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Fogarty steps down as planning director

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica's planning director is resigning, even as City Hall faces major challenges in applying the land use plan that she most notably shepherded into existence.

Eileen Fogarty, who has led the Department of Planning and Community Development for the last four and a half years, will make her exit in May, according to the letter of resignation delivered last week to City Manager Rod Gould.

"Recently, several opportunities have arisen, and I am at a time in my life when I would like to take advantage of them," she wrote in the letter.

Those "opportunities" include consulting work on both the east and west coasts, as well as a break from the 80 to 90-hour work weeks she pulled as planning director.

Fogarty feels comfortable leaving the Planning Department in good enough shape to move forward with the implementation of the general plan and manage large-scale development projects without her.

"Things are at a very good point, a very positive point," Fogarty said in an interview Monday. "This was really the time to do it."

Fogarty leaves a legacy of conquering controversial issues using community involvement in her wake.

She came to Santa Monica in 2006 from Alexandria, Va., in the midst of the divisive process of creating a land use and circulation element, or LUCE, for the general plan that would guide the city's growth for the next two decades.


FOGARTY

What could have been a stumbling block for any newcomer became Fogarty's greatest accomplishment.

"Eileen breathed new life into that

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CLASSIC ROCKERS

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America, Venice, and special guest David Crosby perform with the Santa Monica High School Orchestra at the Artists for the Arts show to benefit the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation at Barnum Hall at Samohi, on Saturday, March 5.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi on road for state playoffs

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CARSON If the Vikings are going to be state champs, it will most likely be one heck of a road trip.

Santa Monica High School's girls' basketball team, fresh off a loss to eventual champ Mater Dei in the semi-finals of the CIF-Southern Section last week, will take to the road today for a first round matchup with City Section winner Carson in the state Division 1 championships. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m.

Despite drawing the No. 9 seed in the 16 team Southern California regional field, Head Coach Marty Verdugo said that he's confident his team can advance to a potential third meeting with powerhouse Mater Dei in the second round.

"We're not going to overlook [Carson],"

SEE ROUNDUP PAGE 8

Crude oil just a part of gas prices

JONATHAN FAHEY
AP Energy Writer

When Jay Ricker, owner of the BP gas station off Interstate 70 in Plainfield, Ind., set the price of unleaded gasoline at $3.44 per gallon on Monday of last week, it was 4 cents higher than the Friday before.

That alone might have been irritating to drivers paying the highest gas prices in more than two years. It was even more so because it happened on a day when the price of crude oil, which is used to make gasoline, fell almost $1 a barrel.

"It's up 20 cents one day, down 10 cents the next day," says Oscar Elmore, a courier who was filling up his Ford Taurus at a RaceTrac service station in Dallas recently. "It sounds kinda fishy to me."

Gas prices rise when oil prices rise, and fall when oil prices fall — except when they

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

Talking rental properties
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Rent Control is offering a free seminar for owners and managers of rent-controlled properties in Santa Monica. Come and learn the basics of the Rent Control Law including how rent levels and amenities are determined, maintenance requirements, eviction protections and so on. There will also be the chance to ask and get answers to general questions. For more information, call 310-458-8751.

Paint up a storm
The Workroom
1909 Centinela Ave., 9 a.m.
Annette Tatum, local Santa Monica designer & creator of multi-million dollar home-decor lines "House" & "Little House," will hold a painting workshop with world-renowned artist, Annie Sloan.

City Council meeting
City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council will be discussing a water self-sufficiency strategy and parking Downtown, along with public/private partnership with Nederlander Organization for the use and programming of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. For more information, go to www.smgov.net.

Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Discussing books
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Trained volunteers lead this free public book discussion on author Kathryn Stockett's "The Help," a finalist for Citywide Reads 2011. "The Help" is a fictional story of a young white woman in 1960s Jackson, Miss. who works together with a group of black maids to tell their stories in book form.

Green living
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Learn about environmental problems and what you can do to help solve them! The Green Living Workshop covers the following topics, one per week: water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation, and shopping and food. Learn about the problems related to each of the above topics on a global, national and local scale. With the help of the Sustainable WorksBook, participants review and take action on 10 related solutions. For more information, call (310) 458-8716, ext. 4.

Free jazz
Casa Del Mar
1p10 Ocean Way, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The incomparable Barbara Morrison sings jazz and blues. This event is free and open to all. For more information, call (310) 581-5533. While you're there check out the "Gallery of Google" art exhibit by Ken Solomon. This exhibition includes, among others, a series of watercolors of Google Image search results. Solomon believes Google image search is today's contemporary encyclopedia. He creates an image by appropriating Google's appropriation of other people's images.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Paperless plan check, dark fiber lead to technology award

For the 12th straight year City Hall took home two Technology Solutions Awards and received a Significant Achievement Award from the Public Technology Institute.

City Hall was recognized for its new paperless plan check review process, a digital workers' comp and liability claims filing system, and its ring of dark fiber which links government and public school facilities, and private businesses to a high-speed broadband network.

ELECTRONIC PLAN REVIEW
Winner, Sustainability Category

A new paperless electronic plan check submittal and review process is now being used at City Hall. The new system offers a user-friendly and convenient way for applicants to submit plans over the Internet and assists staff to manage and review the process more quickly and efficiently. Applicants no longer need to make multiple car trips to City Hall for plan reviews. Electronic management of plans has resulted in significant efficiencies and savings for applicants and City Hall, city officials said.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND GENERAL LIABILITY CLAIMS MANAGEMENT
Winner, Web & eGovernment Category

Recent legislation mandates electronic reporting of all workers' compensation and liability program medical settlements, judgments, awards or payments to claimants who are or could be Medicare beneficiaries. In order to satisfy the new requirements, City Hall upgraded and modernized the existing claims management system. All work is performed using a web browser and the overall claims management process makes use of electronic documents. Claims documents move electronically within the city and between City Hall and outside agencies such as medical and attorney offices.

ADVANCED BROADBAND INITIATIVE
Significant Achievement, Telecommunications & Information Technology Category

City Hall created a telecommunications master plan and built a fiber optic network that connected 59 buildings used by city staff, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and Santa Monica College. Savings realized by this project enabled City Hall to construct its own municipal fiber optic network, Santa Monica City Net, to support traffic cameras, security cameras, real-time parking advisory systems, a traffic signal synchronization system, and real-time mass transit signs. City Hall also leases dark fiber and lit services to local businesses for affordable broadband.

The results of Santa Monica's advanced broadband initiative are a reduction in construction costs of new broadband service, an increase in purchasing power of connected local businesses, and a broadband market expansion for global Internet Service Providers that now offer service to small, medium and large commercial buildings. The program also supports an environment for local businesses to compete in the global economy with cutting edge network solutions.

DAILY PRESS

CITYWIDE

Hazardous waste collection on hold

City officials were forced to postpone a planned transition to a door-to-door hazardous waste collection program pending final approval by the County of Los Angeles.

City Hall is working to provide the county with all necessary information in order to resume the collection program as soon as possible, said Andrew Basmajian, communications coordinator for the Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

In the meantime, residents and businesses with old electronics, motor oil or pesticides can drop them off at the hazardous waste facility located at 2500 Michigan Ave. beginning March 9. The facility is open Wednesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The goal of the door-to-door program is to make it more convenient from residents to dispose of hazardous waste while also reducing costs. The service will be free for homeowners and renters.

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HOLDING PATTERN: **The Viceroy on Ocean Avenue on Monday afternoon.**

Labor agreement holds up beach hotel's sale

City Hall to reap $500K if it goes through

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL The City Council will give a second shot to the prospective new owners of the Viceroy Hotel to get their labor negotiations finalized before it approves a transfer of ownership at its meeting tonight.

Although the potential sale of the Viceroy will add $500,000 to city coffers, the City Council is expected to approve approximately $157,536 in new spending on property management services for three city-owned properties and a contract change for the Big Blue Bus website.

Councilmembers pulled the item, an $82

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Missing the point

Editor:

Regarding Bill Bauer's latest piece ("Cuneo's paranoid rant," My Write, March 7, page 4), I was very clear with the reporter who called me that I totally disagreed with the superintendent's disappointing memo, both in content and spirit, and I've talked about how we still have a lot of work to do to improve special ed services in our district. Somehow that point was totally lost in Bauer's column. I am 100 percent committed to improving transparency and community engagement at the district and to working in tandem with parents, who are children's most important advocates. The coming months will be very challenging times for public education in California, and we will need to pull together both as a board and a community to hire a fantastic new superintendent and to protect our schools' high-quality educational program.

