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THE BIG RACE ISSUE

Navigating the L.A. Marathon

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE On Sunday, March 20, 25,000 people will take to the streets of Los Angeles to put themselves through the grueling 26.2-mile L.A. Marathon. Many more will be on the sidelines, cheering on the runners to the end.

Here in Santa Monica, over 50,000 people are expected to celebrate the big day, and while that translates to excitement and festivities, it also could turn into a nightmare for the unprepared.

Here are some helpful tips to plan out your day:

ROAD CLOSURES

Arriving at the marathon route could cause headaches for the unwary, as many streets will have restricted access, or be shut down entirely.

The last four miles of the race in Santa Monica run west along San Vicente Boulevard, then south on Ocean Avenue to finish at California and Ocean avenues.

City officials will shut down streets at 12 a.m. on March 20, anticipating that the first competitors will cross the finish line at 8 a.m.

The westbound lane of San Vicente Boulevard will be open, although left turns will be prohibited, and the eastbound lanes will be closed.

Ocean Avenue will be closed between San Vicente Boulevard and Colorado Avenue.

Main Street will be closed to motorists

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L.A. Marathon info

www.lamarathon.com
– The official site of the marathon

www.commuterama.com
– A site to provide real-time road closure information for the L.A. Marathon on race day

www.smgov.net/lamarathon
– The Santa Monica site for marathon information

www.smgov.net/parkingspacenow
– An online parking guide for race day



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HERE IT COMES: **Signs around town have been posting L.A. Marathon information all week.**

Mental health costs to hit district hard

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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SMMUSD HDQTRS Health care and its budgetary impacts dominated discussion at the Board of Education meeting Thursday night, with board members grappling with the cost of providing both mental health services and keeping a highly qualified, but expensive, nursing staff.

The board approved a draft memorandum of understanding between the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District and the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to provide mental health services to certain students that also have individual education programs.

Those services, previously paid for by the state, will cost the district approximately $250,000 a month from Feb. 1 through June 30, which includes the base cost as well as a 20 percent administrative fee for the county department.

A 1984 law called Assembly Bill 3632 mandated that county departments of mental health work with school districts to provide mental health services to students with IEPs that also needed additional support.

In October, outgoing governor Arnold Schwarzenegger cut all state funding for the program, while maintaining the requirement on districts to maintain the same level of care.

Districts made it through until the end of January using $76 million in federal funding, but since that expired, they've been on the hook for the full cost of programming.

"The crisis began with the blue lining of the budget allocation," said Dr. Jeanne Davis, interim director of the Tri City SELPA, or Special Education Local Plan Area. "School districts, by law, are the payor of last resort. We're campaigning to point out the plight of the district, and request assistance."

Santa Monica, Culver City and Beverly Hills belong to the Tri City SELPA.

SMMUSD has 15 students placed by the DMH at residential treatment centers, and 59 students receiving outpatient IEP-based mental health services.

The actual cost paid out will depend on

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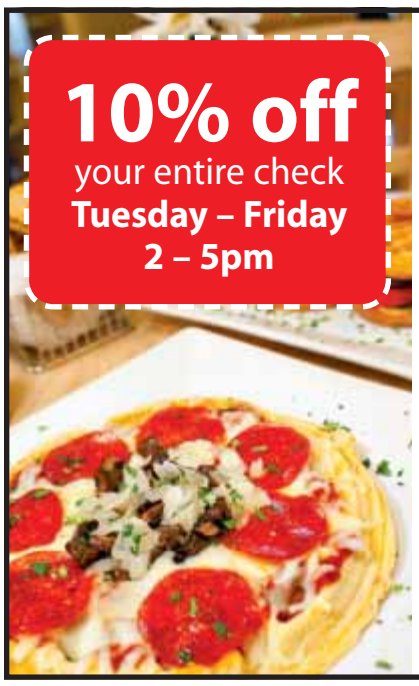
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11 a.m. — 6 p.m.
Celebrating local businesses, Buy Local Day will be highlighted by events across the city. There will be the primary event on the Third Street Promenade featuring music, demos and raffle prizes. Montana Avenue, Pico Boulevard and Main Street will also be host to activities including live music, a trunk sale and crafts for kids. Even the annual Airport Artwalk is part of the action. For more information, visit buylocalsantamonica.com.

Airport Artwalk
Santa Monica Airport
2800-3050 Airport Ave., 12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
More than 60 local artists and performers will have their private studios and works on view. Throughout the day there will be ceramic demonstrations, theater performances, art workshops for kids and live music by the accordian-driven ensemble, The Mad Alsacians. There will also be food trucks on hand. For more information, call (310) 434-2630.

Dancing the night away
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Long before he won Tony Awards for Best Choreography ("Fela!" and "Spring Awakening"), Bill T. Jones founded a multi-cultural contemporary dance company with artistic collaborator Arnie Zane. During this historic evening, you'll see rarely performed classic works from the repertoire of this internationally esteemed company. For more information, call (310) 434-3200.

Talking media
SGI-USA Culture of Peace Resource Center
606 Wilshire Blvd., 4 p.m.
Soka Gakkai International-USA's Culture of Peace Resource Center in Santa Monica will host a lecture by Val Zavala, anchor and reporter for KCET's news series, SoCal Connected. Zavala will discuss the current state of television news media and the impact it is having on the health of American democracy and informed citizen engagement.

