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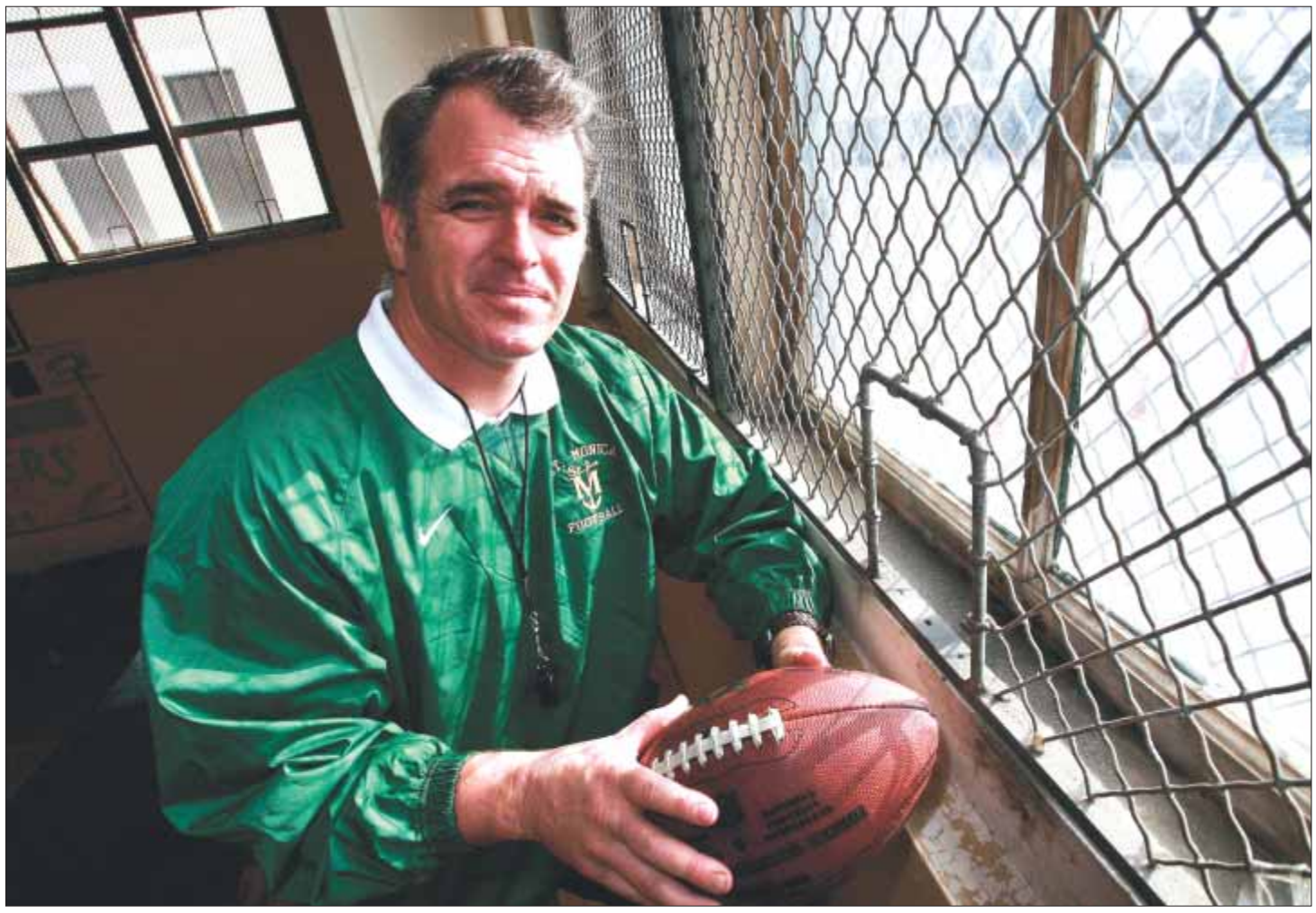
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BIG CHANGES: **Larry Muno, the new head football coach at St. Monica Catholic High School, promises to return the program to glory.**

A new 'relentlessly positive coach' for St. Monica

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

ST. MONICA There are a lot of expected changes in store for a high school football team that only captured one win last season, whether it's new players in the system or relearning the fundamentals of the game.

But perhaps nothing will be bigger to the St. Monica Catholic High School Mariners than the hiring of new Head Coach Larry Muno, a former linebacker with Rutgers University who has dreams of restoring the rich tradition of a once competitive program.

School administrators in late January announced the 43-year-old Hermosa Beach resident as the choice to take over for Sean Ritter, who was let go following a 21-19 victory against Bishop Mora Salesian High School in the final game last season, the school's lone win over the past three years.

The high school also hired Christian Gascou as the new strength and conditioning coach.

Muno plans to instill a philosophy of being relentlessly positive, taking one from the book of UCLA Head Coach Rick Neuheisel, whom Muno knows well through his father, Larry Muno Sr., a famous sports agent who represented Joe Montana, Dwight Clark and the former Bruins quarterback during his professional playing days.

"I want to let the kids know that this is a school that is not only a great academic institution but wants to be a great athletic institution as well and return to the days of CIF championships under Norm Lacy and Tebb Kusserow," Muno said, referring to the two local legendary coaches. "We're going to have an offense that is fun and make sure that the kids learn the game from the most minute details and be strong."

After graduating from Rutgers with a degree in sports management and kinesiology, Muno spent a few years working as an assistant golf professional in Palm Desert, moving to Manhattan Beach thereafter where he coached football to seventh and eighth graders at American Martyrs Catholic Church.

Four years ago, he was appointed the director for the Catholic Youth Organization, which governs athletics for all grammar schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, instituting a training program

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Vacancies on the rise on Montana

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MONTANA AVENUE The empty storefronts and the for lease signs that have been popping up along this once bustling shopping district are blatant reminders for Sheila Nazarian of the harsh economic conditions.

"It just makes you not want to shop at all," said Nazarian, who came to Montana Avenue on Tuesday to dine and buy.

Home to high-end boutiques and small mom and pop stores, shops on the street have fallen victim to a combination of high rent and low patronage, spelling doom for a substantial portion of the businesses. It's a depressing trend experienced by other popular shopping districts because of the sagging economy.

From June 2008 to the end of March, more than 30 businesses — representing roughly 15 percent of the total merchants on Montana — will have left the shopping district, leaving empty storefronts up and down the street, the majority of which are between Seventh and 17th streets.

"It doesn't look good because you see all the lease signs and it's painfully obvious," said Sabine Lehmann, the owner of fashion boutique Platino and the past chairman of the Montana Avenue Merchants Association. "Morale is not that great for the merchants and it's probably not the end of it either."

But Lehmann said that foot traffic has remained stable on the street over the past few months, thanks to the support of residents in the surrounding neighborhood who continue to grab a morning coffee or take part in a yoga session.

She called the recession a "Darwinistic experience."

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Santa Monica YMCA
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Thursday, March 5, 2009

Missed it?
Montana Avenue Branch Library
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Come for a free screening of "Baby Mama" starring Tina Fey and Amy Poehler. Popcorn and beverages will be served. Call (310) 829-7081 for more information.

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212 Pier Ave., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Come read, listen, and enjoy open poetry and prose readings for free every Thursday. Everyone and all genres are welcome with a 1,000 word limit per reader. This weekly event is hosted by Forth Magazine. Call (310) 396-8566 or visit forthmagazine.com/weeklyreadings.php for more information.

Meet the author
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come for a discussion and book signing with writer J.D. Trout, author of "The Empathy Gap." Using scientific research on empathy, free will and decision-making, "The Empathy Gap" explains how society fails to put plans into action when it comes to the unacceptable conditions of others, and offers insight into how society may reverse failed efforts. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Friday, March 6, 2009

Rocking rotary
Riviera Country Club
1250 Capri Dr., call for time
The Rotary Club of Santa Monica has long enjoyed a reputation as being the hub for Westside men and women dedicated to improving their local and worldwide communities. Those interested in attending the regular lunch should call (310) 917-3313.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Cinedigm touts distribution deal with indie

BY RYAN NAKASHIMA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES Digital cinema technology is being touted as a way for independent filmmakers to bypass the major studios.

