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THE LOSING AN HOUR ISSUE

More permit students may mean half-a-million in cash for SMMUSD

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Expanding the number of permit students allowed into the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District could push revenue from new enrollment over the half million dollar mark, according to a presentation to the Board of Education on Thursday.

The analysis came as a response to a request by the school board in February to study the implications of increasing the number of students allowed to enter the district on permits to bolster total district enrollment to 11,500 students.

The new policy would end a moratorium on new interdistrict permits between kindergarten and 11th grade, increasing the total number of permits offered from 200 to 300.

The change would also encourage international high school students to enroll in the district.

Assuming an increased enrollment of 170 students at slightly less-than-perfect attendance (who doesn't get sick every once in a while?), opening the district's doors a little wider could mean $876,213 from the state.

Subtract the costs of four new teaching

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Trailer park resident asks EPA for help

Officials say demolition OK

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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COLORADO AVE Residents of the Village Trailer Park reached out to the California Environmental Protection Agency Friday to stop the destruction of unoccupied trailers by the owners of the property.

Brenda Barnes, a resident of the park and former attorney, informed the agency of the "tons of debris" allegedly blowing in the air without prior inspection for lead, mold and formaldehyde.

It's the latest in a series of efforts to get officials from City Hall, the Southern California Air Quality Management District and state to intervene on behalf of the residents to stop what they call intimidation on the part of the park owners.

The owners have been trying to close the park down and encourage residents to move

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Daylight Savings



Remember to turn FORWARD your clocks one hour on Sunday, Mar. 11, at 2 a.m.



RAISING BY RUNNING

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Students from the Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH) run laps at John Adams Middle School on Friday in an effort to raise money for field trips and supplies. Last year the event raised over $18,000. The students ran for a total of 20 minutes.

Calif jobless rate dips to lowest level since '09

BY DON THOMPSON & JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. Word that California's unemployment rate dipped below 11 percent for the first time in three years provided just a small sliver of hope — but a sliver nonetheless — for people who in some cases have been making weekly trips to the unemployment office for years.

The jobless rate of 10.9 percent is down three-tenths of a percentage point from December's adjusted rate of 11.2 percent, the lowest since April 2009, the state Employment Development Department said Friday.

"Down 10.9 percent from 11.2 percent, huh?" Chris Walker asked with a laugh as he

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Care for the elderly
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Learn to care for aging loved ones. There are in-home care, assisted living, nursing homes and more to think about as they age. For more information on this free event, call (310) 458-8682.

Want a kitty?
Centinela Feed and Pet Supplies
1448 Lincoln Blvd., 12 p.m. — 4 p.m.
The Rescue Me Pet Foundation has kittens and cats available for adoption each Saturday. Donation is required. For more information, call (310) 822-1884.

Sunday, March 11, 2012

Festival of foolish fun
Beth Shir Shalom
1827 California Ave., 11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Beth Shir Shalom welcomes everyone to its Purim Carnival, which celebrates the triumphant tale told in the Biblical book of Esther. Purim is the one holiday where you're encouraged to dress up, let loose and act like a fool for the fun of it. The carnival features a moonbounce, dunk tank, game booths, refreshments, a bake sale and more. Cost: 50¢ a ticket, with reduced price for each additional ticket. For more information, call (310) 453-3361 or visit www.bethshirshalom.org.

Symphony of sound
Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 4 p.m.
Violinist Philippe Quint will make his New West Symphony debut on the fourth Masterpiece Series concert of the season. Quint will play Eric Wolfgang Korngold's "Concerto in D Major for Violin and Orchestra, Opus 35." For more information, call (866) 766-8400.

Carnival for kids
Pacific Park
380 Santa Monica Pier,
10 a.m. — 1 p.m.
The Angelic Auxiliary of Children's Bureau is hosting this Carnival at the Pier to raise money for child abuse prevention programs, family resource centers and foster care and adoption. Admission includes unlimited rides, food, games, raffle prizes and more. Cost: $85 for adults, $40 for kids 3 to 15. Tickets will be available at the event for $5 more. For more information, call (213) 342-0144 or visit www.all4kids.org/carnival.

Uniting the community
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.
The Unity Resource Festival displays the various services that schools, non-profits, City Hall, faith groups and local businesses make available to the Santa Monica community, all to a diverse backdrop of music, dance and food that celebrates Santa Monica's multicultural heritage. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8688 or visit www.vapark.smgov.net.

Monday, March 12, 2012

Walking with Chandler
Annenberg Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy.,
6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
Judith Freeman, author of "The Long Embrace: Raymond Chandler and the Woman He Loved," leads this lecture that looks at Raymond Chandler not as a pulp fiction author, but as a social historian. Freeman walks a virtual tour that examines how Chandler studied the neighborhoods in the Los Angeles area, including Santa Monica, and how he included them in his hard boiled detective stories. Cost: free. Reservations required, open wait list. For more information, call (310) 458-4904 or visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS



Photo by Pat Clark Gray

NICE HAT: **(Left to Right) State Park Director Ruth Coleman, CSPRA President Nina Gordon, City Councilman Bobby Shriver, and Lynn Rhodes, CSPRA board member.**

DOWNTOWN

Bobby Shriver named honorary park ranger

What do Walt Disney, Ansel Adams and City Council member Bobby Shriver have in common? They have all been named Honorary Rangers by the California State Park Rangers Association (CSPRA).

The Honorary Ranger Award was given to Shriver at a banquet at the California Parks Training Conference Thursday, March 8.

The annual award is the highest honor that the CSPRA gives to citizens who exhibit outstanding efforts to protect state parks and resources.

Shriver was given the award in recognition of his service as chair of the California State Park Commission. During Shriver's tenure, the State Park Commission secured funding to create two state parks in Los Angeles. Shriver also opposed a 16-mile toll road that would have run through San Onofre State Beach.

In addition to the Honorary Ranger Award, Shriver was presented with the traditional State Park Ranger Stetson, a hat that's a symbol of pride for park employees and honorary rangers alike.

COLIN NEWTON

LOS ANGELES

Moose Lodge murderer sentenced

A gang member convicted of murdering two men at the Moose Lodge in Sunset Park, as well as three others during a crime spree that lasted roughly 3 1/2 years, was sentenced Friday to five life prison terms without the possibility of parole, authorities said.

William Vasquez, 31, was also ordered to serve an additional 156 years to life behind bars, the judge saying he wanted to give the defendant "as much time as the law allows," according to reports.

Vasquez was convicted of first degree murder for the Jan. 27, 2002, killing of Alex Haro; the Dec. 3, 2003, slaying of Kevin Walton; the March 5, 2005, killings of Jonathan Hernandez and Hector Bonilla (Moose Lodge); and the Sept. 24, 2005, shooting death of Jesse Becerra.

He was also found guilty of one count of attempted murder and two counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm.

In court Vasquez maintained his innocence.

The jury that convicted Vasquez of the five killings deadlocked on whether to recommend the death penalty or life in prison without the possibility of parole.

A second jury recommended last November that Vasquez be sentenced to life in prison without parole for the murders of Haro and Walton, but deadlocked on whether to recommend that he be sentenced to death or spend his life behind bars for the other three killings.

Prosecutors opted not to seek a third penalty phase trial, meaning that Vasquez would automatically be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the murders of Hernandez, Bonilla and Becerra.

Two other men, Jose Mojarro and Erick Nunez, were convicted in March 2009 of first-degree murder for the shooting deaths of Hernandez and Bonilla during a private party at the Moose Lodge. They were sentenced

to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

DAILY PRESS

Reputed Mass. mobster girlfriend rethinking plea

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON The brother of one of reputed mobster James "Whitey" Bulger's alleged murder victims says he's been told by a representative for federal prosecutors in Boston that Bulger's girlfriend Catherine Greig is considering pleading guilty to helping Bulger evade capture.

Steven Davis told The Boston Globe a federal victim advocate told him Friday that Greig's lawyers indicated she's considering pleading guilty without a plea bargain and prosecutors asked victims' relatives to meet with them Monday.

WCVB-TV in Boston first reported Davis' comments that Greig was considering a plea deal.

Messages were left Friday for Greig's attorney, the U.S. attorney's office, and Davis.

Greig has pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, which carries a maximum prison sentence of five years. Prosecutors said last fall they were considering filing additional charges against her. She has a pretrial hearing scheduled for Wednesday. Her trial is scheduled for May 7.

Bulger and Greig were captured in June in Santa Monica, Calif., after 16 years on the run. He has pleaded not guilty in connection with 19 killings.

Bulger headed Boston's Winter Hill Gang and was an FBI informant against the rival New England Mafia. Bulger's former FBI handler, John Connolly Jr., was convicted of racketeering for warning Bulger that he was about to be indicted just before Bulger fled Boston in late 1994.

Chicagoans celebrate far from home

BY BETH HARRIS
Associated Press

MAIN STREET A hungry Chris O'Donnell arrived straight from the set of "NCIS: Los Angeles" and polished off a piece of pizza. Joe Mantegna, Dennis Farina and Roger Ebert's wife were craving their favorite Chicago foods, too.

Chicago Cubs owner Tom Ricketts felt right at home, with "Mr. Cub" Ernie Banks resting on a stool and Harry Caray's widow Dutchie standing at the bar.

There was a Midwest feeling in the air Monday night, even if everyone was almost 2,000 miles from the Second City. It was the 25th Windy City West bash, bringing together expatriate Chicagoans from film, television and sports for a taste of home on the West Coast.