Ben Allen
Vice chair, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified Board of Education

Downtown living isn't for everyone

Editor:

Please let me see if I have this right. At some indefinite time past, several dozen individuals chose to move into Downtown Santa Monica. Traditionally, a city's downtown area is defined as one where activity occurs and people gather throughout the day and night. This definition has not changed since the construction of the Luxe Apartments or Promenade Gateway. Nor has Santa Monica Place been constructed over the past few years clandestinely. It is safe to say these two buildings were always subject to traffic noise from Interstate 10 and promenade tourism, respectively. Despite such issues, occupants were willing to sign leases. Now, however, there is concern that a hot spot for nightlife might actually function as ... a hot spot for nightlife ("Santa Monica Place not for nightlife," March 4, page 1)?

I am a former resident of Downtown before and after the opening of the Place. I can't say I observed an increase in noise once the rowdy denizens of dives such as "The Sonoma Wine Garden" moved in, but I can understand these concerns. However, I found that the benefits of having local drinking and dining establishments nearby far outweighed the costs. I could walk to local gathering spots. I could hang out for several hours and not have to worry about getting rides home. People wanted to come to me. Even more remarkably, when I found that late night noises (or maybe it was the maddening traffic patterns and obscene rents) weren't what I wanted, I chose to move a whopping seven blocks into one of the more residential areas of Santa Monica instead of demanding the city change for me.

Here's my request to the City Council: develop a Downtown that can operate as a Downtown.

Brian Loux
Santa Monica





That Rutherford Guy

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

Private Bradley Manning: Victim of the military empire?

DEPENDING ON YOUR VIEW OF THE endless wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and America's role in them, Pfc. Bradley E. Manning, the 23-year-old Army soldier who is accused of "aiding the enemy" by leaking classified military and diplomatic documents to the anti-secrecy website, Wikileaks, is either a courageous whistleblower or a traitorous snitch. Manning is alleged to have leaked over 250,000 diplomatic cables, as well as footage of an American Apache helicopter airstrike in Baghdad in which 18 people were killed, many of them civilians. Two of those killed were Reuters journalists. If convicted, Manning could face the death penalty.

There can be no doubt that Manning's inhumane treatment by the U.S. government is intended to send a clear warning to all those who would challenge the military empire. Manning, a slight intelligence analyst, has been held in maximum solitary confinement at the Marine Corps Brig in Quantico, Virginia, since July 2010 — treatment normally reserved for the most violent or dangerous of criminals.

Imprisoned in a windowless, 6 x 12 foot cell containing a bed, a drinking fountain and a toilet, Manning has been kept under Suicide and/or Prevention of Injury (POI) watch during his incarceration, largely against the advice of two forensic psychiatrists. Under suicide watch, Manning has been confined to his tiny cell for 24 hours a day and stripped of all clothing with the exception of his underwear. His prescription eyeglasses were taken away, leaving him in essential blindness except for those limited times when he is permitted to read or watch television, at which time his glasses are returned to him. A guard is stationed outside Manning's cell at all times. In a thinly veiled attempt to harass the young man, guards check on Manning every five minutes, asking if he is OK. He is not allowed to have a pillow or sheets, but he currently has a mattress that has a built-in pillow and two blankets.

He is not allowed to have personal items in the cell, and is only allowed to have one book or one magazine at any time to read in the cell. He is not allowed to exercise in his cell and if he attempts to do push-ups, sit-ups or any other form of exercise, he will be forced to stop by the brig guards. He gets one hour of exercise outside of his cell daily, so his exercise routine consists of him walking around in figure eights in an empty room for an hour. When he goes to sleep, he must strip down to his underwear and surrender his clothing to the guards. If he falls asleep with a blanket over his head or curled up toward the wall, the guards wake him up.

Most recently, it was revealed that Manning was stripped and left naked in his cell for seven hours, after which time he was made to stand naked outside his cell during an inspection — allegedly part of an effort by the government aimed at pressuring Manning to identify others involved in the WikiLeaks case.

The American government, of course, insists that such treatment does not rise to the level of torture. In fact, Col. T. V. Johnson, a Quantico spokesman, characterized charges that Manning has been mistreated as "poppycock." After all, Manning is not being starved, beaten or waterboarded. He's merely been denied human interaction and the most basic attributes of civilized imprisonment. Yet as surgeon Atul Gawande points out in a 2009 article for the New Yorker, solitary confinement rises to the level of torture.

There was a time in our nation's history — long before the abuses at Guantanamo Bay and Abu Ghraib and before we were reprogrammed to think of such practices as waterboarding as benign forms of legalized torture — that even solitary confinement was frowned upon. The Supreme Court even came close to declaring it unconstitutional in 1890 and went so far as to compare it to "[t]he rack, the thumbscrew, [and] the wheel" in its 1940 decision in Chambers v. Florida. Unfortunately, that perception of solitary confinement as torture changed with the rise in popularity of American supermax prisons, designed specifically for mass solitary confinement, in the late 20th century.

Which brings us back to Manning, a young man who hoped to "change something" by exposing what he saw as widespread government corruption. Whether or not Manning is shown to be the source of the leaks, there can be no denying that the information made public by Wikileaks has painted a damning picture of a U.S. government operating in a way that is completely at odds with everything this nation once stood for.

Yet the key here is that Manning, an American citizen entitled to every protection afforded by the U.S. Constitution, has yet to be convicted of anything, which makes his pretrial incarceration that much more troubling.

John McCain, who experienced torture and solitary confinement during his imprisonment in Vietnam, noted in a 2005 Newsweek editorial, "We are American, and we hold ourselves to humane standards of treatment of people no matter how evil or terrible they may be. To do otherwise undermines our security, but it also undermines our greatness as a nation. We are not simply any other country. We stand for something more in the world—a moral mission, one of freedom and democracy and human rights at home and abroad... It is indispensable to our success in this war that those we ask to fight it know that in the discharge of their dangerous responsibilities to their country they are never expected to forget that they are Americans, and the valiant defenders of a sacred idea of how nations should govern their own affairs and their relations with others — even our enemies."

Sadly, we in America have conveniently forgotten that we once stood for something more than a warring military empire. Indeed, in our once-stalwart defense of human rights, our adherence to a moral code that was rooted in a respect for human life, and our willingness to lead the world by example through innovation and progress in science and the arts, we were the antithesis of all that America — now the largest international exporter of weapons and war — has come to stand for today.

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What's the Point?

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Early to bed, early to rise

I'M A MORNING PERSON, ONE OF THE people who can get up at 4:30 a.m. regularly, without an alarm clock, and by 4:35 a.m. be ready to hold a conversation, plan a ski trip or make breakfast for 20. I've never been that guy who can stay up to 2 a.m. and be all bright and shiny. In college, by 11 p.m. I was crashing for the night.

It's not a moral issue. I'm not a living example of that old saw "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man … " because I'm certainly not wealthy and I don't feel particularly wise. I just wake up.

And I'm quite grateful for this early morning rising. Santa Monica is a different place at 5 a.m. while I'm walking my dog. We like to cruise through new neighborhoods and along the Third Street Promenade in the early morning solitude, just us and the quiet world, except for the cooing, cawing and crowing of the birds.

Santa Monica has so many different slices of life, and I get to see them when I expand the circle of my life. Lately the dog and I have been walking the promenade in the early morning hours. It's such a different experience for both of us than the usual daytime mayhem.

The absence of crowds allows for a more enjoyable walking experience. For my pup it increases the odds of finding some dropped piece of a Wetzel's Pretzel or the occasional pizza crust as we cruise by Stefano's. For me the quiet that is the promenade at 5 a.m. is what astounds me. It is so peaceful and calm. It seems like I am in a movie where I'm the last man in the world.

As we walk along, there is the occasional camper who has staked out a piece of land for their nightly rest. They will stir as the sunlight begins to break, and then wake to the buzz and hum of the street sweeper as it makes its way up the promenade confiscating the pizza crusts that my dog hasn't found.

We cruise over to Palisades Park where we get to do the dog meet-and-greet as I silently commune with all the other morning people. Most of the time we pass each other with a sly smile and a nod of the head, neither of us really wanting to engage in the phony social conversation that will be required in a few hours.

Mornings in the park have a reverence about them as dawn breaks to the east. People stop to look at the "rosy fingers of dawn," as Homer the Greek poet would put it. This time of year there is still some cloud cover for the sun to paint and the flaming reds and vibrant pinks are exceptionally beautiful.

In the park are the regulars, the homeless who have made camp for the night under some palm tree. They simultaneously trigger twinges of compassion, gratitude and annoyance. I feel for people who have it so rough. I'm grateful that I have all that I do, and I'm annoyed that we as a society have let so many fall so far.

Many of those in the park are in need of assistance. Help in the form of medicine, regular psychiatric care and a good shower. It is a sad statement on what our country has come to, that we let so many of our countrymen go without, while we destroy and rebuild other countries.