Morristown, N.J.-based Cinedigm Digital Cinema Corp. said Tuesday it had agreed to distribute up to 15 movies from Olympus Pictures LLC through 2015 at a cost below what studios typically demand.

Santa Monica-based Olympus agreed to pay for most of the advertising and the cost of digital file transfers, by hard drive or satellite, in exchange for a larger share of the box office gross than is standard industry practice.

"It's akin to self-distribution," said Olympus Chief Executive Dean Vanech. "It allows us to control our destiny better."

Cinedigm has been rolling out digital projectors in theaters nationwide, funded by payments from major movie studios.

It can increase its reach from a few screens to 5,800 quickly in the case of a home run like Fox Searchlight-released "Slumdog Millionaire," said its chief executive, Bud Mayo.

But its larger goal will be to fill a niche that major studios are neglecting with their recent decisions to pull back from the independent film market, he said.

"What we're really aiming at is a lot of singles," Mayo said. "That's a market that's underserved by the majors."

The first picture to be released under the deal will be "The Narrows," which debuted at the Toronto Film Festival last year. It is expected to be shown in 15 to 20 major U.S. markets in June.

A digital-movie and event-screening service is also run by National CineMedia Inc., a joint venture that handles pre-roll ads for several movie-theater companies.

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WAR AS ART

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Patrons view the photos of slain photojournalist Dan Eldon at Santa Monica College on Friday night. The exhibit will be on display at SMC's Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery through March 21. The exhibit's photos focus on African wars that raged during the early 1990s.

Messages detail friendship between engineer, teen

BY DAISY NGUYEN
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Metrolink commuter train engineer Robert Sanchez and his young rail fan became fast friends with their constant chatter in text messages about their shared love of trains.

Sanchez exchanged dozens of messages with the teenage boy while driving his locomotive and even made plans to let him take the controls.

"I'm REALLY looking forward to getting you in the cab and showing you how to run a locomotive," Sanchez wrote about the plan.

But it never happened. While they texted about the final details, the commuter train ran a red light and collided head-on with a freight train, killing 25 people and injuring at least 130 others. Sanchez died in the collision.

A transcript of the text messages released Tuesday by the National Transportation Safety Board detailed the close relationship between the two, with Sanchez acting as a mentor to the unidentified boy.

The messages revealed that Sanchez had allowed him and a friend to ride in the cab and sit at the controls four days before the crash.

They also showed that Sanchez intended to let the teen drive the train between four stations on Sept. 12, the day of the crash, even though unauthorized ride-alongs are considered a serious violation of safety regulations.

"I'm gonna do all the radio talkin' ... ur gonna run the locomotive & I'm gonna tell u how to do it," Sanchez wrote.

Sanchez sent and received a total of 43 text messages while on duty that day, including one to the teenager about an apparent meeting place that came 22 seconds before the collision.

The teenager told NTSB investigators that he met Sanchez last May through a group of train enthusiasts. He said he and Sanchez communicated by phone and text messages once or twice a week, mostly about train operations

But the transcripts told a different story, showing the two stayed in close touch, calling each other and exchanging dozens of profanity-laced texts the week before the crash.

They provided frequent updates on their activities from morning to night, made jokes, gossiped about other rail fans and shared their excitement as they arranged for the boy to operate the train.

"I feel like your a cool uncle or something," the teen wrote in one message.

Sanchez appeared to relish his role as a mentor. Between discussing a work-related matter with a colleague, dealing with a flat

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Tips to help the bees

Editor:

Here is some advice from the Entomology Department at UC Davis and the National Gardening Association (NGA) on what we can do to help the ailing bee population.

• Bees are insects. We all need to reduce pesticide use to a minimum.

• Plant herbs and allow them to bloom – flowering thyme, rosemary, mint, and sages offer medicine in the pollen that bees need.

• Bees may require a little pick-me-up to make it back to the hive before dusk. If you see a straggler – motionless or a disoriented bee (crawling in circles – or on its back) you can revive her with a tiny amount of sugar water solution. It really works! Use a chop stick and place some droplets in front of the bee and she will eat it and fly back home.

• Buy organic. Every time you chose conventional fruits, vegetables, fruit juice, or nuts, these were probably sprayed heavily with pesticides.

• For bee lovers by the beach: a small, shallow container of tap water with seaweed will provide minerals bees need – add some moss or twigs so they do not fall in.

• Support our local beekeepers and buy lots of honey at the Farmers' Market.

For Mr. [James] Kohfeld ("What about the bees? page 4, March 2):

Bees do not venture out of their hive in cold weather. They live off their honey through the winter. So, although not very practical, your fruit trees may be pollinated manually with a soft paintbrush. As the weather warms up all our of our gardens should be buzzing again soon.

Thomas Stewart
Santa Monica

No surprises here

Editor:

Pretty much what I expected happened when SMRR appointee Gleam Davis was picked to replace Herb Katz. I bluntly told the council the deck was stacked to appoint another SMMR sycophant on the council. The real battle here was between the two SMRR factions, Davis and [Patricia] Hoffman. Here's how it went down.

[Councilmembers Kevin] McKeown and [Bobby] Shriver voted for Ted Winterer, the runner-up in the last election. Surprisingly, [Bob] Holbrook joined them. We could have had a special election.

Despite [Mayor Ken] Genser's hair splitting percentages, the fact is, without spoilers like myself, at least one Prop. T candidate would have won by a landslide in the last election, despite all the money spent by out of state developers.

That is the real reason Genser, [Pam] O'Connor and [Richard] Bloom were determined to prevent a special election, when a non-SMRR candidate could be elected. They were terrified Katz would be replaced by Winterer.

Shriver stuck to his guns supporting the fifth highest vote getter in the recent election, and when that failed, he stood tall in advocating a special election so the voters could still choose.

Then Holbrook blinked, and McKeown, ever the opportunist, showed his true colors when he also caved. His allegiance to SMRR was evident when he surrendered principle and switched his vote to Hoffman, and then switched again to Davis when it was clear she had the necessary votes. I just hope this result ruptures SMRR and the anti-growth members revolt.

The People's Republic of Santa Monica no longer exists. Our city is no different than most municipal, county, state or federal government entities. Few politicians (with the exception of President Obama) exist to serve the public. They are all dependent on endorsements and contributions by special interests.

I guess it was too much to hope that Santa Monica would be different. So it goes.

Jon Mann
Santa Monica



Going Postal

Steve "the Mailman" Breen — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Part IV: Neither snow, nor rain, nor sleet

Editor's Note: This is the conclusion of a three part series that became a four part series because the writer just can't get enough.

A RECENT NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL by U.S. Postal Regulatory Commissioner Ruth Y. Goldway suggested converting the entire fleet of gas-powered USPS vehicles to all-electric as a way to obviate her responsibility for aiding and abetting in driving the USPS into the economic ditch. Her 11th hour panacea is to plunder taxpayers' pockets and squander tax dollars from President Zero's Porkzilla Act of 2009 to cover this conversion.

Her suggestion entails the installation of solar panels on the rooftops of all USPS facilities nationwide as a cost containment measure from disbursements on fossil fuel expenditures that will then allegedly create green jobs while simultaneously making us feel fuzzy about ourselves and thus lend a thin justification for Ms. Goldway's continued employment as a well-paid government shill.

Golly, don't break a nail, honey. If Ms. Goldway really wants to go "green" then a more "shovel ready" and simpler solution would be installing stationary bikes linked to capacitors while desk bound USPS bureaucrats pedaled our way to energy self-sufficiency.