"It's unlike any other Hollywood party. People are actually looking each other in the eye and talking," said O'Donnell, who grew up in the Chicago suburb of Winnetka. "There's nobody looking over anyone's shoulder. That's the difference. It feels a little more normal to me."

Marilu Henner, James Denton of "Desperate Housewives," and Willie Gault of the 1985 Super Bowl champion Chicago Bears joined Chaz Ebert, "Bold and Beautiful" executive producer Brad Bell, Joel Murray, brother of Bill, actor Richard Kind of HBO's "Luck" and a few hundred others jammed into M Street Kitchen and Stella Rossa Pizza Bar in Santa Monica to celebrate their roots.

Denton reminisced about how he waited tables at Caray's restaurant while doing theater in Chicago before trying his luck in Hollywood.

"I lived there six years and I lived in five different places," the Nashville native said. "I didn't have any money at all so I just bounced around from apartment to apartment."

Comedian Jeff Garlin of "Curb Your Enthusiasm" stopped by before heading to his gig at a Hollywood club, as did actor Billy Zane, Olympic champion figure skater Evan Lysacek and Reggie Brown, who makes a living impersonating President Barack Obama. Ricketts received the Man of the Year award for his contributions to Chicago sports.

"It's like going to your high school reunion after 20 years and realizing you know everybody," said Mantegna, who stars on "Criminal Minds."

"Every time I look up I'm seeing someone I know," he said.

At that, he and Farina, a former Chicago cop, embraced.

"It's a kick to see everybody," Farina said.

Unlike at a lot of Hollywood parties, the guests weren't shy about eating. They chowed down on such Chicago culinary delights as deep-dish pizza, hot dogs, Italian beef sandwiches on crusty bread, cheesecake

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Editor:

Every few days your paper runs another pedestrian vs. bike rant. Haven't any of these people noticed that the real problem, especially on the bike path, is our insane and worthless City Hall and their traffic engineers.

There used to be very clear and large signs along the bike path directing bikes onto the bike path and pedestrians onto the walkway, but they were all removed a few years ago. Now there are only a few totally confusing signs that seem to direct pedestrians onto the bike path and bikes onto the walkway!

There had been large "No Bikes" signs when you entered the Venice boardwalk and when you got to the turnoff at Casa del Mar. They are gone. Our city workers recently put up a sign by the Casa del Mar turnoff showing a pedestrian with an arrow pointing to the bike path. It was meant to be a pedestrian crossing, but most people think it means that pedestrians are supposed to walk on the bike path! A few feet before that is another sign pointing for pedestrians to walk left (onto the bike path) and bikes to the right (onto the walkway)!

All the big signs for no bikes from Casa del Mar to the pier were removed, as were most of them on the Venice boardwalk. Some of us believe this is because of the many bike rentals along the boardwalk and our city wants its cut of tax money. The bike rentals need to direct their riders to walk their bikes onto the bike path. When asked to do this, the bike rentals have just told us to mind our own business.

Despite the bull about bikes being safe, I know of at least one old woman who was hit and died by a bike rider outside the senior center on the Venice boardwalk a few years ago, and recently I saw another old woman knocked flat near the same spot. There are a few no bike and skateboard signs along the Venice boardwalk, but they are small and hard to see. The cops seem to let bikes and skateboards ride right next to them on the walkway without even a word!

L.A. and Santa Monica claim they are broke all the time, but they could make a fortune every day if they ticket all the illegal bikes and skateboarders along the boardwalk. Our town could bring in tons of money if all the bike riders are ticketed for not stopping at stop signs, having no lights at night and riding on the sidewalk. The real problem is not the bikes or pedestrians, but our worthless and over paid city officials.

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Finding the right career

Q: I AM 18 YEARS OLD AND INTERESTED IN pursuing a career in law enforcement. I am aware of the fact that I need to be at least 21 years old to apply. What I'd like to know is how did you know law enforcement was the right career for you? Was it your first choice?

A: Knowing which career is right for you is a difficult and personal question to answer. Before choosing law enforcement as a career, there are many factors you should consider.

Careers in law enforcement include a wide range of specialized positions, like detective, training officer, traffic enforcement (motors), S.W.A.T., and neighborhood resource officer, to name just a few of the positions that exist in the Santa Monica Police Department. One of these positions could be the perfect fit for you, but before you can attain a specialized job, you must be able to successfully graduate from a police academy.

After the academy, new officers are also required to successfully demonstrate their ability to be an effective patrol officer before they can move to a specialized position. I'll share with you my experience in choosing law enforcement as a career. Remember, not every officer has the same experience.

Becoming a police officer was not my first career choice, although it should have been. I attended a high school with an emphasis on science and medicine. During my senior year in high school, I discovered that I really didn't have a passion for medicine. One of my teachers saw that too. He gave me a career personality test and asked me to be completely honest in answering all of the questions. So I did. I took the test and answered every question as honestly as I could. My test results revealed my personality was best suited for a career in law enforcement or firefighting. I didn't believe the test was correct, and at that time in my life, I could not see myself as a police officer or a firefighter.

I ended up pursuing different career paths and found myself unhappy in each one. The results from the career personality test finally began to make sense to me. The only thing I needed to do was choose between police officer and firefighter. I chose police officer, and it was one of the best decisions I ever made. I've been a police officer for more than 17 years and I still love it. It's a career that I'm passionate about. I consider myself to be lucky in a way. I was lucky that I didn't wait too long before I chose a career that fit my personality.

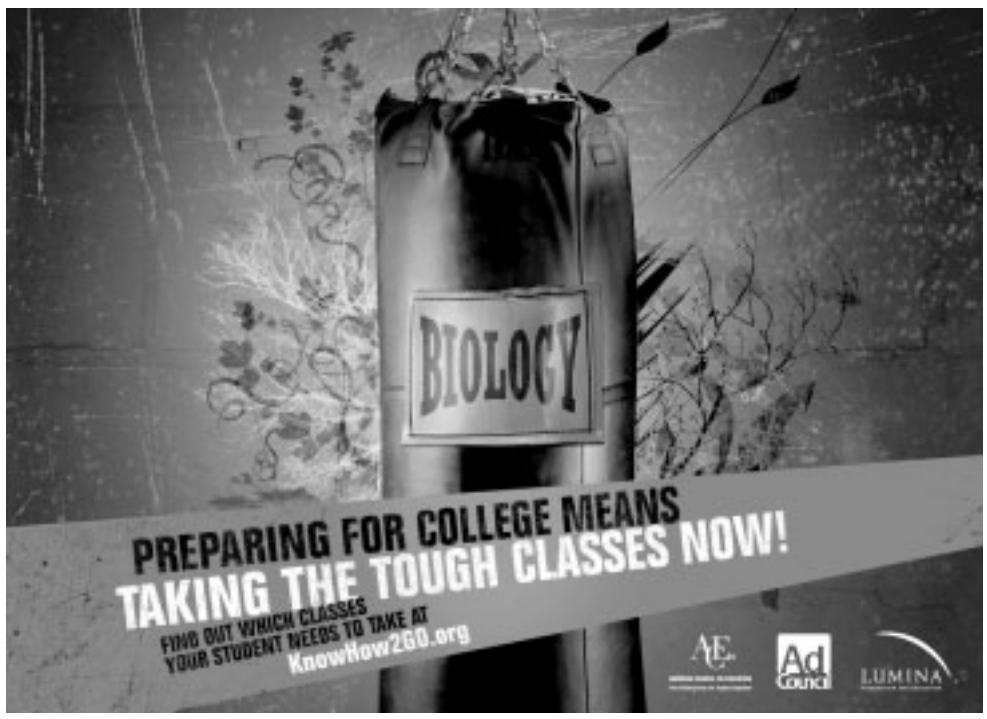
I can't think of a fail-proof way to tell whether or not a specific career is going to be the right fit for any given person. Sometimes people have a "gut" feeling or maybe even possess a natural talent to know what career is right for him or her. Others find the right career through counselors or friends. If you're currently enrolled in school, consider seeking advice from one of your school's counselors. Counselors will have more information on career personality tests as well as information on areas to study for any career choice.

You may also want to look into becoming a police explorer. You can find out more information on the Santa Monica Police Department's Explorer program by calling (310) 434-2627.

My experience may be different from other police officers. There are many officers throughout the country who have never taken a personality test but are passionate about their careers in law enforcement. A career personality test is just one way that may guide you in choosing a career that's right for you. Please note that many people may qualify to become police officers based on their personality, but this job is not for everyone. You'll need a lot more than personality to be a police officer.

A school counselor is probably your best resource in seeking information about career personality tests. However, there are a number of resources you can find online about career personality tests. All you have to do is type in "career personality test" in the search engine of your choice (Google, Yahoo, Bing, etc.), and find a test. Most of the tests are free and don't ask for any personal information. If you decide to take one, just make sure you answer the questions as honestly as you can. You wouldn't want to cheat yourself out of a great career that best fits you.

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The Q Line

Turn the other cheek

The City Council is struggling with what to do about the holiday displays in Palisades Park after atheists last year were able to secure 18 spots, leaving a coalition of churches only two spots to erect their nativity scenes.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Should the City Council continue with the lottery, abolish holiday displays or make the law more narrow in an attempt to exclude the atheists and risk getting sued?
Here are your responses:

"SANTA MONICA REALLY, REALLY NEEDS to abolish any holiday displays along Palisades Park. It's just too beautiful to spoil with the ugliness of religion and all the warfare that comes with it. So leave the park in all its natural beauty."

