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MEN AT WORK

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A team with West Coast Arborists cleans up Palisades Park on Thursday by removing dead palm tree branches and other debris strewn about by heavy winds.

Fundraising starts early for some SM pols

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The November election is still eight months away, but some Santa Monica politicians and residents are already gearing up for a fight.

Ted Winterer, who in February was nominated to fill a vacancy on the City Council for the second straight year but failed to win the appointment, is starting to raise money for his council campaign early, holding a "meet and greet" event on Wednesday and scheduling another for tomorrow afternoon.

He said he wanted to capitalize on the momentum he was feeling from his supporters following his failed bid to fill the council seat vacated by Mayor Ken Genser's death in January. The council instead voted to appoint Terry O'Day at its Feb. 23 meeting.

"The people who are hosting [the fundraising events] were upset that I didn't get appointed to the vacancy last week so they decided the best outlet for their frustration was to help me kick off my campaign," Winterer said.

The other reason for the early start, Winterer said, is that "it's incredibly challenging to be mounting a campaign and trying to connect with the voters at the same time you're trying to fundraise."

Getting some money in the bank early, he said, means there will be more time to knock on doors and meet voters later on.

Both events were put together by Meyera Robbins and her husband Jay Gordon at their home. The couple hadn't previously been active Winterer supporters, but Robbins said she has organized fundraisers in the past for Councilman Bobby Shriver.

In past political cycles fundraisers in March would seem early. But in fact Winterer isn't the first candidate campaigning for election in November to invite political donations.

Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor held a fundraising event geared toward the business community in September, raising about $5,000 at a breakfast meeting where

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Poor seniors have place to call home

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

BROADWAY City Hall dedicated a new affordable housing complex here last week, adding 20 units for low income senior citizens to Santa Monica's housing stock.

The project, located at 1458 14th St. and completed in December, is the first affordable housing complex to open in the city in about a year, said Jim Kemper, City Hall's housing administrator.

The project is aimed at seniors who earn 60 percent of the median income, which amounts to about $38,000 for a couple and $33,300 for an individual.

City Hall invested nearly $5.8 million in the $11.4 million project. About $3.4 million came form the federal stimulus bill and the rest came from a nearly $1 million bank loan and federal and state housing programs.

"The city is what makes projects like this

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Rowdy protesters target funding cuts to higher education

TERENCE CHEA
Associated Press Writer

BERKELEY, Calif. Students staged raucous rallies on nationwide college campuses Thursday in protests against deep education cuts that turned violent as demonstrators threw punches and ice chunks in Wisconsin and blocked university gates and smashed car windows in California.

At least 15 protesters were arrested by University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee police after as many as 150 students gathered at the student union then moved to an administrative building to deliver petitions to the school chancellor.

A woman who was allowed to go inside encouraged protesters to rush the building after she emerged, university spokesman Tom Luljak said.

No serious injuries were reported in the

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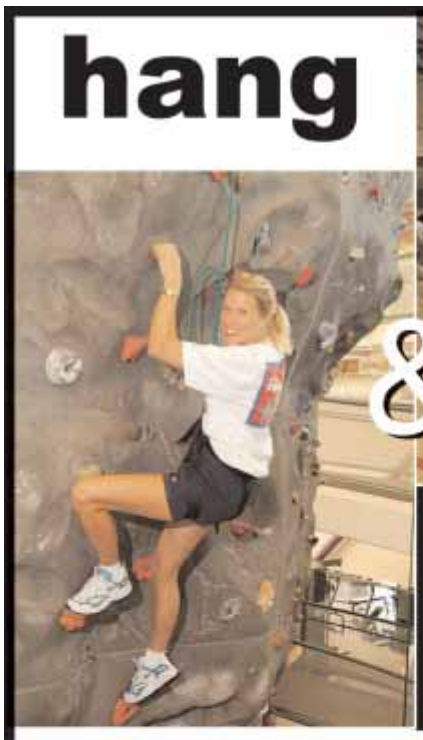
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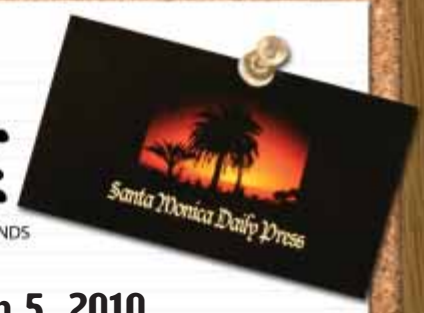
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Friday, March 5, 2010

Lunch with the Rotary
Riviera Country Club
1250 Capri Dr., Pacific Palisades, Noon
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. It is a melting pot for cultural ideas from the diverse ethnic makeup of members. Those interested in attending their regular lunch should contact June M. Doy at (310) 917-3313.

Mariachi music
El Texate Restaurant
316 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Feeling a little stressed after a long week at work? Come party with Mariachi Alta California. Eat, drink and be merry. Show times are at 6 p.m., 8 p.m., and 10 p.m. For more information call (310) 399-1115.

Finding love
18th Street Arts Center
1639 18th St.
18th Street Arts Center kicks-off its 2010 season with "Love in a Cemetery." Robert Sain, LACMA lab founding director, and L.A.-based visual artist Andrea Bowers collaborate with the students of Otis MFA Public Practice and guest artist Olga Koumoundouros to transform 18th Street's gallery into a unique visual arts laboratory. This expansive collaboration between artist, curator, graduate students, and community organizations will consist of a participatory laboratory that sponsors community dialogues, public presentations and interventions, exhibits of artwork and project data to explore the social and political dimension of art organizations. For more information call (310) 453--3711. Admission is free.

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Taxes done for free
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 10 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.
The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program is offering free income tax preparation to low income adults. Bring your Social Security card, last year's return, photo ID and any 1099-MISC, W-2, 1098-T, or 1099 INT. This is intended for people with an income which is $49,000 and below.

Jump down the rabbit hole
Santa Monica Playhouse Main Stage
1211 Fourth St., 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m.
As the classic story of "Alice in Wonderland" is regaining popularity through the movie which starts playing in theaters this weekend, the Santa Monica Playhouse hosts its own rendition, which they boast is highly recommended. They invite you to join Alice as she accepts a party invitation to return to the wonderland of her youth. Audience participation helps Alice set things aright in this zany musical comedy for kids ages 2 to 102. Come in costume and receive a two-for-one coupon for any future family theater performance throughout the Santa Monica Playhouse's two-year 50th anniversary celebration. The cost is $10.50 for kids ages 12 and under, and $12.50 for adults. Call (310) 394-9779 ext. 2 for more information. The play is an hour long and will also be playing on Sunday.

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.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

VIRGINIA AVENUE PARK

Accessing resources

Santa Monica's fourth annual Unity Festival will be held this Sunday, March 7, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Virginia Avenue Park, providing residents with information on services offered by local businesses and nonprofit agencies that strengthen the community. There will also be family-friendly entertainment. The festival's theme this year is "Community Counts" and will highlight resources that strengthen family support networks including employment, counseling, health services, after-school activities, art, food banks and more.

In addition, live entertainment will be featured throughout the event with such notable groups as the Westside Crew, a 10-piece live dance band; DJ Peyote Cody and Back of the Hand Allstars, an ensemble of studio jazz musicians; local dance band, S.O.G. Crew, which is rock/Latin/gospel music; Chico and the Music Center Youth Band Golden Monkeys; P.Y.F.C. hip-hop music and more. There will also be art, games, a rock-climbing wall, and Silly Sally Balloons, as well as activities and workshops offered by members of the Youth Collaborative.

Rob Johnson will also be speaking this year on individual and community strength and the importance of civic involvement promoting the idea that together, we can all make a positive difference in our communities. Johnson has a career spanning 18 years in the film, television, and music industries, and is currently producing Queen Latifah's "The Cookout 2." He has recently produced the independent drama "The Obama Effect," starring, written and directed by Charles S. Dutton.

The sponsors for this event include City Hall, Santa Monica College, Time-Warner Cable, Santa Monica-Bay Area Human Relations Council, Your Private Chef, and Trader Joe's.

Food will be provided by the Barbie's Q, India Jones Chow Truck and the Gourmet Quickie. Residents are asked to bring canned or packaged food for the Westside Food Bank. Parking at the park is limited so walk, bike or take the Big Blue Bus shuttle from Santa Monica College just blocks away. Virginia Avenue Park is wheelchair accessible and welcomes persons of all abilities.

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Former studio heads sue Activision after firing

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUNSET PARK Two game studio heads fired by Activision this week are suing the video game publisher, saying it let them go to avoid paying hefty royalties from the popular "Call of Duty."

In a lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court on Wednesday, Jason West and Vince Zampella are seeking damages "in excess of $36 million," as well as future royalties.

West and Zampella were top executives at Infinity Ward, the studio behind last fall's immensely lucrative "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" and other games.

In a statement Thursday, Activision Blizzard Inc. called the claims "meritless" and said its decision was justified.



CLOSED FOR BUSINESS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

The Santa Monica Fire Department works to contain a gas leak at a house on Pacific Coast Highway on Thursday afternoon. Fire fighters shut down two southbound lanes of PCH for at least an hour to inspect the leak. No injuries were reported.

