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THE FAIR SHARE ISSUE

## Malibu High lights raise Title IX concerns

### Federal law states availability must be split amongst boys, girls

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MALIBU The number of nights that Malibu High School sports teams may use the new field lights has been the subject of much debate and litigation, but school officials still harbor concerns that a limited number of nights could have implications for a federal law requiring equality between the girls' and boys' squads.

Title IX is a federal law that requires schools to provide equal educational opportunities for male and female students. That includes sports facilities like the lights at Malibu High School.

When the discussion of the lights first came up, it mainly focused on the football team. Although female players are allowed

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Courtesy Malibu Times
MALIBU HIGH AT NIGHT

## Groups urge closure of SMO tower

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Two anti-airport groups urged local Congress members to tell the Department of Transportation to ax the air traffic control tower at Santa Monica Airport as part of $1.2 trillion in federal cuts that went into effect Friday.

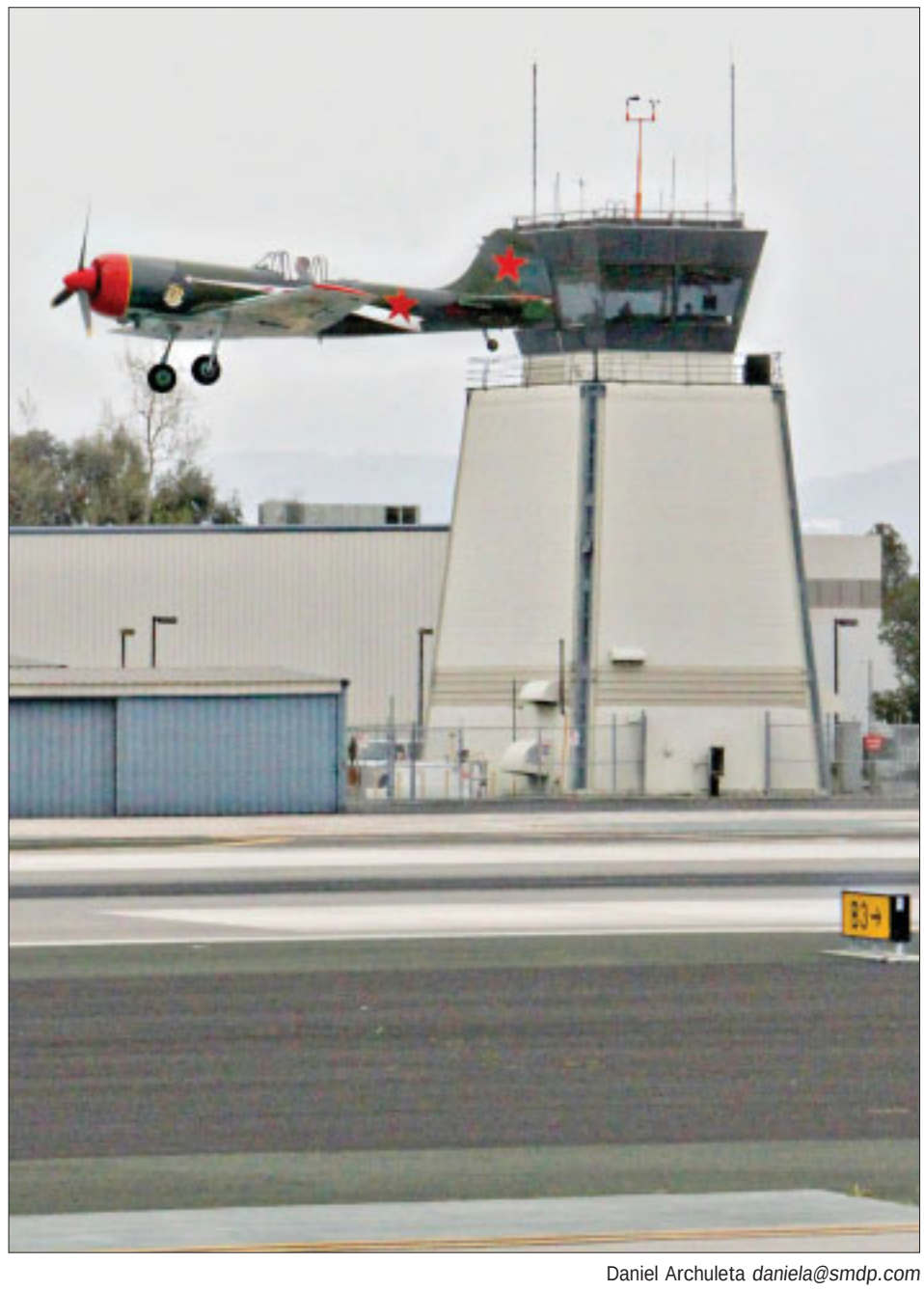
The cuts, also called sequestration, were part of the August 2011 Budget Control Act reached by Congress and the Obama Administration, and require the Federal Aviation Administration to find $600 billion in savings.

SMO was identified as one of over 200 general aviation airports across the country that could lose their control towers, which could potentially slow flights coming through the airports.

According to the Center for American Progress, roughly 106 airports could lose their control towers as part of the reductions, and those against the airport in Santa Monica and neighboring West Los Angeles aim to ensure that SMO numbers among them.

In a letter dated March 3, Citizens Against Santa Monica Airport Traffic (CASMAT) and Sunset Park Anti-Airport, Inc. told Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) and Rep. Karen Bass (D-Los Angeles) that the airport has little love within Santa Monica and West

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LIFTING OFF THE GROUND: **A plane takes off from Santa Monica Airport on Tuesday.**

## Free cell phones for homeless, low-income in works

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Homeless people and Californians who make less than $14,702 annually will qualify for a free cell phone and service plan under a decision by the California Public Utilities Commission that expands a federally-funded program to put phones in the hands of the state's neediest residents.

The CPUC approved proposals by Assurance Wireless and Reach Out Wireless to provide cell phones with free plans that offer 250 minutes and 250 text messages per month to qualifying California residents.

Both carriers also offer plans costing $5, $20 or $30 per month that include extra minutes and services.

Assurance Wireless, a Virgin Mobile company, distributes the Kyocera Jax, although the phone model is based on availability, said Jack Pflanz, communications manager for Assurance Wireless.

The phones and service come from a program called Lifeline, a benefit supported by

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

### Wednesday, March 6, 2013

**Trashy eyewear**
Frank Pictures Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave., Suite A5,
11:30 a.m. — 6:30 p.m.
Cyrus Kabiru, a Kenyan sculptor and painter, showcases his "C-Stunners" art, a series of wearable eyewear sculptures made from bottle tops, shoe polish tins, wire and cutlery. Photography by Amunga Eshuchi will also be featured. This exhibit runs through March 9. For more information, visit edcrossfineart.com

**Planning the future**
City Hall, Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 6:30 p.m.
The Planning Commission will be discussing developer parking fees and the emerging Downtown Specific Plan. For more information, visit smgov.net.

**Book talk**
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
Trained volunteers will lead a discussion on this year's Santa Monica Reads featured novel, "Wonder," by R.J. Palacio. For more information, visit smpl.org.

### Thursday, March 7, 2013

**Food, food and more food**
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., times vary
Planned Parenthood Los Angeles Guild's Food Fare features food and drink from some of the area's premier restaurants, wineries, caterers and beverage purveyors. There will be two sessions: 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. There will also be an auction featuring vacation packages and entertainment and sporting event tickets. For more information, visit pplafoodfare.com.

**Log on**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
4 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Learn how to navigate a web browser, locate information, evaluate online sources and print web pages. Beginner level. Seating is first come, first serve. For more information, visit the reference desk or call (310) 434-2608.

**Foodies unite**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m.
This workshop gives food fans a chance to taste seasonal fresh food and learn about the food you eat with experts from the Santa Monica Farmers' Markets. For more information, visit smpl.org.

**Smooth it out**
DoubleTree Suites by Hilton
1707 Fourth St.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
"Change Your Nutrition with Just 10 Minutes a Day" is presented by Robyn Openshaw, also known as the Green Smoothie Girl. The event features a free green smoothie class, demo, sampling and book signing. For more information, visit greensmoothiegirl.com.

**Notes and words**
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Award-winning author Jane Hamilton adds her unique literary voice to the second program in the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra's (LACO) three-concert "Westside Connections" series, which this season pairs novelists and musicians for an exploration of the relationship between music and story. For more information, call (213) 622-7001.

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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

### Hit 'em with your best shot

Downtown Santa Monica Inc., the public-private company the helps City Hall manage and promote the Downtown business district, is calling on all photographers to submit their best shot of spring in the city by the sea.

Using the popular photo app Instagram, those with a smartphone can enter the contest for a chance to win a prize valued at $200. The prize includes a $100 gift bag from Whole Foods and a $100 credit at Ye Olde King's Head pub.

All one has to do is snap a picture representing what spring in Downtown Santa Monica means to them, follow @DTSantaMonica on Instagram and then post the pic with the hashtag #SMSpringJubilee.

One winner will be chosen on popularity, creativity and relevance to the theme and destination. Entries close May 6, 2013. A winner will be selected on May 8. For more information, visit www.downtownsm.com.