At the city level there is only so much that we can do, and I understand that. Property taxes, sales taxes, business taxes, "rental fees" for the sidewalk cafes, these are all limited in how much the city can raise before they become regressive and there results in a drop in income, which would only serve to put more people out of work.

Even at the state level, there is a limit on how high taxes can go before businesses are shutting down and fleeing to safer havens. At the federal level, we could do more. I believe that the federal government could do more to help. But the homeless in the park don't generally vote. They don't generally make their needs known, and they don't generally have staunch supporters.

On the one hand they don't get many of the benefits of being a valued member of our society, on the other, they get to wake to the sounds of the morning birds, and have the rosy fingers of dawn as their alarm clock.

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The Q Line

An early night

Downtown residents last week succeeded, at least temporarily, to block Santa Monica Place from extending the hours people could purchase alcohol on the mall's dining deck.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think it was a wise choice to deny the extra hours, or do you think the mall should be allowed to serve late-night drinks?

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When You Hear About a Personal Injury or a Personal Injury Lawsuit, What Does It All Mean?

A personal injury is a type of harm that an individual suffers as a result of someone else's wrongful act or omission (failure to act when they should have).The types of injuries suffered vary depending on the circumstances and can include, among others, broken bones, lost sight, severed limbs, and death.Also, the wrongful injury causing event could be something caused without fault or intentionally.An example of an unintentional harm is when somebody accidentally rear ends the car in front of them because they simply were not paying attention.This is commonly referred to as negligence. Negligence, in a nutshell, means that a person either did something or did not do something, which resulted in someone else getting hurt.The actual legal requirements are a little more complex, but this simplified explanation will work for now.

Regarding personal injuries caused by the intentional or reckless acts of others, intentional acts include rape, assault, battery, and other types of physical and emotional abuse. Examples of reckless conduct that can cause harm to innocent people are drunk driving, discharging a firearm in public or detonating explosives in public places.

Whether we are talking about personal injuries caused by negligent, intentional or reckless acts, the law generally provides that victims of such conduct who suffer harm are entitled to compensation.And in some instances, victims are also eligible to receive punitive or exemplary damages to ensure that the person or business that caused the harm in the first place does not repeat its bad conduct. More about punitive damages in a minute. For now, let us talk about injury compensation.

What can the law do for you if you have suffered personal injuries caused by someone else? In a perfect world, the need to bring a lawsuit to receive compensation for your injuries would not be necessary because the person who caused the harm would apologize and then endeavor to pay for the damage they caused.The current Court system requires, and actually prefers, that those responsible for harming someone else accept responsibility and pay to the victim reasonable compensation. Reasonable compensation includes such things as lost wages, lost future wages if the hurt person can no longer do their job, the payment of past and future medical bills, and the costs of future and ongoing care if the person can no longer care for themselves.There are additional items that constitute reasonable compensation but the list can be infinite because each person and each harm is unique.

Regarding punitive damages, the imposition of punitive damages is designed to prevent more people from getting hurt.The prevention aspect of punitive damages is to create a "sting" to the defendant. A proper "sting" is only effective if the defendant feels it financially. Stated differently, generally, punitive damages are determined on an ability to pay basis. So do not be surprised when you hear or read about a jury that made a big punitive damage finding because it likely means that someone got hurt real bad or died, the defendant did something really bad, and the defendant has the financial wherewithal to pay the damages.

As a public service announcement, be leery of the argument and those promoting it that customers pay when there are big punitive damages awards. This is not really accurate because safe business practices actually save money in the short and long terms. And do not forget, we live in a civilized society and quick profits should never trump personal safety and well-being. Pass it on.

Why personal injury or victim compensation lawsuits? A lawsuit is necessary because sometimes those responsible for causing harm do not take responsibility for the harm.The Court case is designed to address issues of fairness. If the bad person caused the harm, the jury is empowered by law to tell that bad person to fix it. The concept is simple and injury victims should not be frowned upon because they were forced to file a lawsuit in the first place. After all, they did not ask to get hurt.

One more thing, if you have been hurt be someone else, or you know of someone who has been hurt by someone else, make sure medical attention is the first thing on everyone's mind.Take care of the injuries first.Worry about lawyers and lawsuits as a last resort and trust that the person or business that caused the harm will fix it. If not, then call a lawyer. To ensure that you receive what the law provides for your situation and injuries, be sure to seek the assistance of a lawyer.

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LOS ANGELES

Jury recommends life for former gang boss

A jury has recommended life in prison instead of the death penalty for the former boss of a Los Angeles street gang convicted of eight murders and 10 attempted murders.

The Superior Court jury made the recommendation on Monday for 37-year-old Marvin Mercado. A judge will sentence him on March 30.

Prosecutors said Mercado led the Asian Boyz gang in the mid 1990s and was involved in several shootings in the San Fernando and San Gabriel valleys.

The victims included two gang rivals who were ambushed, a man killed in a home-invasion robbery and three men killed in a car-to-car shooting after being mistaken for gang enemies.

Mercado fled the country and eluded authorities for more than 10 years before being arrested in the Philippines and brought back for prosecution.

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LOS ANGELES

Warner: Sheen fired from 'Two and a Half Men'

Charlie Sheen was fired Monday from "Two and a Half Men" by Warner Bros. Television following repeated misbehavior and weeks of the actor's angry, often-manic media campaign against his studio bosses.

The action was taken after "careful consideration" and is effective immediately, the studio said in a statement. No decision has been made on the show's future without its star, said Paul McGuire, a Warner spokesman.

The actor, who has used TV, radio and social media to create a big megaphone for himself, was not silent for long.

In a text to The Associated Press, Sheen responded, with the F-word and "They lose," followed by the word "Trolls." Asked if he planned to sue, Sheen texted back, "Big." As for his next move, Sheen texted, "A big one."

A call to his attorney, Marty Singer, for comment was not immediately returned.

Sheen attended Santa Monica High School.

AP

LOS ANGELES

California census data to be released

Authorities will release the first detailed data for California's population from the 2010 U.S. Census on today.

The release will include data on population, race and ethnicity that will be used by a state commission to redraw congressional and state legislative districts.

The data was sent to California's governor Monday.

The Census Bureau reported in December that California's population reached 37.3 million in 2010 after growing 10 percent during the prior decade.

It is the first time the state will not gain additional House seats after a census.

Demographers say they expect the state's inland areas grew as Californians moved beyond the expensive coastal region, but that migration may have slowed since the economy slumped.

They also expect the state's population increase stemmed largely from growth in the Latino population.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Pedestrian struck, killed on 10 Freeway

A man who may have been walking on a Los Angeles freeway has been struck and killed.

The California Highway Patrol says the man's body was found in a lane of the westbound Interstate 10 at about 3:45 a.m. Monday. The body was in the second lane from the right near the Crenshaw Boulevard exit and appeared to have been hurled or dragged several hundred feet.

Officer Francisco Villalobos says it's unclear how many cars hit the person.

AP

PARAMOUNT

Driver dies in crash after police chase

A driver has died after crashing his car on a Southern California freeway after a police chase.

Long Beach police tried to pull over a car for driving erratically at about 1:20 a.m. Monday.

Police chased the car onto Interstate 710 but gave up the pursuit after a minute or two.

However, City News Service says the car continued on the freeway at high speed. In Paramount, the car rolled over and the driver was thrown out and killed.

The Los Angeles County coroner's office identifies him as 34-year-old Matthews Castrellon of Downey.

All northbound freeway lanes were closed for about two hours.

AP

SAN DIEGO

Ex-SoCal man doesn't outlive daughter's killer

A former San Diego County man who opposed death penalty delays and feared his daughter's killer would outlive him was right.

Friends tell the North County Times that 88-year-old George Cullins died last Tuesday from injuries suffered in an October car crash. His wife remains hospitalized.

The couple moved to Texas a few years ago and were injured while visiting California.

In 1984 Cullins' adopted daughter, 24-year-old Janette Cullins, was strangled and stuffed in a closet of her Pacific Beach home.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Hit-and-run driver hops on bus to flee crash

Authorities say a suspected hit-and-run driver hopped on a city bus to flee the scene of a downtown Los Angeles crash.

Police Sgt. Gregory Hoyte says a Hyundai and Toyota Prius collided Sunday morning after one of the cars ran a red light.

AP

Audit faults redevelopment agencies

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Associated Press

SACRAMENTO An audit released Monday criticizes California redevelopment agencies for lacking performance measures that track how well they are fighting blight and creating jobs.

The review by the state controller's office also showed great differences in how cities define blight. Palm Desert, for example, used redevelopment money to renovate greens and bunkers at a 4?-star golf resort. Near San Diego, Coronado's redevelopment area covers every privately owned parcel in the city, including multimillion dollar beachfront homes.

