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CHANGE FOR THE BETTER: **Education officials on Monday unveiled plans for a new Santa Monica High School that will include synthetic turf football and soccer fields, more parking and a new science and technology plaza. The cost is estimated at $235 million.**

New look for an old school

District officials unveil plans for a remodeled Samohi

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI When today's fifth graders begin their high school careers, they will be the first class of students to enjoy a series of new campus facilities that will come online here.

On the 100th anniversary from when the inaugural set of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors stepped foot onto Santa Monica High School, the first major construction project funded by Measure BB — the $268 million facilities improvement bond approved in 2006 — will be completed.

School officials on Monday unveiled a $235 million master plan for the Samohi campus, showcasing an ambitious series of projects that will involve constructing a new synthetic turf football and baseball fields, upgrading the Greek Theater and building a pedestrian and bicycle promenade that will cut through the heart of the high school, connecting the Pico Neighborhood to the Civic Center.

The presentation, called "Samohi Today and Tomorrow," gave the community a

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Santa Monica man pleads not guilty to murder of woman found in car's trunk

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

VAN NUYS A Santa Monica man accused of killing his girlfriend whose body was recently discovered in the trunk of her car pleaded not guilty to murder charges on Tuesday.

Adel Tabrizi Chapel, 24, was arraigned at Van Nuys Courthouse for the murder of Denise Figueroa, 22, of North Hills, who was found dead inside of a black Nissan Altima in Valley Village on Saturday after KTLA notified police when it received an anonymous fax tipping off the victim's whereabouts.

His bail has been set at $1 million.

Chapel was already in police custody on an unrelated carjacking incident that took place the last week in February in West L.A. when he was charged with one count of murder with the special allegation that he personally used a deadly weapon — a hammer — to kill the victim. He was booked by the Los Angeles Police Department on March 3.

The suspect is also believed to be involved in several armed robberies in the San Fernando Valley, said LAPD Officer Ana Aguirre. More charges could follow this week in connection to the robberies.

Police said they have little information about the suspect, including whether he was employed, had children or how long he had a relationship with the victim.

According to the victim's family, Figueroa was last seen on Feb. 28 in the company of Chapel, Aguirre said.

"There was no fear or threat (perceived by the family) at that point," Aguirre said. "It wasn't until she was determined to be missing when they were looking for answers from him."

The letter faxed to KTLA, sent by a person who identified themselves as "someone trying to help," stated that Chapel was believed to be the person who killed Figueroa on Feb. 28, adding that the vehicle was cleaned up by the suspect and his friend,

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It's a mystery
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come for a discussion of two books by Sharyn McCrumb: "Bimbos of the Death Sun" and "If Ever I Return, Pretty Peggy-O." The discussion is free and everyone is welcome. Call (310) 829-7081 for more information.

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Santa Monica YMCA
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Thursday, March 12, 2009

Santa Monica Laughter Club
Shakti's Elements
717 Broadway Blvd., 11 a.m. — noon
Come every Thursday and laugh your socks off in this form of body-mind exercise for all ages and fitness levels. The class is led by Kim Selbert, certified laughter yoga leader. Admission is $10 per person. Call (310) 849-4642 for more information or visit www.kimselbert.com.

Preschool story time
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 11 a.m. — noon
Listen to stories for free specifically for kids ages three to five.

Pause: A contemplative worship gathering
First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St., 6 p.m. — 7 p.m.
The community is invited to this new worship experience at the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica at the chapel. Quiet reflection, a retreat from the work-week, peace, meditation, prayer and song are all elements of the gathering. Call (310) 393-8258 for more information.

Friday, March 13, 2009

Jumping the median
The Other Space at Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Don't miss this mix of theater and live music in this hilarious and unique exploration of love, loss and life as we know it. Admission is $20. Call (562) 547-6207 or visit www.plays411.com/jumpingthemedian for more information.

Saturday, March 14, 2009

Yoga in the park
Palisades Park
Ocean Ave. and Palisades Ave., 10 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Start your weekend off right with an energizing and rejuvenating yoga class in Palisades Park, overlooking the ocean. All levels are welcome. Bring a yoga mat and an open heart. All classes are donation only. For more information, call (310) 560-4317.

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

Boyd, 'I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa' singer, dies

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DOWNTOWN Jimmy Boyd, the child vocalist and actor best known for singing the original rendition of the Christmas novelty hit "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" in 1952, has died. He was 70.

Boyd died of cancer Saturday at a Santa Monica convalescent hospital, longtime friend Eleanor Pillsbury said Tuesday.

"I Saw Mommy" shot to the top of the Billboard charts three weeks after it was released. It sold 2 million records in less than 10 weeks.

It has since been interpreted by such artists as the Jackson 5, John Mellencamp and Amy Winehouse.

Boyd, who was 13 when he recorded the song, told Time magazine soon after its release that he was surprised by its success.

"I like it personally," he said, "but I didn't think anyone would buy it."

Boyd was born in McComb, Miss., on Jan. 9, 1939, and grew up on a ranch near Los Angeles' San Fernando Valley, where he started playing guitar at age 4.

After winning a TV talent contest, Boyd appeared on "The Frank Sinatra Show" and was signed to a recording contract with Columbia.

