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THE MORE DAYLIGHT ISSUE



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IN THEY GO: **People enter the Santa Monica Courthouse on Monday. Changes to how the court system operates are in the works.**

Court changes could burden Santa Monicans

Locals will have to travel to Chatsworth for some functions

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE In one week's time, the Los Angeles Superior Court system will begin a complicated restructuring process that will move many normal court functions from the Santa Monica Courthouse to Downtown Los Angeles.

Personal injury cases and civil cases for plaintiffs seeking less than $25,000 in damages will move from Santa Monica to the Stanley Mosk Courthouse in Downtown L.A., and other courts will become "hubs" for specific types of cases.

Santa Monica will become one of five hubs for eviction and unlawful detainer cases, but locals who wish to file a small claims case will have to travel to Inglewood

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Judge strikes down NYC sugary-drinks size rule

JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK A judge struck down New York City's pioneering ban on big sugary drinks Monday just hours before it was supposed to take effect, handing a defeat to health-minded Mayor Michael Bloomberg and creating confusion for restaurants that had already ordered smaller cups and changed their menus.

State Supreme Court Justice Milton Tingling said the 16-ounce limit on sodas and other sweet drinks arbitrarily applies to only some sugary beverages and some places that sell them.

"The loopholes in this rule effectively defeat the stated purpose of this rule," Tingling wrote in a victory for the beverage

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City Council considers clean water, movie theaters in consent

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

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

CITY HALL The City Council is expected to extend a contract with a monitoring and evaluation firm to stay on top of groundwater quality and cleaning in Santa Monica at its meeting Tuesday.

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SCRUBBING UP: **Stacks of three-stage reverse osmosis filters fill the filtration room at the Santa Monica Water Treatment Center.**

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Artful company
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 9:30 a.m.
The Artists' League of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club meets every Tuesday. Work on your own independent project while enjoying the fellowship and creative energy of fellow artists. Members work on a variety of projects, including watercolor, collage, needlework and scrapbooking in the ballroom of the club. Oil paint is not allowed. The $3 recommended donation benefits free art programs for homeless youth at School on Wheels.

Baby time
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Laugh the day away
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St.,
3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Join Mr. Jesse and his gang of puppets for heartfelt stories and songs. Intended for children ages 3-7. For more information, call (310)458-8683.

The green life
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Did you know it takes more than 2,400 gallons of water to produce a pound of beef? You save more water by not eating a pound of beef than by skipping showers for six months. Join this free Sustainable Works Green Living Workshop and learn information that will help you save money, and positively impact your family, community and ultimately the planet. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

If you don't schmooze, you lose
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The Westside Schmooze is a chance for writers and illustrators of children's books to network, make friends and get connected with one another. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Let's talk books
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
A discussion of Helene Tursten's book, "Detective Inspector Huss," which is about a detective who, while investigating the apparent suicide of a wealthy financier, finds herself in some of Sweden's underground cultures. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Thursday, March 14, 2013

Hebrew in Memphis
Santa Monica Playhouse — The Other Space
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"The Hebrew Hillbilly" is a play featuring 14 original songs by Shelley Fisher, Kenneth Hirsch and Harold Payne. The show takes a look at Fisher's life and career, focusing on her Jewish upbringing in Memphis, Tenn. and her adventures in and out of the entertainment industry. Admission is $30.
For more information, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

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Big Blue Bus Route 9 detour

Route 9 of the Big Blue Bus has been detoured after the Department of Transportation removed a "buses exempt" sign at Sunset Boulevard and Marquez Avenue, forcing the bus line to not make its usual left turn onto Sunset Boulevard.

BBB spokesperson Suja Lowenthal said that the BBB was not informed of the sign removal, forcing the Santa Monica bus company to scramble together a detour and alternative route.

Despite a report in the Palisades Patch regarding a fatal motorcycle accident at the site, Lowenthal said that the detour was "not in response to any particular incident or accident."

"We've been looking to make a change for some time for our drivers to have a proper layover," she said.

Lowenthal also cited frequent tardiness of the bus route as a reason for trying to find a change.

The BBB presented the alternate course for Route 9, but it has yet to be approved by the DOT, Lowenthal said.

"We're waiting just like everybody else," she said about the approval process. "The longer the DOT takes, the longer we have to run this detour."

Because the detour, there will be no service to stops on:

- Westbound Sunset at Marquez (Baylor)
- Westbound Sunset at Livorno Drive
- Westbound Sunset at Arno Way
- Westbound Sunset at Salerno Drive

– ALEX VEJAR

SUNSET PARK

Stabbing suspects on the loose

Santa Monica police were on the lookout Monday for two suspects who allegedly stabbed a man multiple times in the forearm during an attempted robbery.

The suspects are described as male Latinos, aged 20-25, with one of them being 5 foot, 10 inches tall and the other one shorter. The suspects were wearing black hoodies and one of them had a mustache, police said.

The victim was walking home from the grocery store at 10:20 a.m. Monday when he noticed someone whistling behind him. After being knocked to ground by a strike to the face from one of the suspects, the victim was allegedly stabbed in the forearm several times, police said.

The victim was driven to the hospital after discovering injuries underneath his sweatshirt. He was treated for minor injuries that required a few stitches and was released.

If anyone has information on the suspects, call the Santa Monica Police Department 24-hour line at (310) 458-8495.

If you wish to remain anonymous, you can call WeTip at 1-800-78-CRIME (1-800-78-27463), or submit the tip online at www.wetip.com.

Anonymous tipsters can also contact Crime Stoppers by either calling (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or by visiting their website at www.lacrimestoppers.org. To text an anonymous tip to Crime Stoppers view their webpage for detailed instructions. You will remain completely anonymous and may be eligible for a reward, up to $1,000, if your information leads to an arrest and conviction.

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New sidewalk for pier bridge

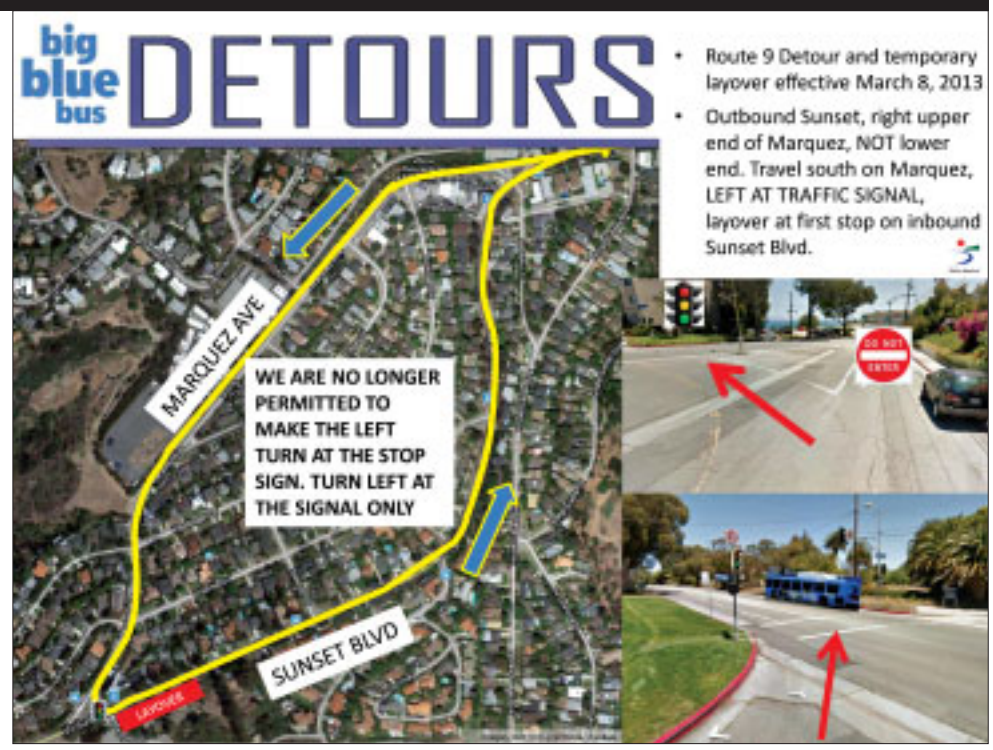
On Tuesday, work will begin to remove the existing concrete sidewalks on the bridge connecting the Santa Monica Pier to Ocean Avenue to provide a wider, single pedestrian walkway on the north side of the bridge.