Original Dogtown member Biniak dead at 51

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Bob Biniak, a skateboarding innovator and original member of the Dogtown Z-Boys, has died. He was 51.

Biniak died Feb. 25, four days after suffering a heart attack, at Baptist Beaches Medical Center in Jacksonville Beach, Fla., according to his wife Charlene Capitolo-Biniak.

Known as "the Bullet" by fellow skateboarders for his speed, Biniak and the Z-boys pioneered vertical skateboarding by riding in empty swimming pools in the 1970s.

The adventures of the skate crew, who hailed from a seedy beachfront community between Venice and Santa Monica, was memorialized in the 2001 documentary "Dogtown and Z-Boys" and the 2005 film "Lords of Dogtown."

Biniak went on to become a professional golfer, and had worked as a golf equipment salesman since the 1990s.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Join forces to fight development

Editor:

We in the Pico Neighborhood along with the majority of Santa Monica residents welcome the prospect of a light rail connecting our fair city with downtown Los Angeles, but we do not welcome the prospect of a maintenance yard adjacent to an entire block of homes. These apartments are the homes of hard working, tax paying residents and their children. Our City Council seems interested only in the revenue each of these projects would bring to Santa Monica. Concern for environmental justice in the community seems a distant mirage which vanishes once the potential revenue is revealed. As it stands, Kevin McKeown is the only council member who has consistently spoken up on behalf of the Pico Neighborhood and voiced his displeasure with the proposed location of the maintenance yard. Most recently Kevin made a motion for the City Council to oppose the Verizon site in the strongest terms. Kevin suggested the "Home Junction" site bounded by Pico on the north, Sepulveda on the west and Exposition on the south. I visited this site myself and he's right, it appears perfect to me and about the same size as the Verizon site. So why didn't the City Council push harder for this location?

Camouflaging their total lack of concern for the welfare of the Pico Neighborhood, our city leaders use statements like "for the greater good and in the interest of progress" to justify the pillaging of our community. The path of least resistance seems to run right through the Pico Neighborhood. Project after project is allowed to take place in our midst. For that reason all eyes seem to focus here. Can it be that the developers think that we in the Pico Neighborhood lack the support of our City Council as well as the money required to fight a legal battle to get a moratorium against further development in our community?

There are currently nine projects scheduled to be built in or around the Pico Neighborhood. It is obvious to me that we need a construction moratorium for the entire city. At least until the LUCE is approved. We can win this battle if the PNA joins forces with some of the other neighborhood organizations.

If our elected officials will not stand up for us, we need to stand up and take actions which will allow our voices to be heard on a much larger scale. We need to remind all Santa Monica residents that what affects some residents eventually affects all. After construction begins on the light rail line, spill-over traffic will affect all parts of Santa Monica, including north of Montana as drivers try to find a different route than taking Olympic or Pico.

The PNA has however won a major victory this past Tuesday. Our City Council voted to give the Pico Neighborhood the library we've been fighting for. But they propose the placement of the library in an already crowded Virginia Avenue Park instead of in the, "buffer zone," which will be created as part of the Expo maintenance yard. The overwhelming consensus is that Virginia Avenue Park is not an acceptable location for the library! The buffer zone is the ideal location, all things considered!

Alan L. Quinn
Santa Monica





Write Rachel

Rachel Iverson

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Prioritizing personality traits helps one choose a better mate

DEAR RACHEL,

I'm dating several women at once, and each one has traits I enjoy. Ideally, I'd like to find one fantastic woman who provides all the qualities I desire. Here is a list of some of the traits I find attractive: affectionate, intelligent, ambitious, athletic, cultured, loves to camp, has a great body, loves to travel, is a great cook, lives a healthy lifestyle, has perfect teeth and a great sense of humor. How can I find all these qualities rolled into one woman?

Signed, High Standards

DEAR HIGH STANDARDS,

Wow, that's quite a list. There's only one problem with it — it's not prioritized. You don't need a woman who has all the above-mentioned qualities. True satisfaction comes from finding a mate who possesses your priority traits. When you focus on these traits, the rest of the details fall into place.

Many people make a wish list of qualities they'd like in a mate, but few people prioritize that list. For instance, in your list you have "perfect teeth" next to "a great sense of humor." However, a great sense of humor affects the quality of a relationship much more than a superficial quality, such as flawless dental work. It's not that you can't find a woman with both these qualities, but you must satisfy your priority traits first, and then decide if you still care about the details later. If you date a woman who doesn't have a good sense of humor, the most perfect teeth in the world won't be enough to satisfy you.

No one is perfect, so it's up to you to know which qualities are essential to you and which are optional. Sometimes we get distracted from our priorities by flashy, superficial qualities, then wonder why we're not happy. So, if you decide your priority is a mate who's intelligent, loves camping and has a great sense of humor, place those traits at the top of your priority list and don't settle for less. You'll be on your way to finding the smartest, funniest camper you've ever met, and you may be too busy laughing to scrutinize her teeth.

DEAR RACHEL,

The other night after we made love, my boyfriend asked me how many men I've been with. Even though my number is low, I was scared to answer his question. I'm worried he'll judge me. I've heard my boyfriend and his friends making harsh comments about women, calling them whores and sluts. Meanwhile, these guys sleep with anything that breathes. I'm so tired of promiscuous men being labeled studs, while equally promiscuous women are called whores. Should I tell my boyfriend my number or not?

Signed, Scared to be Judged

DEAR SCARED TO BE JUDGED,

I understand your concern about being judged by your boyfriend, especially since you've heard him and his friends make harsh comments about women in the past. Now that he's asking for your "number," you may want to voice your concerns about his insensitive attitude towards women. Your sexual number is certainly no one's business but your own. Who you choose to share that information with is up to you. Can your boyfriend be trusted with your personal information? Have a frank talk with him, and then base your decision on his response. If he shows signs of jealousy or tries to pressure you or degrade you into revealing your number, he's not worthy of that information or your time.

The sooner you identify and address unhealthy behavior in a mate, the less time you'll waste with an incompatible partner. If you refuse to settle for disrespectful behavior, your boyfriend has the choice to rise to your standards, or move along. Either way, you'll be one step closer to a relationship with a partner who shares your values.

DEAR RACHEL,

I'm dating the most beautiful woman of my life, but it's not all it's cracked up to be. She's physically perfect and completely conceited. It's as if she never had to develop character because she's so hot. She acts as if the world revolves around her and, at first, I agreed so I put up with it. I hate to let such a beauty go, but her attitude is becoming a real drag. Are all gorgeous women so stuck-up?

Disappointed by a Hottie

DEAR DISAPPOINTED BY A HOTTIE,

Not all beautiful women are conceited. Don't let one bad experience ruin your outlook for the rest of your life. Beautiful women are human and, therefore, each one is unique just like the rest of us. However, there is definitely a pretty-person advantage. Good-looking men and women, who receive special treatment because of their looks, sometimes let it go to their heads. There will always be conceited people in the world, but it's your choice to steer clear of them. Your best bet is to project humility and kindness to attract a like-minded mate.

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Laughing Matters

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'The Chin' returns

THIS WEEK MARKED JAY LENO'S RETURN to "The Tonight Show." I had considered writing about the Olympics but, for me, they lacked the high drama of those during the Cold War. The 1980 "Miracle on Ice" was even more special because the U.S. beat the Russians. How about al-Qaida fielding a hockey team? At least video of them practicing could replace the boring monkey bar footage we always see on the news.

As for the strange saga of Jay's return, NBC's brash CEO, Jeff Zucker, could have worked in the Bush administration. I'll explain.

Even though Leno had been number one in his time slot for 10 straight years, the NBC honchos offered him a rather disrespectful contract renewal. Jay would continue to host the "Tonight Show," and at a princely salary at least, but at the end of five years he would step aside for Conan O'Brien. (They wanted Conan under contract so that he wouldn't jump to the competition.) In essence, NBC was hiring and firing Jay at the same time.

Probably to save face, Jay told his audience that the arrangement had been his choice. But, as the deadline drew near, it was obvious that Jay didn't want to leave. Why he didn't go to Fox at that point is a mystery. (Jay, my e-mail address is at the bottom.)

So the geniuses at NBC, headed by Zucker, devised a plan they envisioned would dominate late night for another decade. Jay would do a primetime show from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Conan would host the "Tonight Show" at 11:35 p.m. The idea was hailed as brilliantly innovative. Others, including yours truly, considered it meshugenah (Yiddish for crazy).

Meshugenah won. Both shows tanked and Dave's ratings soared. Jay was fired first and, after a grand total of seven months, Conan was canned (a mere 29 years and five months short of Johnny Carson's record).

Amidst threats of lawsuits and the obligatory "you'll never work in this town again," (reportedly from Zucker to O'Brien) a compromise was floated. Jay would be on from 11:35 p.m. to 12:05 a.m. and Conan would host the "Tonight Show" starting at 12:05 a.m. (But as he sarcastically pointed out, at that hour it would be the "Tomorrow Show.")

Jay was game but Conan said no dice. Zucker's new scheme was to re-hire Jay for a job from which he'd been fired twice before. (Shades of George Steinbrenner and Billy Martin?) Meanwhile, Conan got $45 million (that's not a golden parachute, that's a platinum parachute).

