless viewing. Indeed, in my opinion, "Vertigo" may be the best film ever made. Incredibly, however, it did not receive an Oscar nomination for either best film or director.

Hitchcock not only created great films, he also raised some actors to mythic status. This is certainly the case with Cary Grant in "Suspicion," "Notorious" and "North by Northwest"; James Stewart in "Rear Window" and "Vertigo"; Anthony Perkins in "Psycho"; Grace Kelly in "Rear Window" and "To Catch A Thief"; and Tippi Hedren in "Marnie" and "The Birds."

Film was Hitchcock's world. And his method was to lose himself in meticulous planning — so much so that the actual shooting of the film became a chore. In fact, Hitchcock was heard to say on numerous sets, "The actors are here. Now the fun is over."

Hitchcock, writes film historian David Thomson, had "the style of an immense, premeditative artist — much like a Bach, a Proust, or a Rembrandt." And he had an obsession with control, which characterized his methods of filmmaking: his preoccupation with a totally finalized and story-boarded script and his complete domination of actors and shooting conditions.

Hitchcock aimed his films at the audience. He used our impulses and fantasy lives, wove them through his plots and filmed his movies as if they were dreams. He was a man of moral seriousness who understood the modern condition of anxiety and fear. Hitchcock showed us the violent, psychotic fruits of our impulses. And in his films, Hitchcock's characters shared their impulses with us.

Hitchcock was a dark genius. But like all of us, he was human. He felt fear, angst and a need for recognition.

Recognition of sorts finally came in 1968 when Hitchcock's best work was behind him and he had partially withdrawn from working. His spirits were lightened somewhat when it was announced that the Academy would be awarding him the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award "for the most consistent high level of production achievement by an individual producer." As Hitchcock might have rightly guessed, however, this was something of a consolation prize from the embarrassed Academy after years of slighting him. Although Hitchcock had been nominated five times for best director, he had been repeatedly denied the Oscar.

When Hitchcock's name was announced at the Oscar ceremony, he slowly walked down the aisle amid a standing ovation. As the fanfare subsided, everyone awaited a witty, offbeat Alfred Hitchcock speech — the kind they knew him for from television and banquets. Stepping to the microphone, Hitchcock said "Thank you" with no expression, turned and slowly walked back to his seat.

Obviously, the brevity of Hitchcock's remarks bespoke, some believed, a quiet, lightly-veiled contempt. And according to his friend, playwright Samuel Taylor, they were correct: "Hollywood never knew what a great artist he was. Under the proper circumstances, Hitch should have been nominated for every Director's Guild award and every Oscar. The basic hypocrisy of Hollywood is that they don't really believe film is art. Hitch knew all this."

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# Technology and the erosion of privacy

APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS AGO, I WROTE a column on technology and how it frees us. I wrote that column using a Palm Treo and e-mailed it to the editor from the side of Mammoth Mountain as I was skiing.

In the intervening years, technology has invaded our lives with ever greater frequency and intrusion. When I walk my dog on the boardwalk by the old Muscle Beach, I am observed by cameras that are in theory monitored by the local constabulary. As we trudge along the Santa Monica Pier looking for dropped pieces of churros and French fries (he looks, I'm not so into scavenging) we continue to be video monitored.

We are told the use of the cameras is to reduce crime and make us safer. Since I am not a pickpocket or flasher, I'm not extremely worried about the ever present surveillance. On the one hand I suppose that I do feel safer knowing that there is the constant threat of being observed. A criminal is less likely to try and take advantage of the situation and steal from me. (We'll leave the thievery to the restaurants, and vendors. When a plain coffee is almost $4 from the Coffee Bean, there's something very wrong going on.)

But on the other hand, I'm not sure that I approve, or appreciate, the constant surveillance that has become de rigueur in these public places. Sure, having lots of cameras can send a message to would-be evildoers to stay away, but what about my rights as a free citizen who is doing nothing wrong? The argument is that I have no privacy rights when I'm in public, and if I choose to go to the pier then I am choosing to submit to the surveillance. But is it a choice?

If I want to go to the beach, I have to park in parking lots, or on the pier, which are controlled by City Hall. If I want to see the sun set from the best viewpoint, I need to submit to the watchful eyes of the polizei. To see the sun set on the horizon, one must either own ocean front property, or go to a public access point. But those public access points are becoming increasingly monitored, so I am therefore not making a real choice.

For a choice to be real, the options, however many there are, must be viable. Public areas are quickly turning into a Hobson's choice on privacy. A Hobson's choice is another way of saying, "Take it or leave it." The phrase is said to have originated from a livery stable owner who rented horses. To rotate the use of his horses, he offered customers the choice of either taking the horse in the stall nearest the door, or taking none at all. You didn't get to pick the horse you wanted.

Privacy today is becoming very much like that. Go to the pier or not, but you don't get to save your privacy. Private enterprise is doing much the same thing. The parking lots at the remodeled Santa Monica Place all have a system in place that not only shows you which spots are available with either a red or green light. But should you, like me, fail to recall where you parked, that is no longer a problem. You can go to a computer screen, type in your license plate number and a picture of your car and its location is shown on the screen.

That technology is quite useful for those of us with faulty memories. But what about the data that is being collected? As a divorce lawyer who represents husbands and fathers, I could easily foresee a use for that type of data on soon-to-be ex-wives and girlfriends. It's only a subpoena away and unless the data is destroyed upon the car vacating the parking space, maybe there is a duty on the part of the operator to keep it for a "reasonable amount of time."

And those videotapes of me on the pier. If I was in a bitter custody battle with an ex over my dog, perhaps he'd want those to demonstrate that I'm negligent in my care, or not paying attention to the dog's food allergies (crazy idea for a dog I know, but you get my point). In custody battles, every little bit helps. Maybe I want to get those tapes to prove how good my client is as a father? What's City Hall's obligation to keeping those tapes?

Technology is great and powerful. It makes our lives easier. But it comes at a price. Every time I check out of parking structures with my debit card, there's a record created of when I was there and for how long.

Which makes me wonder what else can that be used for?

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## The Q Line

### Safe on the streets

There has been talk lately that Santa Monica's streets could stand to be safer for bike riders and pedestrians.

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# State lawmakers to consider nearly 2,300 bills

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Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Neighbors and law enforcement agencies would get advance notice when they are dealing with child molesters and sexually violent predators under two of the thousands of bills that will be considered this year by the California Legislature.

Lawmakers submitted more than 2,323 bills by Friday's deadline. That's roughly 19 bills for each of the 120 members of the Assembly and Senate.