In addition to the new walkway, a concrete barrier will be installed between the vehicle lanes and the walkway. Enhanced signage and roadway markings will also be added.

The project is estimated to be completed by March 22 and is expected to make the bridge safer for those on foot. For more information, visit smgov.net/kbug.

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GETTING AROUND: **Follow this map to navigate the Big Blue Bus Route 9 detour.**

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Santa Monica v-ball ranked No. 1

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica boys' volleyball is ranked No. 1 in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 3 poll, it was announced on Monday.

Samohi is currently 2-1 on the young season as they head into a road game with Ocean League rival Culver City on Thursday. The game begins at 3:15 p.m.

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AIDS foundation seeks L.A. city health department

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A nonprofit AIDS group best known for lobbying for laws requiring condoms in porn movies wants Los Angeles to form its own health department, instead of relying on the county.

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation is gathering signatures for a 2014 ballot measure creating a city-level health department.

The foundation considers the Los Angeles County's Department of Public Health a "bloated bureaucracy" that uses LA money to subsidize wealthier cities and does a shoddy job of controlling disease, foundation President Michael Weinstein told the Los Angeles Times.

City and county officials were skeptical of the proposal.

"We are concerned that it could result in duplication of services and reduction of public health protection for L.A. city residents," county health department Director Jonathan Fielding said in a statement.

Los Angeles disbanded its health department in the 1960s. City Administrative Officer Miguel Santana said the city, already struggling to maintain police and other services, lacks resources to enforce public health laws.

"It would be very difficult, if not impossible, for the city to get in the business of health care," Santana said. "The city is simply not in a position to take this on."

The AIDS Healthcare Foundation is perhaps best known for sponsoring a measure passed by county voters last year that requires pornographic film actors to wear condoms during filming.

The foundation also is a longtime contractor with the county, but the relationship has become strained. Last fall, the county issued an audit that said the foundation had overbilled the county by $1.7 million.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Selling out Santa Monica

Editor:

If anyone wants a preview of what Santa Monica will be like in a decade, spend some time by the Blue Line in Long Beach or Red Line in North Hollywood. The traffic in this city has become unbearable and the noise from non-stop construction of boring, cheaply-built rentals and condos has destroyed any semblance of a laid back beach town.

Recently I was in Montauk, N.Y. and the Hamptons. What a pleasure to see controlled and thoughtful development rather then the sleazy opportunistic "development" from the group that controls Santa Monica.

My guess is the money behind these massive projects all reside north of Montana Avenue. Does anyone else find it interesting that in that area they do not have low-income housing popping up on every other street corner?

David Oliver
Santa Monica

More signs needed

Editor:

They finally put up some signs along the beach directing pedestrians to stay off the bike path. Where are the "no bike" signs along the walkway? The real danger is bikes hitting pedestrians. They're like stealth bombers quietly sneaking up behind you while you walk with your baby or dog along the beach.

There had been large "no bike" signs from the turnoff at Bay Street right before the Casa del Mar hotel and also before you enter Venice. There were "no bike" signs from Bay Street all the way to the Santa Monica Pier. They had been removed a few years ago during construction and never replaced.

There is also a very confusing sign right before Bay Street that points everyone one way at the top and another way below it! Obviously, whomever planned this crazy mess never walked along the beach or are in the payroll of the bike rentals along the walkway. The bike rentals need to direct their customers to walk their bikes over to the bike path. These new signs are an improvement, but still don't protect pedestrians.

M. Sampson
Santa Monica

Welcome to Miami

Editor:

Bill Bauer is usually the voice of reason, but here he's lost in the trees and can't see the forest ("Fan of the new Miramar," My Write, March 4). The proposed Miramar is simply too tall. With the other proposed Ocean Avenue towers we are on the verge of turning Santa Monica into Miami Beach. These buildings should be scaled down.

M. G. Burke
Santa Monica



That Rutherford Guy

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

The ongoing war against Bradley Manning a war on us

THROUGHOUT AMERICA'S HISTORY, individuals with a passion for truth and a commitment to justice have opted to defy the unjust laws and practices of the government to speak up against slavery, segregation, discrimination and war. Even when their personal safety and freedom were on the line, these individuals spoke up, knowing they would be chastised, ridiculed, arrested, branded traitors and even killed.

Indeed, while brave men and women such as Martin Luther King, Jr., Henry David Thoreau, Susan B. Anthony and Harriet Tubman are lauded as American heroes today, they were once considered enemies of the state.

Thanks to the U.S. government's growing intolerance for dissidents who insist on transparency and accountability, oppose its endless wars and targeted killings of innocent civilians and terrorists alike, and demand that government officials abide by the rule of law, that list of so-called "enemies of the state" is growing.

One such "enemy of the state" is Bradley Manning, an intelligence analyst who has been targeted by the Obama administration for holding up a mirror to the bloated face of American empire. Manning is being prosecuted for leaking classified government documents which, like the Pentagon Papers a generation ago, expose systemic corruption within America's military and diplomatic apparatus. The embarrassment caused by showing that the emperor has no clothes, as it were, has made Manning public enemy number one in the eyes of the federal government.

As Chris Hedges explains:

"Manning provided to the public the most important window into the inner workings of imperial power since the release of the Pentagon Papers. The routine use of torture, the detention of Iraqis who were innocent, the inhuman conditions within our secret detention facilities, the use of State Department officials as spies in the United Nations, the collusion with corporations to keep wages low in developing countries such as Haiti, and specific war crimes such as the missile strike on a house that killed seven children in Afghanistan would have remained hidden without Manning."

Despite not being convicted of any crime, Manning has been put through a horror trip since the first day of his incarceration in the military brig at Quantico. He has spent 1,000 days in jail without trial, a large portion of which was passed in solitary confinement, imprisoned in a windowless cell containing a bed, a drinking fountain and a toilet. Manning was kept under suicide watch, largely against the advice of two forensic psychiatrists. Under suicide watch, Manning was confined to his tiny cell for 24 hours a day and stripped of all clothing with the exception of his underwear. His prescription eyeglasses were taken away, leaving him in essential blindness except for those limited times when he was permitted to read or watch television. In a thinly veiled attempt to harass him, guards would check on Manning every five minutes, asking if he was OK.

Once he was finally brought before a military court, Manning pled guilty to 10 of the 22 charges brought against him, admitting that he leaked the documents because he believed that the public has a right to know about the government's misdeeds. Manning's admission guarantees that he will be put into prison for up to 20 years. However, instead of proceeding to sentencing, government prosecutors are insisting on pressing the most serious charges against him, including "aiding the enemy," in an attempt to imprison him for life.

The government's aim is clear: to make an example of Manning, thereby discouraging anyone else from defying the regime or daring to lay bare the inner workings of a corrupt government.