Sunday, March 20, 2011

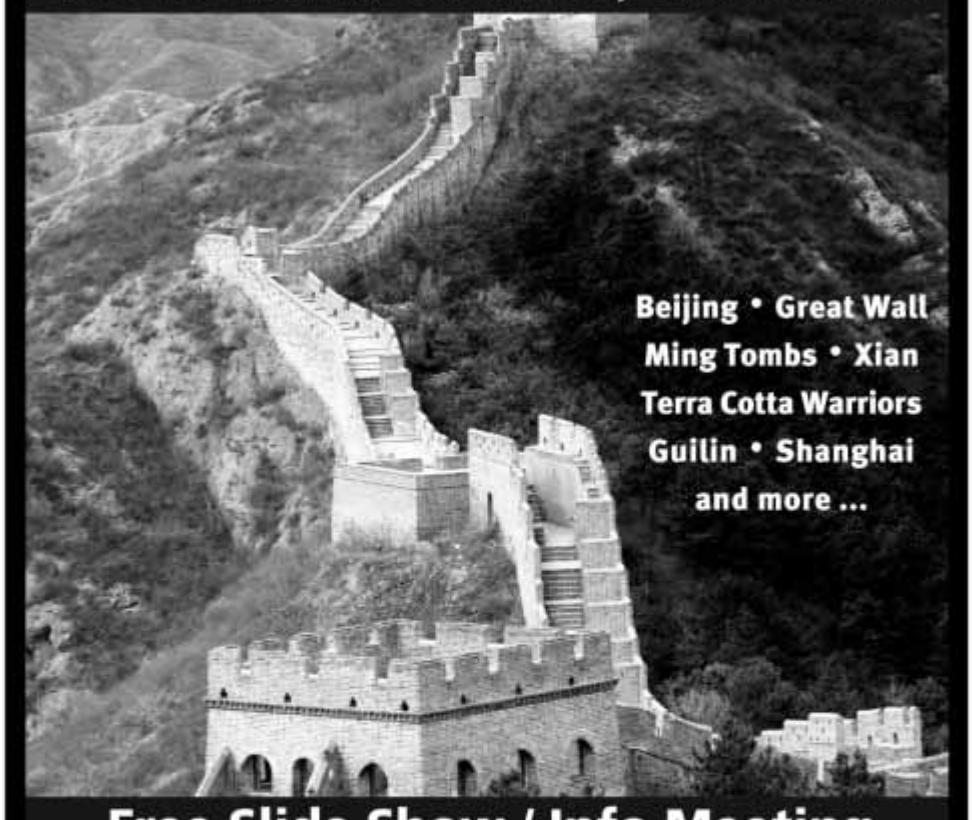
Stadium to the Sea
Citywide
7 a.m. — 3 p.m.
The Honda LA Marathon presented by K-Swiss returns to Santa Monica. The Stadium to the Sea route makes its way from Dodger Stadium to Ocean and California avenues. Thousands are expected to line San Vicente Boulevard and Ocean Avenue to cheer on participants. There will also be a Finish Line Party near the corner of Ocean and Colorado avenues. For more information, visit lamarathon.com.

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CORRECTION

The article "Ed board members reach out to Malibu," that appeared in the March 18 issue of the Daily Press, should have stated that Malibu High School lost an advanced placement chemistry class. It also should have included that personnel costs consume between 85-90 percent of the school district's budget. Also, although eight nurses received layoff notices, that equates to 6.6 positions, which is an increase from the 5.6 originally approved by the board.



JUST MADE IT

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

St. Monica's Michael Doherty slides safely into home plate against La Salle High School on Friday at Marine Park. St. Monica lost, 6-2.

Japanese-Americans pitch in for quake relief

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LOS ANGELES Japanese-Americans, expats and others in the United States opened their hearts and their wallets this week to the victims of Japan's earthquake and tsunami, finding touching and sometimes imaginative ways to donate or raise money for the Asian country's injured and displaced.

Some were motivated by a surge of sympathy, others by friendship or family ties, while many gave out of a need to do something to counter feelings of helplessness.

Sayaka Fukushima said the victims in her native country seemed distressingly far away when she saw coverage of the disasters on TV last week and she was sad not to be able to help them directly.

"I want to do something, but what can I do?" said Fukushima, 26, after making a donation this week at a memorial vigil in Japan's Little Tokyo district.

In San Francisco, meanwhile, Eric Fuji was donating profits from his sushi restaurant to Japan as he awaited word on a missing friend in Sendai.

"We should all be coming together and helping as much as we can," he said.

And in Hawaii, which has the nation's largest Japanese-American population after California, University of Hawaii at Manoa students planned to hold a "candlelight" vigil Friday — using cell phones instead of candles to provide light — to support the people of Japan, where 6,900 people are confirmed dead so far.

Large-scale fundraising events, along with countless donations by individuals, have been showing some results, with relief organizations having collected more than $87 million as of Thursday, according to a tally by The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

Doug Erber, president of the Japan America Society of Southern California, said collections are easily outpacing those for the 1995 earthquake in Kobe, Japan, which killed more than 6,400.

He attributed the current fundraising success to recent technical innovations, such as those that allow donors to contribute using their cell phones, in addition to the images of widespread destruction seen on TV this time.

"We have footage that Hollywood can only dream of, of devastation that is heartbreaking," he said. "I would compare it to what Americans went through when they watched 9/11."

Not all quake-related activity is aimed only at raising money.

In the Chicago suburb of Arlington Heights, home to a large Japanese-American community, staff at a Japanese supermarket in the Mitsuwa chain were providing customers with white paper squares to be folded into origami cranes, following a Japanese folk belief that you can make a wish come true by folding a thousand of the paper birds.

Historic super full moon to shine on Saturday

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES There's a full moon Saturday but it won't be just any old full moon. It'll be bigger and brighter.

It will appear larger as it makes its closest approach to Earth in nearly 20 years.

Scientists estimate the "supermoon" rising in the east at sunset will appear 14 percent bigger and 30 percent brighter at its peak.

It will be more than 221,000 miles away — the closest to Earth since March 1993.

UCLA will not punish student for anti-Asian video post

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The University of California, Los Angeles, says it will not discipline a student who posted a web video tirade against Asian colleagues because her conduct was an exercise of free speech, not hate speech.

UCLA's vice chancellor for student affairs, Janina Montero, said in a statement Friday that Alexandra Wallace's three-minute video did not violate the student code of conduct.

Montero says the video was misguided and disrespectful, but it did not seek to harm or threaten a specific person or group.

Wallace apologized for the video earlier this week in the campus newspaper.

In the video, Wallace complained about Asian students talking on their phones too loudly in the library. Although she took down the rant shortly after posting it Sunday, it had already gone viral on the Internet.

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No thanks, Santa Monica

Editor:

Less than two weeks to get your shopping done in Santa Monica before the sales tax goes up thanks to the mindless voters of measure Y. As this city passes silly laws and measures to remove more money from us, I take my business elsewhere. My business purchases about 300K worth of supplies and equipment annually from local companies, companies that have been in Santa Monica for decades, that I will not be patronizing after the increase takes effect.