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Food Fare 2013 celebrates its 34th anniversary at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, featuring over 100 of the best restaurants, caterers, wineries, florists, vendors and entertainers. What started off as a cooking demonstration with Julia Child in 1979 has turned into one of the most prestigious culinary events in Los Angeles.

Chef Joe Miller of Joe's Restaurant in Venice and Bar Pintxo in Santa Monica will be recognized as Food Fare 2013's Chef of the Year.

Some Santa Monica restaurants participating are Beachy Cream, BOA Steakhouse, El Cholo, Michael's, Tar & Roses, Sushi Roku and Wilshire.

For a complete list visit pplafoodfare.com.

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STRIKE: **Samohi pitcher Eli Bieber delivers the ball against Roosevelt on Tuesday at home. Bieber earned the win in his first varsity start.**

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

# Samohi pitches way to 9-1 win over Roosevelt

**BY DANIEL ARCHULETA**
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Based on the scoreboard, Santa Monica baseball's 9-1 win over Roosevelt in the SoCal Invitational was a rout.

But, hidden in the stats were a couple of key scenarios where Samohi pitchers escaped bases loaded jams to save the day on Tuesday at home.

Up 2-1 in the top of the fourth inning, Samohi starting pitcher Eli Bieber allowed a bunt single to Edgar Enriquez to juice the bases with one out.

With the prospect of the lead in jeopardy, Bieber induced Robert Gonzalez to fly out to center and struck out Alex Hernandez to preserve the lead.

Samohi padded the lead in the bottom half of the fourth when senior Alex Turner slapped a double to the gap in right-center field, pushing Adrian Perez and Joey Rosenblum across the plate to give the Vikings a 4-1 lead.

In the very next frame, Roosevelt again loaded the bases against Bieber, sending Samohi head coach Kurt Schwengel to the mound to replace his starter with two outs.

In came reliever Nick Jimenez who forced Roosevelt's Robert Contreras to ground out to the infield to again protect the lead.

"Mistakes put us in the hole," Roosevelt's acting head coach Ray Ruiz said. "That's a pretty good squad over there. It's hard to come back against a team like that."

Schwengel was pleased that his pitching once again came through on the mound. His Vikings have allowed just one run in each of the last three games after surrendering 13 to Notre Dame last week.

"We have a bunch of [pitchers] who have been getting it done for us this season," Schwengel said of his team's 4-1 start.

From then on, it was all Samohi. The Vikings would score five more runs, highlighted by catcher Marlon Solomita's double that scored Rudy Gonzalez and Turner.

Bieber was credited with the win in the first varsity start for the junior.

"I knew I could keep them off balance," Bieber said. "But, they figured me out after a while."

Samohi will need more of the same as they prepare for a doubleheader with Long Beach Wilson next Tuesday. Wilson is just 2-3, but Schwengel believes that their record is a bit misleading.

There was a doubleheader scheduled with cross-town New Roads on Saturday, but it was canceled.

Schwengel is wary of the time off while the team is riding a hot streak, but said that he'll hold inter-team scrimmages to keep his squad sharp.

"It's tough to keep guys up," Schwengel said. "But it is good timing, we could use the break. We've been pitching our starters long innings."

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### Consultant isn't wrong

**Editor:**

For months I have been fascinated to read about Santa Monicans negatively reacting to development. I recall my first letter to you was amusement over community complaints that the Santa Monica Place restaurants were still open after 10 p.m.

Each month I see you publish several letters where citizens bemoan the latest apartment building or the Expo Line. My personal favorite was the coup – "Game of Thrones" style – performed by a neighborhood association after its board came out in favor of the Miramar redevelopment. This is not rational human behavior.

Now I read that Mr. Jeffrey Tumlin, a transportation consultant, remarked that Santa Monicans were NIMBYs in an online resume ("Consultant refuses to remove 'NIMBY' comment," March 5). A colleague of mine once defined NIMBYs as follows: "Oversensitive suburban professionals who think growth should stop the minute after it provides them the opportunity to relocate outside the city."

My fellow citizens have now reacted to this slight how? By calling for his resignation and a rejection of every plan in which he has had a hand. Impolitic, broad-brushed, and unsavvy in the dangers of social media, he may be. But riddle me this: when exactly has Mr. Tumlin been wrong?

**Brian Loux**
Santa Monica

### Pride in park

**Editor:**

Santa Monica could be a city of national pride to all Americans and visitors to our shores. Crown our new park with the nation's largest flag pole and flag that can be seen by passing ships far out at sea ("Turf war rages on over name of Tongva Park," March 4). Dedicate our new "Memorial Park" to the many service men and women, military and civilian, defense workers from Santa Monica who served their country in its time of need. With the naming of our new park "Santa Monica Memorial Park," the many visitors to our shores can see that we are all "Americans" with pride in our city and country.

**Oscar Vizcarra**
American Legion Post 123-Santa Monica




## Your column here

Andrew Adams

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# Killing the golden geese

I'M SURE YOU HAVE HEARD THE AESOP fable of the goose and the golden egg. A farmer has a goose that lays golden eggs and to get at all the gold that must be inside of it, he kills the goose. Of course, there is no huge gold storage inside and because the farmer was not content with one golden egg a day, he now has nothing.

Well, up in the Santa Monica Mountains, the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) is slaughtering hundreds of golden geese, every day. There are at least seven cameras trained on stop signs in the MRCA territory; most relevant for Santa Monica residents are the two in Temescal Canyon. And if you roll through a stop sign, or the "agent" reviewing your tape thinks you did, then you can expect a $100 ticket in the mail.

There is a great L.A. Weekly story on it, and if you want to travel down the website comment rabbit hole you could probably guess that there are a few sites devoted entirely to complaining about this practice. But I will leave those concerns alone in this, and focus on why these cameras are just bad policy, and show an arrogance unbefitting an agency like the MRCA.

First, government agencies are some of the few entities that can really think long-term because there are no shareholders clamoring for immediate profits. The whole concept of parkland is to set aside parks for use by this, and future, generations. So while the millions of dollars brought in by ticketing visitors to the MRCA might be attractive, unsustainably trapping your users is just not good business strategy. And if the goal is to "tax" tourists that do not know about these cameras (which is at least defendable), I still think that building up ill-will through video tickets is not a good way to build a support base for the MRCA, even if that base is just visitors to L.A.

Second, the cost of these cameras is not just the ill will toward the MRCA that they create. Every time a person is hit with a red-light video ticket, or any other pointless ticket, they lose a little respect for the law generally, and those that enforce it. The cost of a bad law is not just its application, it is the esteem for the law and its agents that the public loses. I guarantee you that MRCA rangers would agree with this, and did not sign up for the job to review tape and sign a declaration as to whether or not a car came to a full and complete stop.

Finally, videotaping your customers to send them tickets is just plain arrogant and wrong. That is why most municipalities (including L.A.) have stopped doing it; it does not increase public safety, it only raises money without concern to where that money comes from. If the MRCA wanted to tax helicopter rides that go through the park, or charge more for horseback rides (that leave more than footprints and take more than pictures), then I am sure that the MRCA would find great support. But to go after the people that have the audacity to pay to park in the parking lots, or drive to use the area, is just wrong.

It very may well be that the MRCA is well within its right to do this; I didn't read the legal memo that the MRCA had written on it (mostly because I am not a masochist). And I have no problem generally with tickets given without proof of who was driving the car. I am sure there are adequate legal grounds for the MRCA to continue hitting its users with these fees.

Keep in mind with this, that I am very much that user that the MRCA counts on for support. I attended YMCA camp at Temescal as a kid, and use the MRCA trails all the time now as an adult. I am the dummy that buys a year-long parks pass. (It is worth noting that on the same fated trip that earned me a video stop sign ticket, a MRCA ranger gave me a ticket for not having a permit when one was displayed very clearly. This legal matter is ongoing.) I, and everyone else who lives in L.A. because of the great outdoor playgrounds that it offers, are exactly the people who the MRCA relies on when it comes time to raise revenue to pay for these parks.

But when I think that every stop sign is going to cost me $100, I am not as excited to go use the areas I pay for. And when that next vote for more park money comes along, maybe I think of the MRCA and decide it is not worth it. I have to imagine that every time that one of these tickets gets paid, the person just takes a note of where that camera was, or vows not to go back. Pretty soon the very people that pay for these parks are going to leave them alone. And then refuse to pay for park upkeep because of disuse.

In short, the cameras that the MRCA uses may be legal and they may raise money. But they are just dumb public policy. They better be banking that ticket income because it will not last forever, and I am worried that eventually taxpayers will tire of paying for parks that treat them like cash registers. So I call on the MRCA to get rid of these cameras now to save their public image and to ensure that taxpayers support the parks in the future. You don't bite the hand that feeds you; you don't kill the taxpayer geese that are laying the golden eggs.

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## The Taxman

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# Shrieks, moans and spending cuts

IT'S BEEN SAID THAT TAKING A DOLLAR from a bureaucrat — and a politician too, for that matter — is like taking a piece of raw meat from a hyena. A lot of shrieking ensues.

The howls coming from Washington, D.C. over spending cuts required by sequestration could cause the uninformed to believe that civilization, as we know it, is about to end. An $85 billion reduction from a $3.6 trillion budget — a cut of 2.3 percent — is being described by the Washington elite, including the president, as potentially decimating support for schools, the poor, law enforcement, medical research, border protection and the military. The Air Force saying it will be likely to cancel air shows may have been one of the few honest, and probably unintentional, revelations of the actual impact of the sequester that is — wait for it — the brainchild of the Obama White House.