Indeed, despite promising unprecedented levels of transparency when he ascended to the presidency in 2009, Obama has invoked the WWI-era Espionage Act more times than all his predecessors combined as a means of silencing all internal dissent and criticism. Obama's administration has also launched an all-out campaign to roust out, prosecute and imprison government whistleblowers for exposing government corruption, incompetence, and greed. Obama's other targets include John Kiriakou, a CIA agent who was prosecuted and imprisoned for blowing the whistle on government-sponsored torture, and Peter Van Buren, who exposed the government's incompetence and failures during the occupation of Iraq.

Thus, Bradley Manning is merely the latest whistleblower to be singled out for punishment. So determined is the government to crucify Manning that government prosecutors plan to make the case that Manning essentially aided and abetted Osama bin Laden. Manning's trial, which promises to be a government spectacle of manufactured "shock and awe," will feature testimony from an anonymous Navy Seal who took part in the raid on Osama bin Laden's Abbottabad compound. This Seal will reportedly testify that he recovered computer discs in Osama bin Laden's personal effects containing government material that originated from Manning's leak.

What the government is attempting to suggest is that if an individual or news organization publishes information that is accessed by terrorists over the Internet, for example, then those individuals or news organizations are essentially guilty of collusion.

Stacking the odds in their favor, government prosecutors have refused to allow Manning's defense team to interview government witnesses or to introduce evidence showing that Manning's leak of government information did little, if any, harm to U.S. interests other than showing that the Obama administration is no different from its predecessors. In fact, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said that the publication of the Iraq War Logs and the Afghan War Diary had "not revealed any sensitive intelligence sources or methods." As for the leak of some 250,000 State Department documents, a report by Reuters indicates that the damage caused was "limited," and was for the most part simply an embarrassment to the Obama administration.

Manning reacted as one would hope any honorable American would react when they witness their government acting in a manner that is corrupt, incompetent, inhumane, immoral and, it must be said, downright evil. Manning was particularly affected by the so-called "Collateral Murder" video in which American Apache helicopter pilots can be see firing on civilians in Iraq, including children and a Reuters journalist. "The people in the van were not a threat but merely 'good Samaritans,'" observed Manning. "The most alarming aspect of the video to me, however, was the seemly delightful bloodlust [the American troops] appeared to have."

To his credit, Manning refused to remain silent. He spoke out, first to his superiors, who turned a deaf ear to his concerns, then to the New York Times and Washington Post. When he still could find no one willing to alert the American people to what their government was really doing in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, he turned to Wikileaks.

The rest, as they say, is history.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Kibitzing on kidnapping

MY PHONE WAS BUZZING THIS PAST WEEK like an over-caffeinated bee. The story of a mother who "kidnapped" her son was making the rounds and many of my friends felt it was a perfect story for me to comment on. As a family lawyer, who also writes articles and books, I am often provided with story ideas. Some of them come from my friends, while others from strangers as soon as I choose to divulge what I do for a living. Oftentimes I sit in court, whether here in Santa Monica or somewhere else around the state of California, and I hear stories that I think really should be turned into a TV show or a movie.

I don't need to look very far for a good story as my own files have many interesting ones, and I have a way of describing them in such a way as to enhance their enjoyment factor and make them more intriguing. The catalog of human drama that a divorce lawyer deals with on a regular basis crosses many areas of both law and the human condition.

Family lawyers have the privilege of parachuting into someone's life at one of the most traumatic times they will ever experience. We are hired to be everything from a priest (the things people tell their divorce lawyer are truly amazing, shocking, disgusting and appalling) to therapist (for their emotional pain who is expected to "fix" the situation) to superhero (whose job it is to "defeat evil and uphold the rule of law and justice"). Seriously, I had a client once who told me that was what he was hiring me for, to defeat evil. Thankfully he didn't expect me to wear tights and a cape.

Over the years as a divorce and child custody lawyer I've developed a bit of psychological awareness. It's an occupational hazard when you have to hire experts whose opinions determine whether a certain parent is acting in an appropriate or inappropriate manner. I've had to learn the difference between a borderline personality and a narcissistic personality, plus coping mechanisms for their irrationality. I've developed enough antennae to listen to a client for two minutes, tell him to stop talking, start telling him his story and have him be shocked that I am right when I ask who molested his wife/girlfriend — and he never saw the connection to how it's impacting his relationship with her.

The job of a child custody lawyer is a mix of intellectual prowess — do you know the law, emotional awareness? — how well do you "read a situation" and common sense. Do you know what is going to work in a particular situation? My colleagues fall into two main categories. There are the hopeless romantics at heart (the do-gooders who honestly care about their clients well-being) and then there are the dilettantes who are doing family law because they think it is an easy way to make a buck. The first group tends to dislike the second a great deal because they muck up people's lives terribly.

I have an abduction case where the mom took the kids to her home country for the holidays and decided she was going to stay there permanently. This is an international child custody case that deals with California law, U.S. law, international treaties and foreign custody laws. To say that you need to have more than a passing interest in this area is an understatement.

My firm has handled these international child custody cases for the past 10 years. We have lawyers around the globe that we have consulted with, co-chaired cases with and know that in these high-stakes litigation matters, a little bit of bad advice carries long-term consequences for the client.

I am being hired to parachute into this latest case because the stupidly expensive law firm that was in charge has mucked up the case terribly. They didn't realize what they were doing, they treated it as if it were a "common case" and they may have cost him his children.

This is why I cannot comment intelligently on a story about a mother who "kidnaps her son." There are way too many variables at play in family law. There may be mental or physical health issues with either the mother or the child, there could be addiction issues that are influencing this case. I hope that the "kidnapped son" caper resolves itself well, whatever that means for the boy and his mother.

The range of factors that go into any one family law case is tremendous, and it takes a big picture view of it all before a decent opinion can be formed, let alone an accurate one.

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The Q Line

Where do you stand?

The Boy Scouts of America continue to wrestle with the issue of gay membership. There has been movement, but gay members are still not allowed to be open with their sexuality.

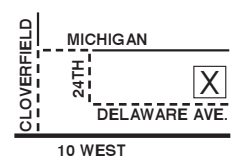
So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the scouts should change their policy and why?

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Modest quake shakes SoCal

MARK TERRILL
Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. A modest but widely felt earthquake rolled through a wide swath of Southern California late Monday morning but there were no immediate reports of damage.

The 9:55 a.m. quake had an estimated magnitude of 4.7, said Nick Scheckel, seismic analyst at the California Institute of Technology's seismological laboratory in Pasadena. He said a number of aftershocks were occurring.

The epicenter was about a dozen miles from the Riverside County desert community of Anza, about 100 miles southeast of Los Angeles.

The temblor, which occurred at a depth of eight miles, was felt sharply in the local area and caused a swaying or rolling motion in Los Angeles and San Diego as well as in Orange and San Bernardino counties.

Susie Bride, a cashier at Cahuilla Mountain Market and Cafe in Anza, said the quake seemed to last awhile but didn't do any damage to the business.

"It kind of shook and then I thought, 'God, is that an earthquake?' It kind of shook and then it rolled a little bit and then it shook again," she said.

About 25 miles north of Anza, Palms Springs police Sgt. Harvey Reed said his department received no reports of damage or injuries. There were no other immediate reports of damage in the region.

Earthquakes of such magnitude are unlikely to do much harm in regions with modern building standards.

"It's extremely unlikely that there's damage from this earthquake," said Lucy Jones, a seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena.

Jones said there would be strong shaking directly on top of the epicenter but not much farther away.

"At most, there might be some places where things were thrown off shelves, but that might be the extent of the damage," she said.