When the plastic bag ban goes into effect, I'll be doing my grocery shopping in West LA. Not sure if that's what the desired outcome of the regulating and taxing us to death is, but that's what's going to happen. So what advantage do Santa Monica residents get for paying such high taxes? We get mediocre schools (guess what, more money isn't going to fix them), terrible roads, God-awful traffic (because the city doesn't know how to set the traffic lights), people sleeping in their vans and/or using the street for car storage along Fourth street between San Vicente and Montana, the list goes on and on. It used to be a nice enough place to live; now it's just another crappy suburb of the third-world country we call Los Angeles.

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Preparing for disasters makes all the difference

Q: THE EARTHQUAKES THAT HAVE occurred in Japan have me concerned for the safety and preparedness of my family. What are some ways I can prepare for emergencies and disasters?

A: What has happened in Japan has been heart wrenching. It is a reminder of how powerful mother nature is. What you do before, during and immediately after an earthquake may make a life-and-death difference to you and your family. The following suggestions can help you cope the next time the earth shakes:

BEFORE AN EARTHQUAKE

Emergencies can strike quickly and without warning. When emergencies occur, you can take important steps that will save lives and protect your family. The American Red Cross of Santa Monica and the city of Santa Monica launched the "I've Got 7" program to help you prepare for the unthinkable. Here are seven things you need to have on hand to help keep you, your family and your community prepared:

1.) Food and water. Pack non-perishable high-energy foods and foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking and little or no water. To avoid damage and to assure access, store food in a box on the floor of a closet or garage. Don't store supplies on high shelves. Have at least one gallon of water per person per day. Store enough water to last each person at least three days. You can store tap water that has been sealed airtight or store-bought bottled water. Store tap water in a sturdy, rinsed-out bottle. Date your stored water containers and replace the water every six months. And, don't forget food and water for your pet.

2.) Preparedness supplies. This includes a battery-operated radio, a flashlight with extra batteries and a first aid kit. Pack a first-aid handbook, and make sure your first-aid kit is stocked, especially with bandages and disinfectants. Inspect it from time to time and replace any expired or used items.

3.) Training. Get trained. Enroll in a class to learn first-aid, CPR or learn to become a disaster volunteer. Participate in the Disaster Training Program offered by the Santa Monica Fire Department.

4.) Money. Have cash (ATMs and credit cards won't work if power is out).

5.) Clothing and bedding. Provide a change of clothing for everyone, including sturdy shoes and gloves. Have a sleeping bag, blankets, pad or air mattress to sleep on.

6.) Special needs. Medications; eyeglasses, or contact lenses and solution; identification cards; birth certificate; passports; etc.; sanitary supplies; baby needs; pet supplies (pet carrier, plastic bags, vaccination information).

7.) Contact information. A current list of family phone numbers and e-mail addresses, including someone out of the area who may be easier to reach if local phone lines are out of service.

OTHER SUPPLIES

• Tools to turn off the main gas and water lines coming into your home or facility. Painting wrenches a bright color will make them easier to find in an emergency. (Some people chain a wrench to the meter so it will be available when needed, making sure to leave enough slack in the chain so the wrench can be used.)

Make sure the other adults in your family or program know where your supplies are kept and how to use them. Consider keeping essential supplies in a case or backpack that you can carry with you if you have to evacuate.

OTHER PRECAUTIONS

• Earthquake-proof your home or child care facility by removing heavy objects from bookcases, high kitchen cabinets, and shelves in closets. Anchor bookcases and your water heater to the wall. You can buy industrial-strength Velcro to hold down televisions and other heavy items and security latches for cupboard doors.

• Teach everyone how to "duck, cover & hold." Duck under a sturdy table or desk. Stay under cover until the shaking stops. (If no furniture is available, seek cover against an interior wall and protect your head and neck with your arms.) Hold onto a desk or table. If it moves, move with it. Stay in this position until the shaking stops. Teach children where it is safe to "duck, cover & hold" in outside play areas — well away from trees, utility lines, and buildings, especially windows and chimneys. Caution children about the possibility of aftershocks.

• Identify the location of the nearest hospitals, fire stations and police stations.

AT HOME

Discuss earthquake safety with your family. Plan an earthquake drill, including "duck, cover & hold" routines and practice it from time to time. Plan how to reunite your family after an earthquake. Select one person who lives outside the area as your family's "point-of-contact" — the person everyone would call to get or give information after the quake. Share this information with your child's school or child care program.

DURING THE SHAKING

Don't Panic. The motion is frightening but, unless it shakes something down on top of you, it is harmless. Keep calm and ride it out in one place.

If you are inside: move under a desk, table, bench, or move up against inside walls, away from overhead light fixtures. Stay away from glass, the fireplace, and chimney or outside walls. If you are outside: move away from buildings, utility wires, chimneys and trees. Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops.

Don't run out of or into buildings. The greatest danger from falling debris is just outside doorways and close to outer walls and chimneys.

Don't use candles, matches or other open flames during, or after, the tremor.

If you're in a moving car, stop in a clear area away from trees, overpasses, etc., as quickly as safety permits, but stay in the car. A car will jiggle on its springs during the earthquake, but it is a good place to stay until the shaking stops.

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The Q Line

Building bridges in Malibu

This past week, Q-line asked:

For years, some parents in Malibu have said they feel like second-class citizens and have complained about a lack of inclusion in the school district. Some have tried to break away from Santa Monica, and recently parents tried to make Point Dume Elementary a charter school. School board members and district officials are trying to heal old wounds and build bridges by meeting with parents, some of whom want to change the charter so there is always a school board member elected from Malibu. Do you think Malibu parents have a legitimate beef? Should at least one school board seat be reserved for a Malibu resident? Is the school board sincere this time around?

Here are your responses:

"IF THEY WERE SUBJECT TO THE SAME taxes as Santa Monica residents then perhaps they should have a seat. If we go down that route, then to be fair we should have various sub-districts within the school district each receiving their own seat. However this option seems a little cumbersome."

"MALIBU RESIDENTS SHOULD TAKE charge of their own schools. Why should Santa Monicans continue to pay for the "public" schools of a billionaires' enclave 26 miles away? This arrangement is in fact illegal under current California law and should be terminated."

"I THINK THE SCHOOL DISTRICT WORKS very hard to include Malibu in everything. Santa Monica does contribute the majority of funding, much more than Malibu. I think we should do everything to include them."