The dire predictions emanating from the White House are so bizarre that even the normally supplicant main stream media is beginning to get suspicious. Case in point: Congresswoman Maxine Waters predicting that the sequestration will cause the loss of more than 170 million jobs. What? There are only 150 million working Americans now. Obviously, the hyperbole is reaching heights never seen before. (Waters later corrected herself, saying it was only 750,000 jobs.)

If this all seems familiar, it should.

California observers are reminded of a time, 35 years ago, when the governing class of the entire state issued shrill predictions of doom in response to a ballot measure that would limit tax revenues. Compared to Proposition 13, Attila the Hun would have been given a more hospitable welcome by these officials.

A recent caller to a national talk show spoke of the parallels between the extreme statements of opponents of Proposition 13 and those now objecting to sequestration. He told of working in law enforcement in Los Angeles County when Proposition 13 was on the ballot and being told that the fire department had rented property in the desert to be able to store equipment from closed fire stations. During that time, taking the word of Proposition 13 opponents without question, the Los Angeles Times ran an editorial claiming, "Los Angeles County would eliminate all the fire department's paramedic units and close half of the 129 fire stations," if Proposition 13 passed.

The public sector was willing to go to any length to discredit Proposition 13. A sign posted by the San Francisco Public Library stated, "Notice! If Proposition 13 passes on June 6, the San Francisco Public Library Will CLOSE EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 1978." The chief administrative officer of the city of Los Angeles said, "The approval of Proposition 13 would bring the city's operations to a complete halt," while a representative of the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors chimed in with, "If the initiative passes we can probably move the entire county (operation) into the library's Quonset hut and auction off the new county building."

**CHARGES FROM THE WHITE HOUSE AND CAPITOL HILL THAT BUDGET CUTS WILL BE A CATASTROPHE ARE IRONIC IN THAT AMERICAN WORKERS SAW A 2 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE PAYROLL TAX AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR.**

But that's lightweight stuff. Former Gov. Pat Brown, Jerry Brown's father, sent out a letter from his law office saying, "If I were a communist and wanted to destroy this country, I would support the Jarvis Amendment (Prop. 13)."

As a result of these and scores of other extreme and unfounded attacks on Proposition 13, Howard Jarvis, the measure's author, received death threats, but he did not let these, or any other form of bullying, distract him for a single moment from his campaign to bring tax relief to the people. And Proposition 13? It passed by a two-to-one vote, public services continued unabated and, as economist Arthur Laffer has observed, it led directly to over a decade of economic prosperity for Californians.

Based on the experience of Proposition 13, the public would do well to dismiss the strident rhetoric coming from government insiders. Charges from the White House and Capitol Hill that budget cuts will be a catastrophe are ironic in that American workers saw a 2 percent increase in the payroll tax at the beginning of the year. If working families are expected to survive on 2 percent less, it is hardly unreasonable to ask government to tighten its belt as well. It is important for Americans to ask themselves, which is worse, a 2.3 percent cut in federal spending, or continuing to borrow trillions of dollars from foreign nations in an effort to maintain a level of spending that is unsustainable?

**JON COUPAL** is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

## The Q Line

### Coming attractions

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# Historic Coliseum thermometer repaired

**BY ROBERT JABLON**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES For a decade or more, rain or shine, it was always a balmy 70 degrees at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

But when University of Southern California football fans take to the stands this season, they'll finally know the real score, because the stadium's perennially broken giant thermometer has been repaired.

A team of USC mechanical engineering students designed, created and installed a new mechanism in less than three months last year. They finished the repair manual last month and are working on creating spare parts.

"It's one of the most stressful and one of the most awesome things I've done," team member David Cape, 22, said Tuesday.

The thermometer, a clocklike dial on a wall near the stadium's distinctive peristyle arches, was installed in 1955. Cape said at some point it must have broken down and the original mechanism was removed but nobody seems to know when.

It has been broken for at least a decade, but it may have stopped operating decades earlier, Cape said. His team was never able to discover a date.

The shaft of the pointer needle was tied so that it pointed straight up to the numeral 70 — and there it remained no matter what the weather.

Cape, a member of USC's drumline for the past four years, performed under it every Trojan football home game.

"It became a running joke, like 'It's always sunny and 70 in Los Angeles.'"

But things were stormy for the stadium, a protected historical landmark. There were money problems and complaints of poor maintenance and management. Last year, former general manager Patrick Lynch and five others were indicted on corruption charges. Lynch pleaded guilty last year to conflict of interest.

The controlling Coliseum Commission proposed leasing the Coliseum to USC, effectively giving the school control of day-to-day operations. However, negotiations have stalled.

Cape said the problems may have prompted the thermometer project.

"One of the big things people were saying was 'You couldn't even make a working thermometer,'" Cape said.

A commissioner suggested making its repair a choice for a senior project last August, Cape said. Mechanical engineering class teams made proposals.

Armed with a budget of only $300, the winning team of Cape, Charlie Palmer, Ryan Magruder and Andrew Ezarik put together a prototype. Coliseum Commission and USC representatives then compared their $280 model to a professional design that would have cost an estimated $5,000 to $10,000, Cape said.

They chose the student design, although beefed up and supplied with a larger budget.

While still attending classes, the team designed a more robust system, with a back-up battery. They coded software, had gears milled, made a motor housing, laser-cut acrylic for the electronics and put together sensor systems from off-the-shelf and industrial hardware.


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## STATE BRIEFS

CARSON, Calif.

### Northrop closing SoCal facility

Nearly 800 jobs will be affected when Northrop Grumman closes a Southern California facility near Carson this year, as the military contractor seeks to consolidate and cut costs.

The Daily Breeze reports the work at the Dominguez Hills campus, which develops information technology and battlefield communications systems, will be moved to other Northrop facilities in phases.

Northrop Chairman Wes Bush said Monday the contractor must reorganize as the federal budget tightens.

Engineers and scientists are among the positions affected.

Rep. Janice Hahn, a Torrance Democrat, says in a statement that she's saddened by news of the 768 jobs that will be moved out of the area.

The Dominguez Hills facility was built in 1987 by TRW. Northrop acquired TRW in 2002.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

### Fake Hermes handbags seized at ports

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers have seized 1,500 counterfeit Hermes leather handbags at the Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex.

The customs agency says in a statement Tuesday that if the bags were genuine they would have had a total value in the millions of dollars.

The merchandise bearing fake Hermes trademarks arrived from China in two shipments that were seized in February.

Customs says the top countries for origination of counterfeit goods seized by U.S. authorities are China, Hong Kong, Singapore, India and Taiwan.

Other notable seizures at the Southern California ports have included 20,000 pairs of counterfeit Christian Louboutin (loo-boo-tan) shoes and nearly 79,000 pairs of sunglasses with design and logo similarities to Coach, Gucci and Armani.

– AP

SAN FRANCISCO

### Census: Bay Area tops 'mega-commuters'

Some workers in the San Francisco Bay Area suffer through commutes that are longer and cover greater distances than in any other major metro area in the country.

The San Jose Mercury News reports the region has a higher percentage of workers described in new Census data as "mega-commuters" – people who spend at least 90 minutes and travel 50 miles getting to the office in the morning.

The newspaper reports about 2 percent of full-time workers living from Contra Costa County in the East Bay, Marin County to the north and San Jose to the south are classified as mega-commuters, compared with the national average of less than 1 percent.

About 587,000 people nationwide meet the mega-commuting standard.

It's the first time the Census reported the demographic.

– AP

# Judge appoints director to oversee Oakland police

**BY TERRY COLLINS**
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. A federal judge has appointed a former police commissioner from Baltimore to oversee the embattled Oakland police department.

U.S. District Judge Thelton Henderson on Monday surprisingly selected Thomas C. Frazier as a compliance director that will give him broad authority over the beleaguered force.

In his new role, Frazier will have the power to seek the dismissal of the police chief and his command staff and could overrule major department decisions.

Oakland officials and two lawyers seeking a receivership of the department agreed late last year to appoint a compliance director, avoiding an unprecedented federal takeover of the force. The deal stems from a decade-old police brutality lawsuit settlement resulting in still uncompleted court-ordered reforms.

Frazier, who has overseen similar situations in Los Angeles and Detroit, could start as early as next week. Frazier, whose police consulting group wrote a critical report last year about the Oakland police's handling of Occupy Oakland the previous year, was not the top recommendation of either the city or the lawyers.

However, both parties seemed pleased with the selection.

"We believe we can work well in collaboration with Mr. Frazier to accelerate our efforts to reach full compliance with the outstanding reform tasks," Oakland officials said in a statement. "Everyone involved in this case is working toward the same goals: enhanced constitutional policing and strengthened relationships between our police and our communities."

John Burris, one of the two lawyers overseeing the settlement and reforms, said Monday that with Frazier's extensive law enforcement background, the judge made an excellent choice.

"(Frazier) is well respected, and we think he will do a terrific job," Burris said. "He already has experience with Oakland so the learning curve should be fairly short from our point of view."