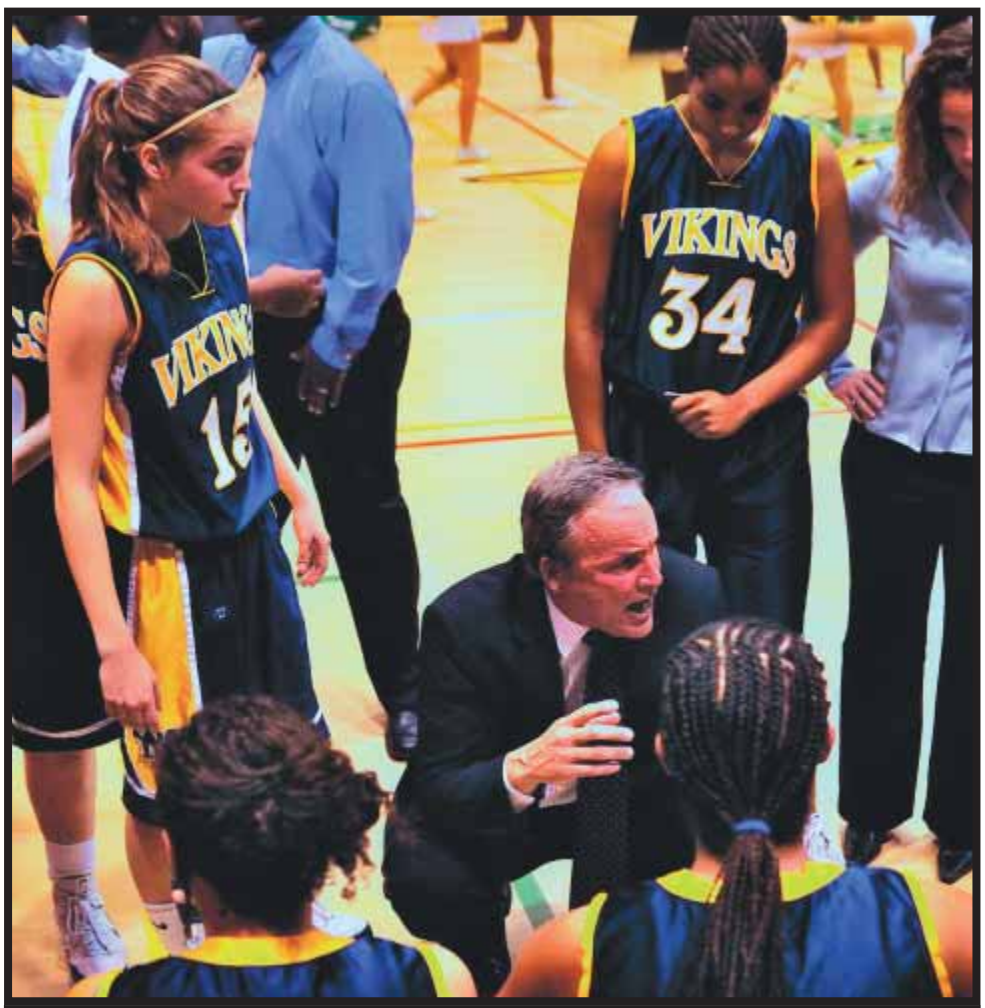
His first recording success was with a country song, "(The Angels Are Lighting) God's Little Candles." Later hits included "Dennis the Menace," sung with Rosemary Clooney, and several duets with Frankie Laine.

His TV work included appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show" in the early 1950s and roles in the situation comedies "Bachelor Father" from 1958 to 1961 and "Date with the Angels" in the late-1950s.

In 1960, Boyd married Yvonne Craig, an actress he met while making the Bing Crosby film "High Time" who would go on to play Batgirl in the 1960s TV series "Batman." Their marriage ended after two years.

In his later years, Boyd became an avid sailor and for years lived on the Southern California coast on a sailboat he named Unplugged.

He is survived by a son.



GAME OVER

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Marty Verdugo, head coach of the Santa Monica High School girls varsity basketball team, speaks with his players during a timeout in the first half of Monday's playoff game against Long Beach Poly. Long Beach beat the Vikings by a score of 63-35, ending their hopes for a Southern California regional CIF title. Samohi boys also lost Monday to Compton-Dominguez High, 51-64, ending their season. The boys led at halftime by one, but were overcome in the fourth quarter by a 10-0 run.

COMMUNITY BRIEF

DOWNTOWN

More time

Residents concerned about the Exposition Light Rail line will have another two weeks to comment on a report detailing the project's environmental impacts. The Exposition Construction Authority extended the comment period from March 13 to March 27.

The report studies the potential environmental effects that may come as a result of implementing any of the four proposed alternatives of the project. Comments on this environmental report have been accepted since January 28, 2009.

Comments can either be made at public hearings or submitted in writing. Those interested can get a report either online at buildexpo.org/phase2_overview.php or at the Santa Monica Main Library and other locations throughout Los Angeles. Written comments must be submitted no later than 5 p.m. on March 27 either online at buildexpo.org/submit_comment.php or sent to phase2@exporail.net.

Comments may also be sent to Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority at 707 Wilshire Blvd., floor 34, Los Angeles, Calif. 90017.

Visit the project Web site at BuildExpo.org or call (213) 922-3976 for more information. DAILY PRESS

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Send letters to **editor@smdp.com**

Best of the best small businesses honored

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

WASHINGTON, D.C. Santa Monica's Taxi! Taxi! is one of 56 small businesses from across the country to receive the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Award, an honor given to American companies that showcase excellence in entrepreneurship.

"Winners of the Blue Ribbon Small Business Award represent the country's finest business success stories," said Thomas J. Donohue, the U.S. chamber's president and CEO. "In today's difficult business climate, it is especially important to highlight those companies that continue to excel. It is their dedication to sound business principles that will enable us to rebuild our nation's economy."

Designed to honor businesses demonstrating exemplary performance in a variety of criteria, the Sam's Club-sponsored Blue Ribbon Small Business Award pays tribute to businesses showcasing financial growth, investment in staff training and motivation of employees, community involvement, customer service, and business planning.

The 56 award winners from around the country will be honored at America's Small Business Summit 2009, May 11–13, in Washington, D.C.