Think Ed Begley, Jr. This solution would also flatten some of those fat-inflated tires parked around privileged executive waistlines. (The postmaster general could stand to lose a few.) No solution yet for the cholesterol illegally parked in the handicapped space above their sclerotic necklines.

While I'm sure Ms. Goldway's suggestion was well meant despite her paucity of lucid logistics, I have a simple question: How does one justify spending taxpayer billions on multi-facility retrofits and the purchase of new EV golf carts for the largest US vehicle fleet to reap the specious savings of a few several millions? Obviously mathematical adroitness is not a job requirement over at the US Po$tal Regulatory Commi$$ion considering the budget crevasse into which they have cratered as of late.

Meanwhile, postal unions are "workin' it" like some under paid, non-union, overmarinated pole dancer on the Sunday dawn patrol at a Las Vegas hootchie palace during a National Association of Letter Carriers convention. Unions are hooting over four presidential executive orders that only benefit unions who comprise a mere 8 percent of the US work force. Sorry, you other non-union 92 percent rabble can eat cake. Only presidential campaign payers can play if one has rendered the necessary tribute to Caesar's Palace of Change.

If labor unions want to claim any credibility considering the skeezy nature of the company they are keeping within the Obama administration, then they might consider resurrecting Jimmy Hoffa as their consigliere.

"Pro-union" nostrums and quackery don't necessarily dispense a "pro-labor" cure.

The National Association of Letter Carriers [NALC] publishes a magazine that informs the Smurf Army of the "who, what, when, where, how and why" of political apple-polishing that is performed on their behalf by the union hierarchy.

There are cookie-cutter, self-congratulatory odes from the NALC president all the way to the janitor on the night shift that extol what a damn fine job that union suits are doing down at HQ.

When you read further in the magazine, however, there are about a dozen pages of Hannibal Lecter-ish horror carnivals compiled from across the country by union stewards who're fending off serious problems of supervisor abuse, retaliation and work hazards. While the union generals are assiduously proclaiming that they're single-handedly winning the public relations war, the Smurf Army is emulating the Persians at Thermopylae!

In the branch of applied mathematics known as Game Theory, a person's success in making the correct choices in strategic situations depends on the choices of others. It is a mathematically derived analysis over how well any given entity will perform to the detriment of the other.

In a nutshell, "Who benefits?"

Between cerebrally challenged USPS autocrats and piously preening NALC potentates dining like bloated seagulls over political morsels from the rancid "hope and change" economic dumpster, who then truly benefits?

As corporate/union responsibility is not a mathematical coefficient in this zero-sum Parker Brothers Monopoly equation, then the gambit in question shifts to "Who's the Monkey-in-the-Middle?"

Union and management seneschals should heed that the "monkeys-in-the middle" who schlep a mailbag all over creation are the sole reason for their existence.

Without monkeys there is nothing to manage nor to unionize. Remember, though, that the monkeys can become a 500-pound gorilla at any simian moment. And 500-pound gorillas are known to sit wherever they collectively choose.

As my co-worker and dancing street philosopher pal Dave Levin observed, "They always get rid of the coach before they get rid of the team." If I were the postmaster general or the president of NALC, I'd certainly knock off the nonsense or the USPS will most certainly be the next entrant of past profitable enterprises like buggy whips and the pony express.

STEVE BREEN has withdrawn his nomination as postmaster general of the USPS as he has to wash his hair tonight and is still "the best looking mailman in the US Post Office." He can be reached at dulcamarax@yahoo.com.

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Word in Edgewise

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Anointment, not appointment

THERE IS A GREAT SCENE IN THE MOVIE "Casino" where Robert DeNiro's character, Sam Rothstein, is appearing before the Nevada Gaming Commission which is considering his application for a license. At their table, he and his lawyer are surrounded by boxes, binders, and folders full of papers they intend to use to make their case. A few sentences into Rothstein's lawyer's opening argument, a senator cuts him off, speaks into the microphone, and says, "Pardon me, counselor. Before you continue, this commission is prepared to act on a motion denying the Rothstein application. Do I hear a motion seconded?" The motion is quickly seconded, of course, three fast "aye" votes are offered by the seven-person panel, and the senator declares, "The 'ayes' have it. This hearing is adjourned."

That's basically what happened last week when the Santa Monica City Council filled the seat left vacant by the passing of Herb Katz by appointment, and not via a special election. It wasn't quite as bad as Rothstein's plight, but it cannot be called "democratic" in any way, shape, or form. Truth be told, it wasn't an appointment as much as it was an anointment — with the role of God being played by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (which held four of the six seats on the council). When it was all over and SMRR filled the seat with one of its own, it became clear that anyone who wishes to serve our fair city on the council has to kiss that organization's proverbial ring. What SMRR probably doesn't realize yet is that it has called much more attention to itself than it wants, has exposed its disproportionate influence in city politics, and played itself in the process.

The irony of this situation is that SMRR was born out of the City Council's inability or unwillingness to respond to the needs of Santa Monica's tenants back in the '70s when real estate was booming, rents were climbing, and people were being forced to move out in order to make room for condo conversions. The legend goes that local neighborhood groups, tenants, and other political organizations got together to form this Voltron-esque (pre-1980 Reagan-esque?) coalition with the mission of passing rent control laws in this town. And they've done well. Eleven of our past 12 mayors and, until recently, every member of the Rent Control Board have come from the ranks of the group. From humble (borderline noble) beginnings 30 years ago, SMRR has morphed into the monster we know today. And now it must be stopped.

As we've seen through the filling of Herb Katz' seat, neither the supposedly open appointment process, the democratic electoral process, or the will of the people of Santa Monica are nearly as important to SMRR as making sure they control as many aspects of city government as possible. It was a move so blatantly ambitious that it would have made Machiavelli proud. But I hope they don't spend too much time patting themselves on the back because once a group gets to be so full of itself that it can't see the forest of its own mission statement for the trees of its conflicts of interest, the only way to change it is from within. That's exactly what I plan to do and what I advise my fellow Santa Monicans (especially the 20-and-30-somethings) to do: join SMRR, get active within the organization, and build a coalition of support for your potential candidacy. Since the road to city government runs through Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, there is literally no other way to effect policy change on a local level.

Nobody votes for a candidate based on his or her support for SMRR's agenda in any local races with the possible exception of Rent Control Board commissioner. And even then, the election of Republican landlord/real estate investor (and good guy) Robert Kronovet could be seen as a direct protest of the group's inexplicable hammer-lock on the levers of power in this town. At least when you vote for someone in the GOP, you know you're getting a person who believes in smaller government, lower taxes, and the power of the individual to solve his or her own problems. With SMRR lately, you don't know what you're getting — and all I've seen is hypocrisy.

For an organization that claims to support "ensuring the continued prosperity of our local economy while protecting the community from excessive development and the traffic it generates," and that's "committed to protecting residential neighborhoods from intensification of nearby commercial development" to not take an official position on Proposition T — or worse, to work to defeat it — is indefensible. And for the organization to claim to be "committed to public participation in all aspects of community life, including its political life" while engaging in the public farce that was the "open" appointment process for Katz' seat is so dishonest that it insults our collective intelligence. You can bet it's an issue I will be bringing up at meetings, if my application for membership is approved.

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The Q Line

Council's new face

The City Council last Tuesday appointed Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights co-chair Gleam Davis to fulfill the remainder of the late Herb Katz' term.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you believe the council made the right choice and why?

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ECONOMY

Obama calls stocks a sound investment

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Trying to pump up the nation's confidence, President Barack Obama said Tuesday that Wall Street has been hammered so hard that "buying stocks is a potentially good deal," and he dispatched top aides to Capitol Hill to defend his plans for pulling the economy out of its deep recession.

The stock market slipped ever lower, and Republicans suggested Obama was "cooking the books" in rosy recovery predictions.