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AFTER THE SHAKING

If you smell gas, immediately open windows, shut off the main valve and avoid using electricity. Leave the building and report leakage to the fire department via 9-1-1. Don't go back inside until a utility official says it's safe. Once the gas is turned off, leave it off until the gas company can turn it on again.

If water pipes are damaged, shut off supply at main valve.

Don't go sight-seeing and stay out of severely damaged buildings; aftershocks can shake them down.

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Higher milk prices don't help dairy farmers much

ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIVERDALE While milk prices continue to rise and exports to Asian markets have expanded, many dairy farmers are still struggling with the aftermath of several disastrous years and hoping the federal government will do something to help stabilize the industry.

After milk prices plunged and farms began going under, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said a year and a half ago that the industry needed restructuring and his department would look at its programs to see what changes could be made to help create more stability.

A committee the U.S. Department of Agriculture formed in 2009 in response to the crisis issued its recommendations this month, but no legislation has been written yet. Agriculture officials say it's forthcoming.

That's not a lot of comfort for farmers like Jamie Bledsoe of Riverdale, who saw his income drop by $2 million in 2009 and had to sell off about 300 cows to pay his bills. Many dairy farmers used up savings and sold property they had accumulated over 15 or 20 years, he said.

Now, they're being squeezed by high corn prices and an inability to get loans to buy feed for their cows. The situation is particularly bad in California, where most dairy farmers don't grow their own hay and corn.

Nearly 250 dairies in California have gone under in the past three years, and more are expected to close this year, said Michael Marsh, chief executive of Western United Dairymen. California is the nation's No. 1 milk producer, followed by Wisconsin and Idaho.

The crisis started when milk prices that had been driven up by demand in developing nations plummeted from a high of $18 per hundred pounds in 2008 to about $12 amid the recession in 2009. Farmers began slaughtering their cows to try to cut production. At one point, an average of 50,000 cows a week were being killed in an effort to reduce the milk glut.

This year, milk is expected to average about $17 per hundred pounds. But farmers aren't doing much better than before because federal subsidies for ethanol have created a big demand for corn among biofuel producers and prices have skyrocketed, said Ray Souza, a California farmer who serves on the USDA's Dairy Industry Advisory Committee. About a third of the U.S. corn crop now feeds car engines, not cows, and Souza said feed accounts for about half of dairy farmers' expenses.

Tom Barcellos, who runs an 800-cow dairy in Tipton, said farmers used to be able to borrow against their herds to get money to buy feed, but the value of cows has slipped, making it hard to get credit. Many dairy farmers now have barely a truckload of feed left, he said.

"It's hand to mouth," he said. "They have no feed, they have used up equity, and they have to buy a load of feed at a time to try to hang on."

Dairy farmers are usually optimistic about bouncing back, he said. "But we never expected it would take this long to recover."

The dairy industry has been working on a plan to reform the nation's dairy policy, and many of its proposals were mirrored in the federal panel's recommendations.

Most significantly, the Dairy Industry Advisory Committee recommended replacing or improving the federal government's two traditional safety nets: the price support and Milk Income Loss Contract programs.

The price support program buys surplus dairy products to try to prevent a glut, but industry experts say its prices are too low to help farmers. The MILC program pays farmers directly but it doesn't cover all their losses, and it pays only on up to 3 million pounds of milk per year. That means it's of little help to large dairies such as those in California.

Instead, the committee has recommended helping farmers with feed costs by doing away with ethanol subsidies and creating an insurance program that would pay farmers when the difference between milk and feed prices becomes too small.

It also recommended creation of a growth-management program that would provide financial penalties for farmers who don't reduce production when demand drops; increasing incentive payments for good environmental practices; adopting measures to ensure dairies have access to a stable, legal immigrant labor force; and enhancing the nutritional value of the nation's milk to boost demand.

Differences in how policies affect the large dairies in the West and smaller ones in Wisconsin and New England have made it hard for farmers to agree on reforms.

Environmental activists to appeal toxic dump expansion ruling

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KETTLEMAN CITY Environmental activists say they will appeal a judge's ruling that allows the expansion of the largest toxic waste dump in the West to move forward.

Several environmental organizations and a group of Kettleman City residents had sued the Kings County Board of Supervisors, saying it violated state environmental laws when it approved the application for expansion by Waste Management Inc.

In January, Judge Stephen Barnes ruled in favor of the county.

The landfill has been the focus of criticism by residents, who say it causes birth defects, though a state investigation last year found no common health or environmental factors linking the birth defect cases.

The Fresno Bee reports that plaintiffs filed their notice of appeal Wednesday.

Assistant County Administrative Officer Deb West declined comment because officials have not yet seen the appeal.

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Japan quake victims remembered at vigil

Hundreds gathered for a somber vigil Thursday in the city's Little Tokyo district to pay their respects to the victims of last week's devastating earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

The event featured city officials and community leaders who swore to stand by Japan — which has longstanding cultural and business ties to Los Angeles — in its time of need.

"Today we say to Japan: 'Brothers and sisters, you are not alone,'" Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaragosa told the crowd that sprawled over an outdoor plaza. "We are ready and willing to help them emerge from this tragedy."

Japanese Consul General Junichi Ihara said in his remarks that he was grateful for the outpouring of sympathy that has come from abroad.

"It is times like these that we really feel that we are not alone," he said. "I am convinced that with the unity of the Japanese people, with strong support from all over the world, we can overcome this difficulty."

The official death toll from the disasters stood at 5,692 as of Friday morning in Japan, with 9,522 people missing, Japan's national police agency said.

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RIVERSIDE

SoCal bikers sue law enforcement for defamation

The Vagos Motorcycle Club has filed a defamation lawsuit claiming Riverside County law enforcement officials damaged their reputation by falsely linking them to Hemet police officer attacks.

Attorney Joseph Yanny filed the Superior Court lawsuit on Thursday says then-District Attorney Rod Pacheco blamed biker club members for the attacks to help bolster a June failed re-election bid.

Pacheco, Hemet police Chief Richard Dana and other law enforcement officials described the Vagos club as cockroaches and terrorists.

The Los Angeles Times says the two men eventually arrested for the police attacks weren't club members.

The attacks included diversion of a natural gas line into gang task force offices, torching of four code-enforcement trucks and a booby trap that fired a bullet at an officer opening a security gate.