The quake was initially estimated at magnitude 5.1 but was quickly downgraded, as often happens. But the computer system that monitors earthquakes in California also produced a number of erroneous reports around the main shock and scientists were having to sort through them, Caltech seismologist Kate Hutton told reporters.

"Part of the confusion of the earthquake was that our computer system took some small foreshocks that occurred within a minute before and stole amplitudes off the main shock and assigned a huge magnitude to the foreshocks, which was a mistake," Hutton said.

An aftershock was also assigned too large of a magnitude.

"We always are refining our software, but we're definitely going to have to work on that one," Hutton said.

The temblor was a strike-slip earthquake on the San Jacinto Fault, the most active fault in Southern California, Jones said.

"It has historically the largest number of damaging earthquakes in the 20th century," Jones said.

In the past two decades there have been five quakes of magnitude 4.7 or greater, she said, and in the 20th century there were eight quakes of magnitude 6 and above.

Rachelle Siefken was at home in the Riverside County town of Aguanga with her 4-year-old daughter and 16-month-old son when the shaking started. It was the first earthquake experience for both children, and her son was scared, she said, although the temblor did no damage to her house.

"I grabbed him up in my arms and I stood in the doorway with him," said Siefken, who teaches English online for the California Virtual Academy.

Lawmakers consider doctors' role in state's drug overdoses

LAURA OLSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A physician heading the state's medical board told lawmakers on Monday that acquiring information necessary to investigate cases of potential prescription drug abuse poses a challenge to the oversight panel.

Board president Sharon Levine said a complaint is needed to begin a review and determine whether the prescribing doctor bears any responsibility.

"Complaints regarding prescription drug-related offenses can be somewhat difficult for the board to obtain," Levine told a joint legislative committee that was considering whether to reauthorize the state medical board.

"In many instances, patients who are receiving prescription drugs in a manner that is not within the standard practice are not interested in bringing a complaint to the board," Levine said.

The Medical Board of California, which licenses and oversees physicians, came under fire following a Los Angeles Times investigation published last year. The newspaper found that drugs prescribed by physicians caused or contributed to nearly half the accidental deaths involving prescription drugs in four Southern California counties.

The newspaper also reported that during the six-year period it reviewed, at least 30 Southern California patients died while their doctors were under investigation. The board sanctioned all but one of those 12 doctors. In most cases, doctors are allowed to continue writing prescriptions after they are sanctioned.

In response to the investigation, board officials had asked those whose relatives died of overdoses to contact them if they believe physician misconduct was a factor in the deaths. Officials also promised to review records of the specific overdose deaths detailed in the newspaper's investigation.

During Monday's hearing, Levine commended the newspaper for raising the profile and visibility of the issue. She also said she supported a bill from state Sen. Curren Price, D-Los Angeles, that would require county coroners to report any death that is related to prescription drug use to the medical board.

Family members whose loved ones died as a result of prescription drug overdoses also will be among those calling for change at Monday's hearing.

Those who will testify include April Rovero, whose son died in 2009 after mixing prescription drugs with alcohol. Rovero, who lives in the eastern San Francisco Bay area city of San Ramon, founded the National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse after her son's death.

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industry, restaurants and other business groups that called the rule unfair and wrong-headed.

In addition, the judge said the Bloomberg-appointed Board of Health intruded on the City Council's authority when it imposed the rule.

The city vowed to appeal the ruling, issued by New York state's trial-level court.

"We believe the judge is totally in error in how he interpreted the law and we are confident we will win on appeal," Bloomberg said. He added, "One of the cases we will make is that people are dying every day. This is not a joke. Five thousand people die of obesity every day in America."

For now, though, the ruling means the ax won't fall Tuesday on supersized sodas, sweetened teas and other high-sugar beverages in restaurants, movie theaters, corner delis and sports arenas.

"The court ruling provides a sigh of relief to New Yorkers and thousands of small businesses in New York City that would have been harmed by this arbitrary and unpopular ban," the American Beverage Association and other opponents said, adding that the organization is open to other "solutions that will have a meaningful and lasting impact."

The city expressed confidence that it would win on appeal.

"This measure is part of the city's multi-pronged effort to combat the growing obesity epidemic, which takes the lives of more than 5,000 New Yorkers every year, and we believe the Board of Health has the legal authority — and responsibility — to tackle its leading causes," said Michael A. Cardozo, the city's corporation counsel.

The first of its kind in the country, the restriction has sparked reaction from city streets to late-night talk shows, celebrated by some as a bold attempt to improve people's health and derided by others as another "nanny state" law from Bloomberg during his 11 years in office.

On his watch, the city has compelled chain restaurants to post calorie counts, barred artificial trans fats in restaurant food and prodded food manufacturers to use less salt. The city has successfully defended some of those initiatives in court.

Because of the limits of city authority and exemptions made for other reasons, the ban on supersized beverages doesn't cover alcoholic drinks or many lattes and other milk-based concoctions, and it doesn't apply at supermarkets or many convenience stores — including 7-Eleven, home of the Big Gulp.

The rule, if upheld, would create an "administrative leviathan," warned Tingling, who was elected to the state Supreme Court bench in 2001 as a Democrat.

In defending the rule, city officials point to the city's rising obesity rate — about 24 percent of adults, up from 18 percent in 2002 — and to studies tying sugary drinks to weight gain. Care for obesity-related illnesses costs government health programs about $2.8 billion a year in New York City alone, according to city Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley.

Critics said the measure is too limited to have a meaningful effect on New Yorkers' waistlines. And they said it would take a bite out of business for the establishments that had to comply, while other places would still be free to sell sugary drinks in 2-liter bottles and supersized cups.

Beverage makers had expected to spend about $600,000 changing bottles and labels, movie theater owners feared losing soda sales that account for 10 percent of their profits, and delis and restaurants would have had to change inventory, reprint menus and make other adjustments, according to court papers.

The city had said that while restaurant inspectors would start enforcing the soda size rule in March, they wouldn't seek fines — $200 for a violation — until June.

Some restaurants had already ordered and started using smaller glasses for full-sugar soda, while others began experimenting with freshly squeezed juices as alternatives to soda for children's parties. Dunkin' Donuts shops have been telling customers they will have to sweeten and flavor their own coffee. Coca-Cola has printed posters explaining the rules.

The ruling "serves as a major blow to Mayor Michael Bloomberg's incessant finger-wagging," said J. Justin Wilson at the Center for Consumer Freedom, created by restaurants and food companies. "The court confirmed what most New Yorkers already know: They don't need a government regulator to dictate their diet choices. New Yorkers should celebrate this victory by taking a big gulp of freedom."

Jose Perez, a fifth-grade special education teacher in Manhattan who was getting a hot dog and can of soda from a street vendor, called the ruling "dead-on."

"Really, I think it's just big government getting in the way of people's rights," he said. "I think it's up to the person. If they want to have a giant soda, that's their business."

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CONSENT
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WorleyParsons provided technical oversight and support to redesign the Arcadia Water Treatment Plant, a state-of-the-art facility meant to clean local groundwater of a dangerous chemical.

That original contract was worth $900,000, and city officials propose to expand that by $369,336 to include an extra year of monitoring as well as an evaluation of sites for a new treatment plant and report on the effectiveness of the system used to clean the water.

The company would also be in charge of getting permits from the Department of Public Health and reviewing reports written by companies that may bear some responsibility for contaminating the groundwater with methyl tert-butyl ether, a chemical often found in gasoline.

The contract extension comprises the majority of the $547,336 consent agenda.