After being accused for weeks of being too negative about the economy, Obama recently has shifted to a more positive tone. He and his aides still say recovery won't come quickly, but they are becoming more aggressive in declaring that the government's efforts will work.

They better work, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said. The country faces "a prolonged episode of economic stagnation" without bold policy moves, he told the Senate Banking Committee.

Separately, the Fed announced a long-awaited program to spur lending for autos, education, credit cards and other consumer loans by providing up to $200 billion in financing to investors to buy up the debt. If the program succeeds, it should help break economy-crippling credit clogs and make it easier for Americans to finance purchases large and small at lower rates, Bernanke said.

"What the economy requires, what the American people demand is that we move as aggressively as we can to get growth back on track," Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner told the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee. "I'm confident this is the right path for the country."

Republicans were not so sure, accusing the new administration of raising taxes during a recession — on many ordinary Americans as well as on the wealthy.

Underscoring the economy's weakness, Detroit's Big Three automakers reported huge U.S. sales declines for February from a year earlier — 53 percent for General Motors Corp., 48 percent for Ford Motor Co. and 44 percent for Chrysler LLC.

On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials lost 37 points, but stocks have been falling so fast — 300 points on Monday alone — that the new decline seemed quite modest.

Obama's plan envisions a deficit of $1.7 trillion this year followed by several more years of trillion-dollar shortfalls.

"The new administration has inherited an economic crisis unlike any we have seen in our lifetimes," White House Budget Director Peter Orszag told the House Budget Committee.

The administration acknowledges that its energy proposal would increase costs for consumers but argues that the vast majority of people will get tax breaks elsewhere in Obama's budget package.

"Now, if people don't change how they use energy, then they will face higher costs for energy," Geithner acknowledged.

Obama, meanwhile, was asked about the stock market's swoon in recent days to levels not seen since 1997.

"What I'm looking for is not the day-to-day gyrations of the stock market, but the long-term ability for the United States and the entire world economy to regain its footing," Obama said after meeting in the Oval Office with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

"You know, it bobs up and down," he said, comparing stock market movements to daily tracking polls during political campaigns. "The banking system has been dealt a heavy blow," he added. "There are a lot of losses that are working their way through the system. And it's not surprising that the market is hurting as a consequence."

Sounding ever more like an analyst, he said that "profit and earning ratios are starting to get to the point where buying stocks is a potentially good deal if you've got a long-term perspective on it."

The president predicted a recovery "but it's not going to happen overnight."

He got a boost from Bernanke, who was appointed to the top Fed job in 2006 by President George W. Bush. Bernanke said Obama's recently enacted $787 billion stimulus package of increased federal spending and tax cuts should help revive consumer spending, boost factory production and "mitigate the overall loss of employment and income that would otherwise occur."

Bernanke testified that an economic recovery depends on the government's ability to stabilize weak financial markets.

Geithner and Orszag were grilled by Republicans on the tax portion of the budget.

In particular, GOP lawmakers complained about a section that would require polluters to purchase permits from the government for their greenhouse gas emissions, suggesting it would essentially impose huge new energy costs on all consumers and businesses. They also criticized a section limiting the charitable deductions that households earning over $250,000 a year can claim, saying it would burden charities.

"The president's budget increases taxes on every American, and does so during a recession," Rep. Dave Camp, R-Mich., told Geithner.

Geithner said the budget reflects what Obama views as "a deep moral imperative to make our society more just. But it's very good economic policy, too. It will mean there is again a fairer, more equitably shared tax burden on the vast majority of Americans."

Higher taxes for affluent Americans would not come until 2011 once "we are safely into recovery," Geithner said.

But some lawmakers challenged the administration's predictions for such a speedy recovery.

The budget forecasts that the economy, as measured by the gross domestic product, would shrink by just 1.2 percent this year and then snap back and grow by a solid 3.2 percent in 2010, followed by several years over 4 percent.

That's more optimistic than most private forecasts, and comes despite a new government report showing the economy contracted by 6.2 percent in late 2008, far more than the 3.2 percent drop first reported.

"It looks like somebody's cooking the books," Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, told Geithner.

The Obama plan "does predict a somewhat more rapid recovery" than other forecasts, Geithner acknowledged. But, he added, "I believe this is a realistic forecast."



Real Estate 101

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Buying in bulk saves cash

I LOVE WALKING AROUND COSTCO TO see how much of a specific product a company can package and sell. Why get a pack of four paper towels when you can get a 12 pack? The list goes on and on, but the one commonality throughout the store is simple — buying in bulk saves you money. The idea of buying in bulk is not lost on real estate either, specifically condominium conversion projects.

I had a potential client come into my office two weeks ago. The gentleman wanted to purchase a condominium project — the entire building — and run it as an apartment. He said he was getting a great deal, able to purchase the units for $350,000 each. The total purchase price for the 10 units was $3,500,000. He actually brought up the fact that he was getting a discount on the price because he was buying all the units from the developer at once.

The potential client was bewildered when I told him it appeared he would only be able to attain a 20 percent loan to value, approximately $700,000. Anger was the next emotion before the individual asked "why?" I explained in detail how commercial financing works and how condominium projects are valued differently than apartment buildings. After our cordial conversation, the man realized he was not getting a deal, but rather inheriting someone else's problem. He laughed and realized that buying the project for the asking price was a losing venture. Obviously he decided to pass on the deal.

At the turn of the 21st century, what are known as condominium conversions became popular. The idea was to go through all of the city and county regulations and transform an apartment building into a condominium project. Broken up and sold per unit, condominiums of that day and era were extremely profitable.

Of course, condominium conversions became popular and sellers quickly began charging ludicrous amounts of money for apartment buildings. Apartment buildings were sold 20 percent to 50 percent above market value simply to be converted to condominiums. Even at a 50 percent increase in price, many condo conversion projects had enough profit to make it worthwhile for a developer.

The problem with a condo conversion is the market itself. A developer who pays a premium for an apartment just to do a conversion is gambling that the real estate market will increase or at the very least stabilize, and definitely not decrease.

Without getting into the specifics, many developers had to sell their projects at a loss or conversion projects went back to the lender. Now some lenders find themselves in the precarious position of having to deal with partially built, empty buildings.

For an investor who can complete a condo conversion and operate it as an apartment, this can be a very good thing. Some investors are moving full steam ahead and purchasing condominium projects for cents on the dollar. Mathematically some of these projects make sense. The beauty with buying a condominium project at a discount is that if an investor is able to run it as an apartment building until the real estate market turns around, then they can sell the units off one by one.

The irony is that by taking apartments offline to convert into condos, apartments in some areas became scarce, placing upward pressure on the existing units, which led to an increase in rents. The downside is those market rents have now plummeted due to multiple condo conversions being placed on the rent market at the same time.

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One of the major differences between valuing an apartment and a condominium project is the method that is used. An apartment's value is dictated primarily from its income. Variables such as capitalization rates, gross rent multipliers and price per square foot all factor into an apartment building valuation. A condominium project's value is primarily determined by the price of the unit on a per square foot basis, based off of recent comparable sales. Income does not play a part in valuing a condominium project since the units are sold off individually. The difference between the two valuations can be significant.

For example, two identical side-by-side eight unit buildings are placed on the market for sale. The first property is an apartment building with an annual income of $115,200.

The other property is converted to condominiums. Each condo is placed on the market for $350,000 making the effective price of the condo project $2,800,000. This example is to show the difference in value between the two types of properties that are essentially the same minus some improvements.

Now developers and lenders are feeling the pain of aggressive lending, while some investors are getting fire sale prices on great properties. However, as with any important investment decision, understanding what you are buying and for how much are fundamentals that must not be forgotten. It may not be Costco, but buying in bulk can still save you money if you are an investor looking to buy a condominium conversion.