Among them are four that grew out of the arrest last year of a paroled sex offender who later pleaded guilty to raping and murdering two teenage girls in San Diego County.

Two of the bills would apply only to those convicted of sex crimes against children or who are found to be sexually violent predators — "the worst of the worst," said Assemblyman Paul Cook, R-Yucca Valley.

One, AB885, would require that their driver's licenses or identification cards carry a coded notation that could be read by law enforcement. A similar bill unanimously cleared the Assembly last year but died in a Senate committee, in part because of concerns over confidentiality and costs. Supporters said offenders could pay for the program through higher license fees.

The second, AB884, would require law enforcement to give written notice to neighbors living within 1,000 feet of a paroled molester within five days of the offender moving into the neighborhood. Nearby schools and daycare centers also would get notice.

"Knowing the threat is half the battle," said, Maurice "Moe" Dubois, whose 14-year-old daughter, Amber, was one of the murdered teens.

John Gardner is serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to killing Dubois and 17-year-old Chelsea King, whose was killed in February 2010. Dubois had been killed the year before, but her body was not discovered until after the King slaying.

"My only child had to suffer the worst possible thing that a child should have to face," Maurice Dubois said during a Capitol news conference to discuss the four-bill package. "I don't want anyone else's family to go through this."

Officials with the American Civil Liberties Union and California Attorneys for Criminal Justice, which represents defense lawyers, said they had not reviewed the bills and could not comment.

A third bill, AB883, was requested by the state Department of Justice. It would let the department consider the underlying facts of a case when deciding whether someone convicted in another state must register as a sex offender in California.

The fourth, AB886, would require judges to keep victim impact statements confidential until they are read aloud in court during a criminal's sentencing hearing. Dubois' written statement was published a day before Gardner's sentencing hearing.

"My ability to tell this person how I felt was ripped away from me," he said.

The statements are public records that should require a court hearing if a victim wants them kept from public view, said Tom Newton, general counsel for the California Newspaper Publishers Association. Moreover, restricting their disclosure would harm victims' interests, he said.

"If you want to maximize the power of the statement, then let the media have it and do what it does," Newton said.

Laws enacted last year, including one named after Chelsea King and three others sought by Dubois, increase penalties and supervision of sex offenders and speed up law enforcement's response to missing persons reports.

Legislative committees will begin considering those and thousands of other bills in the coming weeks after lawmakers act on proposals to close the state's $26.6 billion budget deficit through June 2012. Here is a look at some of the other bills:

• California would charge a tax of a penny per ounce on sugar-sweetened beverages, with the projected $1.7 billion going to fight childhood obesity, under AB669 by Assemblyman Bill Monning, D-Monterey. Critics at the nonprofit Center for Consumer Freedom countered that soft drinks make up less than 6 percent of the average person's calories.

• Cities would have to give public notice twice before they award raises to city managers, consultants and other top employees under a bill sought by state state Controller John Chiang. AB582 by Assemblyman Richard Pan, D-Sacramento, is responding to last year's pay scandal in the Los Angeles County city of Bell.

• The controller's office would have greater discretion to audit local governments under a second bill sought by Chiang after the Bell scandal. The controller currently can audit local governments' handling of state and federal money. SB186 by Sen. Christine Kehoe, D-San Diego, would expand the authority to include local taxes, bonds and other funds.

• Public colleges and universities would have to train employees to spot and prevent bullying and harassment of homosexual and transgender students and staff under AB620. The bill by Assemblyman Marty Block, D-San Diego, also would require the institutions to include a policy on harassment and intimidation in their student codes of conduct.

• California could join other West Coast states in limiting the number of crab pots in its coastal waters, among regulations to curb environmental and safety risks from the Dungeness crab fishing industry's annual race to take as many catchable-size crabs as possible after the season opens in November." SB369, by Sen. Noreen Evans, D-Santa Rosa, is based on recommendations from a task force that included crab fishermen. It examined ways to protect the Dungeness population and ease competition from Oregon and Washington crabbers. Former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed two previous bills seeking trap limits.

• Smokers would lose some of the last remaining indoor locations where it is legal to inhale under SB575. The bill by Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord, would end exemptions that allow smoking in some areas of motel and hotel lobbies, meeting and banquet rooms, retail or wholesale tobacco shops, warehouses, break rooms and at businesses with five or fewer employees.

• California's tobacco tax would increase another $1.50 per pack under a bill by Sen. Alex Padilla, D-Los Angeles. His SB330 proposes to spend the projected $1.2 billion on smoking prevention and cancer research efforts.

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# NASA to launch newest Earth-observation satellite

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LOS ANGELES NASA is set to launch its latest Earth-orbiting satellite on a $424 million mission to analyze airborne grit spewed by volcanoes, forest fires, smokestacks and tailpipes.

The Glory satellite is slated to blast off before dawn Wednesday from Vandenberg Air Force Base aboard a Taurus XL rocket. Once boosted to an altitude of 440 miles, it will join a fleet of satellites that has been collecting climate data for years.

Its main job will be to study fine airborne particles known as aerosols. Smaller than the diameter of a human hair, these ubiquitous specks can track great distances across the globe and are largely responsible for producing hazy skies.

Scientists know very little about aerosols and their effect on climate. A better understanding is critical to improving climate models.

"We need to know these particles much better than we do," said project scientist Michael Mishchenko of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies.

Over the past century, average temperatures have climbed 1.4 degrees Fahrenheit worldwide. Scientists blame carbon dioxide, mostly from the burning of coal, oil and other fossil fuels, as the chief cause of global warming.

Unlike greenhouse gases that linger in the atmosphere for years, aerosols are short-lived — staying aloft for weeks — so it's much harder to measure them than carbon dioxide.

Most of the aerosols — roughly 90 percent — comes from natural sources such as volcanic ash, desert dust and smoke from forest fires. The rest is from human activity.

Aerosols can influence both warming and cooling of the planet depending on their color and chemical makeup. They can result in cooling by scattering sunlight back into space; they also can absorb solar energy, warming the atmosphere.

Dozens of satellites have studied aerosols over the past 50 years. But Glory is designed to make the most accurate aerosol measurements from space by studying how widely distributed they are and their various properties.

Besides tracking aerosols in the atmosphere, Glory will also monitor changes in solar activity to determine the sun's effect on climate.

Glory will be launched aboard a four-stage Taurus XL rocket built by Orbital Sciences Corp. The mission marks Taurus XL's return to flight after a failure in 2009 that resulted in the loss of a NASA global warming satellite.