WAGE MONITORING

Laws guaranteeing wage levels don't mean much unless there's someone to ensure adherence.

The City Council will consider an $88,000 contract extension with a firm to look over its shoulder and attest to wages paid on taxpayer-funded affordable housing projects to meet state and federal requirements.

The approval would mean the fifth contract change with Comprehensive Housing Services, Inc., a California-based company that has provided monitoring services for 10 affordable housing developments totaling 459 apartments in various stages of construction.

Losing track of prevailing wage requirements can cause problems, like fines and withdrawal of project funding.

Santa Monica will have spent $513,000 with the firm, if the contract extension is approved.

REPLACEMENT PARTS

City officials recommend a three-year, $180,000 contract with a Wisconsin-based company for water meters and replacement parts needed to monitor water usage throughout the city.

Badger Meter, Inc. would be the sole source of the replacement pieces for 6,300 of the 17,000 water meters in Santa Monica, which are used to keep track of water consumption and generate revenue from water and wastewater sales.

Roughly 37 percent of the meters in town are made by Badger Meter, and the Water Division has been using the company for more than three decades.

Although the full contract costs $180,000, only $60,000 can be approved on Tuesday. Future funding is contingent upon council approval.

CONSULTANTS

There really is a consultant for everything.

City Hall plans to extend a contract with IJM Enterprises to negotiate with operators for a new movie theater in Downtown.

AMC Entertainment Inc. and Metropolitan Pacific Capital recently backed out of a deal to develop a 70,000-square-foot multiplex at 1320 Fourth St., and officials would like to tap back into IJM Enterprises' experience in identifying and reaching out to companies actively expanding and building new theaters.



PITCHING IN

Photo courtesy J. Paul Getty Trust

Staff with the J. Paul Getty Trust make sandwiches for homeless people at the OPCC Access Center on Monday as part of the Getty's first Day of Service event.

Officials also expect to receive several proposals this spring from theater operators for the now-open site.

The new contract extension would cost $60,000 for a grand total of $180,000 since the company was first hired in 2004. The first $30,000 can be paid upon approval, and the remaining money will be requested as part of the 2013-15 budget.

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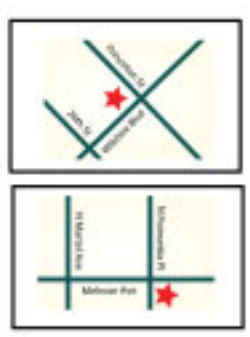

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BLOCK PARTY: **Samohi's Spencer Cramer blocks a ball against Bishop Montgomery last season.**

ROUNDUP
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Head coach Liane Sato said that it's too early to gauge where her team is thus far, but said that they are "working on it."

Warren is ranked No. 2 with Camarillo, South Pasadena and Campbell Hall rounding out the top five.

SAMOHI, ST. MONICA CONTINUE PLAYOFF RUNS

Both Samohi and St. Monica will host third round CIF State Basketball Championships games on Tuesday.

The No. 1 seeded boys from Samohi host Mission Hills at 7 p.m. in Division 1. School officials are urging fans to arrive early as a sellout is expected.

St. Monica's girls, seeded No. 2 in Division IV, will host No. 6 seed St. Bernard at 7 p.m.

CROSSROADS BASEBALL HITS THE ROAD

Crossroads baseball will travel to New Community Jewish on Tuesday. The game begins at 3 p.m.

Crossroads enters the game with a 4-2 record and is coming off a loss to Mary Star of the Sea last week.

New Community is 2-1 this season.

SAMOHI BASEBALL ENTERS POLL

A 4-1 record has helped propel Samohi baseball to the No. 8 spot in the latest CIF-SS Division 3 rankings.

Coming off a win in the Southern California Invitational tournament last week, the Vikings will host a double header with Long Beach Wilson on Tuesday. The first game begins at 1:30 p.m.

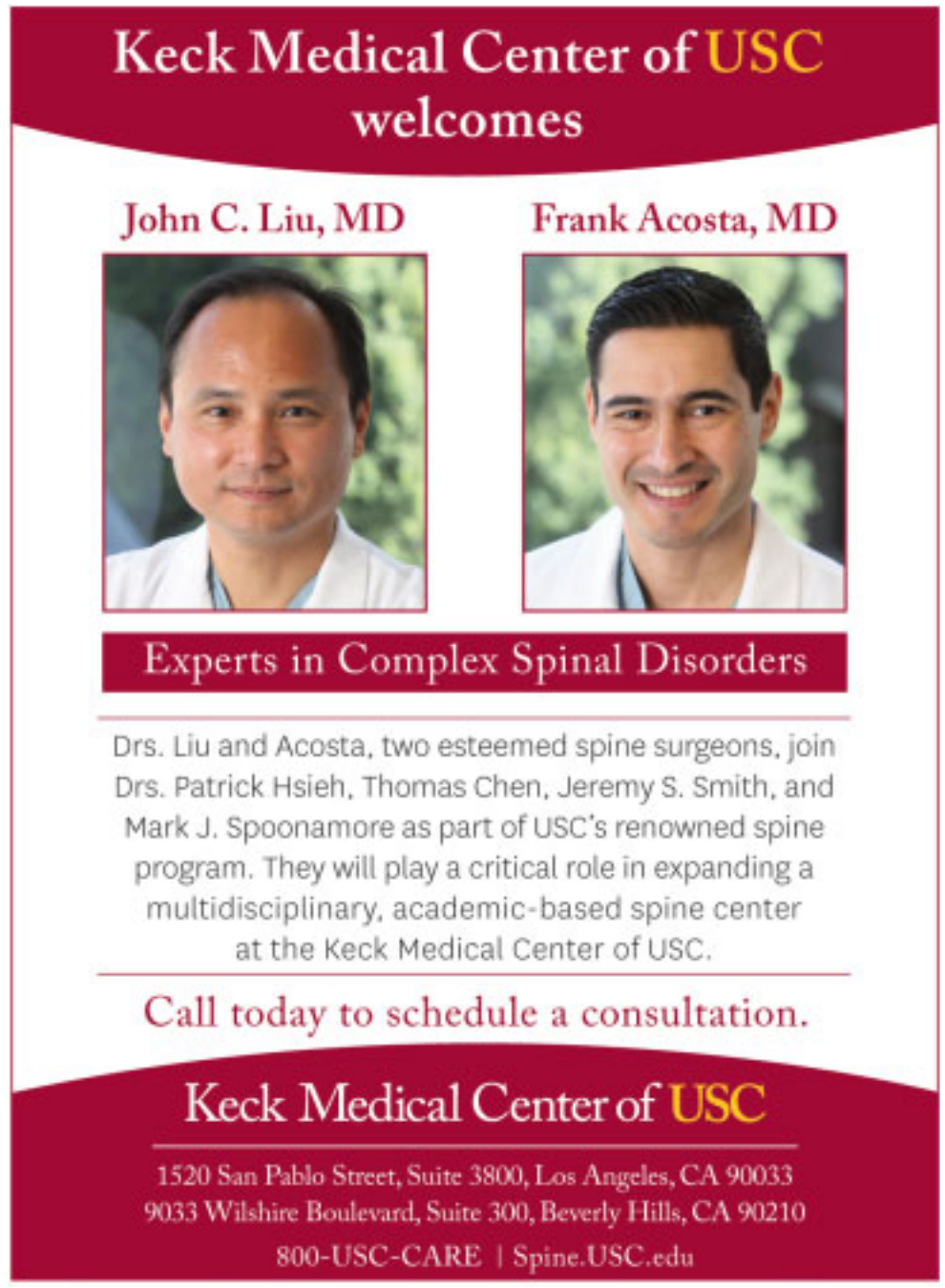
Wilson is 3-4 overall this year.