"THE CITY COUNCIL SHOULD NOT BUCKLE under the atheists. These people are just cheap bullies who are trying to force their perspective on something that has been going on for awhile. Christmas is a cultural tradition in America and should be celebrated as such, not as a threat to people's beliefs. That's just really, really stupid. City Hall should be bold and let it be the way it has always been, without trying to fix everything and muck it up. They should also change Winterlit to Christmas, to acknowledge it not as a religious holiday but as a cultural one. They should show a little bit more courage for what this city has been about rather than being weak-kneed when these atheists get all crazy and everything."

"I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO KEEP the holiday displays. After all, we're a world renowned city. So no, we can't allow the atheists to do what they wish. So no, we have to exclude the atheists and risk getting sued."

"I THINK THE SO-CALLED HOLIDAY displays in Palisades Park should definitely be abolished. When I first came here and saw them many years ago for the first time, my first thoughts were how crappy looking, an insult to anyone with any kind of religious fervor. Go to one of the local churches during the holiday season and see something attractive and worthy of the God they purport to honor. Also, in today's society anything with a remotely religious theme is bound to bring out all the half-witted cooks in protest. Ghastly."

"THIS HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR CLOSE to 60 years. The City of Santa Monica must continue the Christmas nativity scene on Ocean Avenue. Our children deserve to have the joy. I remember my granddaughter's face. I have pictures, singing Christmas songs with all of her friends from church, the Lighthouse; precious memories for the family. The people who do not have the compassion, don't take the joy and happiness away from the families. If you don't like it, don't go see it. It's only once a year. You have to have respect for other people. Thank you, God bless you and keep the family happiness and joy with our belief in Christ."

"THERE ARE GOOD TRADITIONS AND BAD traditions like exterminating Indians, slavery, denying rights to women and gays and the nativity display in our public park. I was born here and always thought the nativity display was ugly and hokey. Did they find the dummies in some trash Dumpster and buy the clothes at a thrift store? It is racist since the only description of Jesus in the Bible says he had feet of brass and hair of wool which means he was black, not some blue-eyed European. The displays always caused traffic problems and takes away parking. Christian, up displays in front of their churches. If not, we will be forced to also allow Nazis, Ku Klux Klan and al-Qaida to put up their hate displays in our public parks. There should be no displays in our public parks."

"DID YOU EVER THINK THAT IT'S NOT just the atheists who are unhappy with the Christmas displays?"

"AT LONG LAST LET US ABOLISH religious/holiday displays on city land, possibly preventing the city from being costly sued. There are many churches with property to properly display their religious scenes."

"THERE ARE SOME CHURCHES IN Santa Monica that have been there for over 100 years. Those churches should be given priority since they have already been doing the displays and it is an absolute tradition, and since it's been that long they should be allowed to continue doing those displays."

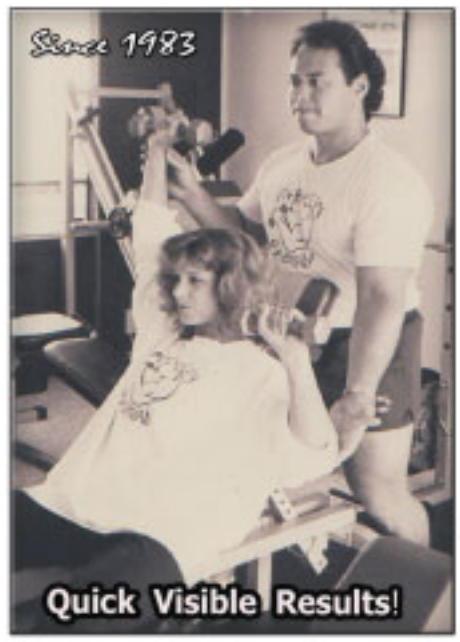
"LET'S SHOW SOME OF WHAT THIS country stands for and separate church and state. Decorate churches, synagogues, etc., not public land. We might exclude trees since that custom began before organized religion, didn't it?"

"I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MORE NATIVITY scenes in Palisades Park. I was disappointed last year when I walked by and only saw two spots there. I was not aware of the atheists securing 18 spots. I would appreciate it if the City Council would consider the choice to have more spots available for Christmas nativity scenes."

"THE NATIVITY SCENES WERE ALWAYS tacky and intrusive, lessening the beauty of Palisades Park both for locals and visitors. Clearly, there will be competition for these spots in future years, leading to an even more unseemly carnival of kitsch. If the City Council is foolish enough to take the obviously illegal step of limiting the sites to Christian groups, an expensive lawsuit will be inevitable. The citizens of Santa Monica will be understandably outraged at this waste of our tax dollars. Churches, synagogues, and for that matter, atheist groups should mount their displays on private property, leaving our beautiful park in its natural state."

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CA reviews high-risk inmate, gang member policies

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A sharp reduction in prison crowding is giving officials in the nation's largest state prison system breathing space to rethink long-outdated policies affecting where inmates live and how best to suppress the gangs that unofficially control many aspects of life behind bars.

California prison officials on Friday unveiled proposed changes to rules that kept some gang members locked in isolation for years and led to widespread inmate hunger strikes last year.

They also released a study that could help save taxpayers money by giving the state more flexibility to house some high-risk inmates in lower-level prisons instead of building new maximum-security lockups.

Both moves are possible, officials said, because the state is diverting thousands of lower-level criminals from state prisons to local jails under a law that took effect in October.

The shift was driven by federal judges who ruled state prisons were so jammed that officials could not provide proper care to mentally and physically ill inmates. The U.S. Supreme Court last year upheld the authority of the judges to order the state to reduce crowding.

The reduction is just beginning, but the benefits are changing the way the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation does business, said Terri McDonald, the department's undersecretary for operations.

"Public safety realignment has given us the opportunity to begin to implement research and policies that we've wanted to do for years but haven't had the ability to do that because we were just so crowded," she said in an interview.

The department hadn't planned to release the study on the security classification of inmates on Friday, until a copy was independently obtained by The Associated Press. But McDonald said that study fits with the new gang regulations that would give inmates a chance to earn their way out of the state's notorious security housing units.

The state can safely house some maximum-security inmates in lower-level prisons, according to five University of California criminology experts commissioned by the department to review its classification system. That in turn could free up space in maximum-security prisons to house some of the nearly 2,300 gang members who currently are in the security housing units, McDonald said.

Donald Specter, director of the nonprofit Berkeley-based Prison Law Office, applauded the security recommendations but said gang members should be able to work their way out of the isolation units more quickly than the department is proposing.

The department could have changed its antiquated policies without waiting for crowding to abate, said Specter, one of the attorneys who sued and won the federal crowding-reduction order.

The proposed regulations say gang members would no longer have to renounce their gang membership. Instead, they could win more privileges and get out of the isolation units in four years instead of six if they stop engaging in gang activities and participate in anger management and drug rehabilitation programs.

The old restrictions prompted more than 6,000 inmates at prisons statewide to refuse state-issued meals at 13 prisons in July. They staged another hunger strike in September and smaller strikes intermittently since then.

Officials said their review started in May, before the hunger strikes, and the regulations are based on programs in seven other states.

However, officials said the proposed policy change addresses some of the inmates' demands. Inmates wanted a way to earn their way out of isolation, and the proposed policy gives them even more incentives than they sought.

Under the old policy, gang associates are automatically sent to the security housing units to live alongside gang members and leaders. Of the 2,300 felons who are in the isolation units because of their gang involvement, nearly 1,800 are considered gang associates.

The units also house non-gang inmates who kill other inmates, attack employees or participate in riots.

Under the proposed policy, many gang associates could continue living in the general prison population.

That shift alone could significantly reduce the population in the security units, McDonald said.

Friday's developments came a week after the department announced it had taken down the last of nearly 20,000 makeshift beds that had been set up in gymnasiums and other common areas to handle inmates who overflowed traditional cells before the new realignment law.

With fewer inmates throughout the system, McDonald said the department will consider adding education and rehabilitation programs for inmates who want to improve their lives, while leaving other more basic prisons to house offenders who do not want to stay out of trouble.



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Facebook's 'friend' offer exposes man's other wife

BY MANUEL VALDES
Associated Press

TACOMA, Wash. Facebook's automatic efforts to connect user through "friends" they may know recently led two Washington women to find out they were married to the same man, at the same time.

That led to the man, corrections officer Alan L. O'Neill, being slapped with bigamy charges.

According to charging documents filed Thursday, O'Neill married a woman in 2001, moved out in 2009, changed his name and remarried without divorcing her. The first wife first noticed O'Neill had moved on to another woman when Facebook suggested the friendship connection to wife No. 2 under the "People You May Know" feature.

"Wife No. 1 went to wife No. 2's page and saw a picture of her and her husband with a wedding cake," Pierce County Prosecutor Mark Lindquist told The Associated Press.

Wife No. 1 then called the defendant's mother.

"An hour later the defendant arrived at (Wife No. 1's) apartment, and she asked him several times if they were divorced," court records show. "The defendant said, 'No, we are still married.'"

Neither O'Neill nor his first wife had filed for divorce, according to charging documents. The name change came in December, and later that month he married his second wife.

O'Neill allegedly told Wife No. 1 not to tell anybody about his dual marriages, that he would fix it, the documents state. But wife No. 1 alerted authorities.

"Facebook is now some place where people discover things about each other that end up reporting that to law enforcement," Lindquist said.

O'Neill, 41, was previously known at Alan Fulk. He has worked as a Pierce County corrections officer for five years, sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer said. He was placed on administrative leave after prosecutors charged him Thursday. He could face up to a year in jail if convicted.

O'Neill is free, but due in court later this month, which is standard procedure for non-violent crimes, Lindquist said.