Glory, which weighs about half of a Volkswagen Beetle, will operate for at least three years. The spacecraft chassis was recycled from a mission that never flew and had to be retrofitted to accommodate the two key instruments.

The mission was supposed to fly last November, but a problem with the solar panels delayed launch by three months. Once in low-Earth orbit, Glory will join a convoy of satellites already collecting climate information.

The spacecraft's unusual name was derived from an atmospheric phenomenon caused by the scattering of sunlight by water droplets in a cloud.

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### Filipino-American WWII vets seek equal benefits

Filipino-Americans who fought for the United States during World War II are hoping their long battle for equal veterans benefits will soon end in victory.

Rep. Jackie Speier, D-Hillsborough, introduced legislation last month that would grant Filipino and Filipino-American veterans the same benefits enjoyed by other U.S. military veterans.

Speier's bill would provide benefits to about 10,000 surviving veterans in the U.S. and another 40,000 who live in the Philippines.

Filipino-American veterans such as Regalado Baldonado say the fight is about recognition, not money.

Roughly 200,000 Filipinos fought for the U.S. during World War II when the Philippines was a U.S. commonwealth.

They were promised veterans benefits, but Congress rescinded the offer in 1946, reasoning that the U.S. had already given the Philippines $200 million after the war.

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### Lawyer calls for probe into soldier's escape

A lawyer for the 15-year-old victim of an alleged sexual assault by an Army private is asking for an investigation into how the soldier was able to escape from military custody on his way from Georgia to California to face trial.

Gloria Allred said Monday that the Los Angeles County teen and her family are waiving their rights to privacy in the case so they can publicly express their concerns about the Army's handling of 20-year-old Daniel Brazelton's extradition.

Brazelton prompted a nationwide manhunt when he escaped from military custody in Georgia on Feb. 11 as he was being returned to jail following a medical appointment. He was arrested Friday night at a motel in Daytona Beach, Florida.

A message left with the Army's public affairs department was not returned.

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### Lawmaker seeks to extend otter protection fund

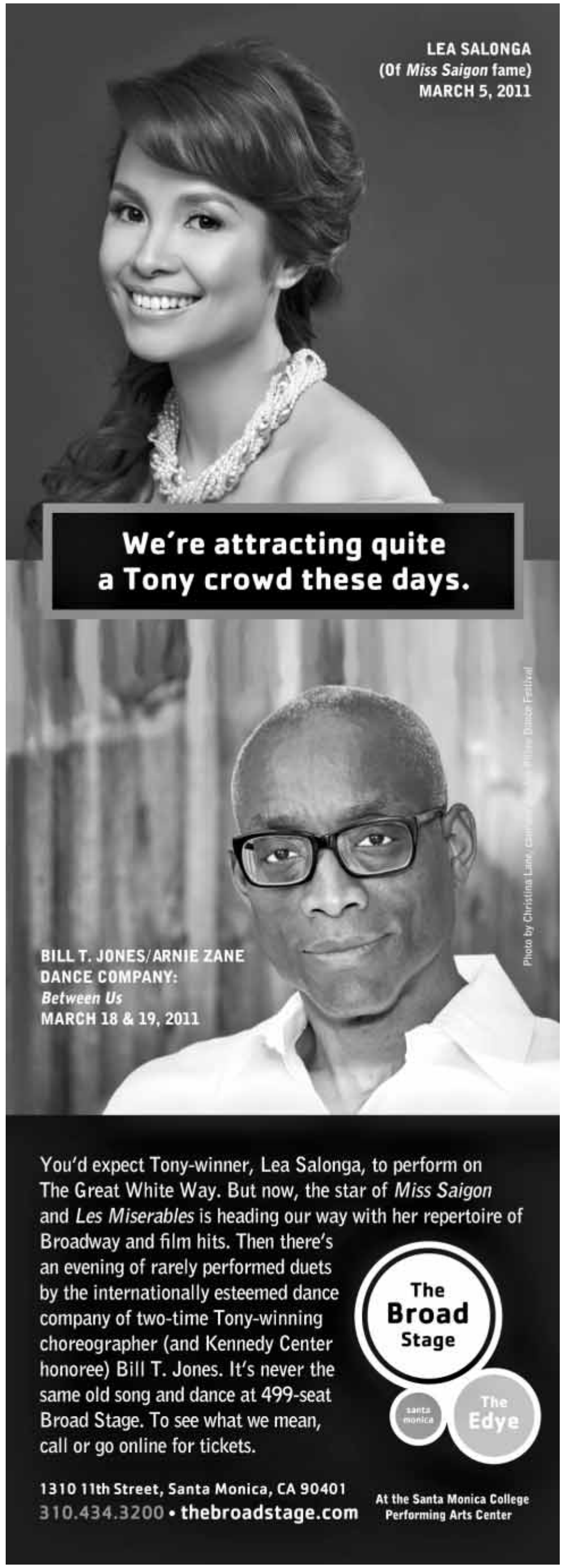
A state lawmaker from California's central coast is introducing a bill that would help protect threatened sea otters by keeping a voluntary contribution check box on state income tax forms.

Legislation by Assemblyman Bill Monning, D-Carmel, would extend a deadline from 2012 to 2016 for the optional contributions on the 540 state income tax form.

Conservation group Defenders of Wildlife says about 3,000 otters face threats from toxic substances in the water, fishing nets and damage to their habitat by manmade development.

The group says the tax form contributions raised $263,543 for sea otter protQections in 2010.

Monning says his bill is important for the otter's survival, and the optional contribution helps the state fund future protections.



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nance companies.

The council is expected to authorize nearly $1.44 million Tuesday, the lion's share going to the amended bus maintenance contract.

The original bid, awarded by the council in September 2009 to Ironman Renewal and Harbor Diesel and Equipment, was for $400,000 per year to provide engine overhaul services on city buses.

Ironman Renewal and Harbor Diesel split the money, with Ironman handling repairs on bio-diesel engines and Harbor Diesel maintaining the natural gas-powered engines.

Staff recommends the increase in contract funds in anticipation of an increase in engine maintenance, which is expected to be cheaper than replacing the aging machines outright.

According to a staff report, the engines have a "useful life cycle" of six years or 350,000 miles. Every one of the engines have exceeded that age — the diesel engines are 14 years old, and the natural gas engines have been in use nine years.

As the engines hit higher mileages, they will begin to emit dangerous pollutants and get closer to wearing out completely.