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to do so. Those with debt issues may go as far as Norwalk or Chatsworth.

While those changes will take effect March 18, some programs began the process of closing their doors Monday.

The Alternate Dispute Resolution Department, an entity that helps individuals in civil cases settle before they go to trial, stopped taking referrals as of Monday, according to court officials.

It will officially shutter offices in Santa Monica and six other courts between May 1 and May 31. At least eight other locations will lose their mediation services a month earlier.

The announcements, which came down from the courts last week, represent the first in what promises to be several rounds of releases from the Los Angeles Superior Court system to add detail to a November declaration that the courts would be cutting up to $85 million from the budget, said Mary Hearn, the public information officer for the courts.

Already, attorneys are raising hue and cry about the potential consequences of such cuts, including increased travel time for litigants, costs to businesses and extended wait times in already-packed court calendars.

Karla Barrow, the managing attorney for the Santa Monica office of the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles (LAFLA), noted that the impacts would be particularly great on those least able to recover — the poor, those with unstable housing and the disabled.

"It's a burden for people who don't have income and education restrictions. It's overwhelming for those who do," Barrow said.

The organization is most concerned about its clients with physical disabilities, who may have difficulty getting to more distant courthouses. Some tenants fighting eviction may have to travel up to 32 miles to Santa Monica or one of the other four hubs to defend their housing.

Debtors attempting to deal with collections below $25,000 will have to travel up to 67 miles to either Chatsworth or Norwalk, the only two locations that will accept such cases.

"A Santa Monica resident wishing to arrive in Chatsworth by 8:30 a.m. will have to catch a bus no later than 5:45 a.m., transfer twice, and must be able to walk a half mile in less than 25 minutes in order to arrive timely at the courthouse," reads an e-mail from LAFLA.

That's a difficult journey for the able-bodied, and raises further concerns for those who already have access issues, Barrow said.

The Santa Monica City Attorney's Office will also face some challenges as a result of the changes.

The office deals with as many as 80 personal injury cases for large sums each year, which will involve more travel to Downtown L.A., said Jeanette Schachtner, the chief deputy city attorney in Santa Monica.

That could make trials more difficult because many of the witnesses and employees involved typically live or work in Santa Monica and may find it difficult to make it to the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, Schachtner said.

It remains unclear exactly how much of the problem will be solved by the restructuring.

"I don't have a dollar figure associated with the changes announced last week," Hearn said. "We'll be moving people around, eliminating positions and people, and that will take us down to the number we need to hit."

That lack of specificity troubles David Sapp, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

He finds the process by which the court system arrived at these consolidations opaque, and can find no accounting of how the proposed changes will result in savings.

"Courts have adopted very strong language to take to task executive and legislative bodies that are not transparent in how they do business, but decisions are being made with zero information about why they are necessary," Sapp said.

There could be hidden costs to courthouse consolidation, but it's hard to say if those have been considered because the process has been difficult to decipher.

"Without any transparency, there's frankly a lot of suspicion and doubt about whether it will work out," Sapp said.

The cuts have had a brutal impact on the state's courts, California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye told the state legislature in her State of the Judiciary speech Monday afternoon.

"We can never know how many people, due to closures and delays, will not believe justice is for them," Cantil-Sakauye said.

According to a January release by the courts, the judicial branch has experienced $535 million in permanent, ongoing reductions over the last five fiscal years, and last year alone the state General Fund support for the judicial branch was reduced by $544 million.

"No amount of efficiencies that we can implement will ever make up for a $1 billion cut," Cantil-Sakauye said.

She also warned against becoming a "user-fee-supported institution" by shifting the costs onto those who file cases. Court fees for case filings have risen as much as $115 in some situations, and some tickets — like running a red light or speeding between 1 and 15 miles per hour over the posted limit — have gone up by a similar amount.

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What you 'like' on Facebook can be revealing to others

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Associated Press

LONDON Clicking those friendly blue "like" buttons strewn across the Web may be doing more than marking you as a fan of Coca-Cola or Lady Gaga.

It could out you as gay.

It might reveal how you vote.

It might even suggest that you're an unmarried introvert with a high IQ and a weakness for nicotine.

That's the conclusion of a study published Monday in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Researchers reported analyzing the likes of more than 58,000 American Facebook users to make guesses about their personalities and behavior, and even whether they drank, smoked, or did drugs.

Cambridge University researcher David Stillwell, one of the study's authors, said the results may come as a surprise.

"Your likes may be saying more about you than you realize," he said.

Facebook launched its like button in 2009, and the small thumbs-up symbol has since become ubiquitous on the social network and common across the rest of the Web as well. Facebook said last year that roughly 2.7 billion new likes pour out onto the Internet every day — endorsing everything from pop stars to soda pop. That means an ever-expanding pool of data available to marketers, managers, and just about anyone else interested in users' inner lives, especially those who aren't careful about their privacy settings.

Stillwell and his colleagues scooped up a bucketful of that data in the way that many advertisers do — through apps. Millions of Facebook users have surveyed their own personal traits using applications including a program called myPersonality. Stillwell, as owner of the app, has received revenue from it, but declined to say how much.

The study zeroed in on the 58,466 U.S. test takers who had also volunteered access to their likes.

When researchers crunched the "like" data and compared their results to answers given in the personality test, patterns emerged in nearly every direction. Since the study involved people who volunteered access to their data, it's unclear if the trends would apply to all Facebook users.

The study found that Facebook likes were linked to sexual orientation, gender, age, ethnicity, IQ, religion, politics and cigarette, drug, or alcohol use. The likes also mapped to relationship status, number of Facebook friends, as well as half a dozen different personality traits.

Some likes were more revealing than others. Researchers could guess whether users identified themselves as black or white 95 percent of the time. That success rate dropped to a still impressive 88 percent when trying to guess whether a male user was homosexual, and to 85 percent when telling Democrats from Republicans. Identifying drug users was far trickier — researchers got that right only 65 percent of the time, a result scientists generally describe as poor. Predicting whether a user was respectively a child of divorce was even dicier. With a 60 percent success rate, researchers were doing just slightly better than random guesses.

The linkages ranged from the self-evident to the surreal.

Men who liked TV song-and-dance sensation "Glee" were more likely to be gay. Men who liked professional wrestling were more likely to be straight. Drinking game aficionados were generally more outgoing than, say, fans of fantasy novelist Terry Pratchett. People who preferred pop diva Jennifer Lopez usually gathered more Facebook friends than those who favored the heavy metal sound of Iron Maiden.

Among the more poignant insights was the apparent preoccupation of children of divorce with relationship issues. For example, those who expressed support for statements such as "Never Apologize For What You Feel It's Like Saying Sorry For Being Real" or "I'm The Type Of Girl Who Can Be So Hurt But Still Look At You & Smile" were slightly more likely to have seen their parents split before their 21st birthday.

Some of the patterns were difficult to understand: The link between curly fries and high IQ scores was particularly baffling.

Jennifer Golbeck, a University of Maryland computer scientist who wasn't involved in the study but has done similar work, endorsed its methodology, calling it smart and straightforward and describing its results as "awesome."

But she warned of what the work showed about privacy on Facebook.

"You may not want people to know your sexual orientation or may not want people to know about your drug use," she said. "Even if you think you're keeping your information private, we can learn a lot about you."

Facebook said the study fell in line with years of research and was not particularly surprising.

"The prediction of personal attributes based on publicly accessible information, such as ZIP codes, choice of profession, or even preferred music, has been explored in the past," Facebook's Frederic Wolens said in a written statement.