"About the only danger he would pose is marrying a third woman," he said.

Obama: New jobs report a sign economy on rebound

BY KEN THOMAS
Associated Press

PRINCE GEORGE, Va. President Barack Obama applauded another burst of job growth Friday as proof the economy is rebounding on his watch from a disastrous recession. Bidding for re-election, Obama warned factory workers and campaign donors that Republicans would offer only the policies "that got us into this mess."

"I did not run for this office just to get back to where we were. I ran for this office to get us where we needed to be," Obama told 1,400 people at a rally-style event in a sprawling Rolls-Royce manufacturing plant south of Richmond, Va. "And I promise you, we will get there."

The new monthly jobs report — a barometer of the economy and an important factor in the coming presidential race — showed employers created 227,000 jobs in February. The unemployment rate held steady at 8.3 percent, the result of more Americans looking for work as job growth takes hold month by month.

The president cautioned that too many Americans still long for work. But on the factory floor here, he said the manufacturer of jet-engine parts was a symbol of what American companies can accomplish.

"When I come to places like this, and I see the work that's being done, it gives me confidence there are better days ahead," Obama said. "The key now is to keep this economic engine churning. We can't go back to the policies that got us into this mess."

The jobs report and split loyalties among Republican voters assessing Mitt Romney, Rick Santorum and the rest of the GOP field give Obama's team renewed confidence that the path he has forged could help him win re-election and rebuild the economy. But privately, his advisers know that outside factors in the United States and abroad — from high gasoline prices to instability in the Middle East — could still derail his political and economic ambitions in the months leading to the fall election.

Romney, campaigning in Jackson, Miss., seized on a different statistic: The unemployment rate remains above 8 percent. "This president has not succeeded; this president has failed — and that's the reason we're going to get rid of him in 2012," Romney said.

Obama was headed to Houston for two fundraisers, stocking up on campaign cash as Republicans appear locked in a primary process that may not be settled for months.

Republican Gov. Robert McDonnell of Virginia, who joined Obama at the factory and has been talked about as a potential vice presidential candidate, told reporters he was heartened by Obama's recognition of the innovative Virginia plant. "When the president is right, I'm going to commend him and say he's doing things right," he said.

"If he really wants to get Americans back to work, he needs to look at cutting the taxes and the bureaucracy and the regulatory burden on American business," McDonnell said.

Yet every strong month of hiring undermines arguments from Republicans that Obama has failed to deliver on promises to pull the economy out of recession. Since the beginning of December, the country has added 734,000 jobs, the strongest three months of pure job growth since the Great Recession.

Obama has highlighted the U.S. economy's addition of 429,000 manufacturing jobs during the past two years, touring factories in Wisconsin, Washington state and North Carolina in recent weeks. The United States lost 2.2 million manufacturing jobs in the two years before that.

Political calculations are not far from the surface in these trips — Virginia is expected to be a major election battleground later this year, and the president was ending the day with the fundraisers in Houston.

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TIME/DATE: **7:00 p.m., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2012**
LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213,
Santa Monica City Hall,
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following issues:

Text Amendment 12-002: Recommendation to add Santa Monica Municipal Code Section [SMMC] Subchapter 9.73 to establish a Transportation Impact Fee. The Planning Commission will be asked to recommend the City Council adopt a fee for new development and changes of use that will be used to fund transportation network improvements citywide.

Discussion of the provision of community benefits in the context of development agreement negotiations. The discussion will include but not be limited to procedures, the nature and scope of community benefits, community benefits framework within the Land Use and Circulation Element, best practices, community input, project requirements, and project feasibility considerations.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P. O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #1, #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7, and #9 service the City Hall and the Civic Center.

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS CITY OF SANTA MONICA

BUILDING AND FIRE-LIFE SAFETY COMMISSION

Two seats available for terms ending on June 30, 2016.

The seats should be filled by a State of California licensed or registered architect, a State of California civil or structural engineer, a State of California Certified Access Specialist, or a State of California Registered Fire Protection Engineer.

Applications due by noon, Tuesday, April 17, 2012.
Appointment to be made by City Council, Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

The appointed appeals and advisory boards conduct hearings on policy and technical issues, involving specific provisions of the building and fire codes and ordinances in the Santa Monica Municipal Code. They also review the updated editions of the building and fire codes with staff; and recommend any revisions appropriate for the City's building, seismic, fire, health and other public safety programs.

No City of Santa Monica employee may serve as a member of any Board or Commission.

Applications and information on Board/Commission duties & disclosure requirements are available from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 1685 Main St., Rm. 102 (submit applications at this same location), by phone at (310) 458-8211 or on-line at http://www01.smgov.net/cityclerk/boards/appt_boards.htm. All current applications on file will be considered.

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Ordinance Numbers 2390-2394 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinances Number 2390 through 2394, which were adopted by the City Council on February 28,2012.

Ordinance Number 2390 makes local amendments to the minimum, statewide Green Building Standards adopted by the Council on November 9, 2011. Among other things, the local amendments continue the City's practice of requiring higher performance than is mandated by state law for energy efficiency, water conservation and use of renewable energy.

Ordinance Number 2391 amends and expands the City's no-smoking laws to prohibit smoking in new hotels.

Ordinance Number 2392 amends the Municipal Code to allow the issuance of permits for additions to a unit or units within a legal nonconforming, rent controlled, multi-family property in the R-1 zone.

Ordinance Number 2393 amends the Community Events Ordinance by changing the requirement for a permit for an event on the Third Street Promenade. In the past, a permit was required for events involving more than 150 people. The ordinance decreases the permit threshold to 75 people based upon the unique physical constraints of that public space and related safety and circulation issues.

Ordinance Number 2394 amends the extended Interim Zoning Ordinance in two ways. First, it increases the number of restaurants permitted on Main Street in the block just south of Pico Boulevard. Second, it requires replacement of existing public parking spaces in certain public parking structures if those structures are sold and if their use changes.

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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and popcorn imported from the city's favorite restaurants.

"There are certain foods that are just unique," said actor Adrian Zmed of "TJ Hooker" fame. "I wouldn't say they're healthy, but they taste really, really good."

Chaz Ebert, who came without her famous hubby, said, "I'm looking forward to one of those Vienna Beef hot dogs, a Chicago-style hot dog dragged through the garden, as they call it."

That includes such toppings as tomatoes, onions, a pickle and celery salt.

Gault, still as slim as when he played wide receiver for the Bears, faced a bit of a predicament.

"I'm a vegetarian so I don't eat beef," he said. "They make me a special pizza because I don't really eat cheese either. They always take care of me."

Bell, who recently hosted a fundraiser for Obama at his home, said, "As soon as you walk through the door, you know that you are among Chicagoans because you feel an arm on your back and you feel a warmth in the air."

Comedian Tom Dreesen served as informal host, as he's done every year since the party began in 1987 as a way for transplanted Chicagoans to swap stories and bond over a taste of home.

"We're hangout people, meaning no matter what we do after our job, after we shoot a scene, after we do our shows, we want to go someplace and hang out," he said. "Of all the shows I've done, nothing excites me more than getting together with all my Chicago family."

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positions ($80,000), supplies and materials ($8,500), the projected net gain pencils out to $547,713, according to figures provided by the district.

Board member Jose Escarce, who has advocated for changing the limit to increase the total enrollment to 11,500, called it a modest goal. The district currently has 11,249 students, according to a firm hired to study enrollment projections.

"We might get there, or closer than we are now," Escarce said. "This is a measured, conservative proposal."

Under the plan, permits would be issued at various grade levels based on the amount of space available in the district.

Kindergarten had the most space, with a maximum of 50 permits proposed.

John Adams Middle School and Lincoln Middle School were elected to support no more than 10 new sixth graders between the two schools.

Grades seven and eight could in both locations take in 10 students each.

Santa Monica High School would be opened to allow no more than 20 new students in each grade level except 12th.

All Malibu schools have an open permit policy.

Permits would be issued as space is available in grades one through five.

The district already has 1,352 students on permit at its various schools, or roughly 11.5 percent of the total population.

That's down considerably from the 20 or more percent that permit students comprised in the early 2000s when the Board of Education first approved a moratorium on permit entry.

The concentration of permit students ranges widely from school to school. Edison Language Academy has the highest percentage with almost a third of the school population made up of students on permit.

Franklin Elementary only has 1.1 percent of its school population on permit.

If the schools could attract the 50 proposed kindergarteners, they would create two kindergarten classes, likely in McKinley Elementary or Grant Elementary, said Debra Moore Washington, the SMMUSD's assistant superintendent of human resources.

What grade levels of students would be accepted into the district would depend on who applies for permits, said Marolyn Freedman, SMMUSD's director of student services.

"When we get the applications, we'll find out what the numbers would be. We can make firmer decisions at that time," Freedman said.

The policy also identifies "priority categories" of students that would get the first crack at openings.

Those include children of district employees, children of parents who work within the district boundaries and children of City Hall or Santa Monica College employees.

A new category was suggested for international high school students.

Board President Ben Allen also pushed for grandchildren of current Santa Monica residents to get special consideration for permits.

"I'm anxious that if we're going to increase permits, we work hard to make sure they have a tangible connection to the community," Allen said.

People with grandchildren in the district help the schools through their tax dollars and support for parcel taxes at the polls, he noted.

Staff resisted that measure because of the difficulty inherent in proving that the student in question was the grandchild of the resident.

They also said that most outside districts only grant interdistrict transfers if there's a parent employed in the boundaries of the new school district.