Rather than replace the engines with 2010 model Cummins natural gas engines, as originally planned, the Big Blue Bus system chose to overhaul the existing engines in an attempt to save money.

This is would be the second time the City Council voted to increase the contract amount for maintenance of the Big Blue Bus fleet.

The first was in July 2010, when the bid was upped by an additional $150,000 to cover additional diesel repairs.

### AN OFFER THEY CAN'T REFUSE

The council will consider spending half a million dollars on new plastic refuse containers that will be cheaper to maintain and reduce noise and worker injuries.

City Hall plans to purchase 696 two-yard containers and 567 three-yard containers for three years for $510,000 from the Superior Rotation Molding LLC.

According to the staff report, there are approximately 4,070 containers used in the city by multi-family and commercial customers.

The plastic containers have an edge on the current metal versions because they make less noise, are easily cleaned and resistant to graffiti, according to city staff

The bins are also one piece, which prevents wear and tear on the units.

### DIAL-A-RIDE

The council is expected to approve a three-month extension of the contract that provides cheap rides to Santa Monica residents so it can study the consequences of changing service times and the areas covered.

The extension, which will cost $160,000, would keep the Dial-a-Ride service open for an additional three months, and would give city staff time to evaluate if the current hours of operation and service area meet the needs of the community.

It came at the request of the Disabilities Commission and the Commission for the Senior Community, which want to increase the number of vehicles in service during peak hours.

City Hall would otherwise put the contract back out to bid immediately.

The extension shifts the current contract onto a fiscal year calendar, and changes the overall price tag of the service to $2.04 million.

The $160,000 actually represents a $10,000 increase for the same quarter in the previous year to account for an expected increase in trips requested through the service.

Staff estimates that demand will increase 7 percent to a total of 2,432 vehicle service hours.

### CONTRACT CHANGE

A project to improve offices at Reed Park will require almost $20,000 in additional work, according to a staff report.

Staff requested a $19,500 amendment to a contract with the CST Construction Co. to provide additional safety, electrical, plumbing and data room work at the office.

The park, located at Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard, is home to the Miles Playhouse, Joslyn Hall, play facilities and the CREST Youth Office.

The council approved a $107,800 contract in October 2010 for improvements to the office, which had too little reception and counter space for computers used to complete online forms and registration for the 9,000 kids that sign up for programs every year.

Originally, CST Construction was supposed to consolidate the Youth Office with nearby adjacent meeting and storage rooms.

The additional money will go to relocating a water line, installing electrical circuits for exit signs and kitchenette and running telephone and fiber optic lines to a new network data room.

### NEW GAME IN TOWN

One of Santa Monica's swanky hotels will find itself under new ownership if the City Council approves a sublet that will allow a new company to take over management of the property.

According to a staff report, the Roscoe Real Estate Limited Partnership plans to sell its interest in the Viceroy Hotel to the Seaside Hotel Limited Partnership, of Delaware, for $82 million.

The city manager requested authorization to review and execute documents associated with the sale, the sublet and other documents required to complete the transaction.

City staff expect a one-time payment of $500,000 to the city.

### SELLER BEWARE

The Santa Monica Police Department won a $7,500 grant, which the City Council must approve, from the state to up enforcement relating to selling alcohol to minors.

The grant, awarded by the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, will allow the SMPD to conduct several operations across a five-month grant period to reduce underage drinking, deter adults from over-drinking and pay for overtime for the officers involved.

### DUKE RETIRES

The SMPD will request authorization to retire its 12-year-old police dog after eight-and-a-half years of service.

According to a staff report, Police Canine Duke has been involved in many felony arrests and has received several commendations for his work, both from the SMPD and other agencies.

Old age and physical ailments are forcing the dog into retirement.

If authorized by the City Council, the SMPD will sell Duke to his handler, Officer Michael Von Achen, for the nominal sum of $1.

### KEEPING IT LOCAL

The City Council will consider naming March 19, 2011 "Buy Local Day" as part of a series of events planned to encourage resi-

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dents to support local vendors.

The declaration will coincide with the Buy Local Expo being held that day on the Third Street Promenade, as well as the L.A. Marathon weekend.

Expo organizers expect to present the resolution that day to the Buy Local Committee and Chamber of Commerce as part of the event, which will include a weekend of events including booths, demonstrations, food tastings and live music.

### HANDS OFF OUR CASH

The City Council seeks to hold onto nearly $283 million worth of planned investments by passing a resolution expressing opposition to a scheme by the state to eliminate redevelopment agencies.

Under a current state budget proposal, California would axe redevelopment agencies across the state and use the $1.7 billion held in those agencies to close an estimated $25 billion shortfall.

That would put a stop to several projects in the works in Santa Monica, including 300 affordable housing residences, the Pico Neighborhood Library and pedestrian, bicycle and other access improvements around the Exposition Light Rail line.

The resolution also calls into question the legality of the cuts, based on the passage of Proposition 22 in November, which meant to protect state raids on local funds.

Santa Monica would join eight other California cities that have also passed similar resolutions in recent weeks.

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"Beanie Babies," he said. "Without them, we would have gone out of business a long time ago."

Problems began to add up. Pressure built on the shop in the form of a stressful commute, increased rent and fewer customers.

When their three children grew, the Patels decided to leave their Santa Monica rental and look elsewhere for a place to become homeowners.

They settled in the San Fernando Valley, then a 25 minute commute to work.

That didn't last. Today, the Patels spend two hours together in their car every day in order to open the store by 9:30 a.m.

Sales dwindled as customer traffic dropped by as much as 30 percent, Ron estimated.

The Patels blame, in part, the incursion of e-cards and the failing economy.

Much of their business comes from spur of the moment counter purchases, when customers are attracted to the knickknacks and figurines they encounter after they've selected the card they intended to purchase.

"Now, they buy the card and they're out with it," Ron said. "If they don't have it, they don't want to spend it, and if they have it, they don't want to spend it."

While Hallmark corporate acknowledges the difficulty for its franchisees, its representative expressed great optimism for the business as a whole.

"As it has for most American businesses, the tough economy and the high unemployment numbers have created challenges for Hallmark and for the network of specialty stores that represent the Hallmark brand. That said, many Hallmark Gold Crown stores are doing well," wrote Toni Ferro, a strategic communications consultant, in an e-mail.

For the past four or five years, it has been difficult to make ends meet, the Patels said.

Add to that the commute, the poor health of Ron's father in India and the recent birth of their first granddaughter, and they felt that it was time to go.

"We love it here, and we have friends here, but it's time to move on," Ranjoo said.