The entire fiasco may ultimately cost NBC hundreds of millions of dollars. One could say that Zucker did "a heckuva job." To see his spin, however, go on the Internet to: www.charlierose.com/view/interview/10824. During the interview with Charlie Rose, Zucker nervously fidgets with his fingers, reminiscent of Humphrey Bogart in the "Caine Mutiny" bemoaning the missing strawberries.

Somehow, in all of this, Jay is perceived as the heavy. (No pun intended.) For what? NBC fired Conan, not Jay. And yet Leno had to go on "Mother Confessor" Oprah to rehab his image. You'd think he was Tiger Woods.

Desperate for ratings his first week back, Jay had on Jamie Foxx, gold medalists Lindsey Vonn and Shaun White, and Sarah Palin. (Sarah's recent use of crib notes on her hand for a speech at a Tea Party function gave new meaning to the term "palm pilot.")

I liked Jay's monologue, "Hi, I'm Jay Leno, host of the 'Tonight Show'… for the time being." And later, "Tiger Woods had apparently switched religions, from Buddhism to Bootyism."

Matching celebrities, Letterman had on Tom Hanks, Jerry Seinfeld and Bill Murray. The Nielsen Ratings will tell the tale. (That is, unless they're making it up. I mean, have you ever met someone with a Nielsen box?)

I've always liked Jay and Dave, less so with Conan. Watching them, however, I'm often reminded of how much I miss Johnny.

In 2003, Paul Wolfowitz (famous in "Farenheit 911" for combing his hair with saliva … eww) predicted that the Iraq war would cost $50 billion. Donald Rumsfeld predicted it wouldn't last six months, and W declared "Mission Accomplished." Wolfowitz was made head of the World Bank, and W won a second term. (Despite staggering failures, Rummy lasted until 2006.)

NBC's CEO, Jeff Zucker, also still has his job. See what I mean?

APOLOGIES

I goofed in last Friday's column, "In Dog We Trust," when I wrote that the new pet supply store on Main Street, the Animal Wellness Center, was located in the building formerly occupied by Bobi Leonard Design. As you might imagine, this was startling news to Bobi Leonard who's been there for the past twenty years. Plus, I spelled Bobi as "Bobbi." So, to avoid becoming the Dan Rather of the Daily Press, Bobi Leonard Design is at 2727 Main Street, while AWC is at 2803.

For **JAY LENO**, and anyone else for that matter, Jack can be reached at Jackneworth@yahoo.com.

The Q Line

Leading the council

Now that Terry O'Day has been selected to fill the late Mayor Ken Genser's seat on the City Council, the next order of business for the governing body is to appoint a new mayor.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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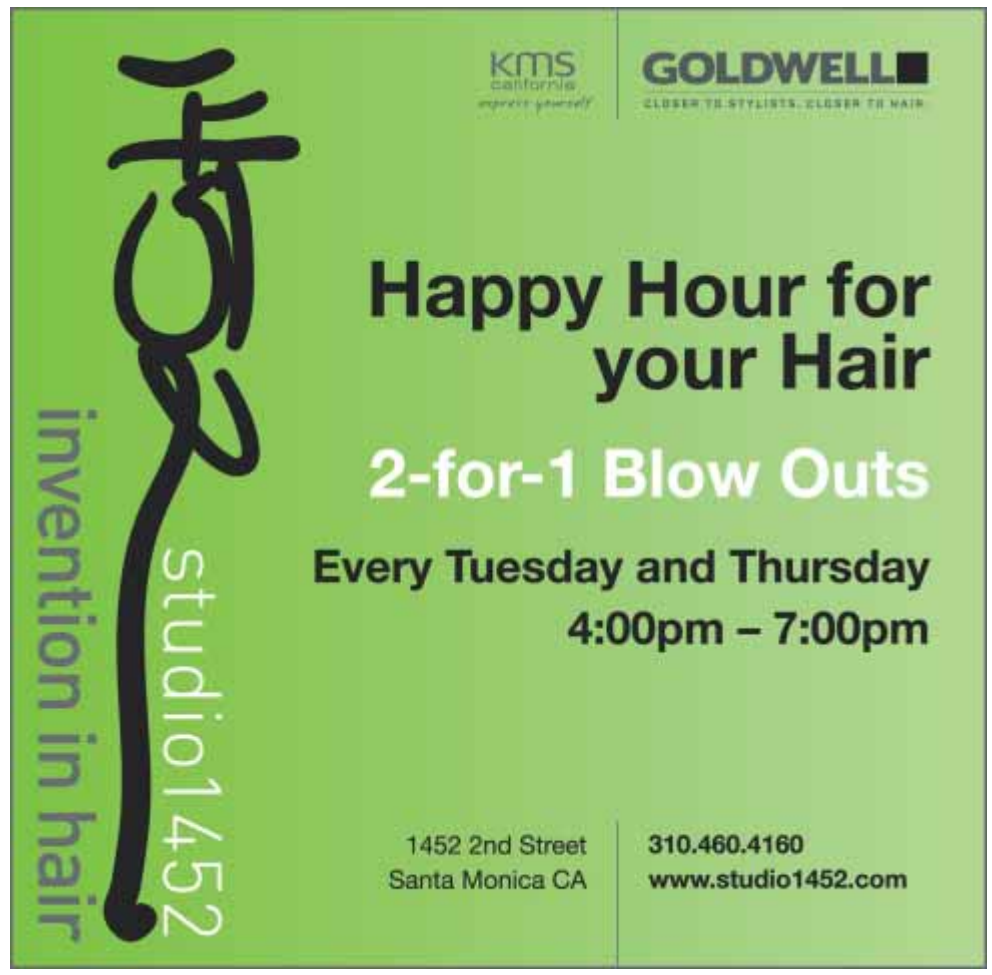


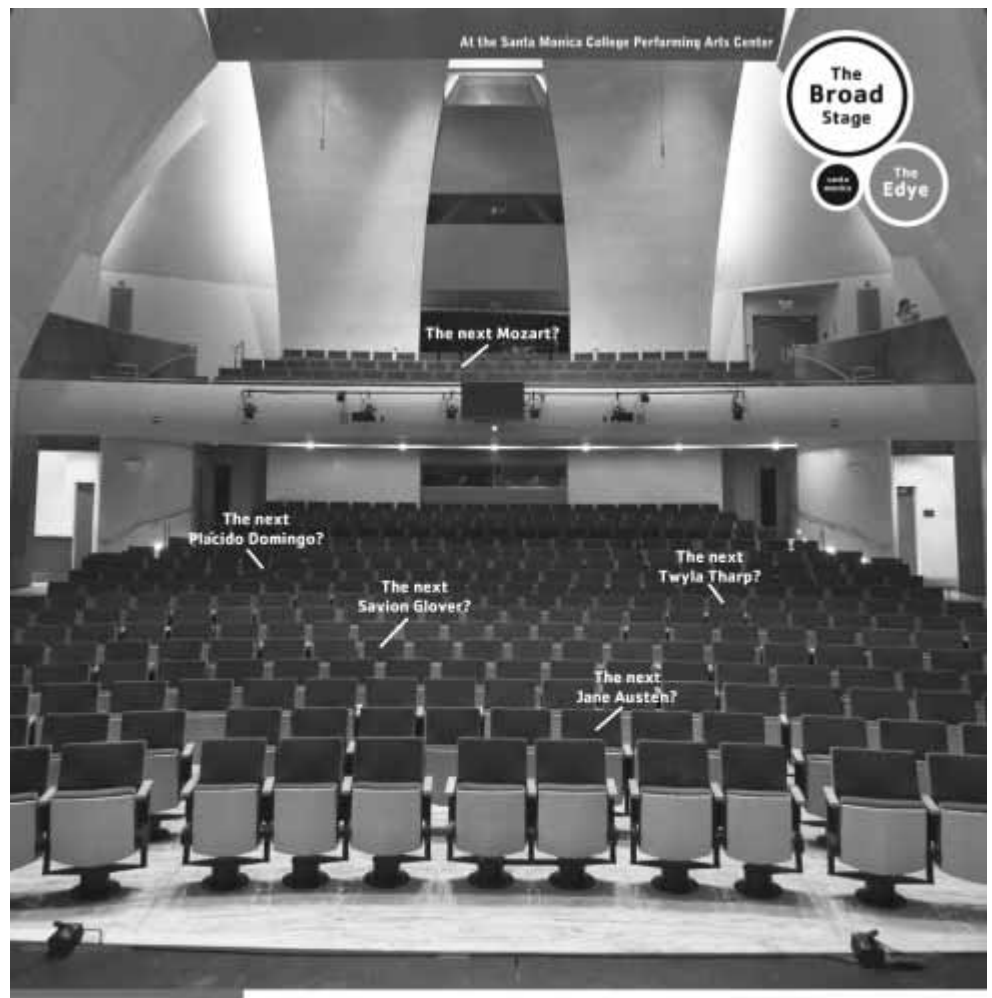

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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Appeal 09-013 of Architectural Review Board 09-446, 2602 Broadway. Appeal of the Architectural Review Board approval of ARB application 09ARB446, building design, colors, materials and landscape plans for a new three-story, 33-unit 100% affordable housing project. [Planner: Laura Beck, AICP] **APPELLANT: David Cogan. APPLICANT: Community Corporation of Santa Monica.**