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Suit over SoCal hospital patient dumping settled

The former owner of an Inglewood hospital will pay $125,000 to settle a lawsuit that claimed it dumped a homeless woman at a shelter.

The Los Angeles Times reports Friday that Centinela Freeman Regional Medical Center didn't acknowledge any wrongdoing, but agreed to pay $125,000 in fines and charity contributions.

The suit by the Los Angeles city attorney claimed the hospital discharged a woman with chronic lung problems in 2007. She was allegedly taken to a temporary winter shelter where she was found clutching an oxygen cylinder.

Centinela Freeman Holdings also agreed to an injunction that prohibits it from discharging homeless patients to the streets or shelters.

In recent years, three other hospitals in the region have paid more than $3 million to settle patient dumping claims.

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COSTA MESA

City worker facing layoff jumps to his death

Crisis counselors have been brought in to help stunned co-workers of a Costa Mesa maintenance worker who jumped to his death from the roof of City Hall an hour after he was called in to get his layoff notice.

Huy Pham, 29, jumped off the building at 3:20 p.m. Thursday and was pronounced dead at the scene, Costa Mesa police Lt. Bryan Glass said.

Pham was on a list of more than 200 people — nearly half of the city's workforce — targeted for layoffs in a drastic move to plug a $15 million budget hole. Those who received notices would see their jobs outsourced in six months.

Pham had worked for the city for 4? years, according to the Orange County Register. He had been at home with a broken ankle and was not supposed to work Thursday but was called in at about 2:30 p.m. to receive his layoff notice, the newspaper said.

"This is a tragic event for the city and all of its employees," Glass told the Register. "The city is concerned for their well-being and making efforts to help them through this."

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Video shows nude man masturbating in preschool

A surveillance video released by Los Angeles police shows a nude man masturbating in an empty preschool lobby.

The video was released Thursday in hopes residents will contact investigators if they recognize the man who broke into the Centro de Alegria Pre-School in Boyle Heights on March 6, a Sunday. No children were present.

The video shows the man searching the school for valuables and scooping up money and keys.

Police investigator Richard French says the man stripped off his clothes before leaving and paraded around the preschool lobby while masturbating.

French tells City News Service there was a similar incident at the preschool on Nov. 14.

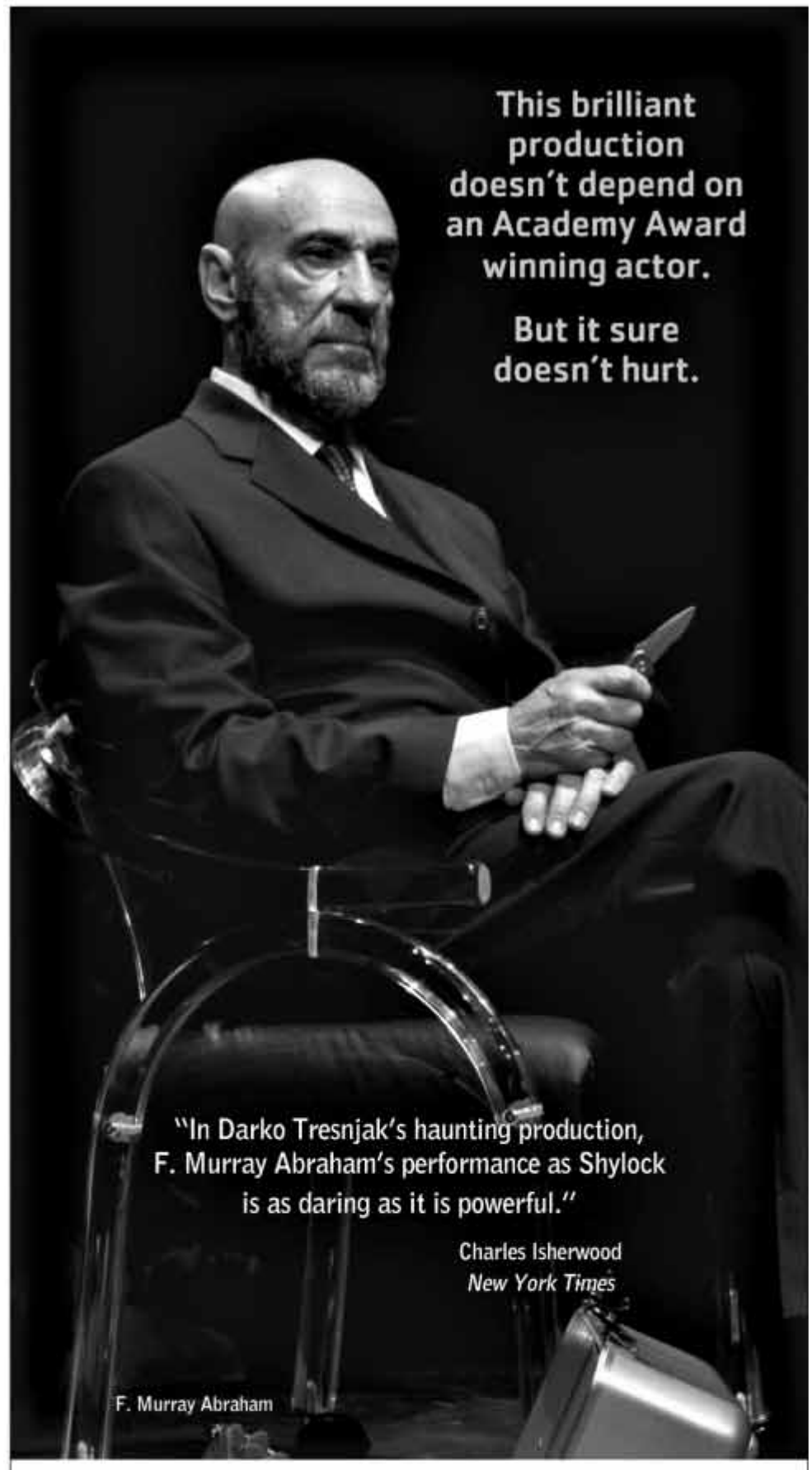
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Bullet train agency hears from 1,100 companies

The California High-Speed Rail Authority says it's heard from more than 1,100 large and small businesses interested in financing, designing, constructing and operating the planned bullet train system.