The couple plans to move to Houston, Texas to be with their new grandchild. Ron will also travel to the Gujarat state of India for nine months to spend time with his 88-year-old father.

Although they have no plans to open a card shop in Houston, the couple looks back on their work in Santa Monica with great pride.

"Cards say it all," Ranjoo said. "They make you feel so special."

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# U.S. cities using tech to cull ideas from citizens

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NEW YORK In a city of millions, how many people go knocking on the door of City Hall?

Most citizens know that, at least in theory, they can bring their problems and ideas to elected officials. But in reality, speaking at a public hearing, calling a complaint line or writing a letter can be time-consuming and seem to make little impact, with small-scale concerns getting bogged down in dense bureaucracies.

Now, New York and other cities around the country are trying to un-bog the bureaucracy. Following the example of private companies, they're employing technology to harness the wisdom of citizens, make use of their skills and create virtual civic forums.

New York will soon be asking the public to make suggestions online and by text message about how to make the city greener and more sustainable; people who submit ideas will be invited to join with others to make similar changes happen.

In California, the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District recently released an iPhone app that will alert citizens trained in CPR when someone nearby is having a heart attack.

San Francisco city employees joined forces online to propose and vote on thrifty ideas, leading the city to stop paying $900 a month for the music callers heard when they were put on hold. New York City began a similar employee program last month.

Government officials tout such projects as money-savers that increase efficiency and improve transparency. Citizen advocates for the programs argue they offer something deeper — an opportunity to reignite civic responsibility and community participation.

In some ways, the new approach is simply a high-tech version of an old concept, says Ben Berkowitz, the CEO of SeeClickFix, which helps citizens post pothole-type complaints and track whether they've been addressed.

"It's participatory democracy," he says. "Open government ... is something that was laid out by Thomas Jefferson pretty early on. This is just a way to realize that vision."

In recent years, businesses have used the Internet to cull the wisdom of crowds to do everything from design shoes to publish books, a practice known as "crowdsourcing." As the approach has caught on in the civic sphere, entrepreneurs and activists who support it have begun calling it "open government" or "Gov 2.0."

"The solutions to urban problems are not just the city government handing down ideas from on high. It's about collaborative citizenship," says Jake Barton, founder of Local Projects, which is partnering with New York City to gather citizen input on environmental improvements. The Give a Minute program has already undergone trial runs in Memphis and Chicago, where it asked residents to answer questions about how to increase public transit usage and about developing their professional skills.

New York is planning similar programs to tackle other issues.

Deputy Mayor for Operations Stephen Goldsmith said all the city's agencies have been ordered to use social media to seek public comment on proposed rules. He envisions a day when city residents who opt in will receive Facebook notifications regarding proposals and civic issues most relevant to their interests or neighborhood, and will be invited to offer input.

For now, a city Web page asking residents to make money-saving suggestions is little more than a digital suggestion box, but participants eventually will be able to see each other's ideas and vote for those they most like.

The city's workers already have that option — and the ideas that receive the most votes get evaluated by deputy mayors. As a result of that crowdsourcing effort, which formally began last month, the city has ordered all its offices to change their printer settings so that documents print double-sided by default. Other ideas suggested by city employees have included the creation of a central research and development unit to help connect agencies with new initiatives, as well as an online auction portal allowing city agencies to bid on items being given up by other agencies.

# New Facebook status options applauded by gay users

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NEW YORK Jay Lassiter is no longer "in a relationship."

Let's clarify that: Lassiter, a media adviser for political campaigns who lives in Cherry Hill, N.J., is still with his partner of nearly eight years, Greg Lehmkuho. But since Thursday, when Facebook expanded its romantic-status options, Lassiter's profile there echoes his relationship's legal status: "Domestic partnership."

It may not be a life-altering change. After all, you can call yourself anything you want on a social network. And Facebook is merely that.

But, Lassiter notes: "I'm no different from all those other Facebook users whose identity is tied up with their Facebook pages, for better or for worse."

And so, he says: "It's high time. It's an affirming gesture. It's sort of one tiny step for gays, but a giant leap for gay rights."

Facebook's addition of civil unions and domestic partnerships to the list of relationships its users can pick from came after talks with gay rights organizations, including GLAAD, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

The social network has "sent a clear message in support of gay and lesbian couples to users across the globe," said GLAAD's president, Jarrett Barrios. "By acknowledging the relationships of countless loving and committed same-sex couples in the U.S. and abroad, Facebook has set a new standard of inclusion for social media."

He added that the new status options, available to Facebook users in the U.S., Canada, Britain, France and Australia, will serve as an important reminder that legal marriage is not an option for gay couples in most states.

Only Iowa, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Washington, D.C. allow same-sex marriages. This week Hawaii becomes the seventh state to permit civil unions or similar legal recognition for gay couples.

Of course, there's also a Facebook option to say "It's complicated" — and that's exactly how some users felt about the new changes. Because, for people both gay and straight, more options mean more decisions to make: What exactly is my relationship, and what should I call it?

"You go into a store and there are 27 kinds of soda, and sometimes it would be easier if there were just Coke and Pepsi," explains Erik Rueter, who works in marketing at an educational nonprofit institution in Pittsburgh.

To Rueter, the essence of his relationship is crystal clear: He and his partner, Robb, will be together forever. "We complete each other's sentences," he says. "We'll be sitting there in the nursing home, gumming up each other's food, chasing each other in our wheelchairs."

Two years ago, Rueter, 34, proposed to his partner on bended knee, despite the fact that in Pennsylvania they cannot marry. They've been engaged ever since, and that's been his Facebook status — until Thursday, when he changed it to domestic partnership.

But Rueter is conflicted about the change.

"Part of me wants to go back to 'engaged' — because I still am," he says. "Part of me wants to say 'married,' as in, 'I don't care what the law says.' And part of me says, 'It's just Facebook!'"

And then ANOTHER part of Rueter tells him just how powerful and influential Facebook is, with well over 500 million users across the globe. "Just having the option to say, 'This is what my relationship is' is a really good thing," he says.






NBA

# Can Lakers still host finals?

**BRIAN MAHONEY**
AP Basketball Writer

LOS ANGELES The All-Star game was never supposed to be Kobe Bryant's highlight at Staples Center this season.

Not when his two-time defending champion Los Angeles Lakers were expected to have a shot at a third in a row. Even after LeBron James and Chris Bosh joined Dwyane Wade in Miami, the Heat agreed with Michael Jordan that the Lakers were the favorites until somebody beat them in June.