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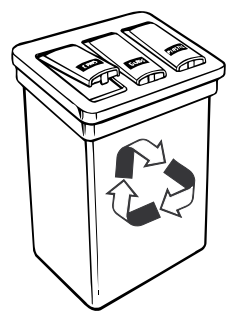
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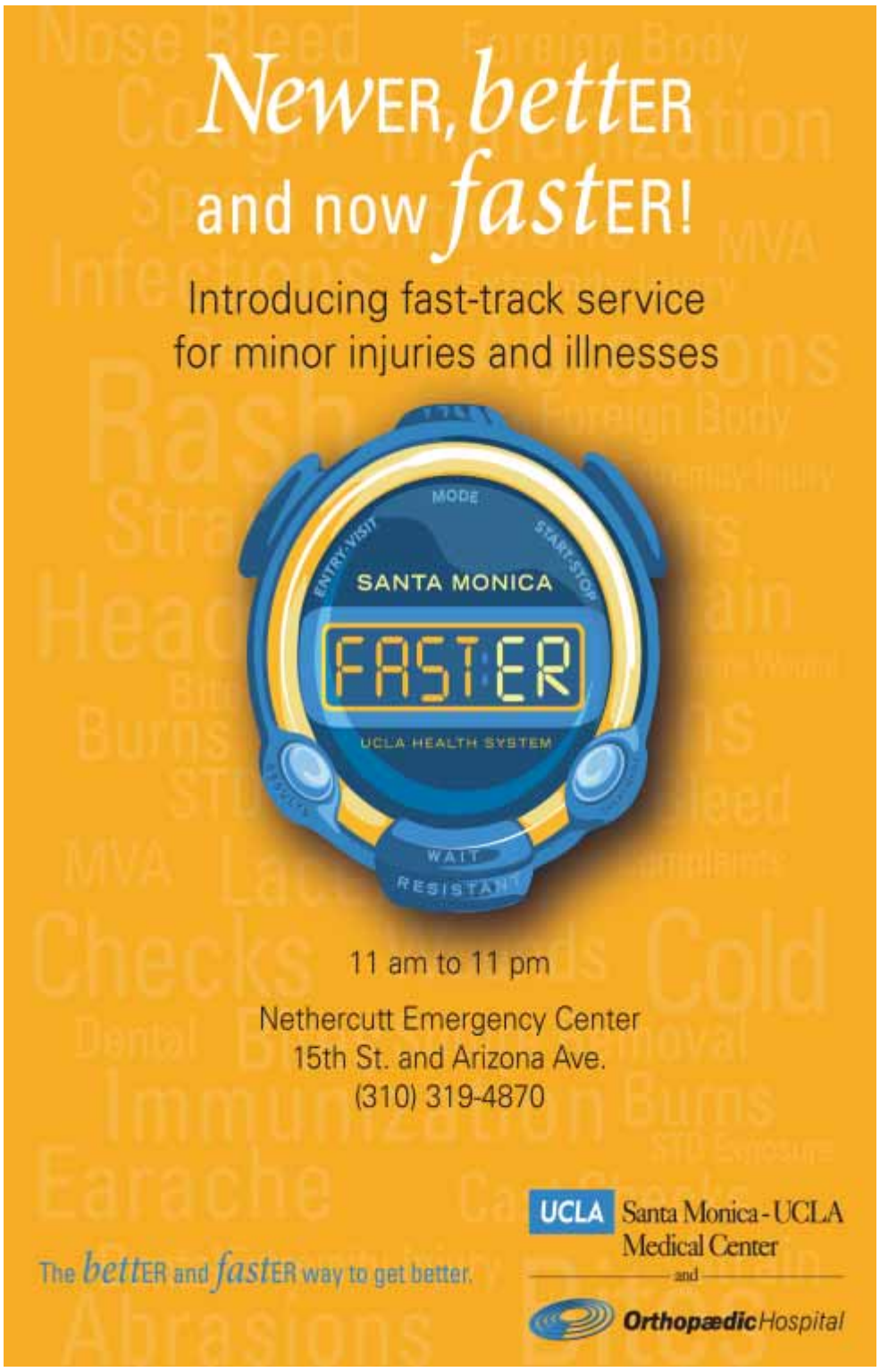
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FOR LEASE: **A cyclist rides by a vacant store on 14th Street and Montana Avenue on Tuesday afternoon. The past 22 months have been difficult for businesses in the upscale shopping district.**

Businesses on Main Street share the pain

FROM **MONTANA** PAGE 1

"It's really going to be survival of the fittest and if you're winging it, you're not going to survive it," she said. "If you don't have a marketing plan, if you don't have great customer service and if you don't have business skills — and that means not just retail skills — then you're not going to make it."

Chuck Dembo, a partner with real estate firm Dembo & Associates, said that demand for commercial spaces on Montana Avenue is currently down and that landlords are reducing the price per square footage to $5-$6 in order to stimulate leasing.

Rent on Montana historically went for $7 to $8 a square foot, he said.

"It's to facilitate the lending because let's face it, people don't want to pay out when they're not anticipating something coming in," Dembo, who represents about five properties on Montana, said.

The Montana Avenue Merchants Association is currently working with business owners and landlords to see if it can negotiate a lower rent for the tenants on the street. It has reported success with several landlords.

The organization is also facilitating partnerships between member merchants in which they will refer customers to one another's business.

"It is independent merchants working collectively to benefit the street," Dan Fagan, a resident board member, said.

The businesses on Montana Avenue are not unique in their experience, pointing out that other districts in the area, including Main Street, have also been hit by the recession.

Gary Gordon, the executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association, estimates that approximately 28 businesses have left the shopping district over the past 22 months.

"When I talk to retailers, everything is extremely soft," Gordon said. "Some people are talking about trying to hang on for the rest of the month."

But unlike Montana where there are approximately 30 vacancies, there are only about four or five on Main Street.

The level of business that merchants on Montana experience are sporadic, experiencing days when stores record several thousands of dollars in sales, but bringing in close to nothing on other days.

"People who never had zero days before have zero days now," said Jane Walker, a manager at Three Bags Full. "That's nationwide."

The setting can be discouraging for shoppers.

Jessica Gunderson, a Santa Monica resident, said that the empty storefronts make her think that she should not be shopping at all.

"It's depressing and awful," Gunderson said on Tuesday as she exited Starbucks. "All the stores are leaving because the rents are too high.

"And the other things it's all chain stores now — all the little boutiques are getting run out."

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New coach to focus on fundamentals

FROM MUNO PAGE 1

for coaches, teaching how to run an enriching and positive program.

Muno, who is also a firefighter for the Vernon Fire Department, was singled out as a strong candidate for the head coaching position because of his approach to the game, going beyond the goal of winning to ensuring his players understand the fundamentals of football, said Principal Thom Gasper.

"Larry strikes me as someone who can break down the game to the players," Gasper said.

A former assistant football coach at Loyola High School and assistant coach for the "Trojans in Training" camp at USC, Gascou will serve as the defensive coordinator and run the strength and conditioning program.

He played at both Loyola High School and Boston College and practices law at Gascou Hopkins LLP.

Gasper said the strength and conditioning program will run year round whereas it was previously a focus during the summer and fall.

"They will do more lifting and conditioning and more work as a team throughout the year so the student athletes are better prepared when they hit the field in August," he said.

Just several weeks into the job, Muno has already begun recruiting players into the program, holding tryouts and practices every weekday morning. About a dozen players on the team next year will be new to the game.

While Muno can't predict the numbers in the win-loss column next year, he promises that the team will bring it, playing with lots of passion.

"We're going to compete in every game and reach our potential and if we do those things and take it one game at a time, we'll be successful," he said.

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Teen was to sit at train's controls

FROM TRAIN PAGE 3

tire and running errands, Sanchez made time to encourage the teen to pursue a career in train engineering, the text messages show.

Sanchez also opened up to him about the downsides of his profession. The engineer worked a 10Ω-hour split shift requiring him to start at 6 a.m., take a 4Ω-hour break in the middle of the day, and end the work day at 9 p.m.