The award is part of the chamber's America's Small Business of the Year Award selection process. One Blue Ribbon Small Business will be selected from each of the seven regions as a finalist for the 2009 America's Small Business of the Year Award. Each of the regional finalists will be announced on March 16.

"The Blue Ribbon Small Business award means more than just looking at the bottom line," Donohue said. "This award is for businesses that are committed to supporting their employees, following best business practices, and improving their communities. These businesses have made that commitment and we are proud to recognize their contributions."

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Hand out the pink slips

Editor:

I am horrified and outraged by the City Council yet again.

I've attended many council meetings over the years and am hardly ever surprised by their audacity, but this takes the cake. How in blazes can they ignore the will of the people? Who gave them the right to appoint Gleam Davis over Ted Winterer? After all, Ted won the most votes behind Herb Katz, and after Katz' death the will of the people should be done?

Do they think this is a socialist government community? This action is horrific. It sets Democracy here in Santa Monica (was there ever a democracy here) back 31 years. I think we the people should recall them all and have a new vote to elect an entire new group. This has no relevance to democracy whatsoever.

How can they justify this action? "We're the council and we can do whatever we please." If this isn't an autocratic government like some of the countries have in South America or the Middle East, I don't know what is.

As an owner and resident of Santa Monica since 1992, I am totally disgusted with the way this city is being run and I think we should all get together and fire them all!

Madelyn Tarfman
Santa Monica

Time for a change

Editor:

I read your op-ed piece with great interest since I get the feeling that most Southern Californians have no clue to the institutionalized fashion in which non-partisan government has become nothing more than an incumbency protection plan in Santa Monica as well as the city of Los Angeles and the county board of supervisors.

Can anyone guess when the last time a sitting incumbent was defeated for council in Santa Monica? How about the city of Los Angeles or county board of supervisors?

It just doesn't happen often because the lack of any "political" oversight by the political parties has been replaced with embedded incumbents who like the status quo. At least in Los Angeles, we now have term limits. That isn't the case in Santa Monica and it shows!

Genser has been in office 21 years, O'Connor 15 years, Bloom a decade, Holbrook 19 years, McKeown 11 years and Shriver is the rookie at five. Non-partisan elections in Santa Monica are controlled by Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, even though most of the council members are really homeowners!

The task is not to change SMRR, the task is to structurally reform the charter with the following:

- Partisan elections by wards or districts;
- Direct election of a full-time mayor;
- Term limits of three, four-year terms.

Why wouldn't the L.A. Democratic Party not want to change to partisan elections? Why not the Republicans? This "one-party" system of the SMRR is the equivalent of a Soviet style politburo where decisions are made in the backroom with no public input of any kind.

Santa Monica is a political monopoly of the same faces. Embedded politicos like Bloom claim to be Democrats, but have no interest in democracy taking place in Santa Monica. They like just the way it is, a non-competitive stacked deck for incumbents controlled by incumbents answerable to no one.

The time has come to build a real Santa Monica Democratic Party. Go out an organize with signatures and put real pressure on ... others to change this embedded system that caters to the few, the rich and the status quo.

Nick Antonicello
Venice

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Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Obama is ready to call Wall Street's bluff

AS PRESIDENT OF THE SECOND LARGEST bank in the world (Chase National) when the stock market crashed in 1929, Albert Wiggin had the vice president of the New York Stock Exchange go to the floor of the exchange on "Black Thursday" and very publicly buy large blocks of shares in major American corporations for more than their market price.

The move temporarily stabilized the market and Wiggin was called a hero. What nobody knew was when the Great Depression began that October, he had been short-selling Chase stock and made himself about $4 million in about four months. I don't begrudge anyone their right to earn a living, but on Main Street, anyone who makes money from the misery of others is a poverty pimp. On Wall Street, he's a role model. People like Albert Wiggin, who profited as the country slid into a depression represent Barack Obama's biggest problem in keeping us out of one.

I've been on the Obama train longer than any writer in America, and whenever anyone had doubts during the election season, I always told them the same thing. "All he's done so far is everything right. I have no reason to believe this will be the thing he gets wrong." And he hasn't let me down yet. He said he'll close Guantanamo, restored Habeas Corpus, gave equal pay to women, will end "don't ask, don't tell," provided health care for poor kids, laid out a plan to provide health care for everyone, put an end date on the Iraq occupation, passed an economic stimulus package with almost no Republican support, and ended the ban on federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. Not bad for two months' work. But he still hasn't solved the "banking crisis," and I know exactly why not. He's got to put the Albert Wiggins of today of out of business first.

The root of the problem is investment banks made trillions of dollars worth of bets on mortgage-backed securities that have lost or are losing value because of the high rate of default and/or foreclosure. The fact that those bets don't seem very safe right now means the commercial banks which own (or are owned by) these investment banks — as well as the companies that provide insurance against those bets not paying off — are also exposed.

This gunky stew of risk is the sludge that is slowing our economic engine. When that engine backfired and the exhaust fumes cleared, we found out that there is so much money in MBS's that they had to be referred to by the perfectly Bushian oxymoron, "toxic assets."

Remember there are two different kinds of banks: commercial and investment. Many investment banks have taken on too much risk and are turning to the federal government for money on the premise that they are so important that we can't let them go under. For the last three decades, every administration has had to embrace that idea. From the savings and loan crisis in the late '80s and early '90s, to the hedge fund long term capital management in the late '90s, to Enron in the early part of this decade, to Citigroup and AIG now — and every president before Obama has caved in and bailed them out. Barack's playing a high-stakes poker game with the world's leading financial institutions with $350 billion in chips on the table with a marker for another $250 billion in his back pocket, and it looks like he's going to call Wall Street's bluff.