As part of his plan to close California's budget deficit, Gov. Jerry Brown wants to eliminate the state's more than 400 redevelopment agencies to send more local tax money to schools, police, fire and other local services. Local governments are defending the agencies and say Brown's plan is illegal.

The 18 agencies subject to the audit represent 16 percent of all redevelopment dollars statewide in fiscal year 2009-10. Controller John Chiang said the findings are troubling because the lack of accountability and transparency "is a breeding ground for waste, abuse, and impropriety."

"For a government activity which consumers more than $5.5 billion of public resources annually, we should be troubled that there are no objective performance measures demonstrating that taxpayers are receiving optimal return for each dollar invested," Chiang said in a statement.

State auditors found that only 10 of the 18 redevelopment agencies attempted to track the number of jobs created. Four of the 10 agencies could provide no methodology or explanation for their figures.

In a response, the city of San Jose defended its methodology for tracking the number of jobs created. Executive director Harry Mavrogenes wrote to the controller that the agency had documents to support its jobs calculation and that it used a valid methodology.

The controller's audit also found that redevelopment dollars often went to pay for city and county employees' salaries without proof that it was for redevelopment services. For example, in the eastern San Francisco Bay area city of Pittsburg, the redevelopment agency transferred $3 million to the city's general fund, but no documents exist to show the money went to redevelopment services.

Five of the agencies audited failed to make $33.6 million in required payments to school district, which increases the state's obligations to local school districts. And many agencies made inappropriate charges to their affordable housing funds, including $833,000 by the city of Los Angeles for administration costs.

The state controller's office announced in January that it would examine how well tax dollars were being used by redevelopment agencies, which have emerged at the center of a debate over California's budget. The 18 agencies, including those in Los Angeles, Sacramento and Riverside, were selected to reflect urban, suburban and rural communities.

While Brown has proposed a phase-out of redevelopment agencies as one way to help close California's $26.6 billion deficit, city and local government officials defend redevelopment agencies as one of their main tools to kick-start construction projects and create jobs.

On Monday, a coalition of local government leaders, business, labor and community groups announced a grass-roots campaign to try to stop the state Legislature from voting on Brown's proposal. They argue that the move would violate Proposition 22, which voters passed in November to prohibit the state from raiding local redevelopment funds.

"You can't just tell 5.7 million voters 'your vote doesn't count,'" said Chris McKenzie, executive director of the League of California Cities. "This type of illegal end run around the voters' will breeds greater voter cynicism and discontent." A message left for McKenzie wasn't immediately returned Monday.

Meanwhile, the California Professional Firefighters and the California School Employees Association announced it began airing radio ads supporting Brown's proposal. The ad says it's time to end taxpayer subsidies for developers, including a bar in downtown Sacramento that features live mermaids, and instead protect local schools and public safety services.

Prop 8 sponsors oppose lifting of gay marriage ban

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO Lawyers for the sponsors of California's gay marriage ban are urging a federal appeals court to continue blocking same-sex unions while it considers the constitutionality of Proposition 8.

The lawyers said in court papers filed Monday that the rationale for keeping the voter-approved ban in effect are the same now as they were last summer, when the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals put a trial judge's order overturning Proposition 8 on hold.

They say the Obama administration's recent announcement that it would no longer defend the federal law prohibiting the government from recognizing same-sex marriages has no bearing on the state ban.

Lawyers for two gay couples are asking the 9th Circuit to let same-sex marriages to resume in California by lifting its stay on the lower court's order.

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million sale of the Viceroy Hotel building from the Roscoe Real Estate Limited Partnership to the Delaware-based Seaside Hotel Limited Partnership, from the Feb. 22 consent calendar because Seaside no longer had a valid labor agreement with its union, said Economic Development Manager Miriam Mack.

The Viceroy was built on city property, and City Hall acts as its landlord.

"The council felt it was important that the operator of the hotel on a city ground lease operate in such a way that ensured there is continued operation, and no work stoppage, so they felt it was important that an agreement be in place," Mack said.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Three city-owned properties will come under new management if the City Council approves a $143,236 contract with the firm Overland, Pacific & Cutler, Inc.

According to the staff report, there are 27 residences in the three buildings, located at 1616 Ocean Ave., 419 Ocean Ave. and 1122 22nd St., which are rented out to people with special needs.

Sullivan Dituri Realtors, the firm that currently rents the properties, does not have the same level of experience with special-needs tenants and in temporary relocation, according to a city staff report.

Staff chose OPC from a list of three candidates.

Funding for the first three months of the 15-month contract are available in the 2011 budget. The remaining 12 months will be funded only if the council approves the 2012 budget.

BBB WEBSITE

The Big Blue Bus requested an additional $14,300 to complete work on its website, expected to launch in April 2011.

According to a report by Marketing Director Linda Gamberg, the changes in programming would make it easier for riders to buy passes online, and for employees to make sure that only eligible people are buying certain discounted passes.

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ROUNDUP
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Verdugo said. "They did just win city. We'll go down there and battle."

The first order of business for Samohi will be putting the loss to Mater Dei behind them.

"We had to recover, it took a while," Verdugo said. "It was a tough week, a big loss."

The game against Carson has added importance because it could be the final game for a number of Vikings. Verdugo has said this will be his final at the helm of the team and the Vikings' trio of senior leaders (Moriah Faulk, Bianka Balthazar and Kristina "KJ" Johnson) will be off to NCAA Division 1 schools next year.

But, if Verdugo and the Vikings have their way, they'll have another shot at toppling Mater Dei, who has defeated Samohi twice.

"It would be a nice final touch to knock off Mater Dei," Verdugo said. "This is our last hurrah, our last chance."

SAMOHI SOFTBALL RANKED NO. 1

Santa Monica High School's softball team is ranked No. 1 in the first CIF-SS Division 4 rankings.

The Vikings were CIF-SS champs last season, the first in the sport in school history.

Samohi opens the season March 11 at home against South Torrance.

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process," said City Councilman Terry O'Day.

O'Day worked with Fogarty on the Planning Commission when she first arrived on the scene.

"She drew upon the experience she had from other cities in planning, and helped Santa Monicans create something that was uniquely our own," O'Day said.

The LUCE process had fallen into disarray before Fogarty's arrival, said City Manager Rod Gould.

"She pulled together the different pieces, gained trust and delivered an update that has garnered all kinds of awards," Gould said.

The result of her efforts: unanimous votes from both the Planning Commission and the City Council on a document that was likely to outlast the tenure of any single official on either board.

Fogarty points to it as the "pinnacle of my professional career."

"Having the LUCE awarded the California 2010 Award of Planning Excellence was a great accomplishment for the Santa Monica community," she wrote in her letter. "Thus, I feel that I can now retire with the greatest confidence in the strength of the plan's fundamentals, and in the assurance that the city is exceptionally well positioned to face the complex challenges of the future."

Fogarty's most apparent success may be the LUCE, but her influence created lasting change in inefficient planning processes that slowed businesses and individuals trying to get work done in Santa Monica.

Before she came, building inspectors took longer to report to projects, and there were discrepancies between what inspectors would tell clients to get done and what plan checkers eventually required of them.

"We got to the point where inspections were happening within 24 hours, and there was consistency between what inspectors were saying and plan checkers were saying," Fogarty said. "It was about improving responsiveness."

One of her most valuable accomplishments is the amount of trust she built between the department and the community, Gould said.

She added phases in the planning process to get more community input before developers spent large amounts of money on detailed planning documents. That concept review stage allowed the community's desires to be aired while also limiting the financial burden on developers.

"Eileen built an incredible amount of trust, and whoever comes behind her has to maintain, re-win and keep it. These are no small things," Gould said.

Fogarty has a lot she wants to see progress on in the two months before her departure. The department is working on ways to cut months out of the environmental review process required of most big projects, and is getting started on the Bergamot Area Plan, as well as one for Downtown.

"That would be something I'd love to be able to see through, but all of the structure is in place for these things to take place," Fogarty said.

As of Monday afternoon, the nationwide hunt for Fogarty's replacement had begun.

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GAS
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don't. What you pay at your gas station depends on an array of factors, from what happens on an exchange in New York to what the competition is charging.

This can rankle drivers, especially these days. Gas reached a national average of $3.51 a gallon on Monday. That's up 14 cents, or 4 percent, over the past week. The week before, the average rose 20 cents, the steepest increase since September 2008.

A year ago, the price was $2.75. The average is the highest it's ever been this time of year, and analysts expect it to climb higher in the coming weeks.

Unlike an iPhone or a pair of jeans or a Big Mac, oil and gas are commodities, and their prices can change every second at the New York Mercantile Exchange and other trading hubs. Those far-off changes affect the cost of the next day's commute.