These days, June basketball doesn't even look like a sure thing for the Lakers.

They stumbled into the All-Star break with three straight losses, capped by a defeat in Cleveland against a Cavaliers team they beat by 55 earlier in the season.

But nobody is counting Bryant's bunch out yet.

"They are the champions. We understand and know the second half of the season, they are going to play even better and when it comes time to win, they are going to be the team to beat," Wade said.

Wade's Heat might have the team to do it, and the Boston Celtics would love another shot at their biggest rivals after losing in seven games last June. But first, the Lakers have to prove they're the best in the West before they worry about who's tops in the East.

They are currently third in the conference, 8? games behind NBA-leading San Antonio and 2? back of second-place Dallas. But the Lakers looked shaky late last season before putting it together, and they're confident they can do it again.

"It has been like a lot of hot and cold this season, a lot of contrasts and looking for a level of consistency," All-Star forward Pau Gasol said. "I feel that we can do that."

Bryant won his fourth All-Star MVP award Sunday, scoring 37 points and grabbing 14 rebounds in the Western Conference's 148-143 victory over the East. He looked poised for the stretch run, with a couple of soaring dunks, one over a chasing James, that showed there's plenty of bounce left in his sometimes aching legs.

The season resumes Tuesday, with the first business a possible conclusion to the Carmelo Anthony situation. The Denver Nuggets have until Thursday's trade deadline to decide whether to trade him to New York or New Jersey, or hold onto him for the rest of the season.

"The deadline is Thursday, so obviously something's going to happen whether I stay in Denver or whether they trade me," Anthony said Sunday night. "So the end is here. I'm excited for all this stuff to be over with. I'm pretty sure everybody is."

His season-long saga has sometimes overshadowed the news on the court, but the focus will be back there once the deadline has passed.

Even if the Lakers get things figured out,

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**CITY OF SANTA MONICA**
**NOTICE INVITING BIDS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed bids for:

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**City of Santa Monica**
**Ordinance Numbers 2345 – 2348 (CCS)**
**(City Council Series)**

The following are summaries of Ordinances 2345 – 2348, which were adopted by the City Council on February 8, 2011.

Ordinance Number 2345 establishes interim development policies pending implementation of the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) through adoption of permanent revisions to the City's zoning code. Among other things, the ordinance requires development agreements for projects designated by the LUCE as Tiers 2 and 3, allows for administrative approval of certain projects, and protects the development of all housing that is 100% affordable.

Ordinance Number 2346 amends provisions of the Municipal Code applicable to public health and food safety by incorporating certain Los Angeles County regulations, including new county regulations applicable to food trucks.

Ordinance Number 2347 amends Municipal Code provisions relating to licensing bicycles by conforming the code provisions to licensing fee limitations imposed by state law and by deleting obsolete provisions.

Ordinance Number 2348 prohibits the distribution of light-weight, single use plastic carry out bags of the type commonly distributed by markets and requires the imposition of a fee upon consumers for the distribution of paper bags. The ordinance is intended to protect the environment by promoting usage of reusable bags. It will generate no revenues for the City.

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# SURF REPORT

**Surf Conditions** **Water Temp:** 58

## Swell Forecast

**Looks rather small at this point, about waist high max as both NW wind and ground swell back off.**

## Long Range Synopsis

**Looks even smaller.**

**Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica**




BEACH REPORT CARD

# NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **February 14, 2011**

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

**QUICK STATS** (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 34
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / 7

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Groundwork Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A | A+ |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alina creeks. | A+ | A+ |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | B | A+ |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | C | A+ |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A | A+ |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | F | A+ |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | B | B |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A | B |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach. | A | A+ |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | D | 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 | B |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A | A+ |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A | A+ |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs. | A+ | A+ |
| Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Tuna Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | F | A+ |
| 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 | A+ |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain. | F | B |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier. | A | C |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | A | B |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms). | A+ | F |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain. | A | A+ |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain. | A | D |
| 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 | F |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower. | A | B |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | A | A |
| 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. | B | A+ |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A | D |

**LEGEND**

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

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.

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# LAKERS
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the road to the NBA finals might go through San Antonio. With a 46-10 record and health they haven't enjoyed in recent years, the Spurs seem capable of winning a fifth title with Tim Duncan after they struggled just to reach the postseason in 2010.

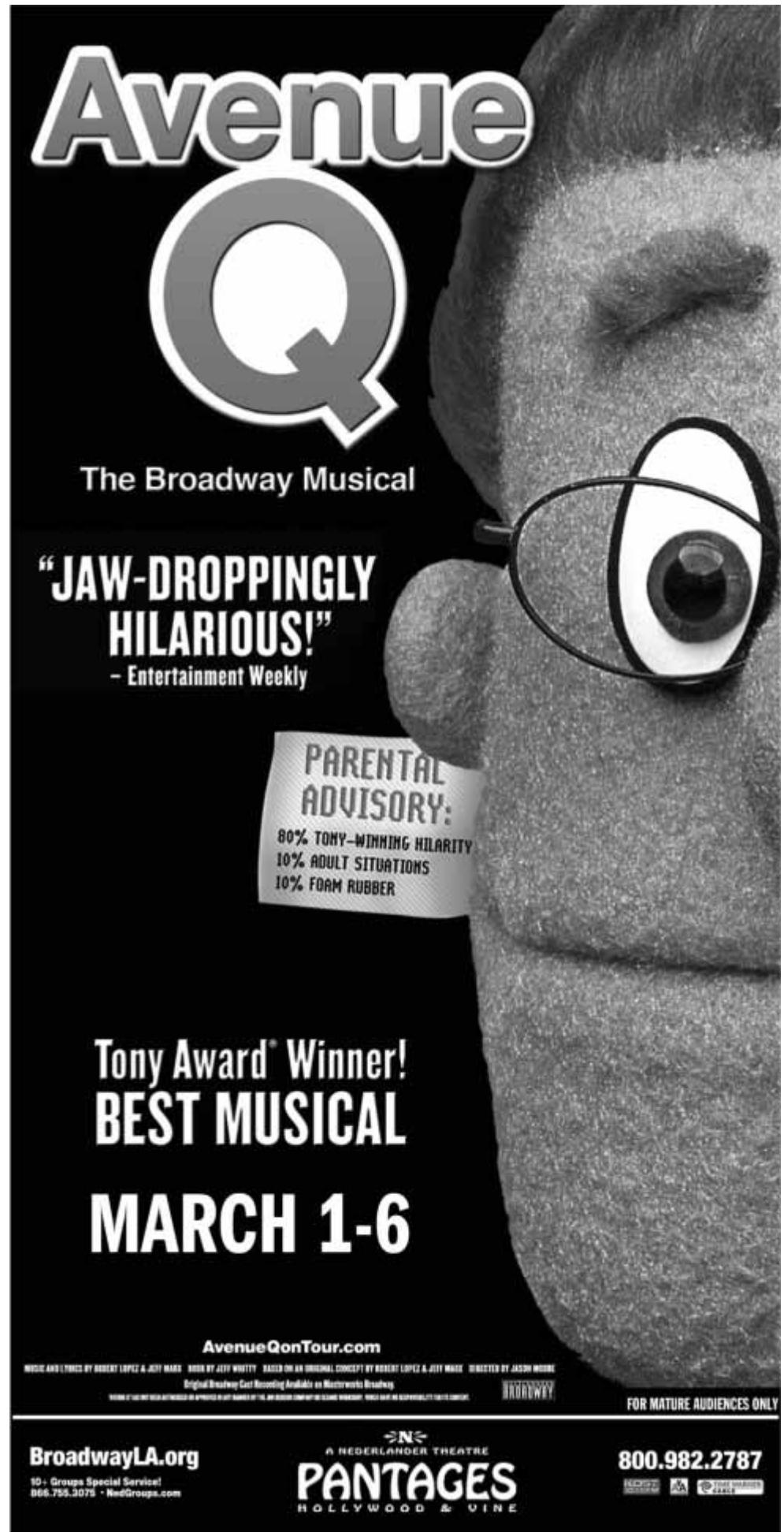
"Last year we had 50 wins the whole season and now we have 46, so no one really expected it," All-Star Manu Ginobili. "We have always been healthy and nobody misses a game, and we got the experience and we got a better bench."