The submissions were in response to a request by the agency that the private section put in writing their desire to develop the state's high-speed rail project, which would stretch from the Los Angeles basin to the Bay area. Companies had until Wednesday to respond.



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State claims drug maker bribed doctors

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LOS ANGELES California has joined a whistleblower lawsuit that claims Bristol-Myers Squibb bribed doctors to prescribe its drugs, costing insurers perhaps millions of dollars in the largest alleged health care fraud case ever handled by the state, Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones announced Friday.

The state intervened in a 2007 lawsuit filed by one current and two former employees of the pharmaceutical giant. If they win, the whistleblowers and the state would share damages.

The amended complaint was filed by insurance department lawyers two weeks ago in Los Angeles Superior Court.

A company spokeswoman did not immediately provide a comment.

It's not the first time that Bristol Myers Squibb has been accused of kickbacks by its own workers. In 2007, the company agreed to pay $515 million to settle federal lawsuits brought by whistleblowers in Massachusetts and Florida.

The latest complaint alleges that Bristol-Myers Squibb salespeople plied physicians with speaking fees, expensive meals, gifts and trips to induce or reward them for prescribing large amounts of its drugs, which were billed to private insurers.

For example, the company invited doctors to attend Los Angeles Lakers games at Staples Center and spent thousands of dollars on luxury suites, the suit claimed.

"Golf outings, basketball camps, samba lessons, you name it," Jones said at a news conference.

According to the lawsuit, the aim was to boost prescription levels — both for legally approved and so-called "off-label" uses — of drugs ranging from the antipsychotic Abilify to the blood thinner Plavix.

The company also set up a speakers' bureau that doled out thinly-veiled kickbacks in the form of cash payments to influential or high-prescribing doctors for speaking about its products, the suit contended.

One doctor received a $2,500 honorarium even though he never actually spoke, Jones said.

The company tracked the prescription figures and low-prescribing doctors were threatened with the loss of perks, the suit contended.

According to the suit, a sales plan entitled "Rounding Up the Docs!" instructed salespeople at dinner events to get physicians to commit to prescribing for specific types of patients, to monitor the number of new prescriptions by doctors and to "hold customers accountable."

The company also gave more than $200,000 in educational grants to doctors to promote prescribing of its products, the suit claimed.

The company is believed to have made at least 15,000 kickbacks from 1999-2005 but investigators suspect that the practice is continuing, Jones said.

"We have some information that as late as January 2011 there was some continued behavior in this regard," he said.


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Netflix inks rights to its first TV series

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LOS GATOS Netflix Inc.'s Internet video streaming service will be the only place to watch an upcoming TV series with a high-powered pedigree that includes Academy Award-winning actor Kevin Spacey and the director of an Oscar-nominated film about Facebook.

The deal announced Friday illustrates Netflix's growing clout in Hollywood as its mines revenue from its 20 million subscribers to create new home entertainment options. In this instance, Netflix will be showing a series that won't have a scheduled broadcast time. Episodes could be released in bunches instead of just one per week.

"It's a show people will be able to discover over time," Ted Sarandos, Netflix's chief content officer, said in a Friday interview. "It doesn't have to happen over the first week, first month or even the first year of the show."

Netflix didn't disclose how much it is paying Media Rights Capital, the studio behind "House of Cards." The agreement covers 26 hour-long episodes, an usually large commitment for a series that hasn't even entered production. The series will debut on Netflix late next year.

The high-profile names connected to "House of Cards" made it a hot commodity. Besides featuring Spacey in his first regular role in a TV series, the pilot will be directed by David Fincher, a respected filmmaker nominated for a best-director Oscar for "The Social Network," a movie based on the legal battle pitting Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg against his former friends and classmates at Harvard University.

"House of Cards" is based on a novel about British politics during the 20-year regime of former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

This will mark the first time that Netflix owns the exclusive rights to an episodic series, an advantage that has worked well for pay-TV channels such as Time Warner Inc.'s HBO and CBS Inc.'s Showtime. HBO, with an estimated 28 million U.S. subscribers, has steadfastly refused to license critically acclaimed series such as "The Sopranos" and "The Wire" to Netflix's streaming service because of their intensifying rivalry.

In landing the rights to "House of Cards," Netflix demonstrated it has the financial muscle to outbid the more-established pay-TV channels.

"It was probably the most sought after premium series on the market now," Sarandos boasted.

The deal gives Netflix the flexibility of releasing "House of Cards" on DVD for subscribers who prefer getting discs mailed to them, but the company primarily wanted the series for its video streaming library.

Netflix has spent more than $400 million on streaming rights in the past year in an effort to expand the library's breadth and quality. Netflix wants to get more subscribers to watch video over high-speed Internet connections instead of waiting for DVDs to be delivered in the mail. Netflix prefers Internet streaming because it lowers its expenses on postage and handling.

There are more than 20,000 titles in the streaming library, but most of them are older movies and previously shown TV series.

Streaming nevertheless is becoming increasingly popular, so much so that Netflix now offers a plan that costs just $8 per month for people who don't want to rent DVDs. Subscribers who also want DVDs typically pay $10 to $20 per month, depending on how many discs they want to rent simultaneously.

Netflix's formula has been winning over fans and investors. In the past two years, Netflix has added more than 10 million subscribers and its stock has quintupled in value. The shares fell $4.57 to $209.33 in Friday's afternoon trading.

European allies prepare for no-fly zone over Libya

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LONDON Britain and France took the lead in plans to enforce a no-fly zone over Libya on Friday, sending British warplanes to the Mediterranean and announcing a crisis summit in Paris with the U.N. and Arab allies.

France said it was ready for possible military action, but with Libya declaring a cease-fire and the United States keeping quiet about its own military role, questions remained about when any action would come — and what its consequences would be.

In a joint statement to Gadhafi late Friday, the United States, Britain and France — backed by unspecified Arab countries — said a cease-fire must begin "immediately" in Libya, the French presidential palace said.

The statement called on Gadhafi to end his troops' advance toward Benghazi, and pull them out of Misrata, Adjadbiya and Zawiya, and called for the restoration of water, electricity and gas services in all areas. It said Libya's population must be able to receive humanitarian aid.

"This is not negotiable," the statement said.