BARACK'S PLAYING A HIGH-STAKES POKER GAME WITH THE WORLD'S LEADING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS WITH $350 BILLION IN CHIPS ON THE TABLE WITH A MARKER FOR ANOTHER $250 BILLION IN HIS BACK POCKET, AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S GOING TO CALL WALL STREET'S BLUFF.

On one side of the table, the commercial banks control lines of credit to businesses and individuals who need to borrow to make payroll or to finance major purchases like cars and appliances. They have these "toxic assets" (otherwise known as "liabilities") that they want the government to be stupid enough to buy at inflated prices. They'd like to make a deal sooner rather than later so the Dow/Jones can stabilize. Then they can stop worrying about whether or not mortgage payments are being made and get back to the business of earning profits.

On the other side is our president. He controls $600 billion in taxpayer money he can spend to keep the economy from drifting toward recession. He would like the banks to allow credit to flow to those businesses and individuals, but he's not stupid enough to pay for those "assets." He's in no rush to make a deal because the voters have given him two years to get things turned around, there are ways to make credit available without the big commercial banks, and he knows the foreclosure rate will eventually force the investment banks to take whatever is offered to get those "assets" off their books.

These people, our Albert Wiggin, took risks they shouldn't have taken believing that if it all went wrong, we'd bail them out because they're "too big to fail." Barack Obama is about to teach them that when you are entrusted with things like peoples' retirement and life savings, failure is not an option — no matter how "big" you think you are.

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Pssst, they're stealing from you, again

FORECLOSURES, WHICH ARE SPREADING by epidemic proportions, now affect nearly one in every eight American homeowners. The labor market is deteriorating at an even faster rate, with the jobless rate jumping to 8.1 percent in February. People who felt safe and secure at their jobs and in their homes are seeing their very livelihoods threatened or destroyed, and the bread lines are forming.

But while more and more are finding it difficult, if not impossible, to just get by, our so-called representatives in Congress are playing games with our hard-earned taxpayer dollars. The more these politicians talk about change, however, the more things stay the same. The $410 billion Omnibus spending bill, which will supposedly keep the government running for the next fiscal year, is a case in point. Despite our president's pledge to ban all earmarks, this piece of legislation is loaded with ridiculous, wasteful projects that have absolutely nothing to do with keeping the federal government operating.

The politicians use these pork projects, earmarks (also referred to as Christmas tree items) and WAMs (walking around money) to benefit their constituents or campaign contributors. Earmarks (the term originated back when cows and pigs had their ears marked to identify their owners) have been tacked onto just about every major appropriations bill that has made its way through Congress in recent years, and this year is no exception.

When it comes to Congressional earmarks, it's hard to decide who's the biggest hypocrite. The current media favorite is President Obama, who sought earmarks as a senator, criticized earmarks as a candidate, and now plans to sign a spending bill stuffed with nearly 9,000 earmarks. But what about earmark-addicted Republicans, who oversaw an unprecedented explosion of earmarks when they controlled Congress, resisted efforts by Obama and other Democrats to inject accountability into the earmark process, and even grabbed over 40 percent of the earmarks in the current bill, yet have the gall to blast Obama's cave-in?

At a staggering 1,132-pages, this spending bill is so cumbersome and the mountain of bureaucratic doublespeak so obscure that it's difficult to separate the good from the bad. And the listing of pork projects, which are worth approximately $7.7 billion, is so huge that it is nearly impossible to sift through. With so many inane, wasteful items to wade through, you're forced to give up before reading them all.

There's $3.5 million for Koochiching, a county in Minnesota with large tracts of privately-owned forest land. The government, allegedly in the interest of conservation, has been paying a private land developer large sums of money in return for its agreement to not sell, divide or develop the land. At a time when real estate prices are taking a nosedive, it's a pretty sweet deal (for the developer, not the taxpayer): not only does the development company retain ownership of the land, but it continues to make money from logging the land.

What do studying pig odor, cricket control, tattoo removals or, for that matter, any of these projects have to do with keeping the government running? Nothing whatsoever. And how many out-of-work, struggling Americans are helped by them? Few, if any. As Michael Grunwald points out, earmarks are "a sneaky way for boondoggles to bypass hearings, public comment periods, cost-benefit analyses and other forms of scrutiny." Indeed, all our so-called representatives have succeeded in doing is representing their own self-interests. In the process, they are undermining everything America stands for and destroying our democratic government.

If the government cannot pass a bill without packing it full of inane projects, then the government has broken down. It doesn't work anymore. Grunwald was right: "Earmarks are the grimy political grease that helps our spending motor run. They're not completely innocuous — $7.7 billion is real money — but the real problem right now is the motor. It's as inefficient as Georgia blueberries."

It's up to President Obama to live up to his campaign promises and clean up this mess. He can start by holding firm to his pledge to take the pork out of government spending. We don't need vague promises to fix this problem in the future. The country's in trouble now.

And there is something "we the people" can do as well — use our constitutional rights to protest and present our grievances to our representatives. If you're not already outraged and angry, then you'd better get mad. Those we've elected are not doing their jobs. Tell them what you think. Call, write, e-mail and let them know you're watching them. And if you don't see some real change soon, during the next election cycle, throw them out of office.

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The Q Line

Does the House System have a home?

There is talk in the school district that the House System at Santa Monica High School may be done away with to save money. Parents recently pleaded with the Board of Education to keep a system they called important to the development of their children.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Should the district retain the House System or is it time for house cleaning?

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. Please limit responses to a minute or less.


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9/11 suspects: 'We are terrorists to the bone'

BY BEN FOX
Associated Press Writer

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico The self-professed mastermind and four other men charged in the Sept. 11 attacks declared they are "terrorists to the bone" in a statement that mocked the U.S. failure to prevent the killings and predicted America will fall like "the towers on the blessed 9/11 day."