Sellers of commodities, like gas station owners and refineries, price their product based not on what it costs to produce it, but on what it costs to replace it. Stations like the Plainfield BP, which gets shipments of gas several times a week, must constantly adjust their prices to keep up with the changing costs of their shipments.

Oil is the biggest factor in gas prices. It accounts for 50 to 70 percent of the cost. Recent upheaval in the Middle East and strong demand for oil around the world have pushed oil prices over $100 a barrel for only the second time in history. But the price of a gallon of gas at the pump rises — and, yes, falls — for a number of other reasons.

Oil prices can be moved by geopolitics, the value of the dollar, extreme weather or Chinese demand. Gas prices can be moved by oil prices, refinery problems or even weather that might keep drivers at home.

In the next few weeks, gas prices are expected to rise as refiners switch to a more expensive blend of gasoline designed to help protect against evaporation during the warmer summer months.

"We have to pay whatever the market says we do. It's an instantaneous world," says Joe Petrowski, CEO of Gulf Oil, a big gasoline wholesaler.

Whether the gas at the Plainfield BP was made from a barrel of oil pumped a month ago 1,000 miles away in Williston, N.D., or three months ago and 7,000 miles away in Kuwait, its price is set by buyers and sellers in New York hours before Ricker buys it.

There's no way to know exactly where the oil used to make the gasoline sold at the Plainfield BP came from, or even where the gas was refined. Oils from many sources are mixed together on their way to a refinery, and gasolines from many refineries are mixed together on their way to a fuel terminal, where gas is stored before trucks take it to gas stations.

But here's a plausible route: Oil is pumped by a company with wells in Texas or Louisiana and piped to a major oil hub in Cushing, Okla. From there, it is sold to an energy trader who may store it or trade it a few times.

Then BP buys it to feed its Whiting, Ind., refinery. After a two-week pipeline trip to Whiting, the oil is cooked into gasoline and piped to BP's fuel terminal in Indianapolis.

There, BP blends it with ethanol and a few special BP-branded additives and sets a final wholesale price, known as the rack price. It's this rack price that leads to the final pump price for most station owners.

A wholesaler like BP or Gulf each has its own formula for setting the rack price. In an attempt to smooth out the spikes and dips of the market, a wholesaler usually buys some of his fuel through long-term contracts. The rest is bought on the so-called spot market, priced at a given moment by a benchmark like the New York Harbor gasoline price.

Every day at 5 p.m., BP tells Ricker what the rack price will be starting at 6 p.m. That price is good for 24 hours.

Ricker hires a trucker to go to the terminal a short drive away in Indianapolis, fill 'er up with 10,000 gallons and bring it to his station. Then Ricker decides what price to charge customers based on his ultimate concerns: the Speedway and Circle K stations that share an intersection with him.

There are only two or three pennies per gallon in profit selling gas for most station owners. What Ricker really wants is to attract customers to sell the truly precious liquids: Not the gasoline and diesel outside, but the water and soft drinks inside.

Three times a day, his station manager, Debbie Sennett, records his competitors' prices. When the competition lowered prices on Tuesday, so did Ricker, to $3.24 per gallon.

"Gasoline is the only product in this country that if you're a penny different people will go out of their way to go somewhere else," Ricker says.

Wholesale gasoline prices have risen 38 cents per gallon, or 15 percent, since the first uprising in Libya on Feb. 15. When wholesale gas prices rise fast, filling station owners get squeezed or even lose money because competition prevents them from raising retail prices as fast as costs are rising.

So if it seems that station owners take their time lowering prices when oil and wholesale gas get cheaper, it's because that's exactly what they do.

"If gasoline prices drop a dime, a station will only pass along one or two pennies a day," says Patrick DeHaan, an analyst at GasBuddy.com, a website that collects and publishes retail gas prices. "They are slower to pass along the discount because they need to make up for money they lost when prices went up."

Through the first eight weeks of 2011, average gross profit for gas stations was 4.9 percent, according to the Oil Price Information Service. In 2010, it was 6 percent.

That doesn't draw much sympathy from those who have to pay more at the pump, though. "To me it seems like a money game," says Steve Armonett of Indianapolis, who pulled into Ricker's BP to fill up his Buick LeSabre recently. "They're just worried about how much money they can make."

FOGARTY
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Gould met with a consultant to begin the process of finding someone who can fulfill Fogarty's shoes and get caught up on five years of careful planning and project development.

With the creation of a new zoning code, the coming of the Exposition Light Rail Line and the plans for both Bergamot, Downtown and the Civic Center, Fogarty will be difficult to replace, O'Day said.

"Eileen is a bit of a force of nature," he said. "She involves everyone, as appropriate, and has an ability to move in and out of various topics quickly and engage in different initiatives."

For Fogarty's part, she's happy to have a bit of time to get back into ocean swimming, hiking and spending time with her husband, artist John Clendening, and cat Arney.

"I'm excited about some of the opportunities for the future," Fogarty said. "At the same time, this has been my family, my life for five years … Leaving any of it behind is a sadness."

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Stocks fall as oil prices push higher amid crisis

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NEW YORK Stocks fell Monday as higher oil prices weighed on the market.

Oil hit a two-year high early in the day, nearing $107 a barrel, after forces loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi launched airstrikes against opposition fighters at an oil port. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate crude gained $1.02 to settle at $105.44 per barrel.

The market has been shaken in recent weeks by the uprising in Libya and its effect on oil prices. A sustained rise in the price of oil could hurt the economic recovery by raising manufacturing and transportation costs.

Rising crude prices have pushed U.S. gasoline prices higher. Pump prices have jumped an average of 39 cents per gallon since the Libyan uprising began in mid-February, forcing motorists to pay an additional $146 million per day for the same amount of fuel.

Stocks had started higher on news of two corporate deals. Hard drive maker Western Digital Corp. jumped 16 percent after announcing plans to buy Hitachi Global Storage Technologies for $4.3 billion. French fashion conglomerate LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton says it will buy Italian jeweler Bulgari SpA for $6 billion.

Investors fear that oil prices could surge even higher if the unrest in the Middle East and North Africa spreads to major oil-producing countries like Saudi Arabia.

"The market is going to have to sort out what's fact and what's rumor," said Quincy Krosby, market strategist for Prudential Financial. "They are saying, 'How high can the prices go, and more importantly for how long.'"

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 79.85 points, or 0.7 percent, to close at 12,090.03.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 11.02 points, or 0.8 percent, to 1,310.13. The Nasdaq fell 39.04 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,745.63

All three indexes have lost more than 1 percent so far this month.

The dollar rose, as did utility companies. The utility company index within the S&P 500 gained 0.4 percent even though the overall index declined. The CBOE Market Volatility Index jumped 8 percent to 20.66, a sign that investors expect stock trading to become more turbulent.

Starbucks rose 1.4 percent after CEO Howard Schultz told the Wall Street Journal the company is looking for companies to acquire. McDonald's Corp rose 0.3 percent, the biggest gain among the 30 companies that make up the Dow average. Alcoa Inc. fell the most, 2 percent.

More than three stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated trading volume was 4.2 billion shares.

U.S. doctors work to save fertility of kids with cancer

LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON The treatment beating back 9-year-old Dylan Hanlon's cancer may also be destroying his chances of fathering his own children when he grows up.

Upset that doctors didn't make that risk clear, his mother, Christine, tracked down an experiment that just might salvage Dylan's future fertility. Between chemo sessions, the pair flew hundreds of miles from their Florida home to try it.

Many of the cancer treatments that can save patients' lives also may cost their ability to have babies later in life. Young adults have options — bank some sperm, freeze embryos or eggs. Children diagnosed before puberty don't.

With childhood cancer survival reaching 80 percent, there's a growing need to find ways to preserve these youngsters' fertility — and patients like Dylan are on the front edge of research that's banking testicular cells and ovarian tissue to try.

"There are viable options, and they are on the doorstep," says Dr. Kyle Orwig of the University of Pittsburgh. He leads the study Dylan joined to store the stem cells boys harbor that later on will produce their sperm. The idea is to eventually transplant the cells back.

It may sound odd to discuss fertility issues still decades away even as parents agonize over whether a child will live or die.

Yet it can be hopeful: "We expect they'll live that long," says Dr. Teresa Woodruff of Northwestern University's Oncofertility Consortium, who works with girls' ovarian tissue. "If we protect their fertility now as a 9-year-old, we hope ... that tissue we've guarded can be used" when they're grown.

Researchers say several dozen boys and girls, including some babies, so far are part of these early-stage experiments at a handful of medical centers.

And while there are no guarantees, Dylan's mother rests easier knowing "that I'm doing all I can do" for his future.