In Tripoli, Libya's deputy foreign minister, Khaled Kaim, invited invited Germany, China, Turkey and Malta to send observers to monitor the cease-fire, which he said was holding. "The cease-fire for us means no military operations whatsoever, big or small," he told reporters.

Prime Minister David Cameron, one of the most enthusiastic backers of a no-fly zone, said Britain would send Typhoon and Tornado fighter jets to air bases "in the coming hours" so they would be in position to stop Moammar Gadhafi's forces mounting air strikes against rebels based in the eastern city of Benghazi.

"The clock is ticking and we must be ready to act quickly," Cameron said, adding that Gadhafi must prove he was serious about a cease-fire to avoid military strikes.

The United States has a host of forces and ships in the region, including submarines, destroyers, amphibious assault and landing ships with some 400 Marines, but U.S. officials have not said what role American participation will take.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said the United States must see "action on the ground," not just words, on a cease-fire.

In a brief appearance at the White House, U.S. President Barack Obama made no reference to Libya's declaration of an immediate cease-fire on Friday. Instead, he listed a series of demands including a halt to all attacks against civilians, a stop to military action against Benghazi and other cities and permission for humanitarian supplies to reach the civilian population of the country.

"Let me be clear, these terms are not negotiable," Obama said.

British defense analyst Charles Heyman said the Americans will have the bulk of the military responsibility.

"It's easy for the British and the French to talk a lot about it when they actually don't have all the right equipment to maintain a no-fly zone on their own," Heyman said.

Britain, France and NATO were holding emergency meetings Friday on using military force to enforce the no-fly zone, which was approved by U.N. Security Council on Thursday.

French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said "everything is ready" for action, but added that "we have to analyze the conditions of the cease-fire."

NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said NATO was "completing its planning to be ready to take appropriate action in support of the U.N. resolution as part of the broad international effort."

French government spokesman Francois Baroin would not comment on "where, how, what target, or in what form" air strikes against Libyan installations would come.

Officials announced that the leaders of Britain, France and Germany and the chiefs of the United Nations and Arab League would join other world leaders for an emergency summit on Libya in Paris Saturday.

U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-moon said "it is imperative that the international community continues to speak with one voice" on Libya.

As well as Britain and France, Denmark and Canada said they would supply fighter jets for the mission. Italy and Spain said they would make their air bases available.

Diplomats have said Arab countries likely to participate in possible strikes include Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Jordan.

After the U.N. resolution, Obama spoke with Cameron and Sarkozy to coordinate further action. The White House said in a statement that "that Libya must immediately comply with all terms of the resolution and that violence against the civilian population of Libya must cease."

NATO surveillance AWACS planes flying off the Libyan coast are already providing 24-hour coverage of the situation in the air and on the battlefields . Analysts said no-fly zone aircraft would be flying from NATO bases such as in Sigonella, Sicily, Aviano in northern Italy, Istres in southern France, and Ventiseri-Solenzara in Corsica.

The North Atlantic Council, NATO's top decision-making body, decided Friday to speed up planning and will meet again in the next few days when plans are complete, an alliance spokeswoman said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the delicacy of the situation.

Envoys said there was no discussion at the NATO meeting of any air strikes against targets in Libya.

"I do not expect any such action in the next few hours or next few days," said Martin Povejsil, the Czech Republic's NATO envoy.

Even as allies made plans for military intervention, Libya's cease-fire was forcing a reassessment of the situation.

"Along with our colleagues we're looking at the details of that," the EU's high representative for foreign affairs, Catherine Ashton, said of the cease-fire, adding that it was unclear what Libyan Foreign Minister Moussa Koussa's announcements in Tripoli meant in practice.

Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany — which abstained from the Security Council vote — said the international community would monitor closely to make sure the cease-fire announcement is not a ruse.

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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

Have you ever applied for a job, professional license, and/or school application where they asked if you have ever been convicted of a crime? If so, did you get nervous and distraught at the thought of having to circle "yes" and then explaining the circumstances of what happened years and years ago with your minor run in with the law? If this is a likely scenario for you or someone you know, help make those skeletons in the closet disappear by filing an expungement/dismissal motion. California Penal Code Sections 1203.3 and 1203.4 set forth the basic rules for expungements. This article focuses on some need to know legal rules and consequences with regard to expunging your record in California. Please note that this article examines the basic elements and procedures of expungements. If you or someone you know is filling out an application or reporting a past conviction to anyone in an official capacity it is advisable to speak with a criminal attorney about whether you must report the past conviction, even after the expungement process.

In terms of filing an expungement and clearing up your record, there are a couple preliminary questions that must be answered. First, was your past conviction for a felony or misdemeanor crime? Second, was probation granted and if so have you successfully completed probation? And lastly, once you have determined that you are eligible for expungement, what do you do?

If the answer to the first question is a misdemeanor, then you're on the right path! If the answer to the first question is felony, then there is another step that must be completed prior to filing an expungement. In order to expunge a felony conviction or have it dismissed from your record, a motion must be made pursuant to Penal Code Section 17(b) to first have the conviction reduced to a misdemeanor. Certain felony crimes, however, are never capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor and can never be expunged. Convictions that cannot be expunged or dismissed by law include any misdemeanor listed in Vehicle Code section 42001(b), any violation of P.C. 286(c), 288, 288a(c), 288.5, or 289(j), a felony under P.C. 261.5(d), and any infraction. Moreover, if you were never granted probation and instead went to State Prison, although there are options for clearing your record, the basics of expungements as explained in this article will not apply to your given scenario.

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3 years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you're ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

Now that the motion is ready for filing, what do you do and how do you do it? California courts vary in terms of requirements for expungement/dismissal motions. For instance, some courts require a filing fee (usually around $60) and attached declaration (preferably by an attorney). All courts, however, require that a P.C. 1203.4/1203.4(a) Petition For Dismissal be completed and filed. In order to fill out this form correctly, a petitioner needs to obtain the case number, date of conviction, conviction charges, date of birth, driver's license number, last four digits of social security, and if possible the Criminal Identification and Information (CII) number. After entering the requisite information simply check the applicable boxes and sign/date the form. Additionally, along with the Petition, you should also attach a Court Order. The same information must be filled out on the Court Order; however, this form is for the judge to review and then sign/date. The signed Court Order is then stamped and recorded by the clerk certifying that a judge has ordered the case dismissed/expunged. Expungement/Dismissal Petitions typically take anywhere from one to three months for the court to review and complete.