Conditional Use Permit 09-012, 3212 Wilshire Boulevard. The application (Beverages and More) requests a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow the retail sales of alcoholic beverages and dispensation of alcohol (beer and wine tasting) in conjunction with a new retail establishment proposed within an existing building located in the C-6 (Boulevard Commercial) zoning district. The 10,500sf tenant space includes a retail area, storage room, restrooms, and a beer and wine tasking area (95sf). Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.18.020, a Conditional Use Permit is required for the off-site sale and on-site dispensation of alcohol associated wtih the proposed use. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT: Beverages and More. PROPERTY OWNER: The Welk Group, Inc.**

Conditional Use Permit 09-013, 606 Broadway. The application requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine for a proposed 2,499 SF restaurant located on the ground floor of a mixed-use building. Pursuant to SMMC 9.04.10.18.020, a Conditional Use Permit is required for the on-site sale and consumption of alcohol beverages. [Planner: Grace Cho] **APPLICANT: Ponte Milvio, Inc. PROPERTY OWNER: Prudential Real Estate Investors.**

Conditional Use Permit 10-003, 395 Santa Monica Place, #304. The applicant requests approval of a Conditional Use Permit (10CUP003) to allow the on-site sale and consumption of beer and wine (Type 41) in conjunction with a full-service restaurant in Santa Monica Place. The proposed restaurant, Pizza Antica, occupies 4,556 square feet and consists of 106 interior seats and 40 exterior patio seats. [Planner: Grace Cho] **APPLICANT: Bacchus Management Group. PROPERTY OWNER: Macerich Santa Monica, LLC.**

Design Compatibility Permit 09-003, 1919 Fourth Street. Approve an application for a Design Compatibility Permit for the construction of three (3), two-story, 30-foot high, market rate condominium units on an approximate 6,400 square foot parcel located at 1919 Fourth Street. This development project was originally approved as Design Compatibility Permit 06-003 on December 13, 2006. The applicant is permitted to request an extension of the original approval per SMMC 9.04.20.15.050(b). [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT: Jeff Guga. PROPERTY OWNER: Rick Nagler.**

Development Agreement 09-002, 725 California Avenue. The applicant is requesting Planning Commission recommendation to the City Council of a Development Agreement, Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR), and Statement of Overriding Considerations for a campus improvement project located at 725 California Avenue (St. Monica Catholic Community). The subject property comprises a full city block bounded by California Avenue, Lincoln Boulevard, Washington Avenue and 7th Street. The project involves the demolition of the existing Pastoral Center (13,465sf) located at the corner of California Avenue and Lincoln Boulevard, the construction of a new 27,500sf Community Center with subterranean garage (154 spaces) within the demolished area of the Pastoral Center, construction of a 7,700 sf addition to the High School East building, improvements to the campus courtyard/playground, and interior renovations to the existing auditorium, gymnasium and other facilities. A Statement of Overriding Considerations will be necessary to approve the project since the EIR has concluded and there will be a significant unavoidable impact to traffic/circulation. All other potential impacts can be mitigated to a less than significant level. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code Section 9.48.130, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed Development Agreement and provide a recommendation to the City Council for further consideration. [Planner: Steve Mizokami] **APPLICANT: St. Monica Catholic Community. PROPERTY OWNER: Archdiocese of Los Angeles.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

City of Santa Monica

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

MORE INFORMATION
If you want additional information about this project or wish to review the project, please contact the Project Planner (310) 458-8341. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours or available on the City's web site at www.smgov.net. The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation request, please contact (310) 458-8341, or TYY Number: (310) 458-8696 at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #7, #8, #9 and the Tide Ride service the City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.



Sex offender in teen's killing eluded suspicion

DON THOMPSON & ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO When 17-year-old Chelsea King disappeared in a park last week, authorities checked photographs of sex offenders registered in the San Diego area. John Albert Gardner III was not among them.

When a 16-year-old girl was attacked last year in Riverside County, authorities did a similar check of the sex offender registry. Again, Gardner was not among them.

In both investigations, Gardner eluded detection because he was registered as a sex offender in different counties.

As authorities search for Gardner's possible links to other cases, his trail highlights how sex offenders in California manage to avoid suspicion even under a system designed to keep close tabs on the state's most dangerous predators.

"Obviously there's loopholes and he seems to have found them, either by design or by happenstance," said Marc Klaas, who founded Klaaskids Foundation after his 12-year-old daughter Polly was abducted from a slumber party in 1993 and later found slain.

Gardner has attracted national attention ever since he was arrested in the rape and killing of King, a 17-year-old straight-A student whose body was believed to have been found in a shallow lakeside grave Tuesday.

Gardner, 30, is being held without bail after pleading not guilty Wednesday to Chelsea's murder and to attempted rape of another woman in December, a potential death penalty case. His public defender, Michael Popkins, did not address reporters after the arraignment.

Escondido police are also investigating if Gardner is tied to the disappearance of Amber Dubois, a 14-year-old who vanished a year ago while walking to school and carrying a $200 check to buy a pet lamb.

No suspects have ever been publicly identified.

"This has definitely got our attention," said Lt. Craig Carter.

Gardner was registered as a sex offender because of his 2000 conviction for molesting a girl after luring her to his house with the Robin Williams movie "Patch Adams," about a doctor who uses humor to treat patients. He served five years of a six-year sentence, though his plea agreement allowed for nearly 11 years and a court-appointed psychiatrist urged "the maximum sentence allowed by law."

Gardner was a registered sex offender in Escondido, in San Diego County, from January 2008 to January 2010, with some gaps, Carter said. On Jan. 7 of this year, he registered as a sex offender 55 miles north in Lake Elsinore, in Riverside County.

Seven weeks later, King disappeared in San Diego, and Gardner's name didn't turn up on the list of neighborhood sex offenders because he had already registered that he moved north.

Authorities are also investigating the case of a 16-year-old girl who reported that she ran away after a man asked her for directions then tried to force her into a car at gunpoint on Oct. 28 in Lake Elsinore, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department said.

The suspect was described as a man 30 to 35 years old with a squarish jaw, brown eyes and a blond crew cut. A sketch appears similar to Gardner.

"There are similarities," Capt. Joseph Cleary told the Riverside Press-Enterprise. "If there is a connection, we will track it down."

Investigators checked out local sex offenders at the time, but not Gardner; he was registered as living in San Diego County, Sgt. Patrick Chavez said.

"He had not come onto our radar until January," when he notified authorities that he was living in an unincorporated village near Lake Elsinore, Chavez said.

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California has required sex offenders to register with local police for 50 years, and began making the information available to the public in the mid-1990s. It now posts information about more than 63,000 offenders online through what's known as the Megan's Law database, named after a 7-year-old New Jersey girl killed by a child molester who had moved in nearby.

Gardner is not subject to Jessica's Law, which bars offenders from living within 2,000 feet of a school or park and is supposed to require lifetime GPS monitoring of their whereabouts. California voters approved the law in 2006, after Gardner was paroled.

Brent King, Cheslea's father, declined to address shortcomings in how Gardner and other sexual predators are tracked.

"In due time, I'm going to have a lot to say about that," he said in a brief interview Thursday. "Now is not the right time. We need to heal first."

King said he was deeply thankful to law enforcement and volunteers who mounted a massive search for Chelsea and "every person who said a prayer for us."

"Thank you is not enough to say," he said.

Investigators are still trying to determine if Gardner is connected to the disappearance of Amber Dubois.

Her father, Maurice, believes there is a strong possibility that Gardner abducted his daughter, a few miles north of where Chelsea disappeared. He noted Amber and Chelsea had similar builds.

Amber, a member of Future Farmers of America, left home with $200 check to buy a lamb. It was never cashed.

"She was so excited to get to school that morning it was incredible," said Dubois, an electrical engineer near Los Angeles.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Hungry thief snatches senior's soup

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FRIDAY, FEB. 26, AT 12:15 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1400 block of Ocean Avenue – Santa Monica Senior Center – regarding a strong arm robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the 79-year-old victim who said that the suspect came up to her and grabbed her bowl of soup. When she tried to fight back, the suspect allegedly struck her hand and then fled with the soup. Officers located the suspect a short distance away and placed him under arrest for robbery and battery. He was identified as Filip Olson, 60, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

FRIDAY, FEB. 26, AT 10:28 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of Wilshire Boulevard – Rite-Aid – regarding a theft that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with store employees who told them that the suspect entered the store and placed several bottles of alcohol in a basket and started to leave without paying for the items. As employees attempted to stop the suspect, he allegedly fled. Employees said they chased after him and were able to catch up with him in the area of 20th Street and Arizona Avenue. As employees detained the suspect, the suspect allegedly threatened to fight them. A physical confronted ensued and the employees were able to wrestle the suspect to the ground and hold him until police arrived. The suspect, David Davis, 48, of Los Angeles, was arrested for robbery, burglary, assault with a deadly weapon and theft with priors. His bail was set at $50,000.