In a rambling response to the government's case, the men also sought to justify the attacks, citing a violent interpretation of Islam and a series of grievances against the U.S., including support for Israel, the Iraq war and abuses at Abu Ghraib prison and in Guantanamo.

"To us, they are not accusations. To us they are badges of honor, which we carry with pride," the men wrote in the six-page document, which was released Tuesday by a military judge over the objections of the Pentagon-appointed lawyers for two of the men.

"So, you are the first class war criminals," they added, "and the whole world witnesses this."

The five, who are among 245 prisoners held at the U.S. military lockup in Cuba, include Khalid Sheik Mohammed, the professed architect of the Sept. 11 attacks, and Ramzi Binalshibh, allegedly one of his key lieutenants in al-Qaida.

Both men previously said they were proud of their role in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon — and all five had said they wanted to plead guilty. But this is their most detailed statement to date.

The men do not go into details of their roles in the plot, but they call the charge of conspiracy "laughable" and mock U.S. authorities for being unable to prevent the attacks. "Blame yourselves and your failed intelligence apparatus."

They also predict defeat for the U.S. in Iraq and Afghanistan and the overall collapse of America. "Your end is very near and your fall will be just as the fall of the towers on the blessed 9/11 day."

The five, who could face the death penalty if convicted on charges that include murder and terrorism, were at a pretrial hearing in Guantanamo when President Barack Obama abruptly suspended all war-crimes proceedings pending a review of the much-criticized system for prosecuting terrorists created by Congress and the Bush administration.

They will still be tried, but under what type of system has not yet been determined. The proceedings, however, will probably not be at Guantanamo since Obama has ordered the detention center closed within a year.

Three of the defendants have been acting as their own lawyers but two of the men, Binalshibh and Mustafa al-Hawsawi, still have Pentagon-appointed military attorneys pending a court ruling on whether they are mentally competent to represent themselves.

Their lawyers, Army Maj. Jon Jackson and Navy Cmdr. Suzanne Lachelier, said they had not met with their clients to discuss the document and cannot say what may have motivated the men to sign it — or even vouch for its authenticity. They said the judge should not have released it.

Pentagon spokesman Navy Cmdr. Jeffrey Gordon called the filing "merely another attempt by these detainees to garner publicity."

Others said the statement provide some insight into the defendants.

"We must never be complacent about this hateful, hateful group of individuals who are out to harm us," said Maureen Santora, whose New York City firefighter son was killed at the World Trade Center. "They are unrelenting in their mission to destroy America."

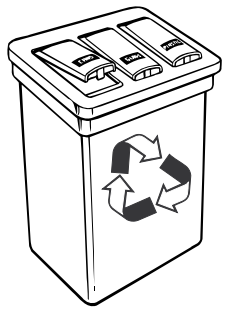
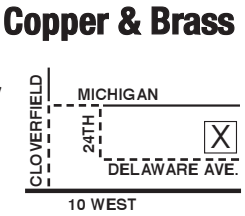
Brian Jenkins, a senior adviser on terrorism at the RAND Corp., said the statement appears to be aimed at attracting support and recruits abroad by portraying the men as Muslim warriors defending a religion under siege.

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Linda Goldfinger (right), activity director of the Fireside Convalescent Hospital, portraying Haman, the evil and egotistical advisor to the king in the play 'The Purim Story.' Patients put on the play for a group of children from Garden of Angels on Tuesday. Purim is the most festive of Jewish holidays, a time of prizes, noisemakers, costumes and treats. The Festival of Purim commemorates a major victory over oppression and is recounted in the Megillah, the scroll of the story of Esther.

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First set of campus projects to come online in 2013

FROM SAMOHI PAGE 1

recap of the high school's history and accomplishments and provided a glimpse into what the campus will look like starting in 2013 when the first major project — Science & Technology Plaza — is completed.

"Samohi's facilities are cramped, outdated and many cases they're non existent," Superintendent Tim Cuneo said. "We need to move forward and we need to think differently."

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The projects, which will begin construction in July, will be split into four phases with the completion of each one coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the school's first four graduating classes.

The Science and Technology Plaza, which will break ground in November 2010 and cost around $57 million, will include 15 new state-of-the-art labs, an auto shop and 18 new classrooms. The plaza will also hold a temporary softball field and parking while the permanent athletic facilities are being constructed.

It will be followed with the construction of a 60-foot-wide pedestrian and bicycle promenade that will run through campus from Fourth to Seventh streets. The proposed promenade is slated to be open and accessible to the public during non-school hours.

"It reunites the city that it serves," said Michael Hill, a 1961 Samohi grad who is serving as a district consultant for the Measure BB project.

That phase, which will be completed in June 2014 and cost $58.1 million, will also include a new synthetic turf football field with an eight-lane CIF track inside a 3,000 seat stadium. Six new tennis courts will also be constructed next to the field and a subterranean garage holding 500 spaces will go beneath the stadium.

District officials are seeking City Hall to help finance some of the projects in which there are joint-use opportunities available, hoping to receive funding through the Redevelopment Agency. The City Council is scheduled to review the joint-use projects at a meeting later this month.

School officials called on the community to pressure the council to approve the redevelopment money for the joint-use projects, a key piece of the funding pie.

The third phase, which will be completed in 2015, will include the construction of a regulation-sized soccer field in the current north parking lot off Olympic Drive. A new facility that will include a gymnasium, Olympic-sized pool and dance studio will be constructed beneath the soccer field. The series of projects is estimated to cost approximately $118.3 million.

The projects will conclude in 2016 with the completion of new synthetic turf softball and baseball fields and lighted basketball courts. The final phase will also include upgrades to the storm water management system and Greek Theater, all costing about $58.6 million.

"This is truly a legacy opportunity for all of us in Santa Monica," Hill said. "Let's move into the next century with Samohi."