About 10 percent of the 1.5 million people diagnosed with cancer last year were younger than 45, more than 15,000 of them under 20. Woodruff says perhaps half of younger patients risk either some immediate fertility damage, or for girls the prospect of menopause in their 20s or 30s. It depends on the type of cancer and treatment. Numerous forms of chemotherapy, high-dose body-wide radiation, radiation aimed at the pelvis and some surgeries can leave patients unable to procreate.

Even young adults too often aren't told in time about fertility preservation options, despite guidelines issued in 2006 urging doctors to discuss them upfront.

Where does that leave the youngest patients? Boys don't produce sperm before puberty, ruling out sperm banking. Girls are born with all the eggs they'll ever have but those are in an immature state, so egg-freezing isn't an option.

Enter the new research.

In Holiday, Fla., a lump in Dylan Hanlon's chest turned out to be Ewing's sarcoma, a rare cancer, fortunately caught early. The prescribed nine months of chemotherapy began in September, turning fourth grade into home-schooling. Dylan has struggled with side effects and infections during every-other-week hospitalizations for the chemo. But it seems to be working; his mother was told the prognosis is good.

Then in December, Christine Hanlon stumbled across information from the patient advocacy group Fertile Hope that revealed Dylan's chemo bears a high risk of infertility. She began hunting options. The first study she found accepts only the newly diagnosed.

An only child, Dylan "loves babies. He told me one day he was going to have 10 kids," Hanlon says. Learning the risk late "broke my heart. ... He might have lost an opportunity."

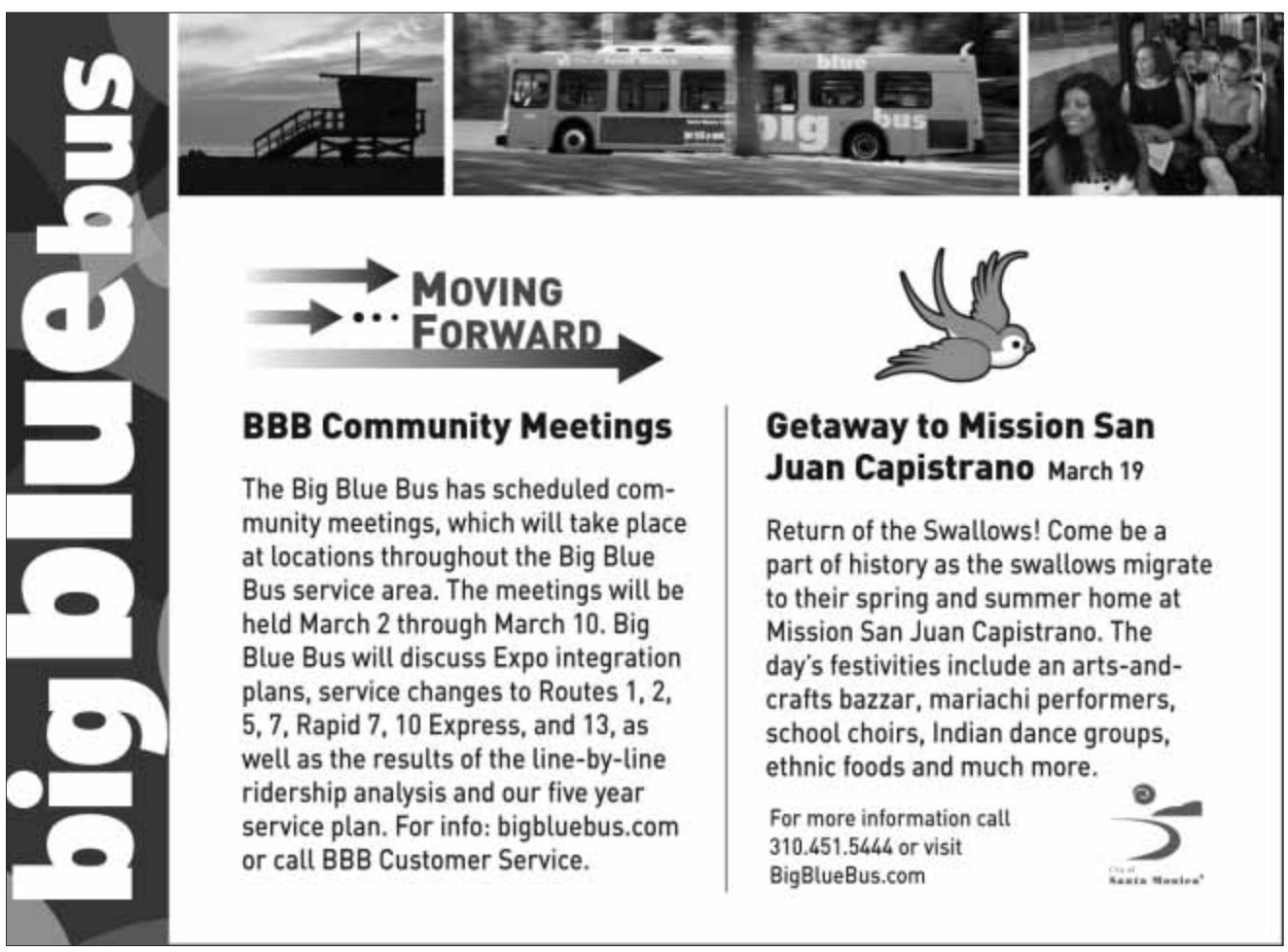
Finally she tracked down Orwig, who oversees a multi-hospital program called Fertility Preservation in Pittsburgh that offers services to men, women, boys and girls.

Orwig and other researchers have restored fertility in a range of male animals — mice, rats, pigs, dogs — by storing and reimplanting sperm-producing stem cells.

Testing the technique in boys requires biopsy-style removal of a small amount of testicular tissue. No one knows how many stem cells are floating among the millions of other cells frozen from that sample, or how many are necessary. But Orwig says the more tissue collected, the better.

Dylan joked, "So Ma, I'll be a guinea pig?" Hanlon says he easily agreed.

Most of his sample was frozen, for Dylan's later use if he wants it. The rest went to Orwig's lab for research — and two weeks later came the good news that Dylan's tissue indeed harbored stem cells despite a few months of chemo.





Scientists question recent meteorite alien life claim

SETH BORENSTEIN
AP Science Writer

WASHINGTON The gaps and stringy fibers in these space rocks sure look like bacteria, and a NASA researcher has caused a stir with claims that they're fossils of alien life. But as NASA found 15 years ago, looks can be deceiving.

Top scientists in different disciplines immediately found pitfalls in a newly published examination of three meteorites that went viral on the Internet over the weekend. NASA and its top scientists disavowed the work by noon Monday.

Biologists said just because it looks as though the holes were made by bacteria doesn't make them fossils of extraterrestrial microbes. The meteorites could be riddled with Earthly contamination. And both astronomers and biologists complained that the study was not truly reviewed by peers.

There are questions about the credentials of the study's author, Richard Hoover. And the work appeared in an online journal that raises eyebrows because even its editor acknowledges it may have to shut down in June and that one reason for publishing the controversial claim was to help find a buyer.

"There's a lot of stuff there, but not a lot of science," said Rosie Redfield, a microbiologist at the University of British Columbia, who publicly dissected the paper over the weekend. "I looked at it and shuddered."

The Associated Press talked to a dozen scientists, and none of them agreed with the findings. There was none of the excitement that surrounded a similar claim that NASA announced with fanfare in 1996 — but was forced to back away from later — that a meteorite from Mars found in Antarctica showed evidence of alien life.

"There has been no one in the scientific community, certainly no one in the meteorite analysis community, that has supported these conclusions," NASA Astrobiology Institute Director Carl Pilcher said Monday of the latest work.

Hoover, of NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center in Huntsville, Ala., claims he found fossils that look like remnants of bacteria in a handful of meteorites. His research, published online Friday in the Journal of Cosmology, concludes these must have come from outer space. It is based on three specimens of a rare type of meteorite — thought to come from comets — found in France in 1806 and 1864 and Tanzania in 1938.

Hoover's pictures look like microscopic versions of flattened tubes and tangled strings.

Hoover didn't return phone calls or e-mails from the AP.

Rudy Schild, a Harvard astronomer and editor-in-chief of the journal, said the study was reviewed by scientists, but he wouldn't identify them. Schild said the idea was to garner attention and generate debate, which happened after it was first reported over the weekend by FoxNews.com.

"We thought the purpose of the exercise here is having it released and having it discussed," Schild told the AP. He acknowledged the journal's imminent demise was "a factor in play, but there are other factors as well" in the decision to publish Hoover's research.

The year-and-a-half-old journal champions a disputed theory that life started elsewhere in the universe and was seeded on Earth by asteroids and comets.

Schild said criticisms of Hoover's paper "are legitimate" but that he agrees with Hoover's conclusion.

Other scientists say Hoover, who has worked for NASA in solar physics but now bills himself as an astrobiologist, doesn't have the proper expertise. "Anyone can call himself an astrobiologist. That doesn't make it so," said Pilcher, the astrobiology institute director.