Los Angeles Unified School District, for example, only lets kids leave the district for parent employment, continuing enrollment for certain grades if the student moved out of their original district, or special programs not available at LAUSD.

New this year, LAUSD will also allow students to leave if their siblings attend school in an outside district.

The board will likely vote on interdistrict permits at their next meeting on Thursday, March 15.

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Sunday Funday at Brick + Mortar

IN THE MIDDLE OF MAIN STREET, ACROSS the way from The Galley and behind the Ben and Jerry's, is a small enclave that houses the newly opened Brick + Mortar. With its tucked away locale and lack of signage, the restaurant is really under the radar on the Main Street scene — but that probably won't be the case for long.

Up to this point, promotion has relied upon word of mouth not only from foodies, but people in the architecture world as well. The Edgemar Center, which houses the newly opened restaurant, was designed by the esteemed architect and Santa Monica resident Frank Gehry. While not as famous as The Walt Disney Concert Hall, or even The Chiat/Day (The Binoculars Building) down the street, Brick + Mortar is a Gehry. And a Gehry is a Gehry, which was the main draw to the USC architecture majors sitting next to me at the bar last Sunday.

One thing that Brick + Mortar is not is a gastropub, as labeled by many of the Yelpers online. Gastropub is one of those buzz words that gets loosely and incorrectly thrown around like artisan, or organic. Gastropubs do not offer much in the line of cocktails, intently explained by Brick + Mortar's mixologist, who crafts his own infused liquor, such as the spicy pepper tequila. (Gastropubs don't have mixologists either.) While you can get some great food the way of the gastropub, proven by The Father's Office, Brick + Mortar's menu seems to rise above most of your standard bar food.

Co-owner Travis Lester is proud of the fact that the restaurant doesn't use a huge freezer left over from the previous restaurant — Saluté. Instead of storing food in it, Lester uses that to chill the wide selection of craft brews.

"Everything is fresh, never frozen" he said proudly.

Braised pork belly, faro, radish and herbs or N.Y. steak, fingerling potatoes, brussels sprouts, truffle parm foam are a couple examples of their fresh food offerings. You can still belly up to the bar during happy hour for a good beer and a beast of a burger for $15 too.

Or you can just decide to throw your entire day away and go for the bottomless mimosas deal during their weekend brunch. While the mimosas are not all that strong, they are also unending, so bottoms up. A great supplement to the unending liquid brunch is the Bloody Mary Bar. For $10 you get a basic but pretty strong Bloody Mary. Next, you head over to a table of options to deck out your cocktail. There for the taking is a cornucopia of pickled vegetables and cured meats, which coincidentally was my nickname in college. I only wish they served the Bloody Mary in a wider glass so I could cram more stuff into it.

As the day went on, people started to file in to watch whatever game was on the flat screens. Seating isn't much of an issue. The dining room is a wide open space, and there is ample seating outside as well. There is also a D.J., which in most cases would make me feel older than I am, but after a few mimosas and Bloody Marys all was well.

There are many facets to Brick + Mortar: architectural landmark, Sunday Funday destination, and happy hour hotspot. When you put it all together, it is a unique addition to some of the older mainstays on the Main Street food and drink scene.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food, or on CityTV hosting his own show, "Tour de Feast." To reach him visit his website at tourdefeast.net or follow him on Twitter @TourDeFeastSM.

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LOADING UP: **Create your own Bloody Mary at Brick + Mortar, Main Street's new spot for Sunday Funday.**



Meeting up at the market

BY SARAH SPITZ
Special to the Daily Press

THIRD STREET Michael McCarty is a man on a mission.

It's not enough that he's one of the leading progenitors of contemporary cuisine, that he's a great art collector, that he has not one but two of America's most celebrated restaurants (Michael's Santa Monica, Michael's New York), that he received this year's Careers Through Culinary Arts Program Culinary Hero Award, and that he has his own vineyard in Malibu.

He's known for celebrating the local and the seasonal; there's an herb and fruit garden on the restaurant's roof where his mixologist handpicks some of the drink ingredients, which comes in handy with the just-introduced, all-night $6 happy hour menu, served Monday through Saturday, starting at 6 p.m.

Michael was one of the motivating forces behind the creation of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market. After all, his eponymous restaurant is just up the street, so he no longer needs to drive to the farms himself to source their local bounty.

Now he's not only buying at the market, he's also giving personal tours at his Michael's Monthly Market Meet-Ups; the next one is on March 14. March's meet-up will focus on jumbo green asparagus from Zuckerman's Farm, a third generation farm in the Delta Region of the San Joaquin Valley.

When you go with Michael and his chef, John-Carlos Kuramoto, be prepared to walk — and listen — fast. He'll share the history of the market, the development of the neighborhood, how he started the restaurant, the movement he helped lead in creating a new regional American cuisine along with his colleagues, a who's who of celebrity chefs and winemakers — all before you've reached the market on Arizona Avenue, just a block and a half from his front door.

Each month, there's a featured farm and a selected item that the chef will prepare for a tasting in Michael's enchanted patio garden at the end of the tour.

Begin the morning at the restaurant with coffee and freshly baked pastries. The group of us who gathered for the February meet-up were treated to cinnamon buns, still warm from the oven. "And make sure you put butter on them," Michael admonished us.

John-Carlos pushes the produce cart as Michael waxes rhapsodic about Harry's Berries, Windrose Farms potatoes and all of Gloria's Produce, farmers who grow sustainably. Everyone greets Michael as he passes. The mushroom man hands him a bag of chanterelles because he forgot the ones he bought last week. For good measure, Michael picks up some truffles.

In February, the featured produce was kale from Coleman Farms, whose stand we visited, as Michael pointed out what to buy and how to select it. Later we enjoyed a delicious kale Caesar salad, followed by a light vegetable soup with kale and some much-praised fried pasta. Each course was paired with exactly the right wine, enhancing the fresh flavors in front of us.

You don't need to be a "foodie" to appreciate this up-close and personal experience. Michael is a great host, and at the end of the tasting, you'll receive a signed copy of his book, "Welcome to Michael's: Great Food, Great People, Great Party," recipes and stories about the life of the restaurant and the restaurateur, at work and at home. It's a testament to his culinary — and people — skills.

Michael's Monthly Market Meet-Ups are $75 per person. For more information visit www.michaelssantmonica.com or call to reserve your place for the March 14 tour, (310) 451-0843.



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SHOWING HOW IT'S DONE: **Restaurateur Michael McCarty during one of his monthly Market Meet-Ups at the Downtown Farmers' Market.**

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GONE FOR GOOD: **A concrete slab is all that is left after a trailer was removed Thursday at the Village Trailer Park on Colorado Avenue. The owner wants to build condos and low-income housing.**

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since 2006, when they first announced they wanted to get out of the trailer park business and build condominiums and low-income housing on the property.

City Hall stepped in to negotiate relocation for the current residents, who have come forward with stories of owners encouraging them to leave and allowing the park to degrade in the meantime.

The removal of old trailers owned by park operators, which began in November 2011, is, in their eyes, one more tactic to scare them into leaving.

"It's psychological because these are our neighbors' homes," Barnes said. "It's not just the destruction of some part of the environment. Also, it's harassment of us personally because the reason it's being done is to make us scared."

Residents also claim that the removal of the trailers is unlawful because no permits were issued for their destruction and that the removal violates environmental quality laws in California.

Marc Luzzatto, a co-owner of the two entities that own the trailer park, dismissed these claims, saying that the removal of trailers owned by the company was done by the book.

"We followed exactly the same procedures we were told were the proper procedures for demolishing these trailers," Luzzatto said. "We have permits from the city, the AQMD has reviewed the paperwork and has been at the site. We've done everything we're supposed to do."

According to city documents, permits were pulled on Feb. 28 to cap utilities where the trailers used to be.

Permits are not actually required to take the trailers away because, in the eyes of City Hall, the trailers are personal property, not buildings.

That means a number of municipal regulations, including those governing the removal of waste created by the trailers' destruction, are not applicable.

Furthermore, California's environmental laws, called CEQA, aren't triggered because the permits issued to cap the utilities are considered ministerial, meaning no public process was needed to grant the permits.

The Southern California Air Quality Management District also sent an inspector out on Thursday and Friday to observe the demolition.

No regulations were violated, said Sam Atwood, a spokesman for the AQMD.

The methods might be legal, but they're also callous, opponents said.

Gregg Heacock, a leader of the Mid-City Neighbors group, said the tactics were being used to discourage and dishearten the neighbors.

"The way it's being done, it's shock and awe," Heacock said, referring to the strategy used in the bombardment of Baghdad early in the Iraq War.

Barnes isn't backing down.

She's in the process of exhausting every avenue before going to court to try to get an injunction on the destruction of the trailers. That might be ready as soon as next week.

"First I have to try everything," Barnes said. "If you haven't exhausted your administrative remedies, the courts won't help you."

This isn't the first time Barnes has been involved with a lawsuit in connection with Village Trailer Park.

In August 2011, her son, Michael McKinsey, filed a $5.15 million claim on behalf of himself and "others similarly situated" that alleged that City Hall violated the law and its own land use policy by approving the development of land adjacent to the park.

Letting large office and housing developments go forward was "tacit approval" for Luzzatto to convert the park into a mixed-use complex and evict tenants.

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looked up from a computer screen where he'd been scanning job listings at a bustling Employment Development Department office in Pasadena. "Well, I guess it's a good sign that it is going down. Even 10.9 percent is an indicator, I guess. And maybe a hopeful indicator."

Walker has been a construction contractor for 20 years, a mostly unemployed one for the last three after his business collapsed along with the recession that took down California's last housing boom.