Frazier will be based in Oakland for one year or until the police department has reached full compliance with the reforms, the judge has said. Frazier, who will be paid $270,000 — higher than the police chief, but slightly lower than the city administrator — will report directly to the court.

It's expected that Frazier will have to file a list of critical, longstanding issues for the department to finally resolve, including incidents involving unjustified use of force, racial profiling and bias-based policing.

His appointment stems from a 2003 lawsuit filed amid claims that several rogue officers beat or framed drug suspects in 2000. The claims resulted in nearly $11 million in payments to 119 plaintiffs and attorneys.

The settlement initially called for the reforms to be completed within five years. But Burris and attorney Jim Chanin said high-ranking city officials thwarted those efforts, and the lawyers asked the judge in October to place the department under federal control.

City officials, however, say they are close to completing the assigned tasks.

Frazier, also a former deputy chief in nearby San Jose, is no stranger to Oakland. Last year, his group criticized the Oakland police in a report saying that the department was ill-equipped to handle a violent protest just hours after officers cleared an Occupy Oakland encampment in front of City Hall on Oct. 25, 2011.

The independent study reported that police weren't prepared due to inadequate staffing, poor planning and training. Police fired tear gas canisters and beanbag projectiles and some protesters threw glass and other objects.

Critics and residents complained about the police response that night, most notably after protester Scott Olsen, an Iraqi war veteran, was struck by a police beanbag and received a fractured skull that resulted in a brain injury and speech problems.

# Crews remove 82-foot yacht grounded by alleged thieves

**BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

PACIFICA, Calif. Crews removed an 82-foot yacht from a Northern California beach early Tuesday after authorities say three people stole it, stocked it with pizza and beer, then drove it a little more than 20 miles before running it aground.

The luxury vessel "Darlin" was pulled from the sand at Pacifica State Beach, where it was stuck for nearly a day.

Pacifica police arrested Leslie Gardner, 63, Dario Mira, 54, and Lisa Modawell, 56, on suspicion of grand theft and conspiracy. Each of the three was being held on more than $1 million bail.

The strange tale began early Monday when beachgoers phoned police to report the sailboat in trouble.

The yacht was trapped in shallow water at low tide and unable to get back out to sea. A few wetsuit-clad surfers had paddled out in the frigid water near the grounded vessel as its hull was battered by 4- to 5-foot waves.

After television news reports of the grounding aired, the boat's owner called police to report it stolen from Sausalito, about 20 miles to the north, police said.

Authorities made brief contact with the three people on board, but the people at first refused to disembark.

Once officers were alerted that it was a stolen vessel, police surrounded it with guns drawn. After a few hours, the trio agreed to be taken off of the yacht, jumping onto personal watercraft and being quickly ferried to shore.

Pacifica police Capt. Dan Steidle said there was some indication the trio was planning to take the vessel to Pillar Point Harbor, about 10 miles south of where they ended up.

"They have been less than cooperative with our investigative efforts," Steidle said.

Gardner, Mira and Modawell were being held at the San Mateo County jail and were scheduled to appear in court Wednesday.

At about 1 a.m. Tuesday, a high tide moved in and provided enough water for crews to dislodge the yacht from the a sandbar where it had gotten stuck. The boat had a damaged rudder and keel, and was taken to a repair yard in Richmond.



# LIGHTS
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and have played on the team, it is dominated by boys, said Mark Kelly, now director of Student Services but formerly the principal of Malibu High School.

"Sixteen nights just for football wouldn't cut the mustard on that," Kelly said.

That question of equity was a major factor in the push to alter the Local Coastal Permit, which forbade the use of lights at the field, said Peter Anthony, one of the leaders of the "Bring on the Lights" committee that spearheaded fundraising for the lights.

"Parents of girls soccer players in Malibu spoke up and said, 'Why is this just for boys, what about our girls?'" Anthony said. "You ought to consider the needs of all kids when you're doing this kind of thing."

The Malibu City Council ultimately approved 61 nights of lights with specific timing restrictions. That amount would more than cover existing teams, but would leave flexibility for future ones, like a girls' lacrosse team, Kelly said.

"We would be hard-pressed to use 61 nights, but we're not just planning for today," Kelly said.

Cami Winikoff, one of the leaders on the Malibu Community Alliance, calls the equality argument misleading.

"If they had 16 nights of light, they would use eight for boys' football and eight for girls' soccer," she said. "They like to make it like it's an issue where the sports program can't go forward. We're not talking about stopping the sports program."

The alliance points to other schools like Skyline High School in Oakland, Calif., which settled with the Hillcrest Estates Improvement Association to limit the number of nights that their lights could be used.

That agreement was later amended in 2010 to allow lights seven days a week until 7 p.m. for practices. The lights can be used for the school's commencement and scheduled athletic events, although no more than 20 per year and with lights off at 10 p.m.

The Palos Verdes Unified School District is also struggling with controversy created by field lights. Advocates of lights sued the school district in an effort to compel it to install lights, for which they had raised money.

The Daily Breeze reported in April that a judge had thrown out a portion of the case that would have forced the school district to move forward with the lighting project, but left it open to fraud charges.

The arguments against lights in Malibu focus on the community's traditionally dark skies and nearby neighbors' concerns about light pollution, while proponents say that the lack of lighting negatively impacts the campus' sports programs.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

How many nights of lights and how those nights are divided between the teams could tread on Title IX territory.

Lights allow teams to play later in the evening, often outside of the traditional 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. working day that can constrain parents from being able to watch their children's games.

That fact became particularly relevant after the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeal ruled on a 2009 case that girls' and boys' sports teams should have the same "prime time" scheduling.

The case originated out of Indiana. Amber Parker, a former coach at Franklin County High School, sued the Franklin County Community School Corporation and other school districts because girls' games tended to be scheduled on school nights whereas the boys' games were mainly on weekends.

That impacted the girls' ability to do homework and spectators' ability to attend, said Nancy Hogshead-Makar, senior director of advocacy for the Women's Sports Foundation.

"The court held that it was impermissible that the girls had to play then," Hogshead-Makar said. "They could never develop a fan base, because parents and fans could not get those nights off.

"Most kids want to play on Friday nights," Hogshead-Makar said.

This kind of "prime time" scheduling will likely play a role in Malibu High School's determination of how to carve up the nights that lights are available, although how many they'll have depends on the outcome of litigation with the alliance.

The group is advocating for 16 nights of light, which it calls the "community compromise" that came out of a 2010 Planning Commission meeting. The alliance has shown flexibility by proposing up to 32 nights in the past, Winikoff said.

"We're still fighting for the community compromise, which was fully vetted," Winikoff said.

Sixteen nights won't cut it for Anthony, whose group has already paid $170,000 for the lights and put down a $250,000 down payment on the installation. They have agreed to cover the remaining $230,000 fronted by the school district as well.

It also ties the school district's hands, should future sports teams come online, Kelly said.

Still at question are the legal costs, which the alliance says are mounting quickly. The school district has expressed hope that the Malibu lights supporters will help pay for the legal bill as well, although no firm commitments have been made.

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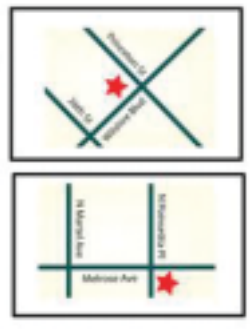

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# BRAGGING RIGHTS

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**New Roads' Christian Vibiano successfully returns to first base before Crossroads' Cooper Halpern (right) can make the tag on Tuesday at Clover Park. Crossroads would go on to win the cross-town rivalry game, 17-2. The victory improves the Roadrunners' record to 4-1.**

## PHONES

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the federal government and paid for by the Universal Service Fund, which collects money from wireless companies. Some of the cost can be passed onto their customers.

According to the CPUC, California residents may qualify for the Lifeline program if enrolled in Medi-Cal or receive assistance through a variety of federal programs including Medicaid, Section 8 housing vouchers, food stamps, the National School Lunch Program or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.

Based on enrollment in the food stamps program alone, as many as 4.1 million Californians could qualify for the service, Pflanz said.

John Maceri, executive director of OPCC, Santa Monica's leading provider of homeless services, called the plan "fantastic."

"A lot of homeless do have cell phones, but managing on limited incomes and managing payments for utilities is always a challenge," Maceri said.

Previously, the California Lifeline program only covered landlines, which was useful when OPCC clients could be placed in apartments or other housing, but didn't reach those still on the streets or living in a shelter.

Putting cheap and free phones in the hands of clients opens doors, Maceri said.

"We are a cell phone-driven culture now. Being able to reach people quickly is important," he said. "Being able to reach people quickly to tell them units are available, to schedule an interview or tell them their applications are missing for housing, benefits or employment, all of those things are very helpful."

Santa Monica recently completed a count of its homeless population with the help of over 250 community volunteers and city officials on Jan. 30. They found 780 homeless, an increase over the 769 counted the previous year. It is the third year in a row that Santa Monica has had an increase in its homeless count after years of decline.

There was a significant increase in homeless on the street — 264 to 316 — and an increase of 12 found in vehicles.

Only one person per household may qualify for Lifeline. The Federal Communications Commission, which oversees the program, acted in 2012 to reform the program with the expectation that it would save $2 billion over three years.