While they cruise out West, Boston leads Miami by percentage points in the East, with Chicago two games back. The Celtics are 3-0 against the Heat, but haven't been able to keep centers Shaquille O'Neal and Jermaine O'Neal healthy to surround their four All-Stars.

"We are not where we want to be. I mean, I know it sounds crazy, still at the top of the East and we have the best record, but I don't think we are near where we want to be," Paul Pierce said. "We battled a lot of injury. We battled inconsistent play over the last couple of weeks. We are just fortunate to be in the position that we have. We haven't been healthy all year long. I'm just waiting to see what's going to happen in the next couple of weeks when we get about 95 percent healthy, to see what's really going to happen."

The Knicks are sixth in the East, in position to make their first playoff appearance since 2004. They lurk as a dangerous lower seed if they land Anthony to join fellow All-Star Amare Stoudemire in a potentially explosive frontcourt.

The MVP race could come down to Chicago point guard Derrick Rose or James, the two-time winner who figured his move to Miami counted himself and Wade out this season. But he's been so good that he believes he's back in the conversation.



# MOVIE TIMES

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

Call theater for information.

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

**Roommate (PG-13) 1hr 33min**
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

**True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min**
11:20am, 1:55pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

**I Am Number Four (PG-13) 1hr 44min**
10:25am, 1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

**Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min**
10:35am, 1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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

**Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (PG) 1hr 24min**
11:30am, 1:50pm, 4:10pm, 6:30pm, 8:50pm

**Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min**
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

**No Strings Attached (R) 1hr 50min**
11:35am, 2:25pm, 5:10pm, 7:55pm, 10:35pm

**I Am Number Four (PG-13) 1hr 44min**
11:25am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

**Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min**
10:55am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

**Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D (G) 1hr 45min**
10:10am, 10:55am, 12:45pm, 1:50pm, 3:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:15pm, 7:15pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm

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

**Waste Land (NR) 1hr 38min**
11:00am

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

**Carbon Nation (NR) 1hr 26min**
11:00am

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

**Illusionist (L'illusionniste) (PG) 1hr 22min**
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:45pm

**Immigration Tango (R) 1hr 30min**
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

**Queen of the Lot (R) 1hr 54min**
11:00am

**Harmony Game: The Making of Bridge Over Troubled Water (NR) 1hr**
11:00am

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

**Eagle (PG-13) 1hr 54min**
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:35pm, 7:25pm, 10:15pm

**Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min**
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:20pm

**Big Mommas: Like Father, Like Son (PG-13) 1hr 47min**
10:50am, 1:25pm, 2:10pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm, 10:45pm

**Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min**
11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

**Fighter (R) 1hr 54min**
11:10am, 4:50pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

**Gnomeo & Juliet (PG) 1hr 24min**
10:45am, 1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm

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

# Out and about, Taurus

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Fortunately, you adjust easily as you work through tension, anxiety and stress with movement. So when did you last go for a walk? A partner is full of energy and feedback. Words said might not be meant to wound, but they do. Tonight: Share with a friend or loved one over dinner.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Close associations at the workplace, gym or any other place you frequent regularly could be more important than you would like. Success occurs because of your ability to understand where someone is coming from. You don't feel challenged by this person's strong personality. Tonight: Out and about.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ An easy pace works, and, yes, you will accomplish what you need to, perhaps even more. Without stress and tension, you complete your tasks with speed. Answers come forth spontaneously in a conversation. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Get some much-needed exercise.

## CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity seems like a never-ending well. Your sixth sense and intuition pinnacle as well. If your inner voice says something, follow through, unless you could cause yourself trouble. A partner is changing rapidly. Tonight: Just because it is Tuesday doesn't mean you cannot have fun.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Don't worry about others and their reactions. Follow through on what needs to be done with a key partnership. Others could react, but ultimately you only need to answer to yourself. A project unrelated to work could be most rewarding. Tonight: At home.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening within your immediate circle, but also look to those you don't know well. If there is a crankiness, consider the fact that it might be well justified. Honor your decisions. Tonight: Where the action is.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Curb a need to handle certain situations a certain way. Instead, get more facts. Money might be an important factor, but so is the quality of your life. Real estate, family and domestic matters come forward. Deal with them. Tonight: Be sage. Use wisdom.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You know when the wind is blowing in your direction. You gain favor and attention without making the slightest gesture. Understand what is going on behind the scenes. Realize that you need to establish a better rapport with a child or loved one. Why not start now? Tonight: An endless number of options appear.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You have what it takes to make inroads. Take time for fact-gathering and -checking. Your ability to cut through a problem emerges later this week. Your strength comes from knowing when to pull back. Tonight: Do for you.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A meeting has an impact. A feistiness arises during discussions. Realize how close to the surface your feelings are. Once you get to the gist of the issue, you might want to revise some of your ideas. Tonight: Where the action is.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You are in the limelight once more. You see what goes on with others. Help mobilize others, but know that there is only so much you can do. Use care with expressing your feelings. If you are suppressing your emotions, you could discover that you are on quite the spending spree. Tonight: Could be late.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Look to gaining more insight and knowledge. This can happen easily if you are open. Find an expert; do research. By detaching, you also might see a situation far differently. Break past self-imposed restrictions. Tonight: Follow the music.