His baseball cap turned backward as he stared at the screen, he was seeking any part-time work he might be able to find until he can rebuild his business.

The recent decline in unemployment has made him "cautiously optimistic," he said, but he doesn't really expect his business to recover until unemployment falls to 8 or 9 percent and more people with more money start spending it on construction.

Still, there appeared to be some reason for his optimism. January was the fifth consecutive month in which the employment rate has dropped. It fell a full percentage point during that period.

"It looks like we're going in the right direction," department spokesman Kevin Callori said. "It just looks like, overall, things are looking better."

Meanwhile, 20 miles from upscale Pasadena, at a job fair that attracted several hundred people to the community center in the modest Los Angeles suburb of Bell, there was more cautious optimism.

Jasmine Casan in particular was hoping the news would lead to a job, perhaps at a warehouse in the nearby industrial city of Vernon, which employs some 50,000 mostly blue-collar workers.

She was laid off from her position in a medical billing office three years ago and since then Casan, 25, and her 4-year-old son have been surviving on welfare and living with her mother, in a city where Census figures show one in five people are below the poverty line.

"I've been looking and looking but I either don't have enough experience or enough requirements," she said of trying to land another white-collar job like her old one

So she waited at the community center, which had about 100 people in line when it opened at 9 a.m., to interview for a job while her mother watched her son.

Johnny Alvarez, area manager for Select Staffing, which organized the job fair with Bell city officials, said his company's clients are looking to fill more than 200 positions, everything from forklift driver and machine operator to executive assistant, manager and supervisor with various companies. Pay, he said, ranges from minimum-wage to as much as $75,000 a year, depending on the job.

"It is good news," he said of the most recent jobless figures, adding that for the past three to four months hiring among his company's clients has been picking up.

That being the case, Dave Theriault, who manages the San Francisco office of recruiting firm Robert Half Technology, said his company is advising employers to speed up their hiring process or risk losing talented candidates to competitors.

"There's a tremendous shortage of talent right now across a lot of sectors," he said.

For job seekers with the right skills, Theriault said, the search these days won't likely take long.

"If you're a strong programmer, you're not just somebody who's sitting at home waiting for calls," he said. "People will find you."

In the San Francisco Bay area, the greatest employment gains were recorded in science, technology and related industries.

In Santa Clara County, home to major high-tech companies such as Apple Inc., Google Inc. and until recently Facebook Inc., the job category that includes engineers, designers and scientists led gains with more than 6,000 positions added. Software and computer systems employment followed close behind with 5,600 new jobs.

Overall, the state has gained jobs for seven straight months, despite the downward adjustment in January based on revised December numbers.

The state added 322,400 nonfarm jobs since the recovery began in September 2009. Job gains for all of 2011 were up 1.7 percent, compared to 0.06 percent for all of 2010 and a 5.3 percent loss at the height of the recession in 2009.

The mining and logging, construction, manufacturing, trade, transportation and utilities, professional and business services, and leisure and hospitality sectors added a combined 35,400 jobs in January.

Not that Friday brought all good news. Job losses were felt in the information, financial activities, educational and health services fields, as well as government sectors. Those categories lost a combined 40,600 jobs.

And despite the dip in the unemployment rate, more than 2 million working-age Californians remain without jobs while the state is well above the national jobless rate of 8.3 percent for both January and February.

There are also pockets of high unemployment in places like Bell, where City Councilwoman Ana Maria Quintana said Friday joblessness is running between 15 and 17 percent.

California's December jobless rate of 11.2 percent was second only to Nevada's 13 percent, according to the latest numbers posted by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The nationwide numbers had not been updated for December.

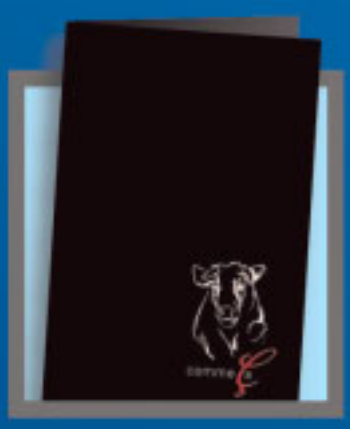


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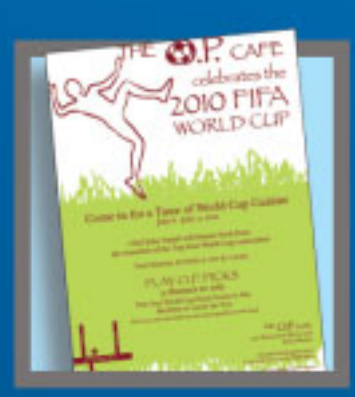


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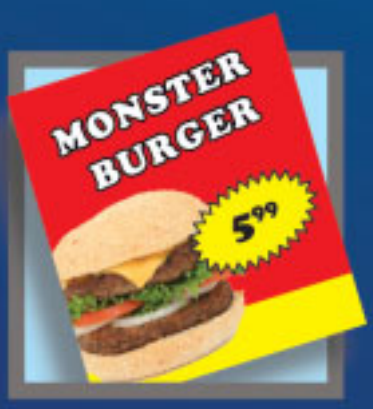

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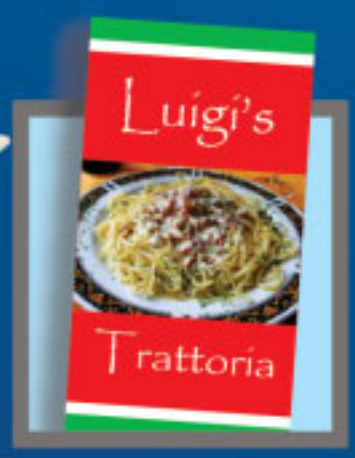
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Britain awash in gloom as London Olympics approach

BY STEPHEN WILSON
AP Sports Writer

LONDON With less than five months until the games begin, England's mood is about as gray and gloomy as a rainy day along the River Thames.

Instead of enthusiasm, euphoria and ebullience, the Olympic countdown is generating a drumbeat of skepticism, scare stories and doom.

There are persistent complaints about the ticketing, worries over cost overruns, predictions of traffic gridlock and transportation chaos, threats of blood shortages, disease and strikes — even talk of drought.

British oddsmakers are even taking bets on everything that could go wrong.

The Olympic flame will fail to arrive on time for the July 27 opening? That's 66-1 at Ladbrokes.

An athlete will miss the start of competition and cite transport problems as the reason? That's 2-1.

A power cut at the opening ceremony? That's 25-1.

Britons have a reputation as natural-born grumblers who love nothing more than to complain, and the Olympics have proved to be a perfect outlet for naysayers and killjoys.

"This is very typical of the British mentality," said Ellis Cashmore, a professor of culture, media and sport at Staffordshire University. "There is a quite healthy recognition of our own limitations. There is a tradition in Britain to think, 'Well, we really don't do things that well, you know. If anyone can screw it up, the British can.'"

Many Londoners plan to leave town to avoid the whole thing, especially when they can cash in by renting out their homes or apartments for the Olympics.

"It's going to be difficult getting in and out of the city center during the games," said Jason Hammond, a 45-year-old company director who lives in northwest London with his wife and five children. "It's too much of a hassle. So we've booked a holiday and put our house up for rent for 12,000 pounds ($19,000) a week, four times the normal price."

Also feeling in a sour mood and planning to leave town during the Olympics is Andrew Doughty, 41, who lives with his wife and two young children in the north London borough of Islington — a short train ride from the Olympic Park. He applied for tickets for his family and came up empty-handed.

"Now we feel really disconnected," Doughty said. "Everything for us is now just a major inconvenience. It's all downside now being in London. The place is going to be overrun. The Tube system is going to be swamped. I'd rather watch it on TV on holiday somewhere."

Certainly, every host city goes through ups and downs during the seven-year buildup to the Olympics — the euphoria after winning the bid, the reality check of the massive task at hand, the doubts and worries in the final stretch and the burst of enthusiasm once the Olympic flame arrives for the torch relay. But with Britain, that doubt-and-worry phase seems to be lasting and is more pronounced.

"It's like before a big game," senior Canadian IOC member Dick Pound said. "You suddenly say, 'Are we properly prepared? Are we going to blow this? Are we going to be the laughingstocks of the world?' That's perfectly natural. All you have to do is make sure it doesn't paralyze you."

Once the games get under way, and assuming there are no serious problems, Britain is sure to get caught up in the party atmosphere.

But, for the moment, the mood is muted.

"People are pretty cynical," said John Armitt, chairman of the Olympic Delivery Authority, which is responsible for building the venues. "We're very good at seeing the downside of the things, arguing about it and debating it. I put it down to the natural British character, I'm afraid."

London has its share of serious challenges, particularly over transportation and security. Can the city's already-stretched Tube and rail network handle the Olympic crush? Will the games be safe from terrorism or other disruption?

Those have been the main concerns since London was awarded the Olympics in 2005. Lately, the flashpoint has been tickets, or the perceived lack of clarity and fairness in the sales process.

Demand for the 6.6 million tickets has been huge. Early rounds of sales were marred by computer problems and confusion over why some people got tickets and others didn't. The media and the public have been sharply critical of how it's been handled.

Things turned hostile this week when organizing committee leaders Sebastian Coe and Paul Deighton faced heated questioning by the London Assembly.

Committee chair Dee Doocey accused Coe of being "obsessed with secrecy" and lashed out: "You are the least transparent organization I have ever come across in the eight years I have been on at the London Assembly!"