And while Hoover's paper in the journal lists him as a "Ph.D.," NASA's solar physics website does not mention a doctorate. A colleague of Hoover's said he acknowledges that he doesn't have the advanced degree. Schild said someone at the journal — he doesn't know who — may have inadvertently listed Hoover with the doctorate title.

Top planetary scientists, including those who study meteorites, are at a conference in Houston this week and this was the talk — albeit mostly in a can-you-believe-this-stuff way, said Harry "Hap" McSween, one of world's foremost experts in meteorites.

"I don't think anybody accepts this idea," McSween said. "Nobody thinks they are extraterrestrial."

McSween has studied one of the meteorites cited — the one that fell to France in 1864. He said it was in "atrocious" condition at a Paris Museum with noticeable contamination. There was a vein in the rock that hadn't been there in old photographs, a sign of creeping moisture. That makes sense because even NASA moon rocks, hermitically stored, have been contaminated with Earthly microbes, he said.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 59°

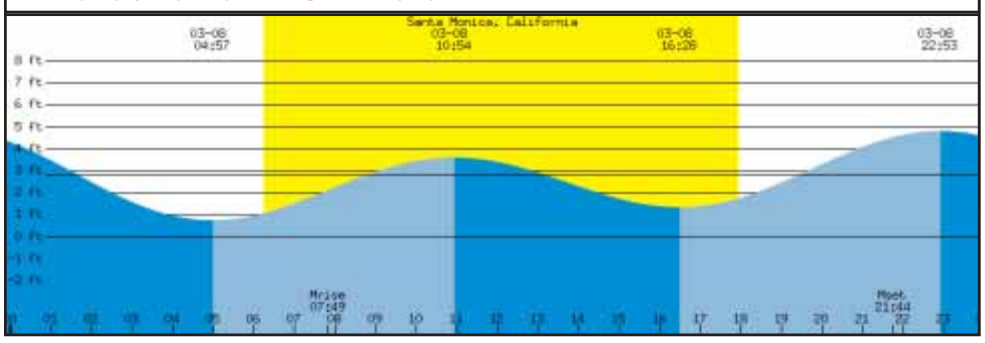
Swell Forecast

Should be the peak day on the wind swell. Early AM sessions are looking at head high wind swell at most west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Wind swell should back off to around waist to chest at west facing spots.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 3, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / 28
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 12

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	D
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	C	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (paint zone).	C	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 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).	F	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	B
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+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	B
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	D
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+	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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NCAA BASKETBALL

Arizona Wildcats' Williams, Miller win Pac-10 awards

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WALNUT CREEK Pac-10 champion Arizona has won two of the conference's biggest awards with forward Derrick Williams being picked as the league's top player and Sean Miller winning coach of the year.

In other awards announced Monday, California guard Allen Crabbe was picked as top freshman, USC guard Marcus Simmons won top defensive player and Washington forward Matthew Bryan-Amaning was the most improved player.

UCLA had a league-high three players on the 10-man all-conference team in forwards Tyler Honeycutt and Reeves Nelson, and guard Malcolm Lee.

Williams was second in the league in scoring at 18.8 points per game and shot a league best 61 percent in leading the Wildcats to a 14-4 conference record. He is the sixth Arizona player to win player of the year.

NBA

Clippers' Gordon to sit out road trip

ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. Los Angeles Clippers coach Vinny Del Negro is "optimistic" top scorer Eric Gordon will return this season after he aggravated a right wrist injury over the weekend that will keep him out indefinitely.

Del Negro said before Monday's game against Charlotte to open an East Coast swing that Gordon will likely remain in Los Angeles for the duration of the five-game trip. Del Negro said tests revealed no serious damage, but it's uncertain when he'll be able to play again.

"Let's just see how he responds to the therapy," Del Negro said. "It's his shooting hand, so it might make it a little more difficult. But all signs point to him returning. But when? That's another story."

Gordon was in his second game back after missing 18 with a sprained wrist that included a small fracture when he was hurt again in the second quarter Saturday on a hard foul by Denver's Timofey Mozgov.

"He's frustrated," Del Negro said of Gordon. "It's unfortunate, but luckily it wasn't worse."

Gordon is averaging 23.7 points. Randy Foye replaced him at shooting guard against the Bobcats, with rookie Eric Bledsoe also expected to see more minutes.



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Ordinance Numbers 2349 (CCS) and 2350 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinances 2349 (CCS) and 2350 (CCS), which were adopted by the City Council on February 22, 2011.

Ordinance Number 2349 (CCS) amends the Municipal Code regarding rules for use of the City library by establishing new penalties applicable in the situation where a library user repeatedly disrupts the peace and quiet of the library. The amendment includes the sanction of prohibiting library use for a fixed period of time, and the amendment establishes appeal rights.

Ordinance Number 2350 (CCS) codifies the provisions of interim ordinance No. 2176 (CCS), and subsequent extending ordinances and ensures compliance with state law that requires cities to provide affordable housing density bonuses and offer concessions and incentives for affordable on-site housing. This ordinance modifies existing law by making the density bonus provisions applicable in residential zones but leaving commercial zones to the implementation of the Land use and Circulation Element through adoption of future ordinances. Also, the ordinance removes from the list of potential concessions a by-right incentive allowing for a deviation from front yard set back requirements.

These ordinances will become effective thirty days after their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone (310) 458-8211.

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Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:40pm, 7:05pm

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:25pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:10pm

I Am Number Four (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:50pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min
4:25pm, 9:50pm

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

Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (PG) 1hr 24min
12:05pm, 2:25pm, 4:45pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:10pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Hall Pass (R) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
11:35am, 2:15pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D (G) 1hr 45min
11:00am, 4:25pm, 9:45pm

Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D (G) 1hr 55min
1:45pm, 7:05pm

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

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Cedar Rapids (R) 1hr 26min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Last Lions (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:15pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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

Take Me Home Tonight (R) 1hr 54min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Beastly (PG-13) 1hr 35min
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Drive Angry 3D (R) 1hr 44min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

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

Pay bills, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. Their feedback could be instrumental. Financial stability could be the end result if you think things through. If your inner voice makes a suggestion, verify and question. Take a walk if you're feeling unsure or confused. Tonight: Pay bills.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Knowing that you have the energy to meet the demands, you get ahead of a situation. Use your imagination when focusing in a meeting. What comes up could be a little humorous, and you might decide you don't want to share. Tonight: Zero in on everything.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Touch base with your sixth sense more often than usual, especially if you're dealing with authority figures. You might be surprised by what happens if you hit the right note. Visualize great success. Tonight: Up until the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You'll gain greater insight into what is happening in your immediate circle by listening to what isn't being said. Feel free to find an expert or to explore different ideas. Another person's insight could be enlightening. Tonight: Join a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Stay on top of your responsibilities. In order to get someone else involved, you need to relate on a one-on-one level. Also, create a greater sense of direction through conversations. Be clear when dealing with someone in charge or someone you have to deal with. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Visualize and share more with someone you often brainstorm with. How you handle this matter and the choices you make could be quite dynamic after this conversation. Be willing to take a leap intellectually and a risk emotionally. Tonight: Say "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Focus on each task at hand. You might need to check in with another person for feedback or direction. Your perspective changes radically with a conversation. How you relate on a one-on-one level could determine the success or failure of a situation. Tonight: A discussion gets to the bottom of the matter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others rise to the occasion, and you might need to back off. Others also need the chance to strut their stuff. Do write down what you are thinking. Soon enough, others will be asking for your feedback and ideas. Tonight: Make merry.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter that involves your day-to-day life. One person might be more involved than others. How you handle the matter, the trust you exhibit and your decisions all allow for greater give-and-take. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Your ability to move back and forth on a problem allows for the flex you need. Count on the fact that someone cares much more than you realize. Discussions help demonstrate this person's support and resourcefulness. Tonight: Where you enjoy yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Investigate an option when it appears. Give extra attention to a home-security matter. You might want to question the alternatives before you make a decision. Discussions might illuminate cost-effective alternatives. Tonight: Happy at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your ability to say "no" to someone could determine how your long-term relationship flows. If you become too high-voltage and lose your confidence, the long-term damages might be greater than anticipated. Tonight: Living it up!