One text indicated he was having trouble sleeping.

"i had the worst night of sleep since the fatality. tossed & turned all night," Sanchez told the boy.

Sanchez's family told investigators the engineer had been upset because someone committed suicide by jumping in front of his train.

His brother John Sanchez declined to comment Tuesday on the latest revelations.

The text messages also indicate the teenager was trying to protect Sanchez.

When he was interviewed two months after the crash, he told investigators he was not aware of anything that may have distracted the engineer. He told them they exchanged a "few" text messages the day of the collision "because that was a very busy shift for him."

He acknowledged to investigators that he was in the locomotive cab within a week before the collision but said the train was out of service and Sanchez did not allow him to approach the controls.

The text messages, however, indicate the teen did touch the controls.

"Touching the controls ... i was frothing at the mouth," he wrote in one text message.

Sanchez initially appeared concerned about allowing the teen and his friend into the cab, explaining that it was against company policy. But he relented as the boy expressed increasing enthusiasm.

Yet, In the hours before the crash, the boy appeared to get nervous about operating the locomotive that night.

"Im starting to get butterflies just a little bit," his message said.

The engineer replied: "u have 2 pay attention in class ... no day dreaming allowed!"





Rocket failure hampers global warming watch

BY SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON A new satellite to track the chief culprit in global warming crashed into the ocean near Antarctica after launch Tuesday, dealing a major setback to NASA's already weak network for monitoring Earth and its environment from above.

The $280 million mission was designed to answer one of the biggest question marks of global warming: What happens to the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide spewed by the burning of coal, oil and natural gas? How much of it is sucked up and stored by plants, soil and oceans and how much is left to trap heat on Earth, worsening global warming?

"It's definitely a setback. We were already well behind," said Neal Lane, science adviser during former President Bill Clinton's administration. "The program was weak and now it's really weak."

For about a decade, scientists have complained of a decline in the study of Earth from space. NASA spent more money looking at other planets than it did at Earth in 2007. That same year, the National Academy of Sciences warned that NASA's study of Earth "is at great risk" with fewer missions than before and aging satellites.

"We have a very weakened Earth observing system just at a time where we need every bit of data that we could possibly get," said Elisabeth Holland, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo.

She said NASA has fallen behind Europe in environmental satellites. Japan successfully launched a carbon dioxide tracking satellite just last month.

The NASA satellite — called the Orbiting Carbon Observatory — was going to explain Earth's capture of carbon dioxide, which now appears to be slowing and could accelerate global warming, said Holland, who helped write the 2007 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report.

Minutes after launch Tuesday in California, the satellite fell back to Earth near Antarctica not far from where environment ministers and scientists met Monday to talk about climate change. NASA officials said a protective cover on the satellite didn't release and fall away, and the extra weight meant the satellite couldn't reach orbit.

"This was going to be one of the few bright spots in the Earth observing system for the last five years," Holland said.

The future was starting to look better for the scientists who had felt ignored. Last year, NASA talked about being "greener" and gave initial approval to six new Earth observing missions. This month, the Obama administration put $400 million in the stimulus program for NASA science, and NASA's science chief Ed Weiler said "it was all going to Earth sciences."

"It's very unfortunate that it happened just at this time when we trying to get Earth observations back on track," said Ruth DeFries, a Columbia University professor who was part of the National Academy study team.

Until Japan's launch, scientists have depended on land-based stations to monitor carbon dioxide at low altitudes. The Japanese probe uses a different technique to measure carbon dioxide and does so from a different orbit compared to NASA's satellite.

Tuesday's failure put on hold the launch of another NASA satellite, Glory, which will look at solar radiation and airborne particles that reflect and trap sunlight. That satellite will launch on the same kind of rocket, the Taurus XL.

New EPA boss Lisa Jackson assesses global warming risks

BY DINA CAPPIELLO
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON For Lisa Jackson, the new EP A administrator, the next step for the agency when it comes to climate change will be decided by a single question: Do heat-trapping gases pose a risk?

In an interview Tuesday with The Associated Press, Jackson said she was closer to having an answer.

She said the Environmental Protection Agency will soon decide whether greenhouse gases are a danger to human health and welfare, the legal trigger for regulation under federal law.

"We are going to be making a fairly significant finding about what these gases mean for public health and the welfare of our country," Jackson said.

Jackson said the American people deserve an opinion, after years of the Bush administration not taking a position on the matter — a track record that she referred to as a deafening silence.

"If EPA is going to talk and speak in this game, the first thing it should speak about is whether carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases endanger human health and welfare," she said. "It is a very fundamental question."

Recent EPA decisions have hinted that the agency was leaning toward using the Clean Air Act to regulate the gases, a step the Bush administration refused to take despite prodding from the Supreme Court.

In his first week in office, President Barack Obama directed the agency to review a decision by the Bush administration denying California and other states the right to control greenhouse gases from automobiles.

On Tuesday, the EPA announced it was reviewing a Bush policy that prohibits using the federal permit process to require new coal-fired power plants to install equipment to reduce carbon dioxide, the most prevalent greenhouse gas.

Jackson said Tuesday that the agency was now turning its attention to the broader question of regulation under the Clean Air Act as part of a series of steps it was taking to move toward what she called a carbon-constrained future. The federal law has been used since 1970 to curb emissions that cause acid rain, smog and soot.

In 2007, the Supreme Court ruled that it could be used to curb carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases, but the Bush administration refused to use the law, saying it was the wrong tool.

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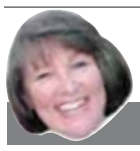

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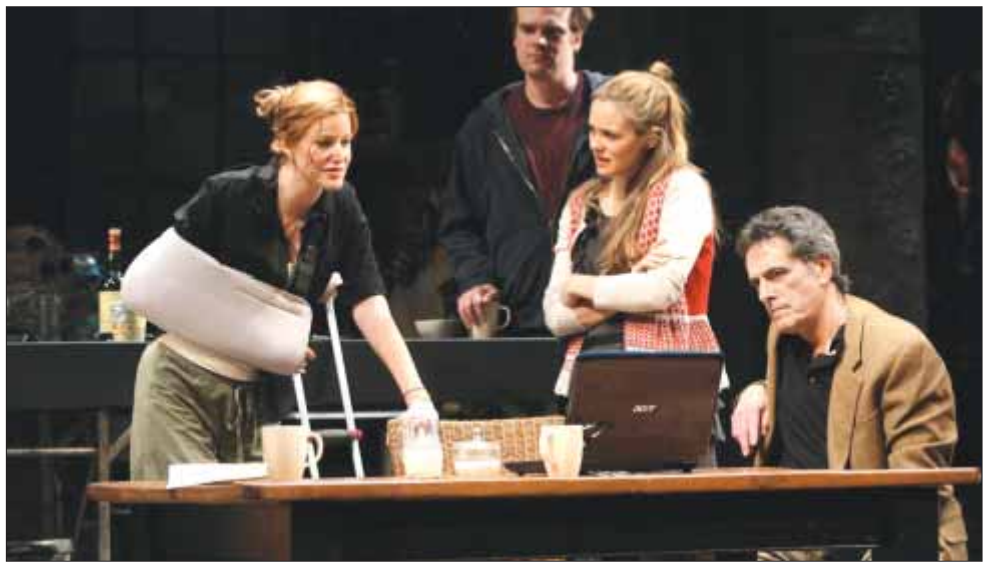


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STRONG CAST: **Anna Gunn, David Harbour, Alicia Silverstone, and Robin Thomas in a scene from 'Time Stands Still.' The play runs through March 15 at the Geffen Playhouse.**

Experiencing war in words and pictures

DONALD MARGULIES IS ONE OF MY favorite living playwrights. He creates characters that are real, plots that are provocative, and dialogue that is lucid and often hilarious. His latest play, "Time Stands Still," which was commissioned by the Geffen Playhouse and premiered there on Feb. 11, is a commendable addition to his body of work.