SATURDAY, FEB. 27, AT 5:15 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1550 beach parking lot regarding a fight in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who told officers that the suspect approached him and was yelling at him. The suspect started to strike the victim in the face using a closed fist, police said. The victim fell to the ground and the suspect started to kick him in the face, police said. The suspect fled the scene. Officers were able to locate the suspect a short distance away and he was placed under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon resulting in great bodily injury, and a probation violation. He was identified as Rickie Bushinsky, 48, a transient. His bail was set at $30,000.

THURSDAY, FEB. 25, AT 12:29 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2900 block of Main Street regarding a fight in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who told them that the suspect entered a business and removed beer from the cooler. The victim checked the cooler and believed the suspect removed two beers and was only paying for one. The victim asked the suspect if had another beer on him. The suspect opened up his jacket and showed the victim he did not have another beer. The victim patted down the suspect and did not find another beer. The suspect advised the victim that he did not want to buy any beer at the store and challenged the employee to a fight outside. The employee followed the suspect, believing he still had at least one beer in his possession. Once outside, the suspect allegedly struck the employee. People walking by observed the fight and ran over to break it up. The employee placed the suspect under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. The suspect was identified as Jon Simpson, 42, a transient. His bail was set at $30,000.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24, AT 5:25 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1400 block of the Third Street Promenade regarding a theft suspect in custody. When officers arrived, they were advised by store security that the suspect had left without paying for merchandise. Security confronted the suspect and were able to recover stolen property from inside the suspect's purse. Store security placed the shopper under arrest. Officers searched the suspect and found a pair of scissors in her purse, police said. The scissors were allegedly used to cut off security tags that were inside the suspect's purse. The suspect, Passage Alpharetta, 18, of Georgia, was booked for burglary and possession of burglary tools. Her bail was set at $20,000.

TUESDAY, FEB. 23, AT 5:55 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2000 block of Lincoln Boulevard – Jack in the Box – regarding a report of an assault with a deadly weapon. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who said he was sitting down at a table eating when the suspect sat down at his table uninvited. The victim got up and sat at another table. The suspect appeared to be drinking an alcoholic beverage, the victim told police. The victim said he told the suspect that it was illegal to drink in public and that he was going to notify the manager. The suspect stood up and confronted the victim, police said. The suspect allegedly stabbed the victim with a pair of scissors. As the suspect fled he threw the scissors in the garbage can, police said. Officers located the suspect a short time later and place him under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Luis Gomez, 46, a transient. His bail was set at $30,000.

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Neighborhood Resource Officer Jeffrey Glaser on Wednesday hands over a $500 check to Matthew Salerno, 8, team captain of Team M of Santa Monica. Salerno has raised over $1,200 to raise awareness for cancer. He will be participating in the Relay for Life of Santa Monica on July 10 and 11 at Santa Monica College.

Five council seats up for grabs

FROM **ELECTION** PAGE 1

Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky was the speaker.

O'Connor said she decided to hold the event last fall largely because she knew she would be sidelined with knee surgeries during part of 2010. After recently recovering from an operation in January, she said she expects to take time off for another knee surgery in April.

In an interview Thursday, O'Connor, who in her last campaign was backed by the political party Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, said there was nothing unusual about her decision to hold an event aimed at brining in donations from business interests.

"I take money from a wide range of community members," she said. "You'll have different groups that you raise money from, so my first focus was with the business community."

At a fundraiser held so far in advance of the election, O'Connor said it made sense to target business people rather than the average voter who isn't so politically engaged that early in the election cycle.

Though candidates were required to file reports on their political fundraising activities from last year by Feb. 1, O'Connor is yet to file her paper work with the City Clerk. She said she missed the deadline because of her surgery and plans to file her forms next week. The Clerk's office gave O'Connor an extension but had asked her to file by Thursday.

With five City Council seats up for election in November, some observers have predicted an up-tick in the amount of spending on campaigns.

Winterer, who said he raised just over $30,000 for his last campaign in 2008, said he's aiming to raise at least $60,000 this year in order to have a competitive shot.

"My perspective is that in the last several elections fundraising has been increasingly important," he said. "The ante has been upped by various parties."

Others, though, said more available seats means it could be harder to raise money.

"With five [available seats] I think you could argue that it could require less for each of the candidates," said O'Day, who would keep his seat on the council for two more years if he prevails in the November election.

> **"THE ANTE HAS BEEN UPPED BY VARIOUS PARTIES."**
>
> **Ted Winterer,**
> City Council candidate

He said he hasn't scheduled fundraisers yet, though supporters have asked him about hosting events.

"Every time you stand for re-election you have to take it seriously, but the most important thing is connecting with voters and the best way to do that is to reach them one by one," he said.

Robert Kronovet, an outspoken Republican who shocked Santa Monica's political establishment by winning a seat on the Rent Control Board in 2008, also has yet to begin fundraising, though he has started a committee for the November election.

"I think it's a little premature now," he said, but added he expects to begin raising money in April or May.

Though his views run contrary to those held by mainstream Santa Monica politicians — he wants to shift money away from affordable housing in order to better fund the business improvement districts — he said he doesn't think he'll need a large war chest to crack the top five in November, predicting he'll raise about $20,000 and get at least 20,000 votes.

Candidates have a rough road ahead thanks to one of the strictest campaign contribution laws in the country. Candidates are only allowed to receive $250 per resident. Incumbents are prohibited from accepting contributions from those who have received contracts from City Hall.

The candidate with the most money, while not guaranteed victory, has a better chance of reaching voters through expensive mailers, campaign literature and community events. An average mailer can cost anywhere between $10,000 and $25,000 depending on how detailed it is and how many voters one wants to reach.

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More cuts to education likely

FROM **PROTEST** PAGE 1

melee that followed.

The school was among dozens of nationwide campuses hit with marches, strikes, teach-ins and walkouts in what was billed as the March 4th National Day of Action for Public Education.

Organizers said hundreds of thousands of students, teachers and parents were expected to participate in the nationwide demonstrations.

The steep economic downturn has forced states to slash funding to K-12 schools, community colleges and universities to cope with plummeting tax revenue.

Experts said schools and colleges could face more severe financial trouble over the next few years as they drain federal stimulus money that temporarily prevented widespread layoffs and classroom cuts.

Some university officials said they supported the protests as long as they remained peaceful.

"My heart and my support are with everybody and anybody who wants to stand up for public education," University of California President Mark Yudof said in a statement. "Public education drives a society's ability to progress and to prosper."

In Wisconsin, more than 25,000 students have been put on a waiting list after the state's premier financial aid program ran out of money because of increased demand.

At the University of Illinois, about 200 professors, instructors and graduate faculty marched through campus carrying signs that read "Furlough Legislators" — a reference to recent furloughs and 4 percent pay cuts imposed on thousands of university employees.

The state is $487 million behind on payments to the University of Illinois. State government has a budget deficit of $13 billion.

In Olympia, Wash., a group of about 75 protesters arrived at the Capitol bearing a faux coffin emblazoned with the slogan "R.I.P. Education."

They were later ejected from the state Senate gallery after interrupting a debate with a protest song that followed the tune of "Amazing Grace."

"I once could eat, but now I find, I can't afford the food," they sang.

Several Democratic senators applauded the performance, as security guards escorted the protesters from the building.

In Northern California, rowdy protesters blocked major gates at two universities and smashed the windows of a car.

Protesters at the University of California, Santa Cruz surrounded the car while its uninjured driver was inside. Earlier, demonstrators blocked campus gates.

University provost David Kliger said there were reports of protesters carrying clubs and knives, but Santa Cruz police Capt. Steve Clark could not confirm those reports. No arrests had been made.

An advisory posted on the school Web site urged people to avoid the campus because of safety concerns.

At the University of California, Berkeley, a small group of protesters formed a human chain blocking a main gate to the campus. Later in the day, hundreds gathered for a peaceful rally.

"We're one of the largest economies in the world, and we can't fund the basics," said Mike Scullin, 29, a graduate student in education who plans to become a high school teacher. "We're throwing away a generation of students by defunding education."

At the University of Texas at Austin, about 100 students and staff rallied on campus to protest a 5.4 percent hike in tuition and fees approved by regents a day earlier. Protesters complained the quality of education was taking a backseat to the university's bottom line.

Officials said the tuition hikes, which include another 3.89 percent jump for the fall of 2011, were necessary to avoid cuts in the face of declining endowment payouts and an anticipated cut in state aid.

In Alabama, Broderick Thomas, a 23-year-old Auburn senior, attended an annual higher education rally in Montgomery and said he feels "it's the moral duty of the state to give back what they promised."

However, the chairman of the state Senate education budget committee, Sen. Hank Sanders, D-Selma, curbed the enthusiasm, saying it would be hard to find additional funds for higher education this year.

"I wish we could give all the money higher education needs," Sanders said, as some in the crowd groaned. "We're having to cut up to $460 million out of the budget the governor recommended."

Students, teachers, parents and school employees from across California gathered in Sacramento for a midday rally at the Capitol to urge lawmakers to restore funding to public schools.

Linda Wall, a state Department of Mental Health employee, said she had two children attending Sacramento State University. Hikes in student fees and mandatory furloughs for state workers have strained her budget.

"Their tuition has taken a big chunk of my paycheck and my paycheck is shrinking, so it's a double whammy," Wall said.