Wolens said that Facebook users could change the privacy settings on their likes to put them beyond the reach of researchers, advertisers or nearly anyone else. But he declined to say how many users did so.

For the unknown number of users whose preferences are public, Stillwell had this advice: Look before you like.

The like button is "quite a seductive thing," he said. "It's all around the Web, it's all around Facebook. And it's so easy."

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **57.4°**

TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high
Small SSW and WNW swell mix

WEDNESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Minimal SSW leftovers; Watching for a potentialsmall W-WNW swell to fill in

THURSDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
Potential small to locally fun sized W-WNW continues; stay tuned

FRIDAY – **VERY POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** occ. 2ft
Small long period WNW swell builds through the day

TIDES

Large tide swings will continue to drastically effect the quality of the surf for the next couple of days. 5'+ mid morning high tides lead to swampy/slow surf for lots of spots, before draining out to negative lows towards early/mid afternoons. Keep it in mind when/where planning your sessions.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 6, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 8
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 4
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / 35
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Abas creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Winter Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
Solstice Canyon at Las Flores Canyon State Beach.	A+	A+
Pepperdine State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Malibu Canyon storm drain at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	F	D
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point rest).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	A
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	B
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	D	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CSAW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

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

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Heal the Bay

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MLB

Dodgers' Greinke scratched, heads to L.A. for elbow exam

ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHOENIX Zack Greinke was scratched from his spring training start for the Dodgers on Monday against Milwaukee and went to Los Angeles to have his sore right elbow examined.

Greinke, signed to a $147 million, six-year contract in December as a free agent, threw a bullpen session Friday without issue, then felt discomfort while throwing Sunday.

Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said Greinke had a MRI last week that detected no ligament damage.

"The fact that he's not here is a little bit of a concern," Mattingly said. "Listening to Zack, he can pitch with this. I know we're being really cautious. As a player, it clears the mind when you know nothing is going to get hurt by doing this. I was standing in during his bullpen, and if that's him hurting with something serious going on, it would be a shocker."

The Dodgers said Greinke was to be examined "out of an abundance of caution" and called it a "mild irritation in the back of his right elbow."

Greinke was to be looked over by Dr. Neal ElAttrache, and the next outing for the 2009 AL Cy Young Award winner will be delayed pending the results.

Left-hander Hyun-Jin Ryu replaced Greinke as Monday's starter.

The 29-year-old Greinke was 15-5 with a 3.48 ERA and 200 strikeouts in 212 1-3 innings last year for the Milwaukee Brewers and Los Angeles Angels.

He has pitched five innings in two spring training starts, missing one turn because of flu. He was sidelined for the first month of the 2011 season because of a broken rib, an injury sustained while playing pickup basketball during the offseason.

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Good Day to Die Hard (R) 1hr 37min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

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1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) 2hrs 07min
4:30pm

Zero Dark Thirty (R) 2hrs 37min
11:55am, 10:15pm

Warm Bodies (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:35am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Identity Thief (R) 1hr 51min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:40pm

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1:15pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

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1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 10:15pm

Quartet (PG-13) 1hr 37min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Emperor (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Ballet in Cinema: La Scala Ballet's "Notre Dame de Paris" (NR) 2hrs 00min
7:30pm

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

21 and Over (R) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

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11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

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11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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RETURN CALLS TONIGHT, AQUARIUS

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Mars enters your sign, which invigorates you even more. Harness this vitality. You might want to try a new exercise routine or take up a new hobby. Understand that few can handle your strength and high energy at this point. Tonight: Do not stand on ceremony.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your irritation with a particular situation might be building, and a sudden event could trigger stronger feelings. Stop investing energy in suppressing your emotional state. Clear your mind, and try a different approach. Tonight: Let mystery in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You know that you are heading in the right direction. A meeting could be unpredictable. You don't mind the additional excitement; you work well with high energy and determined associates. Tonight: The more people there are around you, the happier you will be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to work with a boss or superior, but this person could become more demanding. Just remember who is in charge, and you will be OK. Sometimes the end result, as opposed to the immediate outcome, is more important. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ An unexpected call triggers your imagination. Your mind seems resistant to any discipline or focus. You could start experiencing life from a new vantage point, where you visualize a different result. Tonight: Catch up on emails.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A close associate or a loved one might change his or her tune when you least expect it. This person will push and push in order to get what he or she desires. Tonight: Dinner with a good friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Someone is hot on your heels and wants to at least have a conversation with you, if not an agreement. If you try to change this person's mind or do something differently, you will still get a hard bottom line. Tonight: Go with the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Manage your exuberance. You might not even realize what a strong reaction others are having to it. Stay direct when dealing with someone, even if he or she generally is unsupportive. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You can't hold yourself back from using your imagination, nor would you want to. You are a solution finder. You exude a quality of excitement wherever you go, and others respond in kind. The unexpected gives you quite a surprise. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Get past a hassle involving a domestic matter. You might have errands to run and calls to make, but completing them could be close to impossible. Tap into your creativity. Tonight: Go with the flow.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Speak your mind, but take a moment before you express your thoughts. Choosing the right words could make all the difference in the receiver's response. Be aware that you could be too much in your mind, which makes you accident-prone. Tonight: Return calls.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Know what is going on with your finances. A costly mistake could impact your cash flow, and that could cause a lot of disruption. Stay on top of your funds, and be sure to stick to your budget. Weigh the pros and cons before purchasing a major item. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

This year you could make money just to turn around and spend it right away. You call the shots in your life, so only you can change this pattern. The unexpected plays a role in your decisions and actions more than in past years. You will have many choices -- be open to them. If you are single, avoid making any impulsive commitments. If you are attached, the two of you might be eyeing a property investment. Home really is where your heart is. Count on ARIES being blunt.