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Detectives looking for letter writer to help with investigation

FROM MURDER PAGE 1

Christopher Bullock.

The fax continued by identifying the location of the car — within a 1.2-2 square mile radius of 11911 Magnolia Blvd. in Valley Village — and even specifying that Figueroa's body was inside of a black trash bag, according to a copy of the letter posted on KTLA's Web site.

The car was found in the 11700 block of Hortense Street, about a mile from the address indicated in the fax.

Bullock was questioned and later released, according to KTLA.

Detectives are asking the sender of the letter to come forward and assist in the murder investigation.

Chapel is due back in court on March 26 to set his preliminary hearing.

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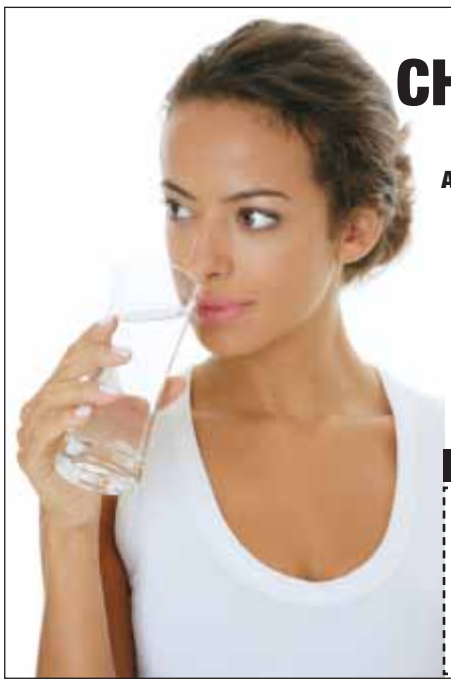
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Real Estate 101

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How to scout the best investment

I LOVE THIN MINT GIRL SCOUT COOKIES. Luckily for me, one of my coworkers brought in several boxes of the delicious cookies she ordered weeks earlier. When I was handed a box, I noticed that they appeared smaller than last year. It intrigued me so much that I did an Internet search and discovered that the boxes were indeed smaller. Due to the rising costs of floor, cocoa and transportation costs, the Girl Scouts decided to place less cookies in boxes or make certain kinds of cookies smaller. At $4 a box, raising the prices of the cookies in this economy was not a viable option. This got me thinking about value and what you really get for your money today.

I was talking with one of my clients who owns several properties and he said valuing properties was extremely difficult in this environment. A year ago, he could tell you if a deal made sense within five minutes, but today, it can take several days to figure out a real estate value. The variables have changed. When values decline, an investor is not able to use comparable sales as effectively as if values were increasing.

Comparable sales or comps look back 60 plus days on sales. If the market is declining, those sales are an ineffective measurement of the value of a property today.

Unfortunately, with the tightening of the credit markets, it is not reasonable or advantageous to simply discount comps 5 percent to 15 percent. Today an investor must use all the tools in their arsenal to value a property correctly.

In the past, an investor had the benefit of the market on their side. If they made a mistake and bought too high, appreciation would allow their mistake to be offset and usually a profit could still be made. With values correcting and heading in a downward direction, it is no longer a viable option to pay a premium and let the market correct the mistake. Now an investor needs to understand what they are getting into when buying a real estate asset.

Even in good times when values are heading up, a smart investor knows he or she makes their money when they buy. An exit strategy is always in place before the close of escrow.

For example, if an investor is looking for a 7 percent return on a property, they will do an analysis factoring in variables such as rental increases, expense decreases, etc., that they believe are realistic over "x" amount of time. That same investor may do a stress test to see how the numbers change if those same variables change.

The stress test will show how the return on investment is affected if rents decline, expenses increase and capital improvements cost more than anticipated. The most important aspect of a stress test on a real estate investment is to measure the point where the investment is no longer financially viable.

It makes little sense to purchase a property without analyzing the risk of the asset. As obvious as that statement sounds, in today's world many novice investors have found themselves in difficult situations unable to cover the monthly expenses associated with a property along with the debt service. And therein lies the risk with real estate — if the monthly mortgage payment and expenses exceed the monthly income, the property has a negative cash flow. An investor must plan and be prepared for a negative cash flow position.

However, no investor can hold onto a property producing no positive income for an indefinite amount of time. Sooner or later, that property must become cash flow positive or the investor must have a clear exit, even if that means taking a loss.

Analyzing risk is an important aspect of real estate investing, but before an investor can do that, they must determine if the property is worth purchasing — does the property have value? When looking at real estate in a declining market, value must be determined by the investor. One real estate asset may have more intrinsic value over a twin property across the street because the first property is zoned differently or located in a different city. However, value is subjective and ever changing in a receding market. If the investor buys the property at a discount, they set a new lower comparable, further perpetuating a declining market. If the investor pays fair market value, they must be willing to hold onto the asset long enough to recover the cost, which they are going to lose.

Imagine going to the store, seeing a shirt you like and deciding to wait for a sale before purchasing it. A few moths later the shirt is on sale for 20 percent off its retail price. You decide to wait another month when you see the shirt marked down 40 percent off with an additional 10 percent off the marked down price.

You decide you are going to wait another month. Once back at the store, you see the shirt is marked down 50 percent off with an additional 20 percent off at the register — you buy it. The shirt has an intrinsic value of "x" which you are willing to pay. Now imagine going back to the same store a month after purchasing and seeing the shirt you bought marked down 75 percent with an additional 30 percent off.

Now imagine buying a real estate asset before it was marked down or declined in value. This same asset is losing money each month and now is worth 40 percent less than was paid. You did not have an exit strategy or put the asset through a stress test so you do not know where it will end and how much money you will have to pour into the asset to cover the monthly payment. That is the feeling many investors have today and a feeling you can avoid if you take the proper precautions and understand what you are buying.