City Hall paid half of project's costs

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happen," Kemper said.

Federal low income tax credits usually provide about half the funding for affordable housing projects, Kemper said, but since the recession the market for the credits has all but disappeared. Because of the slumping real estate market few developers are making profits, so there's little demand for the credits.

Funding under the federal stimulus bill, he said, allowed many affordable housing projects to move forward without financing from the credits.

Dedicated on Feb. 25, Kemper said tenants began moving into the 14th Street building in January. The location, he said, is ideal for senior citizens because of its proximity to Santa Monica Boulevard, which is a major corridor for bus lines, and to grocery stores and medical buildings.

> **"THE CITY IS WHAT MAKES PROJECTS LIKE THIS HAPPEN."**
>
> **Jim Kemper,**
> Housing administrator

"What's great about it is it's got so many amenities within walking distance of it, which is great not only in general but especially for seniors," he said.

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Firing the teachers when schools fail just might work

RAY HENRY
Associated Press Writer

PROVIDENCE, R.I. When all the teachers were fired from Central Falls High School last week in a sweeping effort at school reform, their superintendent gave them a taste of the accountability President Barack Obama says is necessary.

It is a strategy that has been used elsewhere, such as in Chicago and Los Angeles. But while there have been some improvements in test scores, schools where most teachers have been replaced still grapple with problems of poverty and discipline. Even advocates of the approach say firing a teaching staff is just one of several crucial steps that must be taken to turn around a school.

Central Falls teachers have appealed the firings and both they and the administration are now indicating a willingness to go back to the table to avoid mass firings. Teachers say wholesale firings unfairly target instructors who work with impoverished children who have been neglected for years.

"We believe the teachers have been scapegoated here," American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten said of the Central Falls firings this week.

In Rhode Island, the state education commissioner earlier ordered Central Falls authorities to make radical improvements in a city where more children live in poverty than anywhere else in the state. Eleventh graders tested at the school in the fall had a 7 percent passing rate in math. Fewer than half of the school's students graduate in four years.

Obama referred to the Central Falls firings as an example of accountability during an education speech Monday in Washington.

"If a school continues to fail its students year after year after year, if it doesn't show any sign of improvement, then there's got to be a sense of accountability," he said, citing the school's dreadful test scores.

No one keeps firm numbers on how often wholesale firings have been used. But William Gunther, president of the Boston-based Mass Insight Education and Research Institute, estimates that mass teacher firings are tried in about 20 to 30 schools annually. Many more schools adjust other elements, such as curriculum and teacher training, to boost performance without substantially changing the staff.

The head of Boston's public schools announced Thursday that five principals of underperforming schools would be assigned to different jobs. All the teachers at six schools must reapply for their jobs and could be moved elsewhere if not rehired for their current posts.

In Los Angeles, charter school operator Green Dot took over a high school in the Watts neighborhood and in 2008 broke it into seven small college-prep academies. Green Dot founder Steve Barr laid off all the teachers and asked them to reapply for their jobs.

"You want them to come back, but you have to establish what your vision is and give them the choice: do you believe in this vision?" he said.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan chose to fire teachers en masse when he headed Chicago's public school system.

He was confronted with lagging test scores at Sherman Elementary School in Chicago's South Side, where students are overwhelmingly poor and black. Before it was revamped, 29 percent of students were meeting academic expectations, according to statewide tests.

The city allowed the Academy for Urban School Leadership to take over the school in September 2006. It hired a new leadership team and installed a large number of AUSL teachers, mostly people who decided to become teachers after working in other fields. The school's original staff had to reapply for their jobs; many simply left.

Test scores have improved. During the last school year, 51 percent of Sherman students tested proficient on the same academic test, although they still lag students in the rest of the district. More recently, scores for students in some grades have slipped in reading and mathematics.

A spokeswoman for Duncan cites the school as an example of where replacing the staff — which he calls a turnaround — worked. It's one of four strategies that states can use to improve low-performing schools while competing for millions of dollars in stimulus funds.

The other three options are closing a school and sending its students to a better one, converting troubled schools into charter academies, and firing the principal and making other changes to improve performance.

Central Falls Superintendent Frances Gallo picked the turnaround model — the mass firing of all 93 teachers and staff after the end of the school year — after talks with teachers broke down.

It's not clear whether any Central Falls teachers will lose their jobs. The union has filed a complaint with the state Labor Relations Board, and on Wednesday, after the union indicated it would support teachers working a longer school day and providing additional tutoring, the superintendent said she'd like to resume talks to avoid mass firings.

Gunther, who briefed Duncan's staff on turnaround strategies in the fall, said breaking a "failing culture" in troubled schools almost always requires replacing a large part of the teaching staff, but cautioned that's not the only thing that schools need to do.

"The problem with most reform elements is they tend to rely on a single bullet," Gunther said.

Besides new staff and better leadership, he said troubled schools generally need to partner with outside groups that can help them and create a cluster of elementary and middle schools that feed better-prepared students to high school.

In Chicago, parents at Sherman Elementary said the firings and other changes have improved the school, although problems remain.

Shawn Jones, 38, the head of the Sherman's parent-teacher association, said the school is far better than it once was. His 9-year-old daughter, Ty-yonne Jones, is a fourth grader at the school, since rechristened the Sherman School of Excellence.

Students are required to wear uniforms and can play on a new track and playground. Still, he does worry about some slips in test scores and believes discipline could be improved, much like other city schools.

Outside the classroom, Jones said parents and the school must compensate for the poverty and family difficulties in their neighborhood. For example, he's trying to start a program to teach girls about puberty and other issues. The school is experimenting with has a men's group to encourage single fathers to get involved with their children's education.

"It's a constant work in progress," Jones said. "It's going to take changing a few different aspects — not just the faculty."

North Korean who shopped for dictators goes public

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VIENNA A North Korean colonel who spent two decades going on European shopping sprees for his country's rulers said Thursday the late dictator Kim Il Sung lived in luxury while many people struggled to survive in his impoverished communist nation.

Kim Jong Ryul, who spent 16 years under cover in Austria, also described how the "great leader" and his son and successor Kim Jong Il spent millions pampering and protecting themselves with Western goods — everything from luxury cars, carpets and exotic foods, to monitors that can detect heartbeats of people hiding behind walls and gold-plated handguns.

The colonel's account — told in a new book by Austrian journalists Ingrid Steiner-Gashi and Dardan Gashi — shows the deep divide between the lifestyles of the North Korean leadership and their citizens, who sometimes must subsist eating tree bark, knowing they will be sent to labor camps if they criticize the government.

Kim said this injustice was what motivated him in October 1994 to fake his death at the end of one of his trips and start a new, secret life in Austria in the hope that the oppressive regime would crumble within years.

Kim Il Sung died in 1994, after grooming his son for years to replace him.

With no change in sight in North Korea's leadership, the colonel decided to come clean and tell his story.

"Without this book, I didn't want to die," he told The Associated Press. "Now I can die with a clear conscience."

Kim Jong Ryul said the late dictator had dozens of sprawling villas — some of them built underground — filled with crystal chandeliers, silk wallpaper and costly furniture.

In some of the villas, Kim — who had studied mechanical engineering in the former German Democratic Republic — even developed special ventilation systems which, in the event of a nuclear attack, would continue to function and act as filters, the colonel said.

It was in these palatial homes that Kim Il Sung and his family would feast on an immense array of fine foods — including Austrian specialties.

"He only ate foreign food," the colonel said. "In Vienna, there was a special attache, a friend of mine, who only procured special foreign food for the dictator."

Kim Il Sung's craving once led to a delegation of cooks being sent to Austria to visit renowned culinary schools and some of the country's finest restaurants to collect recipes.

The colonel, who speaks German fluently, served as translator.

"'Learn everything!' — that's what they were told," the defector said. "The crazy dictators heard rumors that Austrian cuisine was world famous and that's why they wanted (the cooks) to come here."

He also described how Kim Il Sung — while publicly denouncing "Western decadence and imperialism" — had an extensive luxury car collection that included Mercedes, Lincolns, Fords, Cadillacs and Citroens. Kim Jong Il, who liked taking fast sports cars for a spin, also appeared to share his father's passion.

In the early 1990s, the car-obsessed ruler even ordered a North Korean version of the Mercedes 200 to be rebuilt. Upon completion, it was presented to a cheering North Korean public amid much fanfare, the defector said.

With the help of middlemen eager to make money, the laundry list of items sought by the Kim Il Sung and his son — described by Kim as "little dictator" — were easily tracked down.

For example, a wealthy Romanian secret service agent identified in the book only as Valeriu U. who ran a fake company in Vienna, helped secure, among other things, special hunting weapons and even a light Cessna aircraft.

With North Korea willing to pay 30 percent more than the asking price for embargoed goods, Austrians and others were also eager to participate. In this way, metal detectors, specialized weapons, devices that could read fingerprints and other, often banned, products found their way into the isolated country.

Kim, who left a wife and two children behind in North Korea and has yet to seek asylum in Austria, knows he is risking his life by going public.

"I'm very scared — maybe I'll be killed, shot, in the next few days," he said.

Hamas bans men from women's hair salons

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Associated Press Writer

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip Gaza's Islamic Hamas government on Thursday banned men from working in women's hair salons, the latest step in its campaign to impose strict Islamic customs on Gaza's 1.5 million people.