Those reforms included annual recertification requirements and the creation of a National Lifeline Accountability Database to prevent multiple carriers from carrying the same subscribers.

The program is initially rolling out in San Francisco, but residents of the Los Angeles area will have their applications processed soon, Pflanz said.

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## SMO

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Los Angeles, and potentially no future past 2015.

"Other airports are very much supported by the community; SMO is not," the letter reads.

The letter details the ongoing struggle within the community over the airport, hearkening back to a 1981 City Council resolution citing city officials' intention to close the airport as soon as possible and projecting past 2015, when city officials believe they will regain more control over what happens at the site.

It also documents four Airport Commission resolutions that aim to curtail operations at the airport by ceasing the sale of aviation fuel; ending city subsidies at the airport and imposing new insurance requirements; removing a 2,000-foot section of the runway from use after July 1, 2015; and take steps to condense the airport as much as possible while still operating it safely.

"We hope the above summary will inform (Transportation) Secretary (Ray) LaHood of our local situation," it reads. "We respectfully request that the Secretary act to close the SMO control tower and cease expenditure of FAA funds on SMO."

If the airport loses its control tower, flights will still be able to go in and out, although it could lead to inefficiencies in take offs and landings, airport officials said.

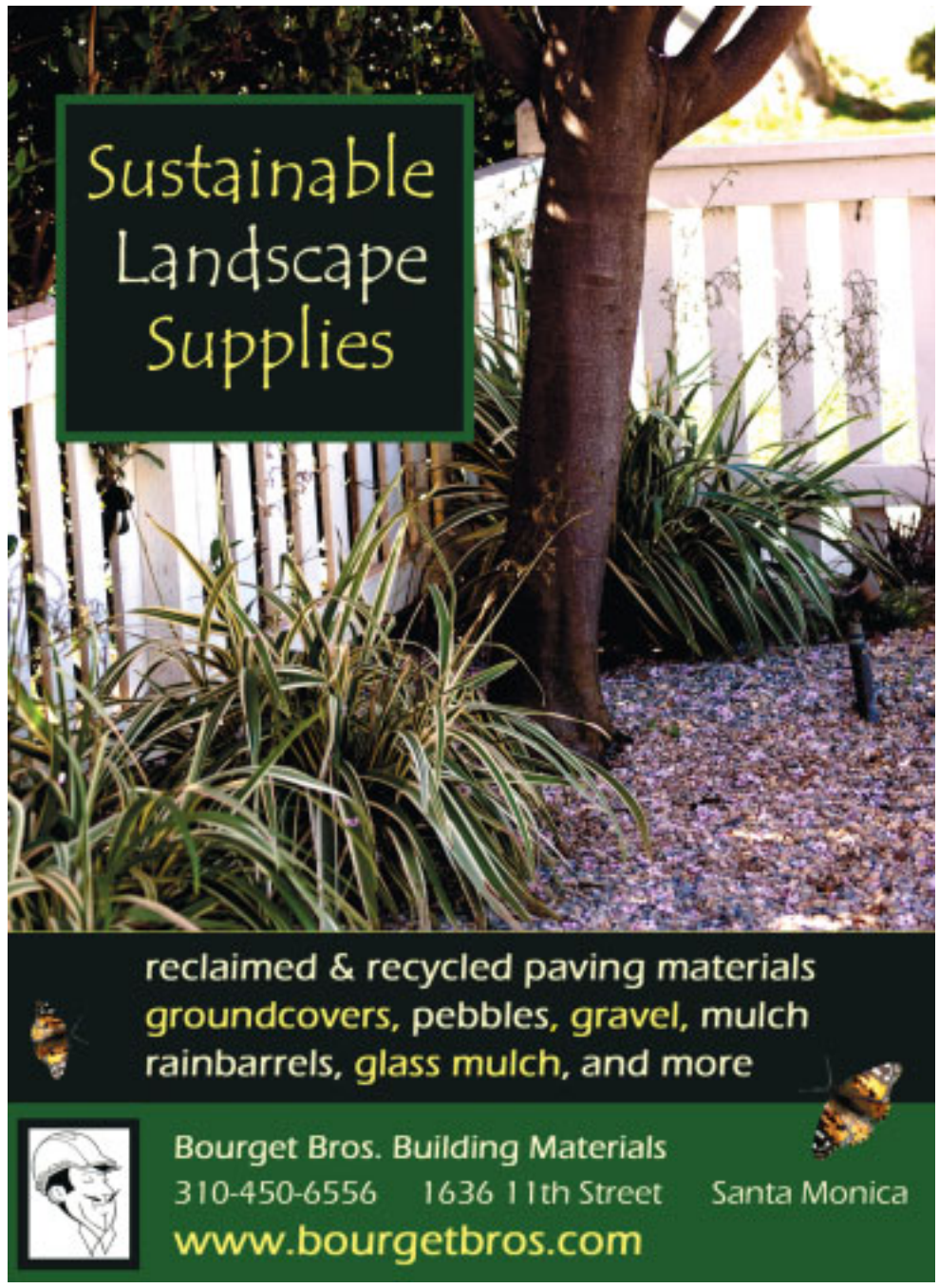
"We believe that the amount of traffic at SMO will go down considerably, and there is little likelihood of waiting," said John Fairweather, founder of CASMAT.

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# Celebrity 'fractivists': True advocates or NIMBYs?

BY JENNIFER PELTZ & KEVIN BEGOS
Associated Press

NEW YORK The scene: a Manhattan art-house theater. The cause: a campaign against the gas drilling process known as fracking that's being led by more than 100 celebrities, including Yoko Ono, Sean Lennon, Robert Redford, Mark Ruffalo and Mario Batali.

Outside, demonstrators in hazmat suits circle the theater. Inside, actress Scarlett Johansson attends a benefit screening of "Gasland," the documentary film that has become the movement's manifesto. Johansson tells The Associated Press that her "Avengers" co-star Ruffalo introduced her to the cause, and that she found the film "incredibly shocking."

The campaign has galvanized hundreds of thousands of followers, but as with many activist causes, the facts can get drowned out by the glitz. Now, some experts are asking whether the celebrities are enlightened advocates or NIMBYs — crying "Not in my backyard!" — even as their privileged lives remain entwined, however ruefully, with fossil fuels.

Much of the anti-fracking activism is centered in New York City, where concerts, movies and plays use huge amounts of energy, gourmet chefs including Batali cook with gas, and most people — the glitterati included — heat with gas.

There's no doubt that critics of hydraulic fracturing — a practice colloquially known as fracking that involves injecting water, sand and chemicals into underground rock to free vast reserves of gas — have some legitimate concerns. There have been documented cases of leaking gas ruining nearby well water, of air pollution and of problems from the waste the drilling generates. Experts say those are important parts of the story — but far from the whole story.

"With proper regulation and enforcement, gas provides a very substantial health benefit in reducing air pollution," compared with coal-fired power plants, said Daniel Schrag, director of Harvard University's Center for the Environment.

That is a theme not adequately covered in the debate over fracking, agreed Michael Greenstone, an environmental economics professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a former top adviser to the Obama administration. Greenstone is studying the local health effects of fracking, but he said it's not scientifically accurate to ignore "the tremendous health gains" from the coal-to-gas shift.

"Honestly," he said, "the environmentalists need to hear it."

The main celebrity anti-fracking campaign took off last summer when Ono and Lennon, her son, founded Artists Against Fracking. Their family farm sits near gas reserves in New York, and they fear fracking might be allowed in the area. Some celebrities also speak out independently, or through other groups. Among the claims:

— Ono, at a news conference: "Fracking kills. And it doesn't just kill us, it kills the land, nature and eventually the whole world."

— Robert Redford, in a radio ad: "Fracking is a bad deal for local communities. It's been linked to drinking water contamination all across the country. It threatens the clean air we breathe."

— Alec Baldwin, in an editorial in the Huffington Post, described a scenario in which companies promise people "some economic benefit, deliver a pittance in actual compensation, desecrate their environment and then split and leave them the bill."

— Josh Fox, the director of "Gasland," to the AP: "We have the capability of running everything in this country — including our fleet of 240 million cars — off of electricity from wind and from solar and from hydropower." Fox said that society should be changing over "to renewable energy and doing it vigorously and quickly. And we could be doing that in New York."

While such claims may contain a kernel of truth, they are at best subjective and at worst misleading or even hypocritical, some environmentalists say.

"In truth, celebrities are rich, and they use far more energy and resources than anyone else. There's this grass-roots NIMBY revolt against fracking," said Michael Shellenberger, who heads the Breakthrough Institute, a nonpartisan Oakland-based environmental think tank that is releasing a report this month on the environmental benefits of natural gas.

Critics of drilling largely welcome the support from celebrities. Biologist Sandra Steingraber, speaking for the group New Yorkers Against Fracking, said the support helps to "elevate the voices of this grassroots movement in contrast to the millions of dollars spent by the gas industry."

Many self-labeled "fractivists" say drilling ruins drinking water and farms — think the fictional disaster spun in the Matt Damon vehicle "Promised Land" — and makes no sense, since it's possible to quickly transform our society to one that's powered by clean, renewable energy such as wind and solar.

Yet the boom has created jobs, reduced imports of oil and gas, and lowered energy bills. In contrast with Baldwin's claim, local landowners have received billions of dollars in royalties, and the typical royalty of 18.75 percent is higher than what many novelists, actors or musicians are paid.