The play deals with a celebrated photojournalist who has been chasing wars around the world until it has become her obsession. Sarah, as depicted by the luminous Anna Gunn, is first seen returning home to her apartment in Brooklyn from a battleground where she was nearly killed. With her is her lover, James (David Harbour), a journalist who often accompanies her on these treacherous assignments. At this point, they are both broken: she in body and he in spirit.

As they reflect on the hopelessness and futility of their profession — they do nothing to help, they merely record — they reprise a theme that British playwright Chris Thorpe introduced a few years back in his play "Safety." In that play a combat photographer, filled with despair and disquietude, ruminates on how he lost his humanity in his quest for the perfect depiction of the horrors of war.

Sarah's quest is more of an addiction. She is revitalized by the adrenaline rush of being in the thick of things, dodging bullets and tempting death. James, however, is ready to pack it in. They have been together for eight years and he feels that it's time to marry and settle down to what he considers a "normal" life.

Their intense, ongoing discussion is interrupted, and enlivened, by Richard (Robin Thomas), the photo editor for the magazine that Sarah works for, and his bubbleheaded new girlfriend Mandy (played deliciously by Alicia Silverstone). Mandy is very young, naïve, and intellectually innocent, much to Sarah's annoyance. Richard, however, is obviously smitten with her, in spite of his recognition that his friends are astonished that he has chosen such a seemingly vacuous playmate.

Sarah becomes even more annoyed when Mandy questions her (Sarah's) non-participatory role in the devastation that she records. "How can you stand there shooting pictures and not help when someone is dying right in front of you?" she asks. To which Sarah indignantly responds that it is not her job to help, but to document. She relishes the thought that she makes "time stand still" when she captures and freezes the moment.

Tony Award winner Daniel Sullivan, who has worked with Margulies on four productions, directs this play with a deft touch, moving it along briskly and keeping it from becoming too heavy. And, of course, Margulies' unique perspective and wit invest the proceedings with laugh-out-loud humor. But as in his Pulitzer Prize-winning play of 2000, "Dinner with Friends," Margulies opens another can of worms as the play comes to an ambiguous end.

"I just ask the questions," Margulies has said. "I don't supply the answers."

Providing the ambience of Sarah and James' small loft apartment is scenic designer John Lee Beatty. The appropriate nondescript costumes for the three "grownups" and a series of frivolous outfits for the cutesy Mandy were designed by Rita Ryack.

"Time Stands Still" was the recipient of a New American Play Award in 2007 from the Edgerton Foundation. As Dr. Brad Edgerton noted at that time, when the play was still a work in progress:

"We have great expectations that the play will be emotionally moving and teach us more about the human condition — and that is the ultimate purpose of great drama." Happily, Donald Margulies has met those expectations.

"Time Stands Still" will continue at the Geffen Playhouse, 10886 LeConte Ave., in Westwood Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 4 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 7 through March 15. Call (310) 208-5454 for tickets.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 57°

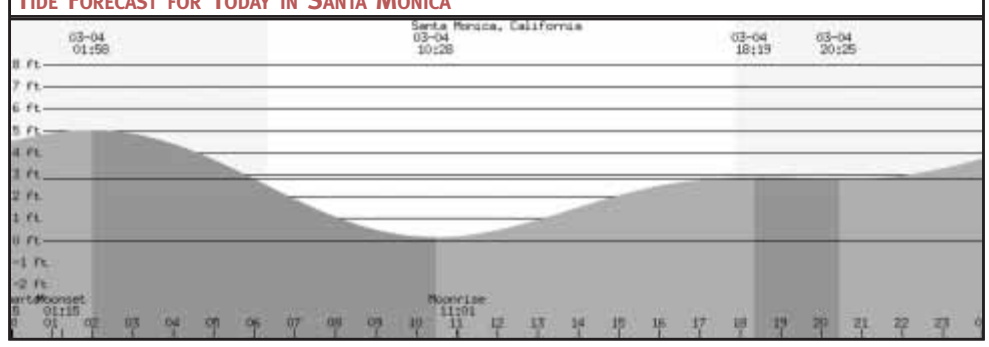
Swell Forecast (1-1 FT)

Wednesday the 4th is when the peak of the NW swell is expected. Most of this would come in from about 300 degrees, making it tough for many breaks to pull in.

Long Range Synopsis

Thursday the 5th should still some waves out of this, but with size more in the chest to head zone for most all west facing breaks, and chest high max around south facing spots.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 18
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 40 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 7 / 36

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

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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1328 Montana Ave.
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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-1506

Echelon Conspiracy (R) 1hr 46min
1:40, 4:25, 7:15, 9:55

Fuel (NR) 1hr 55min
1:45, 4:30, 7:20, 10:00

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:05

Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (PG-13) 1hr 36min
2:00, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min
1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55

Fired Up (PG-13) 1hr 30min
2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30

Coraline 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
1:45, 4:25, 7:00, 9:25

Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50

Push (PG-13) 1hr 51min
5:00, 10:00

Friday the 13th (2009) (R) 1hr 35min
2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:05

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) 1hr 32min
2:00, 7:40

Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience (G) 1hr 16min
12:45, 3:00, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:50, 7:20

Waltz With Bashir (R) 1hr 30min
4:30, 9:50

Slumdog Millionaire (R) 2hr 1min
1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:00

The Wrestler (R) 1hr 45min
1:30, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Class (Entre les murs), The (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

The International (R) 1hr 58min
1:10, 4:20, 7:10, 10:20

Gran Torino (R)
11:50am, 2:30, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:10, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:40am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:50

He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
12:50, 4:05, 7:00, 10:10

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:00, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40

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Dinner for two, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Optimism and high energy will prevail over obstacles, allowing you to become more of a doer than a follower. A sudden insight launches your mind. Pick yourself up and keep on going. Tonight: A discussion is inevitable.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive. You might want to rethink a personal matter, but the timing is off for decision-making. You could be overwhelmed by everything that goes down, and feeling as if you have no control. Evaluate a change involving a friend. Tonight: In the thick of things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You will move through a problem with clarity and direction. Choose to do nothing halfway. Your personality moves a problematic situation. Listen to others if you're unsure about which way to go. Tonight: Only as you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might want to do something very different, but the door to the path might not be open just yet. You'll gain more and more insight the more you mull over different ideas. You could be withdrawn because you are tired. Tonight: Just for you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Meetings prove to be more important than in the past. You could be delighted by what comes up if you relax and lose certain expectations. Investigate new possibilities with an unforeseen openness. You could be stunned by the net results. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Defer to others, making sure you are on the same page. A boss might be demanding, pushing you into a corner or an uncomfortable position. Others seem downright unpredictable. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Reach beyond the obvious. What you observe could stun you, but also allows you to grasp a situation more completely than in the past. Think positively, and you could be delighted. Learn to reframe more often. Let your mind wander. Tonight: Express your dynamic ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Work with others, and finally you'll get dynamic and different results. Realize what is no longer possible. Investigate a new potential business deal. You could be surprised by what evolves once you let go of having to have things a certain way. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Defer to others with a smile and happiness. Not everything is as you see it. If you are on top of your game, you'll come out flying. Communication flourishes, as everyone now appears more open than in the past. Tonight: Use your sixth sense.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. Your ability to move forward and work hard distinguishes you from others. A shock or nasty comment could force you to rethink. Tonight: Easy does it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your imagination often takes you places where others have difficulty traveling. Your thoughts can be avant-garde and a bit off-the-wall. Investigate an alternative more carefully than in the past. Tonight: Let your creativity speak.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You deliver a harder jolt than you realize. What seems natural to you seems impossible or difficult to others. A partner or key person in your life might be unusually touchy. You cannot change this person. Tonight: Mosey on home.