Since seizing Gaza in 2007, Hamas has taken steps in that direction while avoiding a frontal assault on secularism. The majority of Gaza residents are conservative Muslims, but Hamas is under growing pressure from more radical groups to prove its fundamentalist credentials by imposing ever harsher edicts.

The latest measure irked one of the victims of the ban.

"Next thing you know, they will ban doctors from treating women, and will only let women treat women," said Barakat al-Ghoul, a 44-year-old hairdresser. "Tomorrow, they will ban everything."

Al-Ghoul, who has cut women's hair for 26 years, said a ban would be devastating. He said he has no other way of making a living.

Islamic tradition forbids women from showing their hair to men who are not their husbands or blood relatives. Until now, though, exceptions were made for the eight known male hairdressers in women's salons in Gaza City.

Mohammed Fares, a salon owner who employs only women, said the first salons for women sprang up in Gaza in the 1950s.

Some of the male stylists have a devoted following, and their customers accept long waiting periods to get appointments.

Fares said Hamas' new ruling takes away one of the last remnants of a more liberal lifestyle in Gaza that flourished decades ago, when the territory had cinemas and bars.

Since Israel's withdrawal from Gaza in 2005, small ultra-radical Islamic groups have sprung up. Known as Jihadi Salafis, they advocate holy war and a strict, fundamentalist brand of Islam, dismissing Hamas as too pragmatic. They are suspected in dozens of bombings of Internet cafes, music stores and other alleged purveyors of vice. All cinemas and bars closed years ago.

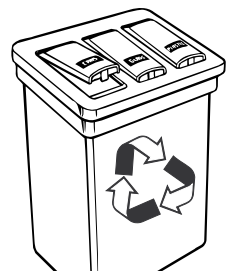


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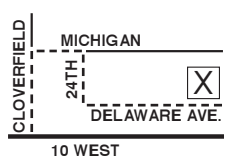


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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 58°

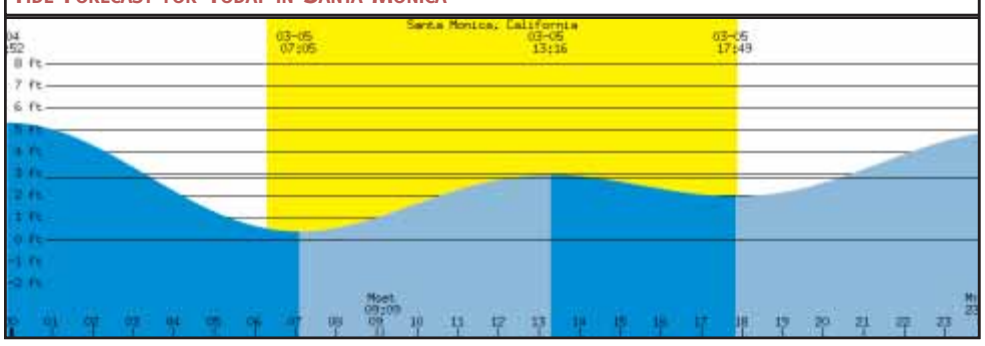
Swell Forecast

Looks like a smaller day, perhaps just chest to head high max around west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Wind/ground swell is likely to push west facing breaks into head high surf. Conditions though are looking trashed from winds and rain.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

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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 -- 17
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 37 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 9 / 27

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	C
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	C
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	D
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
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+	F
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	B	A
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	D	D
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+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	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+	D
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	C
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
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+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

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

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NFL

NFL free agency begins without cap

BARRY WILNER
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK The NFL has swallowed the poison pill.

When the league and the players association reached a new collective bargaining agreement in 2006, a clause called for eliminating the salary cap in 2010. Both sides assumed an uncapped season would be so distasteful that a new contract would be finalized long before the cap disappeared.

Even when the owners opted out of the CBA in 2008, little thought was given to an actual removal of the salary cap that generally has been beneficial for both owners and players.

On Friday, pro football's salary cap dies. Free agency begins under a whole new set of rules, and no one is sure where it will lead — perhaps even to a work stoppage in 2011.

Yes, the most profitable and popular sport in America is entering territory even more uncharted than the end zone was for the St. Louis Rams last season.

"The situation we're walking into is certainly unknown for everyone," Tampa Bay Buccaneers general manager Mark Dominik says. "So no one can really look at the crystal ball and say here's what people are going to spend and here's what people aren't going to spend. It's all pure speculation."

Marc Ganis, president of Chicago-based consulting company Sports Corp. Ltd., thinks teams will be tightfisted.

"That's one of the possibilities in the uncapped season, will some teams be spending far below the current floor, especially teams that perform poorly on the field?" says Ganis. "Teams will have the option of spending the amount on their team that they think it is worth. A 4-12 team does not have the caliber players a consistently 12-4 team has.

"I expect the small and midsize market clubs are going to start to pay in this uncapped year based on what they can afford."

But sports agent Joe Linta, who represents Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco among others, is optimistic the pocketbooks will remain open. His thoughts echo those by many of his colleagues:

"The owners are all wealthy," Linta says, "and as much as they need and want to make money, the need to win is greater than the need to make money — they already have plenty. Their insatiable desire to win will override their greed to save and make money. So, yeah, they'll spend."

Some can spend more than others. But the crop of unrestricted free agents contains few difference makers and is inferior to the group of restricted free agents.

Under the CBA that expires next March, the top conference semifinalists from January's playoffs have extra restrictions in signing free agents. The final four, for example, must lose an unrestricted free agent (UFA) before they can sign one.

That hamstrings the Saints, Colts, Jets and Vikings.

"I think it is a penalty for sure," Jets coach Rex Ryan says. "Maybe you need a tight end or whatever it is and you don't have that ability to go out and get some of the top guys that might be available."

Many of those top guys aren't available at all. With no salary cap, it takes six years of service to become an unrestricted free agent, two more than in the past. Players with four and five seasons now are restricted, meaning the team losing them would earn compensation or would have the right to match offers from other clubs.

Among the 212 players who now are not totally free because of the uncapped season are All-Pro defensive end Elvis Dumervil of Denver, who led the league in sacks in 2009; San Diego linebacker Shawne Merriman and receiver Vincent Jackson; Miami running back Ronnie Brown; Dallas receiver Miles Austin; and Houston linebacker DeMeco Ryans.

While Dumervil, Austin and Ryans might be worth the heavy compensation they would cost, how many teams are willing to part with high draft picks and all the money it will take to sign such standouts?

"For us it's not changing," San Francisco 49ers GM Scot McCloughan. "We're going to go forward as if there is a cap. ... We're not going to be considered a big free agency team anyway. But we'll do what we need to do in free agency if we think it's a smart move."

Not that there won't be lots of bucks flying into players' bank accounts. Teams always want to procure as much talent as they can. If someone perceives defensive end Julius Peppers as the answer to their line issues, the money figures to be there — although certainly not on the scale of the $20 million-plus Carolina would have needed to spend to make him a franchise player for the second straight year.

"When we talk about possible free agents, certainly Julius is one of the guys we talk about," Cleveland Browns president Mike Holmgren says when asked if Peppers could have the kind of impact free-agent Reggie White had in Green Bay when Holmgren was the coach. "Then I have to put on my other hat because there are some financial ramifications there.

"As great a player as Julius is, I'd be reluctant to compare anybody to Reggie White. We did it, at the time we bonused him for I think $8 million. Everybody thought we were nuts. It was numbers off the chart. Now think of that today."

Think of this today, as well: NFL teams must consider the ramifications of high spending in an uncapped 2010 if a salary cap returns in subsequent years. The money spent on Peppers or another quality UFA this year might be unlimited, but contract provisions beyond that could hinder staying under a salary cap in the future.

Lions coach Jim Schwartz sees more experienced, but possibly more worn-down players available in free agency this year. That, too, could curtail spending.

"Most of the ... unrestricted players are going to be players that are 29, 30, 31 years old. I think the biggest thing about that is, it places a lot more emphasis on getting the player right," says Schwartz, whose club needs all the talent it can get just to reach mediocrity. "You can get mileage out of a 29-year-old or a 30-year-old as long as you have a very specific role in mind for him and he fits your scheme and you feel good about that, because you're not going to have a whole lot of startup time with him."

Many team executives also believe April's draft carries more significance than usual because of the flux in free agency.

"I sense that we are a lot more focused seemingly this year on draft preparation," Atlanta Falcons GM Thomas Dimitroff said. "Usually we take this in cycles or segments. There was definitely a free agent segment leading up to beginning of free agency. Now we tend to be focusing on the draft that much earlier. I will be interested to see how much interest there is going into free agency with the fewer numbers."

Dimitroff and everyone else can only wonder.