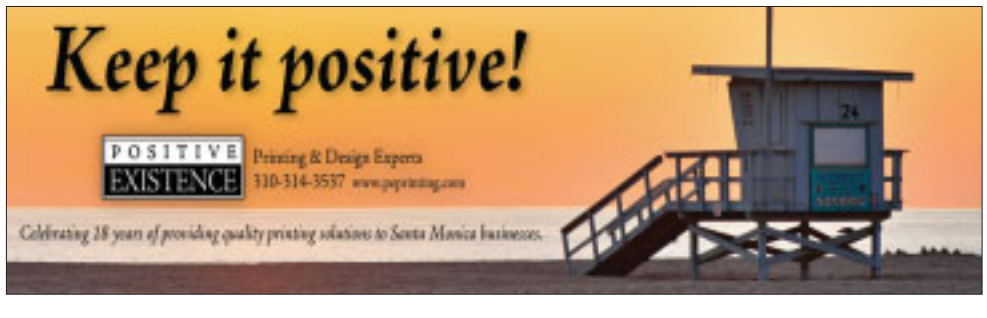
At the heart of the malaise is a lingering concern about the cost of the games during a time of economic austerity. The public sector budget stands at 9.3 billion pounds ($14.6 billion), much of which has gone to building the Olympic Park in east London.

On Friday, a British government oversight committee warned the games could go over budget because of big increases in security costs, which now exceed 1 billion pounds ($1.6 billion).

"It is staggering that the original estimates were so wrong," committee chair Margaret Hodge said.

Cashmore said there has been "a dramatic shift over the last couple of months."

"Everyone's enthusiasm has been tempered suddenly with a kind of a jolt," he said. "On top of that, every story we get in the media about the Olympics is not about how fabulous the spectacle is going to be."



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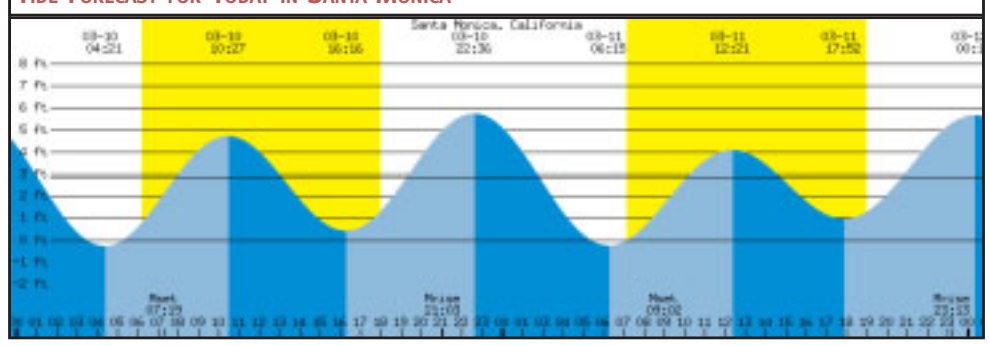
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Should see some chest high southern hemi fill into south facing breaks. West facing breaks look smaller, around knee to maybe waist high.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

LOOKS SIMILAR, BUT WITH A SLIGHT INCREASE AT WEST FACING BREAKS.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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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 -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 22 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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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 or the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	B	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	ns
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	B	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

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

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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MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, March 10, 2012

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (G) 2hrs 24min
4:00pm

Barry Lyndon (PG) 3hrs 3min
7:30pm

Sunday, March 11, 2012

The Long Day Closes (PG) 1hr 25min
7:30pm
Writer/director Terence Davies in person.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Vow (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:45am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Journey 2: The Mysterious Island (PG) 1hr 34min
11:55am, 2:30pm

This Means War (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Tyler Perry's Good Deeds (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Chronicle (PG-13) 1hr 23min
11:50am, 2:15pm, 4:45pm, 7:15pm, 9:40pm

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

Thousand Words (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:50am, 1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:50pm, 8:25pm, 10:45pm

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 1hr 35min
10:45am, 1:25pm, 4:05pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
10:30am, 1:40pm, 4:45pm, 7:55pm, 11:00pm

Safe House (R) 1hr 57min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Project X (R) 1hr 28min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Act of Valor (R) 1hr 51min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:45pm

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) 1hr 35min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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

My Week with Marilyn (R) 1hr 36min
11:00am

In Darkness (R) 2hrs 25min
11:00am

Boy (NR) 1hr 27min
11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Perfect Sense (NR) 1hr 28min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Salt of Life (Gianni e le donne) (NR) 1hr 30min
11:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Artist (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 1hr 35min
11:15am, 4:35pm, 9:30pm

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12:30pm, 3:40pm, 6:45pm, 9:40pm

John Carter (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
12:20pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Wanderlust (R) 1hr 38min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Friends With Kids (R) 1hr 40min
11:25am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) 1hr 35min
1:55pm, 7:00pm

Silent House (R) 1hr 28min
11:55am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

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Kick up your heels tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Defer to others as much as you want. Note that a partner or loved one might be too down in the dumps to make a decision. Be willing to pick up the slack in this case. Your sensitivity to a changeable situation really will make a difference. Tonight: Follow the crowds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Know that even you, the Bull, have a limited amount of energy. You can only push so far. You have had a lot on your plate. Remain sensitive to various factors. Your imagination is a resource you need to tap into more often, especially when making plans. Tonight: Don't push.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your creativity might fill in when plans fall flat or become too tried-and-true. Realize when you have had enough. Express your ingenuity and expectations. Someone you care about needs your time but keeps pushing you away. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ The basics do count, and you might be surprised at the role you play within a certain group of friends. Your nurturing and caring really count. You might not know which way to go with a child or loved one. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Where you are is where the crowds can be found. You might find that a friend drags you down, but you can change the scenario, if you so choose. Let go, and allow yourself to be less judgmental. Tonight: Hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your finances play a big role in making plans. You do not intend to be difficult, but you might need to veto certain ideas. Under no circumstances should you create stress. In time, stress could evolve into resentfulness. Tonight: Treating yourself and others doesn't need to break the bank.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your sense of direction sets the tone. How you handle a personal situation could change. You have been withdrawn, serious or maybe even negative. None of these approaches have worked. Willingly head down a new path. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Take your time, and be more centered about what you want. Somehow, another person misses the point and might cause a problem. Detach, and try not to get involved. Tonight: Make it OK to be a bit lazy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You cannot help but be yourself. Make plans surrounding a favorite hobby or pastime. Include your friends, and you will have a close-to-perfect time. Someone you care about could be way too serious for your taste. Tonight: Be the ringmaster of the party.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You cannot minimize the importance of an older friend or relative in your life. You can only push so hard to meet your responsibilities, yet this person needs to feel important. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ If you feel like taking off for the day, do. A change of scenery always renews you. At the same time, you could meet halfway with a friend who lives at a distance. Your creativity soars as you revise your budget. Tonight: Where you can escape the here and now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A relationship weighs you down. You have difficulty discovering what works and what you need to do. Detach some, and you will see things differently. Tap into your imagination more often. Music helps the process. Tonight: Be with that special friend.

Happy birthday

This year you relate on a one-on-one level, and people are more open as a result. You also come to understand what ails a key person in your life. You can work together to get past this issue. If you are attached, this person could be your sweetie. If you are single, you might encounter stiffness when relating to new people. You are more open than in the past. Use care with joint finances. You might be best off being the only person in control of your finances. LIBRA can be overly serious, but you need to honor his or her feelings....

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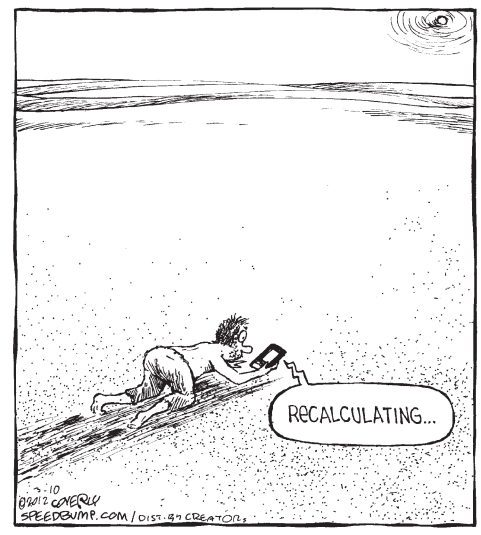