Happy birthday

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

Your words often create illusions for others. The ability to inspire people is a double-edged sword. You also could discover that your communication style creates confusion for some. You cannot confirm plans enough. At times, you might want to check what you think you are hearing. If you are single, often a rosy-colored haze surrounds your relationships. Make sure that at some point you break through and see reality. Wearing rose-colored glasses might be fun, but ultimately destructive. If you are attached, the two of you could finally react and meet a long-term aspiration. TAURUS zeros in on what you want.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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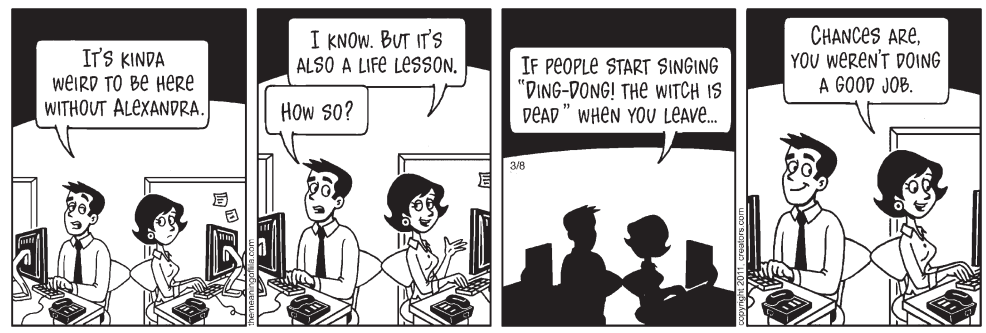
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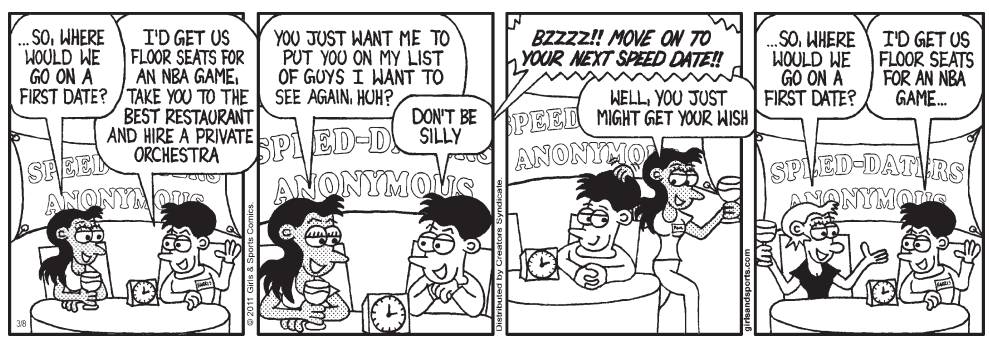
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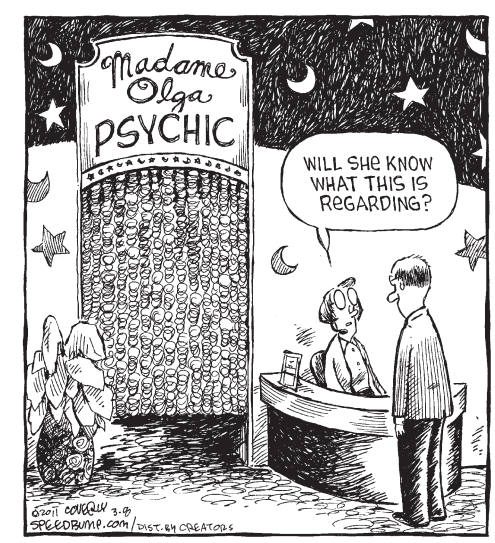
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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

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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Pungent
6 Flies high
11 Dismal, to poets
12 "Stormy Weather" composer
13 "Do the Right Thing" actor
15 Conclude
16 Swindle
17 Fix seams
18 Fall
20 Scottish cap
21 Bullfight cry
22 Shuttle owner
23 Horrible
26 Alarm sound
27 China flaw
28 Vigor
29 Paint buy
30 Skilled showoff
34 Greek vowel
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36 Gardner of "Mogambo"
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40 Game leader
41 Turn outward
42 Losing plans
43 Diatribes

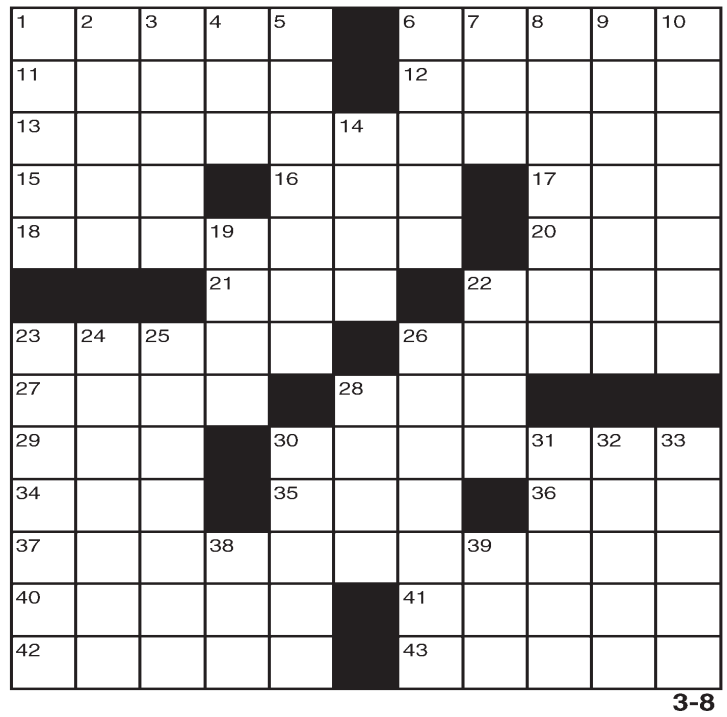
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1 Tacked on
2 Origami bird
3 Tears
4 Author Fleming
5 Battery
6 Virtuous fellow
7 Bauxite, for one
8 Like some casts
9 Set free
10 Frosty, for one
14 First-rate
19 Overthrow
22 Wee bites
23 Gave in
24 End of an old riddle
25 Supply backing for
26 Homesteader
28 Early video game
30 Grant's successor
31 Safe spot
32 Conspicuous
33 Bakery buys
38 Volleyball need
39 Egg cells

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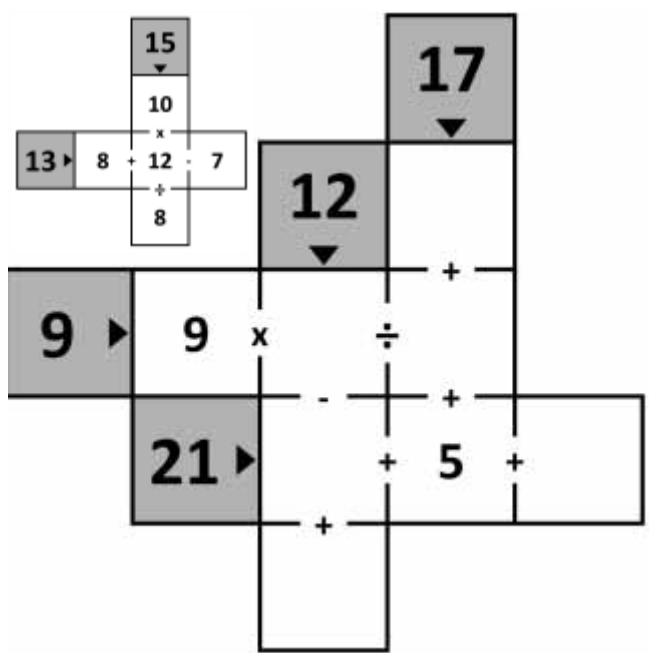
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ British loyalist Michael Stone still claims it was all a misunderstanding -- that he did not intend to assassinate Irish Republican Army political leaders in 2006, despite being arrested at the Northern Ireland legislature carrying knives, an ax, a garotte, and a bag of explosives that included flammable liquids, gas canisters and fuses. He was later convicted, based on his having detonated one explosive in the foyer and then carrying the other devices into the hall to confront the leaders, but he continued to insist that he was merely engaged in "performance art." (In January 2011, the Northern Ireland court of appeal rejected his claim.)

■ Phyllis Stevens, 59, said she had no idea she had embezzled nearly $6 million until her employer, Aviva USA, of Des Moines, Iowa, showed her the evidence. She said it must have been done by the "hundreds" of personalities created by her dissociative identity disorder (including "Robin," who was caught trying to spend Stevens' remaining money in Las Vegas just hours after the showdown with Aviva). Stevens and her spouse had been spending lavishly, buying properties, and contributing generously to political causes. As the "core person," Stevens said she will accept responsibility but asked a federal judge for leniency. (The prosecutor said Stevens is simply a thief.)

■ Thomas Walkley, a lawyer from Norton, Ohio, was charged in January with indecent exposure for pulling his pants down in front of two 19-year-old males, but Walkley said he was merely "mentoring" at-risk boys. He said it is a technique he had used with other troubled youths, especially the most difficult cases, by getting them "to think differently." Said Walkley, "Radical times call for radical measures."

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