## Happy birthday

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

This year, you have a strong sense of direction. If you use your ability to empathize and understand, expansion and success will greet you. Don't allow restrictions to impose on your thought process. Travel and education could mark the next 12 months. A foreigner also could have a similar impact on your life. If you are single, you'll meet someone quite different. Follow your intuition with a relationship, whether single or attached. Attached Fish need to let go of their anger. SCORPIO can be a real door-opener.



# MYSTERY PHOTO

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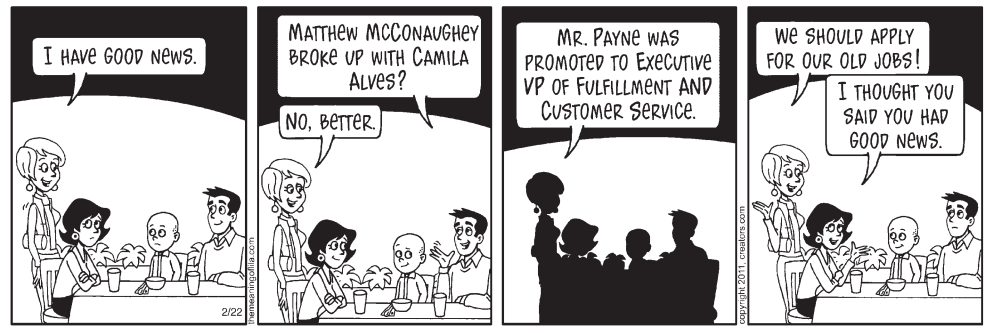
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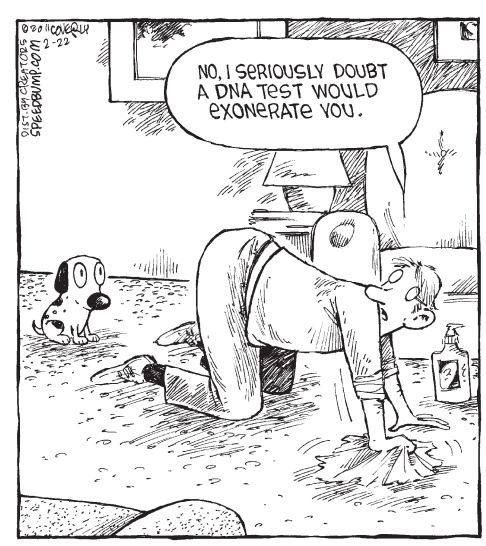

## Strange Brew

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## Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



# 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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| | | 9 | | | | 5 | | |
| | | | 8 | 6 | 3 | | | |

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




# CROSSWORD

## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

1 Tender of nursery rhyme sheep
7 Milky stone
11 Anxious
12 Secluded valley
13 Simple swimming stroke
15 Church areas
16 Homer's boy
18 Bath need
21 Tops
22 Casual talk
24 Commotion
25 Baby dog
26 Drink cooler
27 Station worker
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30 Dapper
31 Begged
32 No longer fresh
34 Diagonally opposite
40 Buffalo's lake
41 Hire
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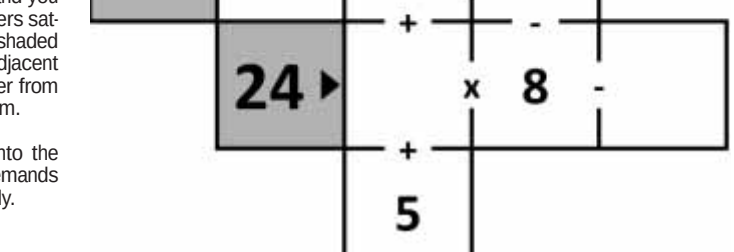
**DOWN**

1 Physique, slangily
2 Lennon's wife
3 Cribbage piece
4 Mystery awards
5 Sphinx setting
6 Livens (up)
7 Heavily favored
8 Tablet
9 Wholly
10 Rebel general
14 Man of morals
16 Try to get, at an auction
17 Love to pieces
19 Blazing
20 Was visibly nervous
21 Pet perch
22 Nasty dog
23 Garden visitor
25 Trifling
28 Sampled
29 Priests and the like
31 Set down heavily
33 High cards
34 Writer Follett
35 Rage
36 Even score
37 Arrest
38 Sense of self
39 Mystery author Stout

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Solution for Task 232




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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Beloved Banker: (1) In December, J.P. Morgan Chase abruptly ended a program that had allowed military personnel to defer paying on Chase-owned student loans while on active duty. (2) Three weeks later, NBC News reported that Chase's mortgage division had long been ignoring a federal military protection law by charging 4,000 active-duty personnel higher mortgage-interest rates than permitted (and improperly foreclosing on 14 of them). (3) That same week, Chase was found to be advertising (through an agent) a foreclosed-on, 5-year-old house in Rexburg, Idaho, without adequate notice that it was infested with "thousands" of garter snakes. (In February, Chase reinstated the student-loan deferments and apologized for ignoring the federal law.)

■ Three men visiting Philadelphia in December were charged with a several-store robbery spree, and perhaps luckily for them, they were quickly arrested. The police report noted that one of the victims (who had a gun waved in her face) was Terri Staino, 38, the owner of John Anthony Hair Styling for Men, who is also the husband of Anthony Staino -- reputed to be the No. 2 man in the South Philadelphia mob, according to the Philadelphia Daily News.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1974** Organisation of the Islamic Conferencesummit begins in Lahore, Pakistan. Thirty-seven countries attend and twenty-two heads of state and government participate. It also recognizes Bangladesh.

**1974** Samuel Byck tries and fails to assassinate U.S. President Richard Nixon.

**1979** Independence of Saint Lucia from the United Kingdom.

**1980** Miracle on Ice: In Lake Placid, New York, the United States hockey team defeats the Soviet Union hockey team 4-3, in what is considered to be one of the greatest upsets in sports history.

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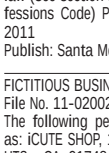
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