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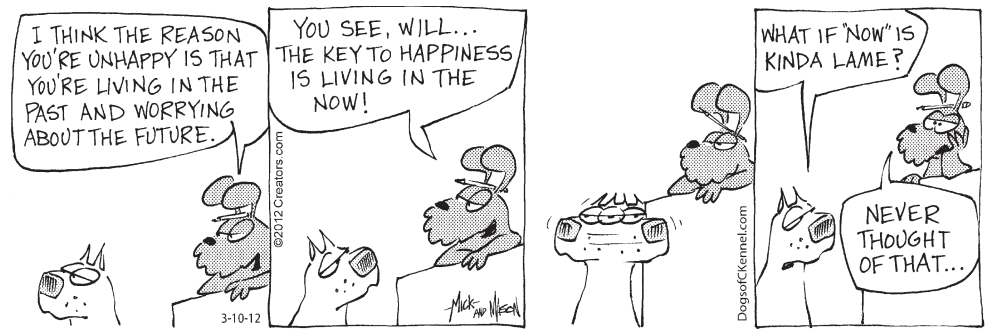
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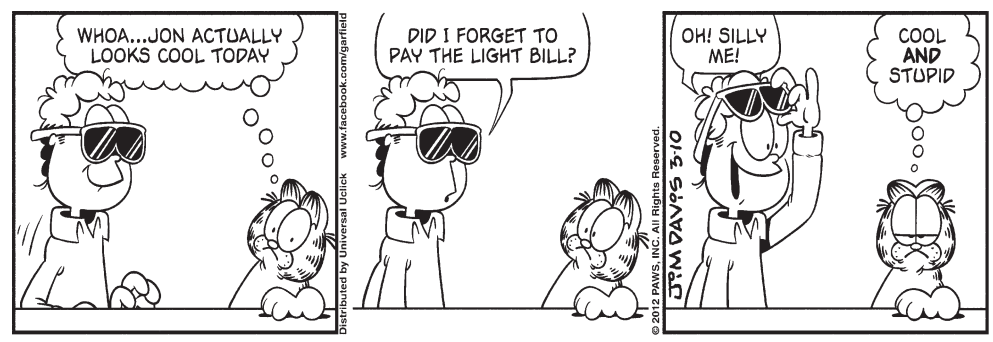
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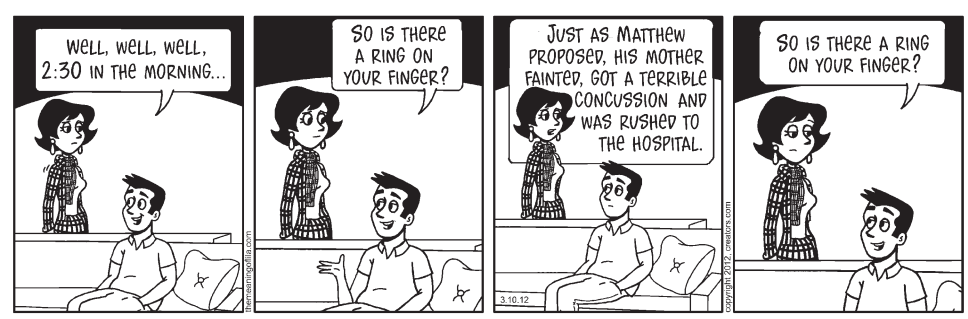
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Sudoku

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 ★★★★

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

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1 Border city
7 Draws
11 Hilary Swank movie
12 Qualified
13 Bother
14 Clarinet part
15 Writer Segal
16 Church belief
17 Church group
18 Procrastinator's words
19 Lustrous stone
21 "A Chorus Line" song
22 Whiff
25 Writer Harper
26 Comfy spot
27 Dodged
29 Diner dish
33 Evenings, in ads
34 Pass along
35 Narrow
36 Famed pollster
37 Sailors' saint
38 Burning the midnight oil
39 Pictured
40 High

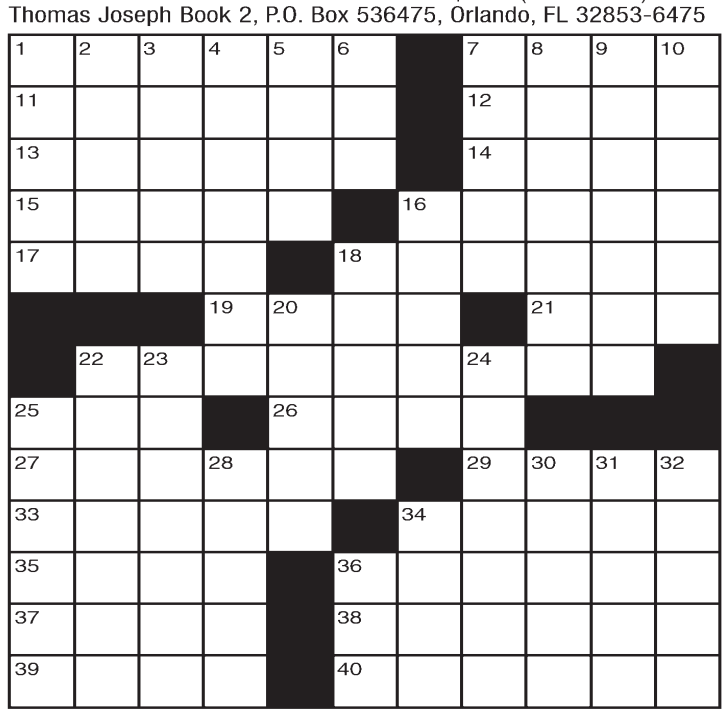
DOWN

1 Disables
2 Love, to Luigi
3 Museum piece
4 One with a ballot
5 Reception aid
6 Horse bit
7 Deck of fortunes
8 "Please ..."
9 Silver or gold
10 Peaceful
16 Metes out
18 In the buff
20 Needle sources
22 Figaro's home
23 Traditionally, 4 p.m.
24 New play of 1603
25 Eye parts
28 Evil spirit
30 Detective Pinkerton
31 Use a skillet
32 Promoted
34 Enthralled
36 Director Van Sant

A	B	U	T	S	■	S	P	U	D	S
R	E	N	E	E	■	P	A	N	I	C
E	L	D	E	R	■	A	D	D	E	R
T	I	E	■	M	E	T	■	E	T	A
H	E	R	■	O	N	E	■	R	E	P
A	S	C	E	N	T	■	O	G	R	E
■	■	U	S	S	I	O	W	A	■	■
D	A	R	T	■	C	L	E	R	K	S
E	R	R	■	B	E	D	■	M	O	E
A	C	E	■	E	S	C	■	E	O	N
L	A	N	G	E	■	H	O	N	K	S
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4 8 9 25 38

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Draw Date: 3/9
MIDDAY: 2 2 8
EVENING: 7 0 4

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3rd: 01 Gold Rush
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Non-Humans' Human Rights:** (1) Elena Zakharova of New York City became the most recent litigant to challenge a state law that regards pets as "property" (and that, thus, the owner of an injured or disfigured pet is entitled to no more consideration than for a defective appliance). She sued a pet store that had sold her a dog with allegedly bum knees and hips, claiming that dogs are living creatures that feel love and pain, that have souls, and that should be compensated for their pain and suffering. The case is pending. (2) In February, a federal judge in San Diego, Calif., heard arguments by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals that SeaWorld was confining its show whales in violation of the U.S. Constitution's 13th Amendment (the Civil War-era prohibition of slavery). Two days later, he ruled that the amendment applies only to human slavery.

■ In Plain Sight: The embarrassing disclosure in November by the Lebanon-based terrorist organization Hezbollah, of the CIA's major clandestine operations in Beirut, likely resulted in the deaths of more than a dozen anti-Hezbollah CIA "assets," according to ABC News reports. Among the details made public by Hezbollah was that it learned of the agents' meetings with the potential "assets" (which took place at a Beirut Pizza Hut restaurant) by intercepting agents' email messages that used the sly, stealthy "code" word "PIZZA."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1830 - The KNIL also known as the Royal Netherlands East Indies Army is created.

1831 - The French Foreign Legion is established by King Louis-Philippe to support his war in Algeria.

WORD UP!

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verb, adjective;
1. To form a fork; branch.
adjective:
1. Forked; branching.

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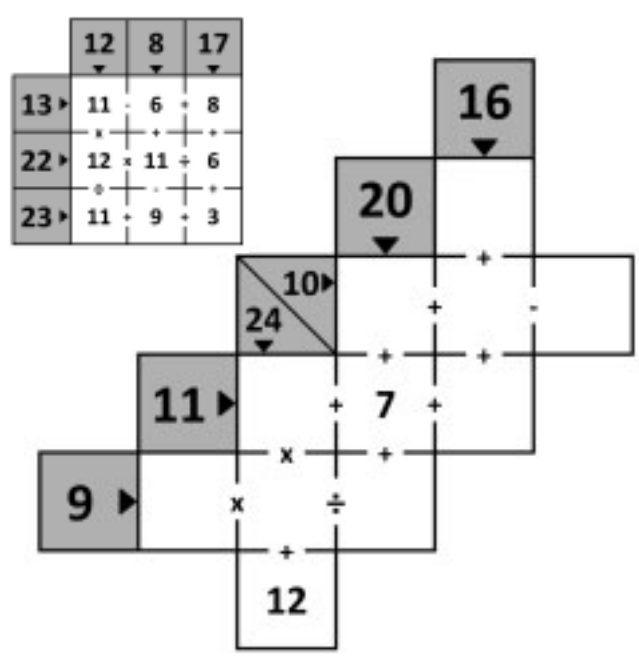
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Upon reading and filing evidence consisting of a declaration as provided in Section 415.50 CCP by JIMMY LIZAMA REGISTERED CA PROCESS SERVER, and a satisfactorily appearing therefrom that the defendant, respondent or citee CORELSUN, LLC , cannot be served with reasonable diligence in any other manner specified in Article 3, Chapter 4, Title 5 of the Code of Civil Procedure, and it also appearing froom the verified complaint or petition that a good cause of action exists in this action in favor of the plaintiff, petitioner, or citee therein and against the defendant, respondent, or citee and that the said defendant, respondent, or citee is a necessary and proper party to the action or that the party to be served has or claims an interest in, real or personal property in this state that is subject to the jurisdiction of the Court or the relief demanded in the action consists wholly or in part in excluding such party from any interest in such property: NOW, on motion of STEPHEN L. BELGUM Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff(s), Petitioner(s), or contestant(s), IT IS ORDERED that the service of said summons or citation in this action be made upon said defendan,t respondent, or citee by publication thereof in SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS a newspaper of general circulation published at SANTA MONICA, California, hereby designated as the newspaper most likely to give notice to said defendant, that said publication be made at least once a week for four successive weeks.

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JANUARY 17, 2012

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(Citacion Judicial)
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