Just because a piece of real estate is listed as a "fire sale" item does not mean it is worth buying. Just like you would not buy a car on fire, you should not buy a property that is cheap for the sake of paying a low sales price. Unfortunately when you pay too much for real estate you do not even get a box of delicious Thin Mints to drown your sorrows.

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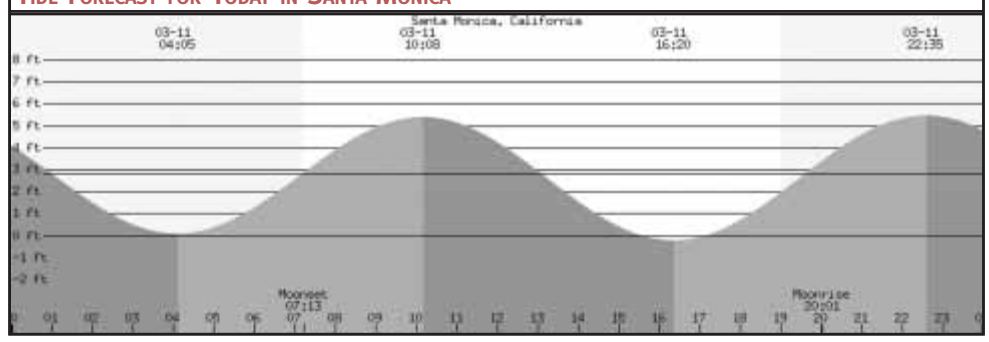
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Long Range Synopsis

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Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	B	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	C
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	B
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	F

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

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
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(323) 466-FILM

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:00, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00

Fuel (NR) 1hr 55min
1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (PG-13) 1hr 36min
2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30

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

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

Coraline (PG) 1hr 40min
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) 1hr 32min
2:45, 5:15

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min
1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:55

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

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

Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience (G) 1hr 16min
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

Gran Torino (R) 1hr 56min
1:45, 4:25, 7:10, 10:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Slumdog Millionare (R) 2hr 1min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

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

Gomorrah (Gomorra) (NR) 2hrs 17min
1:40, 4:50, 8:00

Toyo's Camera (NR)
1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30

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

Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50

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

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

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10

Watchmen (R) 2hrs 43min
1:30, 5:00, 8:30

Watchmen, Digital projection (R) 2hrs 43min
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

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Hey Sag, go out and play

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Get as much done as you can first thing in the morning. Meetings, networking or just plain taking a half-day could work well. You have gone beyond the call of duty. Optimism reigns right now. Don't rain on your own parade! Tonight: Sort through your options.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Yes, you are creative and open, but it doesn't mean you aren't going to hit a problem. In fact, you might not have the right answer. Avoid a power play by not playing. Maintain your distance from a difficult comrade! Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You swing from one Twin to another. With this type of mood change, are you surprised that others don't understand you? Suddenly, you want to chat and share more. Your creativity flows, as does the need to be noticed. Tonight: Flirt the night away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Look at that naughty twinkle in your eye. You might feel pressured by a situation involving a partner and/or your home. Disengage rather than engage and trigger. Everyone will be happier — most of all, you. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Get past a problem early on. At first you might be coming from a gut reaction and need to realize this reaction no longer works. You don't want the end results. Start communicating. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You bloom in the morning, but everything feels excessive in the p.m. You don't need to participate. You can decide to pull out and not be part of a situation that is going overboard. How you deal with others counts. Tonight: Cut judging.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might drag in the morning, but by midday, you enter a powerful period of the month. You will be a force to behold and could be close to impossible to stop. Others enjoy you like this, but a family member might feel threatened. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Use the morning, when you are most likely to succeed. Guard against a tendency to be negative in the afternoon. Someone might say something, but you misinterpret his or her words or intentions. Separate yourself from an automatic reaction. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Step up to the plate in the morning, and you will be celebrating by the evening. How you see someone could change radically because of a talk. Don't get pulled into a financial commitment. Say no if you need to or want to. Tonight: Where people are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Share more of the long-term trends that you perceive are about to happen. Lighten up about a boss. You might be more desirous of control than you were originally aware. Could the problem be yours? Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Work with a partner directly, even if you feel there is an implied issue. Get past the problem in the afternoon by reframing it. Empathize more and judge less. Think positively. Tonight: Relax your mind by watching a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others demand, and for the sake of having peace, you go along with their requests. Your fatigue could be very high and somewhat debilitating. If you can, call this an early day. A close friend or loved one pitches in. Tonight: Dinner for two.

Happy birthday

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

You make a big difference wherever you go this year. You have a way of empowering others, and often don't take the credit for a job well done. This year, you are invited to lose patterns that are no longer acceptable or don't work. In their stead will come something better if you simply let go gracefully. If you are single, a new friend could mean a lot, but don't decide this is forever just yet. If you are attached, the two of you will bond more tightly if you allow your sweetie to dominate more. LIBRA understands you too well.