Happy birthday

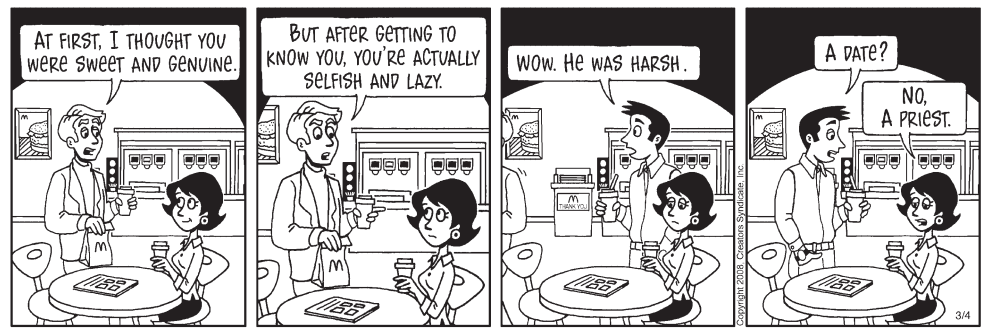
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★ Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

You will experience a lot of pressure on the home front this year. Emphasis will be on family, real estate and long-term security. You could be wondering why you keep pushing others so much and/or shocking them. Open up to new possibilities. A gentle approach might take you much further. If you are single, you could meet a very special person through family or a close friend. Take your time. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy being home together. Quite possibly you could remodel your home, or buy a second home. A move is not impossible either. GEMINI can hold you back.

Girls and Sports
By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



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



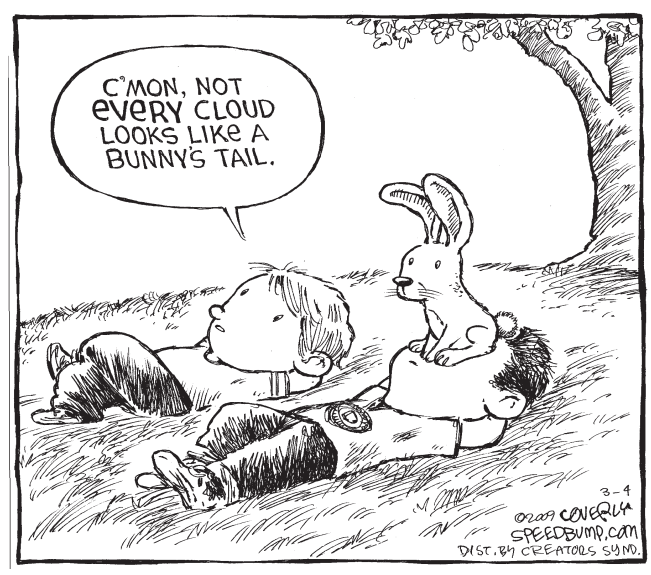
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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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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ACROSS

1 Priests and the like
7 Pharaoh symbols
11 Punishing
12 Pump or clog
13 Torino's nation
14 Loathe
15 Owing
17 Software holder
20 Baseball's Satchel
23 Dos preceder
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26 Farrow of film
27 "2001" computer
28 Mercury or Mars
29 Short socks
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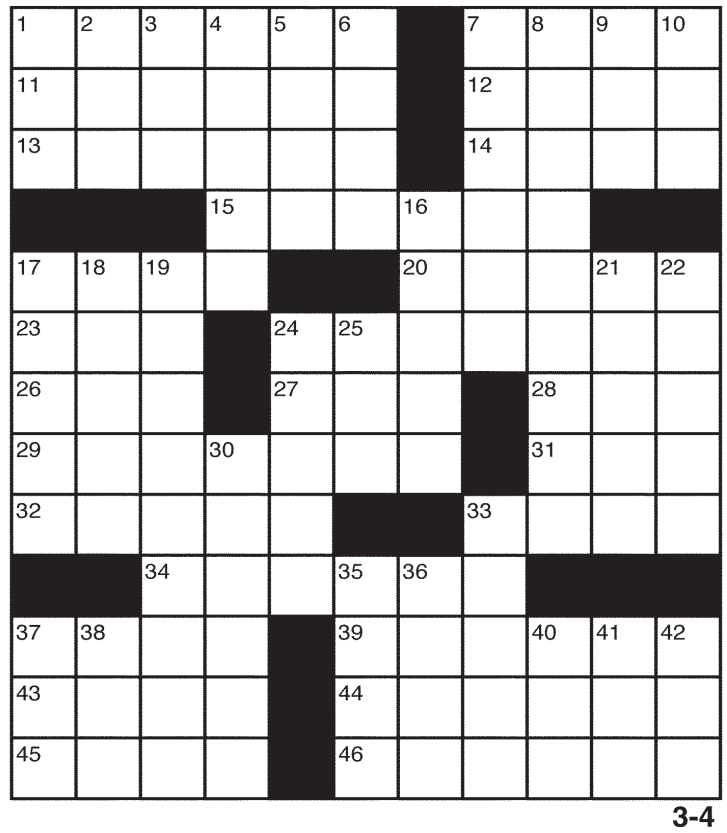
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3 Mendes of movies
4 Keepsake
5 Pleased look
6 Casual assent
7 School of art
8 Reforming
9 Poker prize
10 Behold
16 Milky stones
17 Aramis' creator
18 Bold way to solve cross-words
19 Absorbing
21 Silly one
22 Closed
24 Storage sites
25 Bowler, for one
30 Rent agree-ments
33 Hotel offering
35 Lushes
36 Scads
37 Depot: Abbr.
38 Sleeve filler
40 Kilmer of "The Doors"
41 Suffering
42 Simile center

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EVENING: 2 6 6

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Not Ready for Prime Time: (1) John West, 20, and Ashley Sorensen, 20, were arrested in Auburn, Calif., in January after allegedly stealing the tires and rims off a car. The pair had put the tires on their own car and then violated a cardinal rule by returning to the crime scene, to see if the owner had called the police. (She had, and she pointed out the pair's car to officers.) (2) A man who demanded the bank's money in Nicholasville, Ky., in January left empty-handed after an employee at the counter informed him that the building is now a regional water-district office and not the bank that used to be there.

■ (a) On the Open Road: A 70-lb. pit bull jumped on a car's gearshift at a carwash in Pryor, Okla., in November, sending the car out of the bay, to circle the lot briefly. And a boxer-shar-pei mix similarly jostled the gearshift of a van in Port Jefferson, N.Y., in November, sending it through the front window of the Cool Beanz coffee shop. (b) On the Firing Line: Oregon State Police said a gunshot into a boat on Tillamook Bay in November was probably caused by a Labrador's jumping on a 12-gauge shotgun while the boat was unattended. And a 19-year-old man had several toes shot off on a hunting trip in January in Forrest City, Ark., when his dog jumped onto a shotgun in the front seat of his truck.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1929 Herbert Hoover was inaugurated as the 31st president of the United States.

1933 Franklin D. Roosevelt took office as America's 32nd president.

1977 some 1,500 people were killed in an earthquake that shook southern and eastern Europe.

1989 Time Inc. and Warner Communications Inc. announced plans for a huge media merger.

WORD UP!

acute \uh-KYOOT\, *adjective*:
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2. quick in discernment; drawing fine distinctions
3. of an angle, less than 90 degrees
4. happening quickly, briefly, and severely

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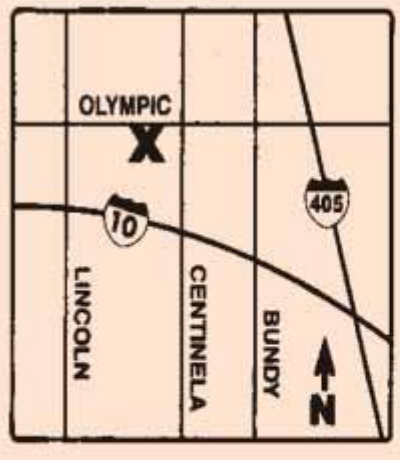
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