Pennsylvania dairy farmer Shawn Georgetti said he was struggling before signing a gas lease. Now, he's been able to buy better and more fuel-efficient equipment and says the drilling hasn't caused any problems. "It's a lot more fun to farm," he said.

As for Fox's claim about the ease of shifting to wind, solar and hydropower, "if that was true, we'd be doing it," said Stephen Ansolabehere, a Harvard University professor who has studied public attitudes toward renewable energy. "People think wind and solar are cheap; it's just not right. They see what the prices are, and the support drops."

Wind energy currently provides about 2 percent of total U.S. energy, and solar less than 1 percent. Hydropower is about 3 percent, and building more dams would also have environmental effects. In practical terms, it will take decades of nonstop solar, wind and other renewable investment to phase out fossil fuels.

Many celebrities are just beginning to embrace renewables. Sean Lennon told the AP in January that the family farm in upstate New York is still conventionally powered.

"I'm actually looking into it. It's a long process," Lennon said. "I've met with a lot of solar companies. I'm looking for the best possible solution, and there are a lot of options out there."

Redford spokeswoman Joyce Deep wrote in an e-mail that he installed passive solar in his home in the mid-'70s, but she didn't know details about more recent installations. "Passive solar" means using windows or other materials in an energy-conscious way, not solar panels. Deep noted that Sundance, the Utah resort Redford helped found, uses some renewable energy.

Baldwin declined to comment about how much renewable energy he had installed, and Ono's spokesperson said Lennon spoke for her, too.

Ruffalo, an Academy Award-nominated actor, made the switch to solar last year on his property in New York's Catskill Mountains, also near gas reserves. "In fact, I have a 14 KW system on my single property," Ruffalo wrote in an e-mail. "It is a beautiful system." And Fox said he uses electricity from wind power on a Pennsylvania property.

But experts note that even renewables need conventional backup, since the sun doesn't always shine and the wind doesn't always blow.

"It demonstrates the ignorance of renewable power advocates to suggest that renewables can run without gas. We don't get to say, 'I only want solar and wind,'" Shellenberger said.

Even the success that turns people into celebrities often involves tremendous amounts of energy. Restaurateur and Food Network star Batali started with one restaurant. He now has 16 — in New York, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Hong Kong and Singapore — all using natural gas to cook.

Some of his restaurants "use a percentage of green power to help offset some of our non-renewable energy consumption, and we are looking to do more in the future," Batali spokeswoman Elizabeth Meltz wrote in an e-mail.

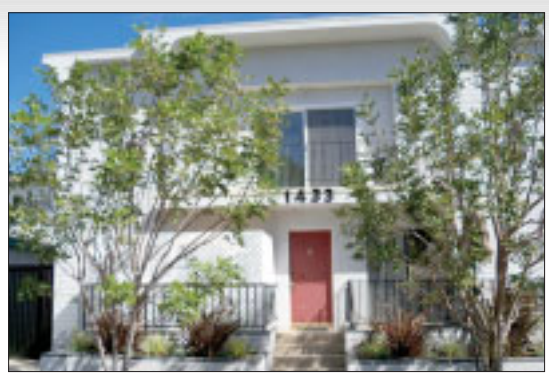
Some celebrities acknowledge the complexities.

"Obviously the entire society is addicted to fossil fuels, and the reason that we're fractivists is to try to move toward a renewable economy," Lennon said. "That doesn't mean that any of us have extracted ourselves completely from the society itself, because the entire city's running off of oil and gasoline."

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# Natural gas vehicles making inroads; sale numbers rising

**BY DEE-ANN DURBIN**
AP Auto Writer

DETROIT Ford Motor Co. said Tuesday it sold a record 11,600 natural gas vehicles last year, more than four times the number it sold two years ago.

It's the latest sign that natural gas is making inroads as a transportation fuel, particularly for truck fleets, buses and taxis. The consumer market is tougher to crack, but sales are gaining there as well.

Natural gas is cheap and plentiful in the U.S. after a spike in production that began in the middle of last decade. At the same time, the price of gasoline and diesel fuel has jumped more than 30 percent.

That makes natural gas — which also emits fewer greenhouse gases — an increasingly attractive option for truck companies and municipalities.

But while natural gas may be a good choice for snow plows and trash trucks, which go relatively short distances and can refuel at city-owned pumps, it's a tougher call for ordinary consumers. Natural gas cars cost more and there are few public places to refuel them. Those issues need to be addressed if the vehicles are to significantly boost their share of the auto market, which is currently less than 1 percent.

General Motors Co. and Chrysler Group recently added natural gas pickup trucks to their lineups. Honda Motor Co. is seeing more interest in its natural gas Civic — with record U.S. sales of nearly 2,000 last year — and industry experts expect more offerings for regular buyers in the next year or two.

Natural gas vehicles aren't new. Ford's previous peak sales, of 5,491, were in 2001. But they fell out of favor later that decade when the price of natural gas spiked. Ford stopped selling natural gas vehicles in 2004 and didn't start making them again until 2009.

During those five years, new technology unlocked vast reserves of natural gas in deep rock formations, creating a glut that has depressed prices. Compressed natural gas — or CNG — now costs between $1.79 to $3.49 per gallon in the U.S. depending on the location, compared with an average of $3.74 for gasoline and $4.12 for diesel, according to Clean Energy, which operates natural gas fueling stations, and AAA.

It's even cheaper for corporate or government buyers, who may pay as little as 80 cents per gallon for their natural gas, according to CNG Now, an industry lobbying group. In the U.S., CNG is sold in units that have the energy equivalent of a gallon of gasoline.

No one is quite sure how many natural gas vehicles are on the road. Honda and Chrysler are the only companies that make CNG-ready vehicles in their own factories. Ford and GM make vans and trucks that are prepped to run on CNG, or on a combination of gasoline and CNG, but rely on outside companies to add about $10,000 worth of equipment, including the natural gas tank. Some drivers convert their cars and trucks on their own.

GE, which is currently developing a home fueling station, estimates there are 250,000 natural gas vehicles currently in use in the U.S.

Dave Hurst, a principal research analyst with Pike Research, a division of the consulting firm Navigant, estimates that 20,381 natural gas vehicles were sold in the U.S. in 2012. Ford sold more than half of those, but big truck makers like Navistar and Freightliner and bus makers like New Flyer were also in the mix. Hurst estimates that 1,600 CNG buses and 1,500 CNG garbage trucks were sold last year.

Hurst expects CNG vehicle sales to grow by 10 percent per year through 2019, when he's forecasting sales of 39,864. In a market where 16 million new cars and trucks are sold each year, that's still less than 1 percent. But Hurst expects to see steady demand from governments and other fleet buyers and new offerings to meet those demands. For example, Ford plans to release a CNG version of its Lincoln MKT crossover — which is sold to limousine companies — in 2014.

Hurst doesn't anticipate a big uptick in sales to general consumers. Price is a problem. With a starting price of $26,305, a 2013 natural gas Civic costs $8,100 more than the base gas model. Big trucks that burn 20,000 to 40,000 gallons of gas a year can easily make up that difference, but it takes far longer for regular consumers, who may only use 500 gallons per year. Home fueling stations add $4,000 to $6,000 to that cost.

Range is also a concern. The U.S. has 1,100 natural gas fueling stations and only about half are open to the public. A natural gas Civic can go around 200 miles on a tank. That's better than an electric car, which might go 100 miles on a charge. But it's less than the 300 to 350 miles a driver can go on a tank of gas in a regular Civic.

All those things could change. GE is trying to develop a $500 home fueling station, and the federal government could encourage sales with tax credits, as it has done with its $7,500 electric vehicle credit. Some states are already giving tax credits to CNG vehicle buyers, including West Virginia — which gives up to $7,500 for smaller vehicles and $20,000 for trucks — and Colorado, which gives up to $6,000.

"Once we get a good home refueling station, you'll never have to go to a gas station again unless you like their coffee," said Jon Coleman, Ford's fleet sustainability manager. Coleman thinks sales to individuals will one day outpace sales to fleets because natural gas is so plentiful and is already being piped into millions of homes.

For now, Coleman works mostly with corporate and government fleets, which appreciate the stability of natural gas prices compared with gasoline.

Irving, Texas-based oil and gas company Pioneer Natural Resources recently ordered 250 F-250 pickups that can run on a combination of gas and natural gas. The company already has 50 bi-fuel vehicles, and wants to convert most of its fleet by 2015, according to Lynn Lyon, Pioneer's director of fuel market development.

Lyon, who uses a bi-fuel F-250 as her personal vehicle, says it seamlessly switches between gas and natural gas and is easy to fill up. But more important, the company is paying $2 less per gallon than if it was only buying gasoline, she said.

"People will drive across town to save 10 cents a gallon at the pump. What would you do to save $1 or more?" she said.