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

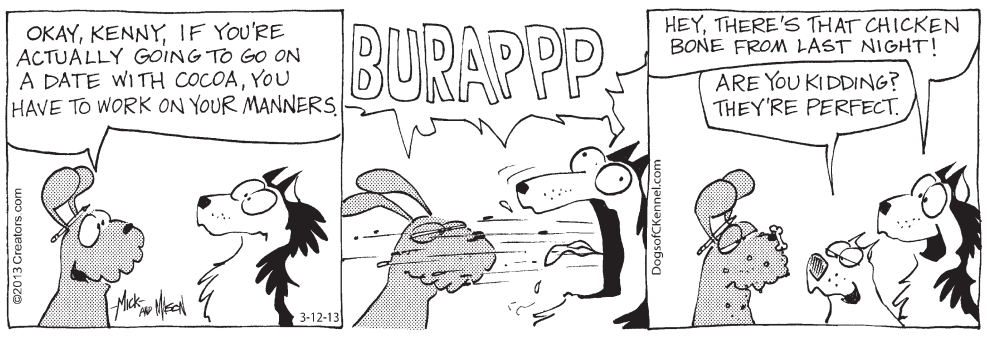
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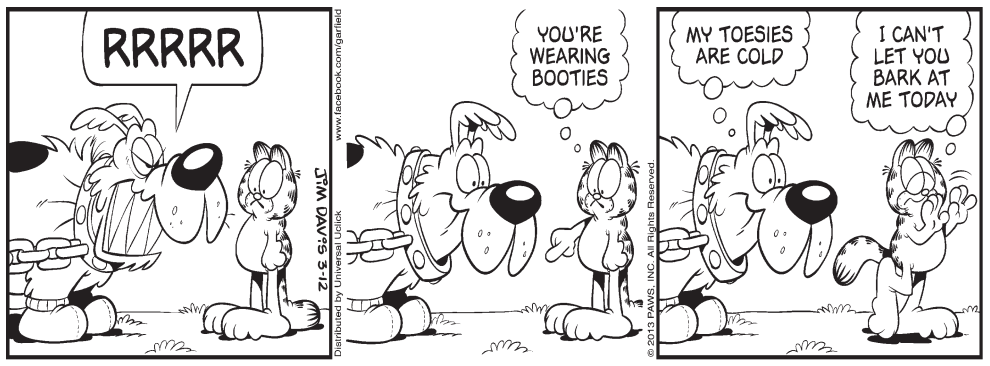
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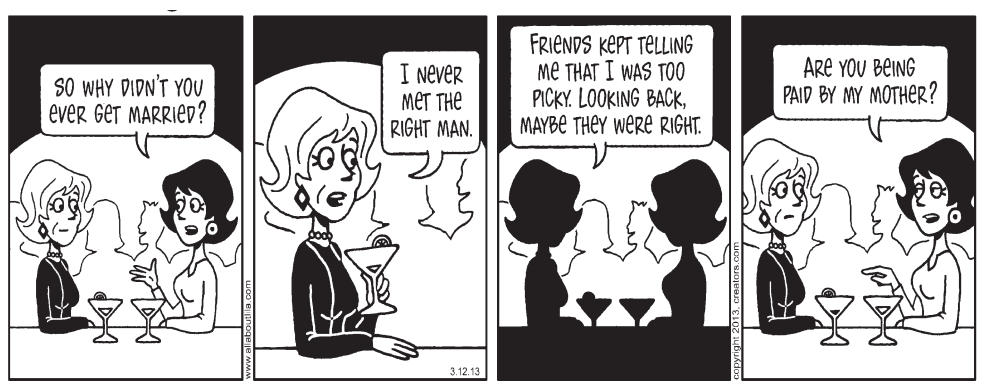
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Field yield
5 Wave peak
10 Green fruits
12 Circle spokes
13 Past one's prime
15 Tooth-paste type
16 Regret
17 Tycoon Turner
18 Tyler of Aerosmith
20 Volcano shape
21 Spirited horse
22 Liberal study
23 Purse part
25 Publisher Henry
28 Wear away
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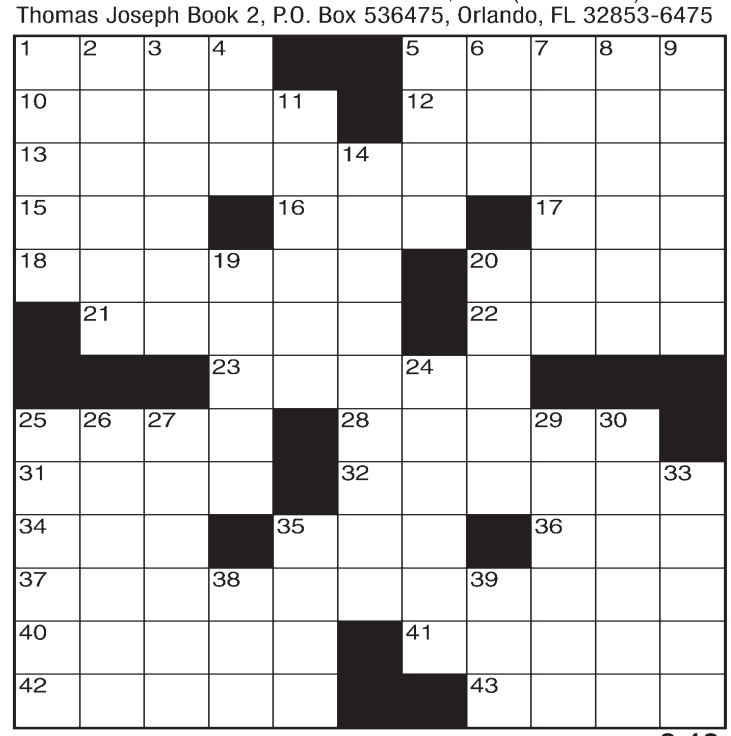
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4 For each
5 Ontario tribe
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9 Spanish squiggles
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14 Cente-narian's birthday
19 Suit pieces
20 Poultry buy
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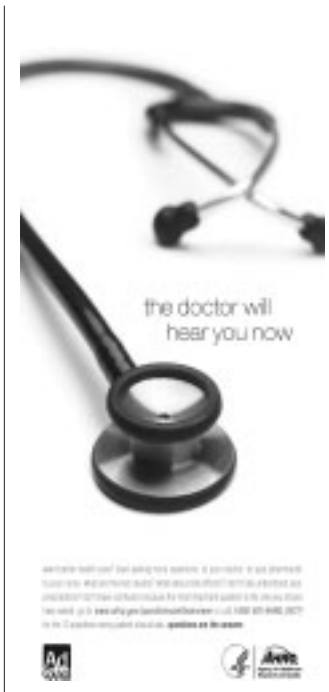
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Yesterday's answer

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Advances in the Service Sector: (1) In January, the Japanese marketing firm Wit Inc. began hiring "popular" young women (judged by the extent of their "social network" contacts), at the equivalent of $121 a day, to walk around with advertising stickers on their thighs. (The stickers would be placed on the erotic "zettai ryouiki" -- the Japanese mystical area between the hem of a short skirt and the top of long socks.) The women must be prepared to endure men hovering closely to read the ads. (2) According to news reports in November, New York City physician Jack Berdy was doing a brisk business administering Botox injections (at up to $800) to poker players who were hoping to prevent facial expressions that might tip their hands.

■ Scientists from Sweden's Lund University, reporting in a recent issue of Current Biology, explored the burning question of why dung beetles appear to be "dancing" on the tops of the dung balls they roll away. The answer is that the beetles need to roll their treasures away from the heap as quickly as possible (lest competitors swipe them) and that they can best maintain a straight line away by celestial navigation. To test the hypothesis, researchers actually outfitted some beetles with tiny visors to block their view of the sky, and those beetles mostly rolled their balls in irregular routes, whereas the sky-searching beetles moved in straight lines.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1994 - The Church of England ordains its first female priests.

1999 - Former Warsaw Pact members the Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland join NATO.

2003 - Zoran ?in?iç, Prime Minister of Serbia, is assassinated in Belgrade.

WORD UP!

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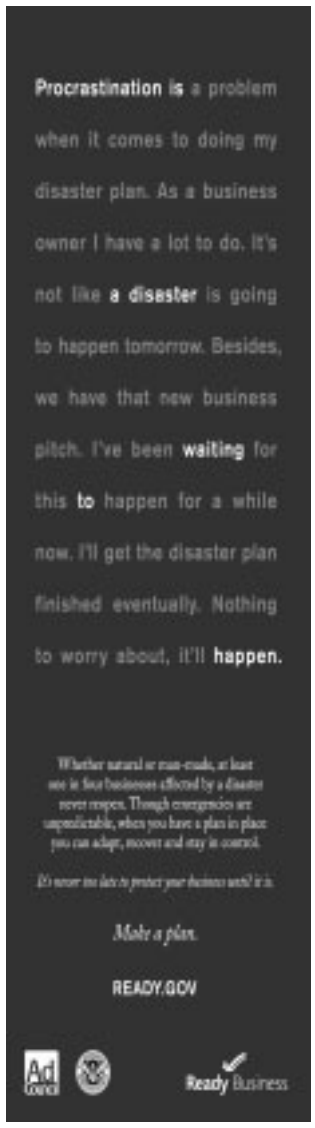
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