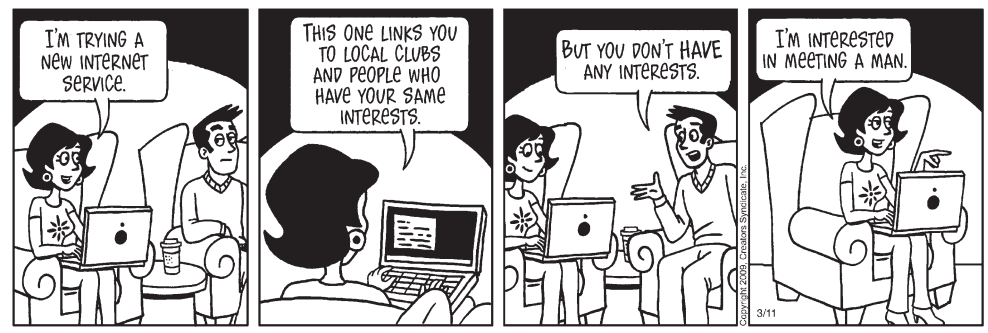
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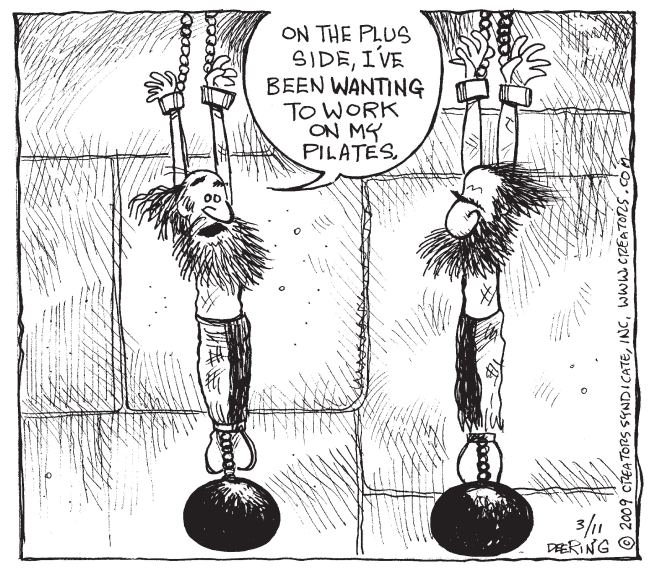
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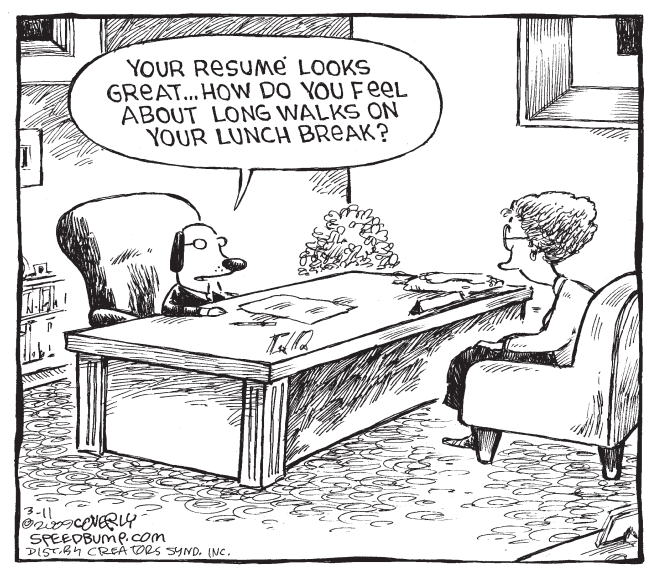
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SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

9	8	2	4	3	1	6	5	7
3	5	1	7	2	6	9	4	8
7	6	4	9	5	8	3	2	1
8	7	5	6	4	2	1	9	3
4	9	3	1	8	5	7	6	2
2	1	6	3	9	7	4	8	5
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Valentine's gift
6 Make over
10 Undermine
11 Eagle's claw
12 Let in
13 Pizzeria sights
14 Losing plan
15 Don of "Cocoon"
16 One, for Juan
17 Guitar blaster
18 Nursery denizen
19 Storage rooms
22 Job for a plumber
23 Minor argument
26 Bakery treats
29 Argon or ethane
32 Opposition vote
33 Jay-Z's music
34 Gallery VIP
36 Second letter
37 Refrain bit
38 Twin of myth
39 Some nobles
40 Warning sound
41 Colors
42 Lions' prides

DOWN

1 Study
2 Number type
3 Unnamed person
4 Fix text
5 Determined
6 Dance party
7 Put in office
8 "Tiny Bubbles" singer
9 Dawn
11 Singer with the Heartbreakers
15 Cannes comrade
17 Hot Springs setting
20 Keg need
21 Polite address
24 Fellow with an ax
25 Trait
27 Plopped down
28 Twinges
29 Like some communities
30 Place in order
31 Intent look
35 Miseries
36 Composer Bartók
38 Ewe's mate

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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	■	■	6	7	8	9
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12					■	13				
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Fine Points of the Law: (1) Drug-trafficking is a capital offense in Malaysia, and it appeared that one man would go down after being spotted by a police officer with the key to a large drug locker. However, the man has an identical twin brother who was not charged, and in February, Kuala Lumpur High Court Judge Zaharah Ibrahim ruled that because it was impossible to know which one had been seen with the key, both had to go free. (2) Jeffrey Boyle was convicted in 2006 of setting eight fires during the time he was a lieutenant in the Chicago Fire Department and is serving a six-year sentence, but in January, he filed a lawsuit against the department demanding his pension, of about $50,000 a year, on the grounds that he was off duty during the time he set the fires.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1810 French Emperor Napoleon I was married by proxy to Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria.

1861 the Constitution of the Confederate States of America was adopted during a convention in Montgomery, Ala.

1888 the famous "Blizzard of '88" began inundating the northeastern United States, resulting in some 400 deaths.

1930 former President and Chief Justice William Howard Taft was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

1941 President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.

1957 Charles Van Doren's 14-week run on the rigged NBC game show "Twenty One" ended as he lost to attorney Vivienne Nearing; Van Doren's take was $129,000. American explorer Richard E. Byrd died in Boston at age 68.

1959 the Lorraine Hansberry drama "A Raisin in the Sun" opened at New York's Ethel Barrymore Theater.

WORD UP!

pedestrian \puh-DES-tree-uhn\, *noun, adjective*:
1. a person who gets about on foot; walker

adjective:
1. going on foot; walking
2. without imagination; dull

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