MOVIE TIMES

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Shutter Island (R) 2hrs 18min
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Follow a sudden insight whole-heartedly. In a meeting, an associate could inadvertently give you bad advice, or at least a biased opinion. Follow your intuition, and you will succeed. Tonight: Someone wants to open up to you. Be sure you want that too.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Others continue to dominate. How you see someone could change radically because of events and conversations. Your sense of humor emerges in a meeting, especially as events unfold in an unpredictable manner. Someone wants to ease your path; let him or her. Tonight: Try something different.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Assuming the role of leader might be the only way you can leave work. Others like your style of leadership, even though you handle matters in an offbeat manner. Invite an associate or friend to join you as you leave work. Tonight: Relax in a favorite way.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Some people might have trouble grasping where you are coming from. Slow down some and explain yourself step by step. Someone wants to believe that you are right but might need to be convinced. Tonight: Romp on out the door.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ To be true to yourself, you need to stay on top of a personal situation without getting too distracted. A close friend, loved one or associate pitches in. Share with this person more often. Tonight: Head home first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Focus on the present. Many people could seek you out, tossing your schedule into chaos, or at least causing you a delay. Don't get uptight, because when you are relaxed, you will find time to catch up. Someone who keeps touching base with you might have a crush! Tonight: Favorite haunt, favorite people.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ A tendency to want what you want and on your time line emerges. A risk financially or emotionally probably needs to be backed away from. Look at the same issue another day, perhaps tomorrow. Ask yourself if the other party has a motive for pushing you so hard. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might be confused by a family member and his or her choices. You could see someone very differently from who he or she really is. Today you finally gain clarity. Allow your creativity to flourish in a meeting or brainstorming session. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ If you can avoid going into work today, do. Some time off could recharge your batteries. Unexpected developments could keep you busy, in any case. Express your caring toward a family member. Tonight: Vanish.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★★ Success heads in your direction. Meetings could be very important. Network and reach out for others. Confusion surrounds finances. Postpone money decisions for several days. Tonight: Head home early.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Leaving work could take unusual talent. Others seem to tap into your knowledge, and at the last minute. Express your caring, and let others know how valued they are. Tonight: Where the party is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your mind drifts, even in an important meeting. Try to get out of work as early as possible. Another avenue might be to close your door and try to get some paperwork done. Clear off your desk, too. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

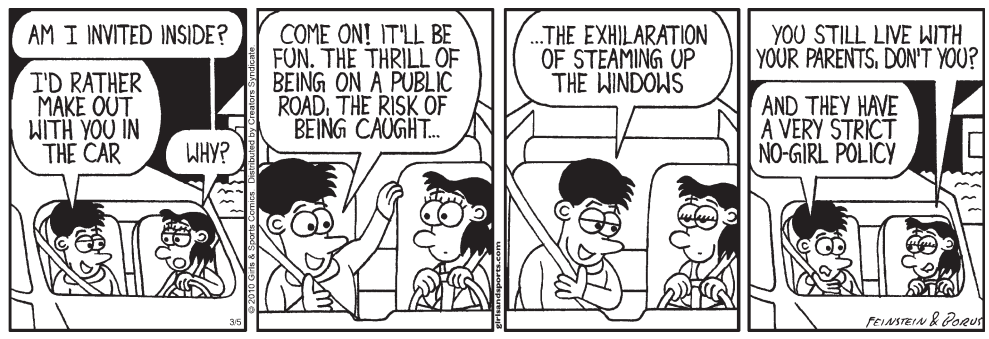
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Encourage yourself this year to look past the obvious. Seek out experts when need be. Try to clear your mind and open up to new thought processes. You draw many people to you. You are unusually attractive and open. Others seek you out because they want to be close to you; they like your warmth. Consider yourself lucky as you begin a new 11-year life cycle. If you are single, there is no reason to remain so, as a very desirable suitor comes forward. If you are attached, the two of you mesh well, especially if you opt to take up a different hobby together. SCORPIO sees right through you.

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

Girls and Sports

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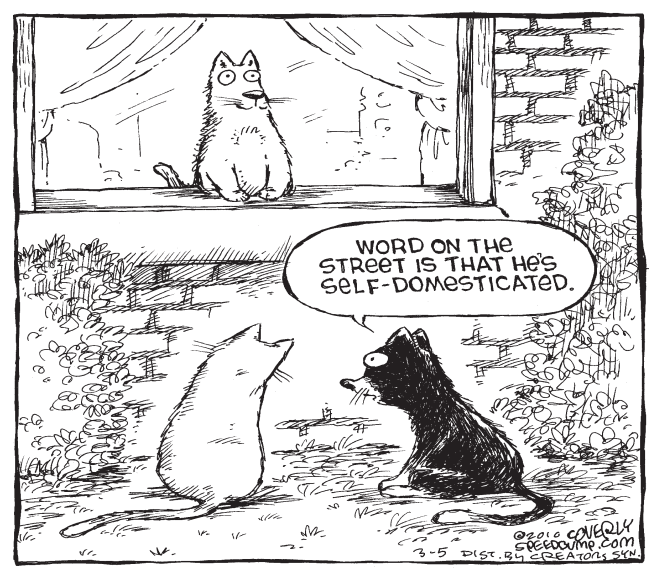
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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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.

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Gangsters' guns
5 Neatnik's opposite
9 Rainy month
11 Preferences
13 Track great Owens
14 Harbor
15 Wee worker
16 Viewpoint
18 In pain
20 Cut down
21 Wingding
22 Rivals
23 Opposition vote
24 Slow-witted
25 Daring
27 Not dissonant
29 Expected
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32 Chooses
34 Paris street
35 Wed hastily
36 Piano piece
38 Parking-garage division
39 Carnival attractions
40 Stagger
41 Give over

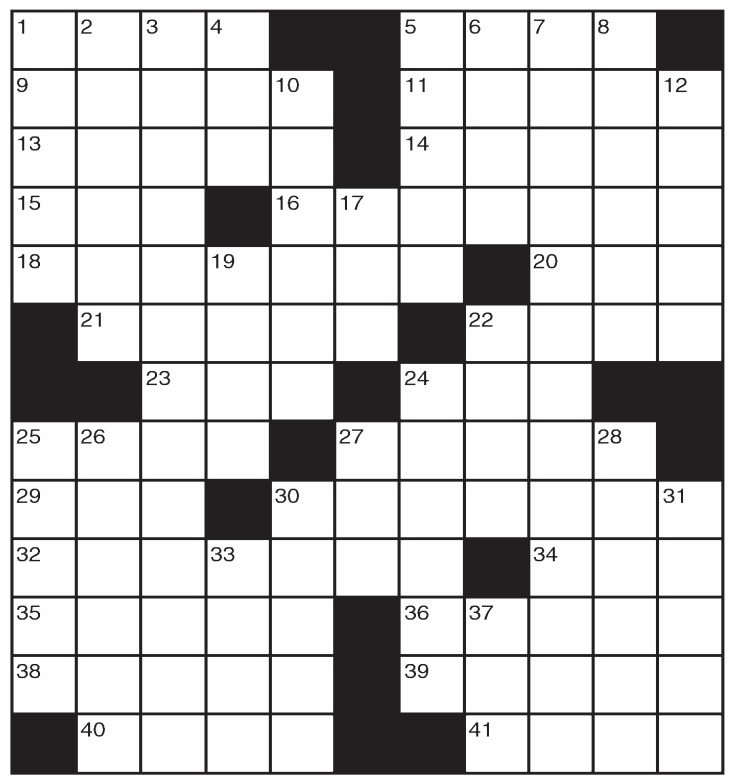
DOWN

1 Indian prince
2 Expand
3 George C. Scott movie
4 Pop's daughter
5 Gin drink
6 Pocket fuzz
7 George C. Scott movie
8 Any of the "Stayin' Alive" singers
10 Humor
12 Worries
17 Some amount of
19 Waiting aid
22 Sibelius, for one
24 Water finder
25 Bygone auto
26 Burr, for one
27 Infant
28 Praised
30 Immune-system component
31 Singer Della
33 Fencing weapon
37 Quirk

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Timing Is Everything: Guido Boldini (and his mother Constance Boldini) pleaded guilty last April to soliciting a hit man to take out Guido's ex-wife, Michelle Hudon, after a contentious child-custody battle in Keene, N.H. The "hit man" was, of course, an undercover cop, and the son and mother are now serving a combined 12 to 35 years in prison. However, unknown to the Boldinis, Michelle Hudon had been diagnosed with cancer, and in September, she died.

■ An official in Shijiazhuang, China, told Agence France-Presse in December that the city's new "women only" parking lot was designed to meet females' "strong sense of color and different sense of distance." That is, the spaces are 3 feet wider than regular spaces and painted pink and purple. Also, attendants have been "trained" to "guide" women into parking spaces.

■ Lenoir County, N.C., sheriff's deputies raided a suspected marijuana farm in January and learned that the grow operation was all underground. The 60 live plants were being cultivated inside an abandoned school bus, which had been completely buried, using several backhoes, accessible by a tunnel and with a garage built on top of it.

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1942 United States Navy Seabees established.

1943 First flight of Gloster Meteor jet aircraft in the United Kingdom.

1946 Winston Churchill uses the phrase "Iron Curtain" in his speech at Westminster College, Missouri.

1946 Hungarian Communists and Social Democrats co-found the Left Bloc.

1949 The Jharkhand Party is founded in India.

1958 The Explorer 2 spacecraft launches and fails to reach Earth orbit.

1960 The Aquatic Ape Hypothesis originates when Alister Hardy publicly announces his idea that ape-human divergence may have been due to a coastal phase.

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