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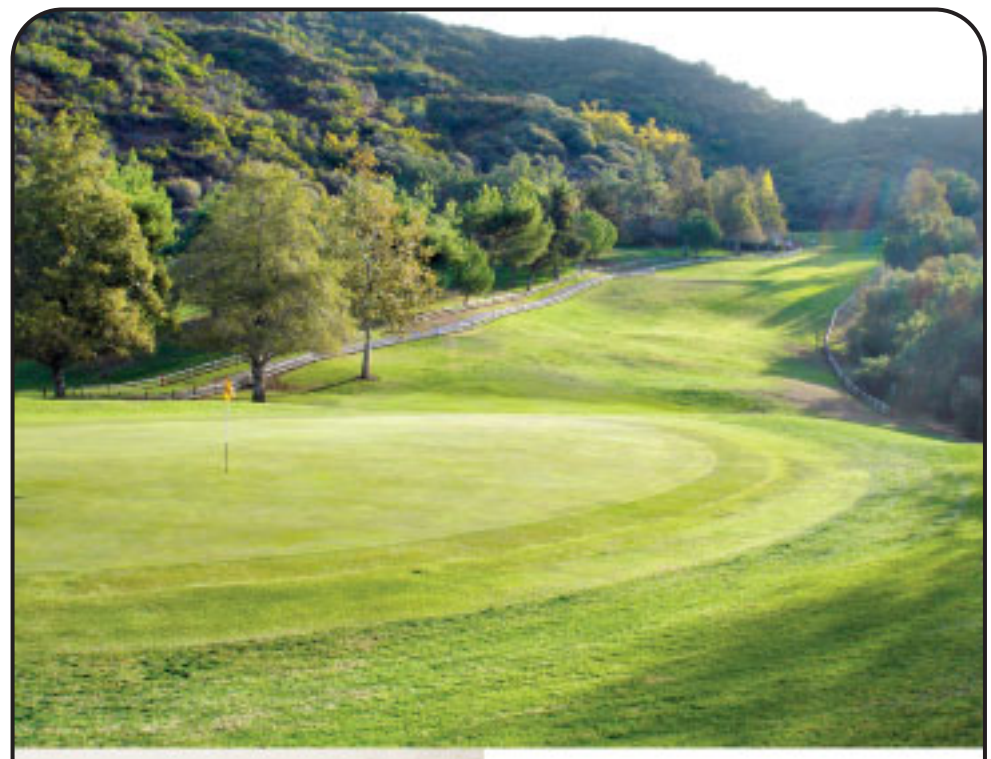
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## Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **57.7°**

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high occ. 4ft
New WNW swell fills in through the day for select spots; SSW swell slowly fills in further;; Watching weather/winds

THURSDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to chest high occ. 4ft
WNW tops out; SSW swell holds; weather/winds looking problematic

FRIDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high occ. 4ft
WNW swell mix and SSW swell fade; Weather winds looking to still be an issue;

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
WNW swell and S/SSW swell mix eases further

## WIND / WEATHER

A relatively mild but somewhat unstable pressure pattern holds for the first part of this week. That's why mostly "FAIR" conditions are posted for many areas then. Where winds are locally lighter FAIR-GOOD conditions can be had at times. Wednesday morning looks to start off light/variable to locally light onshore (mostly under 5kts) in the morning, followed by moderate onshore westerly flow (6-12kts) by the early afternoon. There will also be a

BEACH REPORT CARD

## NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of: **February 27, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills — 8
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0
- Number of wet days — 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 28 / 31
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0 / 3

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA and Grousbeck Family Foundation

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alias creeks. | ns | ns |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | A+ | B |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Wishtoyo Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | A+ |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A | A+ |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | A+ | A+ |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.. | A+ | A |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | A+ | A+ |
| Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily. | F | F |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | A | F |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A+ | F |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point rock). | A+ | C |
| Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs. | A+ | A |
| Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Tuna Canyon. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | A | F |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | F | F |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence. | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua). | A | A+ |
| Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Santa Monica Municipal Pier. | D | A |
| Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain. | A | A |
| Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms). | A+ | A |
| Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain. | A | A+ |
| Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain. | A+ | A |
| Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | A+ | A+ |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.. | A+ | A+ |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower. | F | A |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | A+ | C |
| 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 CSAW jetty). | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A+ | A+ |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A+ | A+ |

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

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# Fish poised for comeback after six-month absence

**BY BETH HARRIS**
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Mardy Fish eased his way back into big-time tennis with an exhibition match against top-ranked Novak Djokovic. The real test comes this week in the Southern California desert.

The 32nd-ranked American returns to the ATP Tour after a six-month absence caused by a heart condition Fish has yet to fully reveal.

It will be a cautious first step back into the whirlwind of travel, late-night matches, erratic eating and pressure. Fish, a former top-10 player, has been off the tour since September and has changed his lifestyle significantly — healthy eating and bedtime before 10 p.m.

But he was up late Monday night after losing to Djokovic in a tiebreaker of their eight-game pro set at the Los Angeles Tennis Challenge, an exhibition Fish put together with pal and former pro Justin Gimelstob.

"I don't feel 100 percent but I'm getting pretty close," the 31-year-old Fish said from a massage table as he was put through various contortions by his physical therapist. "We were playing pretty quick. I was getting winded. You can't duplicate that in practice."

"He looked quite good on court," Djokovic said. "He was moving well and serving well."

Fish will find out exactly how well his game holds up at the BNP Paribas Open in Indian Wells, Calif., a two-week hard-court event featuring the world's top players. He's been idle since withdrawing from the U.S. Open in early September on a doctor's advice, hours before he was to face Roger Federer in the fourth round.

Fish's health woes first surfaced a year ago this month, when his heart started racing uncontrollably after a match at Key Biscayne, Fla. In May, doctors induced extreme palpitations to try to pinpoint the problem in Fish's heart. He briefly returned to action at Wimbledon in June.

Fish has kept the exact nature of his problem private.

"I've gone back and forth whether to spill it all or keep it in," he said. "What I went through is the toughest thing I ever had to deal with in my life. It's not something that's very easy to talk about."

Even with friends. Fish said he wouldn't return their texts asking what was wrong, nor would he discuss details.

"It took me months and months and months to have a glass of wine at dinner, to go out to a movie with my wife," he said. He and Stacey have been married 4 Ω years.

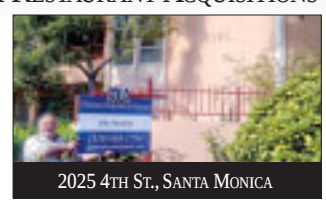
"She was an angel," he said. "I've slept in the same bed with her every single night since April. I'm not sure where I would be without her help and her calming presence next to me in the bad times."

Fish said he visited the Mayo Clinic "to make sure everything is working properly and it is."

For three months, Fish didn't leave the house, work out or play tennis. One benefit to laying low was that the time off cured the tendinitis in his right arm that had plagued him for three years.

"I've retired 15 times in my head," he said. "For the first three or four months, I was done for sure. Then gradually I started feeling better and working out. You start missing tennis and the guys."

He added: "I haven't felt better than this since the U.S. Open."

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**Escape from Planet Earth 3D (PG) 1hr 29min**
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**Escape from Planet Earth (PG) 1hr 29min**
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**Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min**
11:45am, 3:15pm, 6:50pm, 10:25pm

**Good Day to Die Hard (R) 1hr 37min**
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

**Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min**
11:55am, 2:40pm

**Identity Thief (R) 1hr 51min**
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**Metropolitan Opera: Rigoletto Encore () 3hrs 35min**
6:30pm

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**Lore (NR) 1hr 49min**
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

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# Happy Birthday

**Kristina Andresen:** Local architect and Santa Monica history buff

## SHOP TONIGHT, SAG

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take charge if you want to maintain some form of control. Many different factors are at work here. Listen to different perspectives, and your openness will help make minds meet. Tonight: Burn the candle at both ends.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Recognize your limits. Honor what is happening between you and someone else. Laughter comes through at the strangest moments. A change of plans becomes possible more than a few times. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could see a matter very differently from how you did in the past. A partner might be trying to make an adjustment right now. Welcome this attitude, and work with this person. Tonight: Togetherness works, though a discussion could get heated.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. Your sense of humor emerges when you're an observer. Be smart, and realize that your perspective might not be welcomed. A loved one could be quite serious, and he or she will be offended if you are not sympathetic. Tonight: Go along with someone's ideas.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ If you want to do something different, do it; however, know that you will have to convince an associate that this is OK. Revitalizing or transforming an area of your daily life could make a big difference. Tonight: Get into the moment.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Understand that your ingenuity will be needed to combine various ideas from different people, all of whom believe they are right. This collaboration depends on your ability to see where there is a common thread. Have a serious discussion. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Listen to a friend you identify with. This person might be transforming in front of your eyes. Know your limits here and honor them. Tonight: Love the moment.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Understand the viability of a change in your thought process and your actions. If you keep hitting a dead end, a change of direction certainly seems more than appropriate. Resist rigidity Give a new outlook a chance, and you just might like how you feel. Tonight: Hang out.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★ You might need to be more grounded than others. Let go of trying to make everyone more aware, and simply take care of the matter at hand. Your sense of humor comes through in a big way. You know what works. Watch as others grasp at some wild ideas. Tonight: Off shopping.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be clear and direct, but others aren't right now. You might need to revise your plans. Fatigue marks a never-ending conversation. Be willing to change your responses, and see what happens. The situation might flow better than you think. Tonight: Your treat.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You could decide to go on a brief vacation as you look around and see what is going on. You want to be centered and remain detached. Realize your liabilities and keep smiling. The less said, the better. Tonight: Early to bed. Get a good night's sleep.

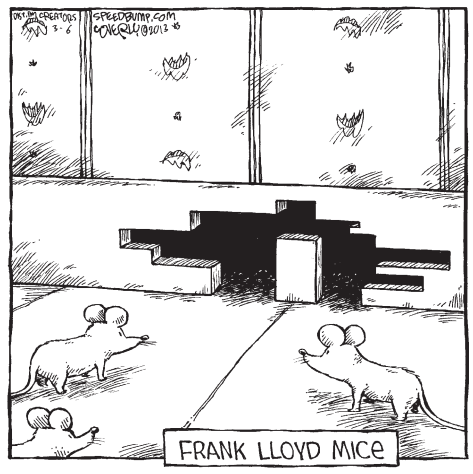
### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want rather than what you think you need to do. If you are not true to yourself, you could have difficulties. Friends change their tune quickly, which increases your level of anxiety. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**Wednesday, March 6, 2013**

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

This year you gain greater insight because of your willingness to open up to others and explore new ideas. You genuinely have a great deal of compassion for people in general. You also express an intensity that is unique to you. If you are single, you have the opportunity to meet someone quite special anytime from this summer on. If you are attached, the two of you will fulfill a long-term dream or desire. You also might opt to socialize more. CAPRICORN can be a loyal friend.

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By Dave Coverly




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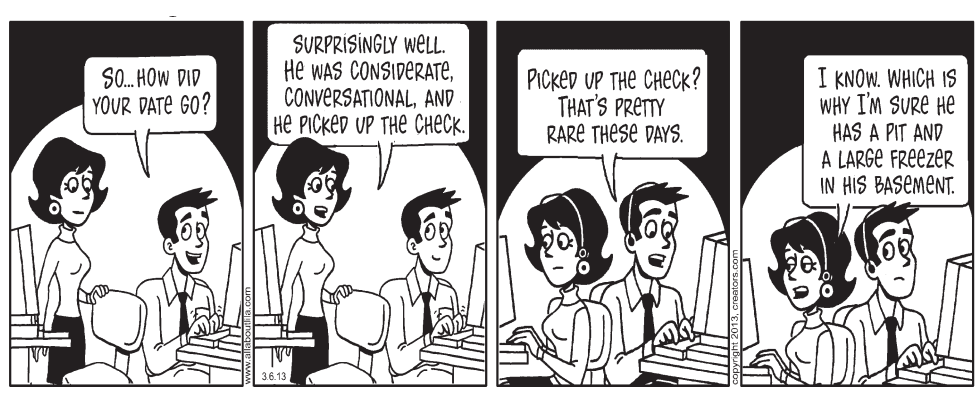

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# Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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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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# CROSSWORD

## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Computer shortcut
**6** Some cheers
**10** Love affair
**11** From the country
**12** TV's Sawyer
**13** Hit from the past
**14** Racer Yarborough
**15** Jackrabbit chaser
**16** "Revenge" network
**17** Add up
**18** Tear
**19** Waiters' aids
**22** War of 1812 port
**23** Egypt-based opera
**26** Cabal constituents
**29** Hair goop
**32** Golf position
**33** Actor Morrow
**34** Zoo resident
**36** Take a nap
**37** Free of censorship
**38** Try to pick up
**39** Hotel choice
**40** Calendar entry
**41** Locale
**42** Buttes' kin

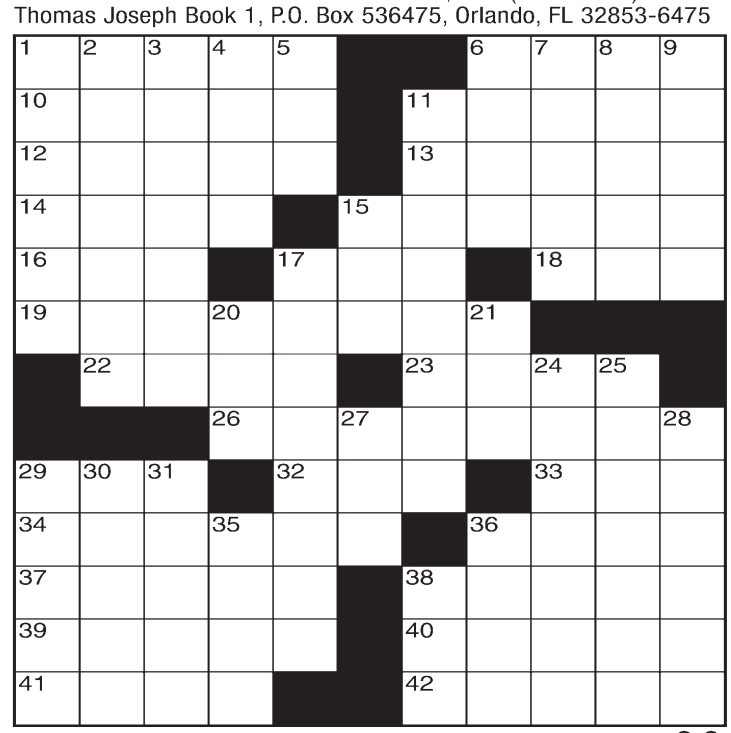
**DOWN**

**1** Zany
**2** Good-natured
**3** Locomotive follower
**4** Celtic letter
**5** Metal source
**6** Manageable, jocularly
**7** Passion
**8** Half of Hispaniola
**9** Take a nap
**11** Hotel door posting
**15** Pool need
**17** Starlike
**20** Waiter's reward
**21** Use a chair
**24** Dedicates
**25** Tombstone setting
**27** Gusher flow
**28** Fragrances
**29** Unit of magnetic flux
**30** Boredom
**31** Permitted
**35** Remote button
**36** Seedy joint
**38** Skirt edge

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Meganumber: 42
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Draw Date: 3/2
5 10 26 43 44
Meganumber: 16
Jackpot: $33M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 3/5
3 5 22 38 39

**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 3/5
MIDDAY: 6 0 0
EVENING: 8 0 1

**SANTA ANITA**
Draw Date: 3/5
1st: 11 - Money Bags
2nd: 07 - Eureka
3rd: 10 - Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:49.54

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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Keith Brown and four other inmates at Idaho's Kuna prison filed a lawsuit in December against eight major beer and liquor manufacturers for having sold them alcohol at an early age without warning of its addictiveness -- and are thus responsible for the men's subsequent lives of crime. Brown, 52, said he personally has been locked up a total of 30 years and is now serving time for manslaughter. (The Oglala Sioux tribe has sued beer distributors and the state of Nebraska for enabling easy access to nearby beer even though it was banned on the reservation. The lawsuit was dismissed on jurisdictional issues, but the tribe may refile soon.)

■ Jason Starn, formerly a law student at the Laurence Drivon School of Law in Stockton, Calif., filed a lawsuit recently against three Stockton-Modesto-area "head shops" that had sold him Whip-It nitrous oxide, which led him to overindulge and eventually suffer spinal-cord degeneration. Starn's attorney told the Sacramento Bee, "At first, he felt a little embarrassed about" filing the lawsuit (but managed to overcome the shame in order to warn all the other nitrous-oxide abusers).

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**1957** – Ghana becomes the first Sub-Saharan country to gain Independence from the British

**1962** – Ash Wednesday Storm of 1962 begins on the mid-Atlantic coast of the United States.

**1964** – Nation of Islam's Elijah Muhammad officially gives boxing champion Cassius Clay the name Muhammad Ali.

**1964** – Constantine II becomes King of Greece.

**1965** – Premier Tom Playford of South Australia loses power after 27 years in office.

## WORD UP!

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**\ in-DAHYT \ , verb;**
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2. to treat in a literary composition.

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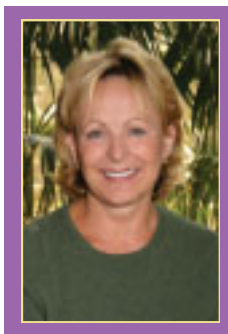
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### Interior:

- Change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors & carbon monoxide detectors.
- Clean and/or change the filters in your furnace.
- Clean out any lint and/or fabric from the vents of your clothes dryer.
- Check electrical outlets for potential fire hazards such as frayed wires or loose fitting plugs.
- Check for overloading of electrical outlets, fuse boxes, extension cords etc.
- Keep a filled and ready-to-use, multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible.
- Check water heater for leaks and corrosion.
- Sump system should be checked several times during the rainy season (if applicable).
- Vacuum refrigerator condensing coils.
- Inspect shower, tub & sink caulking for deterioration.
- Inspect all plumbing fixtures and supply lines for leaks.
- Pour bleach down every drain in your home.
- Survey all vent openings for compromised screening or other deterioration.
- Upgrade washing machine hoses to stainless steel jacketed hoses to help prevent failure.
- Lubricate and service the garage door hardware and openers.
- The fire sprinkler system needs to be inspected periodically (if applicable).
- Termite inspections should be performed every 3 years.

### Exterior:

- Remove all dead trees & keep healthy trees & shrubs trimmed & away from utility wires.
- Remove dead leaves and all debris from your gutters and downspouts.
- Repair driveway & walkways that are cracked, broken or uneven to provide a level surface.

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