Avoid the headaches and problems associated with explaining away your past minor run-ins with the law and get rid of skeletons in your closet today by filing an expungement! Call the Legal Grind to schedule an appointment to meet with a skilled and experienced attorney to help you navigate through this tricky process and answer any questions that you might have.

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U.N., diplomats seek to dispel nuclear anxiety

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Associated Press

VIENNA Diplomats and U.N. officials sought Friday to dispel fears of a wider danger from radioactivity spewing from Japan's crippled nuclear reactors, saying there were no hazards to health outside the immediate vicinity.

As emergency efforts to reduce the dangers of increased radiation from the crippled plant went into their eighth day, the U.N. nuclear agency described the situation for the second day in a row as worrying but stable.

Driven by winds over the Pacific Ocean, the radioactive plume released last week from the Fukushima Dai-ichi reached Southern California Friday, heightening concerns that Japan's nuclear disaster was assuming international proportions.

However, the comments Friday reflected expectations by International Atomic Energy Agency officials and independent experts that radiation would dissipate so strongly by the time it reached the U.S. coastline that it would pose no health risk whatsoever to residents.

In Vienna, diplomats and officials familiar with the situation asserted there was little to fear outside of the 20 kilometer (12-mile) evacuated zone around the nuclear plant.

A diplomat with access to radiation tracking by the U.N.'s Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty Organization in Vienna cited readings from a California-based measuring station of the agency as about a billion times beneath levels that would be health threatening. He spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the CTBTO does not make its findings public.

Meanwhile, air pollution regulators in Southern California also said they have not detected increased levels of radiation from the damaged Japanese nuclear reactors.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District said Friday that radiation measured at its three sites was not higher than typical levels.

The agency's monitors are part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's network of more than 100 sensors across the nation that track radiation levels every hour.

In Alaska, Dr. Bernd Jilly, director of state public health laboratories, also said monitoring had shown no readings of above-normal levels of radiation.

Graham Andrew, a senior official of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, suggested the diplomat's comments reflected his own feelings.

"We want to study the data carefully, but one-billionth shows just how far away it is from human danger," he said. "For members of the public, the dose limit in the air or ingested is 1 milisievert a year and this is 1,000 million times less than that."

Andrew said that after consultation with the IAEA, the International Civil Aviation Organization found there was no reason to curtail normal international flights and maritime operations to and from Japan and "there is no medical basis for imposing additional measures to protect passengers."

The CTBTO forecast earlier this week that some radioactivity would reach Southern California by Friday. A CTBTO graphic obtained Thursday by the AP showed a moving plume reaching the U.S. mainland after racing across the Pacific and swiping the Aleutian Islands.

A presentation Friday showed radiation levels peaking in Tokyo and other cities in the first days of the disaster at levels officials said were well below risk points.

"The rates in Tokyo and other cities ... remain far from levels which require action, in other words they are not dangerous to human health," Andrew said.

While set up to monitor atmospheric nuclear testing, the CTBTO's worldwide network of stations can detect earthquakes, tsunamis and fallout from nuclear accidents such as the disaster on Japan's northeastern coast that was set off by a massive earthquake and a devastating tsunami a week ago.

Since then, emergency crews have been trying to restore the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant's cooling system and prevent overheated fuel rods from releasing greater doses of radioactivity.

Japanese officials on Friday reclassified the rating of the accident at the plant from Level 4 to Level 5 on a seven-level international scale, putting it on a par with the 1979 Three Mile Island accident. The International Nuclear Event Scale defines a Level 4 incident as having local consequences and a Level 5 as having wider consequences.

Nuclear experts have been saying for days that Japan was underplaying the severity of the nuclear crisis.

Andrew refused to be drawn on that issue, saying severity assessments would be the task of a post-emergency investigation. Describing the situation as very serious, he nonetheless noted no significant worsening since his last briefing Thursday.



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DISTRICT
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the services provided, according to a statement from the Department of Mental Health, with a full reconciliation of costs occurring in 2013.

In some cases, the state will still be on the hook for mental health services. If the students in question are covered under MediCal, California's low-income health care provider, the state will charge that organization first, and then the school district for the remainder of the health costs, said Margaret Cherene, director of the Santa Clarita Valley SELPA.

Cherene is on the negotiating committee with L.A. County mental health, as well as the interagency committee for state SELPA. She helped draft the MOU the board approved Thursday.

MediCal payments mean that some counties and districts will be paying out a lot more than others on average, depending on how many of their students are covered by MediCal.

"In L.A. County, they say 51 percent of those that qualify for 3632 services are MediCal eligible," Cherene said.

The MOU passed 5 to 1, with Ben Allen voting no, and Laurie Lieberman absent.

"I have a hard time supporting this," Allen said. "The terms of this agreement are distressing."

If board members found themselves "between a rock and a hard place" in terms of mental health, discussing the fate of the nursing program at SMMUSD was no more comfortable of a position.

The board directed staff to return at the next meeting with a full-fledged job description for a Licensed Vocational Nurse at its next meeting in April.

Defining and codifying the LVN position gives the board the flexibility to fill gaps in health care at the schools with LVNs, which receive 12 to 18 months of schooling rather than the Masters degrees required of registered nurses that work in the district.

An ad hoc committee convened by Superintendent Tim Cuneo has been examining different ways to solve what all view as a critical problem — balancing budget-saving measures with the need to provide medical services to school children.

At its March 8 meeting, the district approved 5.6 layoff notices to be sent to nurses in the district as a precautionary measure, giving the board flexibility to layoff or keep on those individuals by May 15.

The ad hoc committee is considering whether or not to hire LVNs or health clerks in their stead. Those positions have fewer requirements, and are consequently less expensive, and may allow more medically-trained workers to be included in the system.

However, there are some tasks that neither LVNs nor health clerks can perform without the supervision of a registered nurse.

District parent Lee Jones spoke at the meeting, pointing out that the committee was given only a month to come to any kind of conclusion on the matter.

"It's unrealistic to expect a recommendation from the group that is at the level it should be," Jones said.

While some board members said that including the LVN position in the discussion was merely putting more options on the table, Board Member Ralph Mechur cautioned his colleagues against lowering standards too far, lest the changes become permanent.

"What we're stuck in is going to last for some time, but not forever," he said.

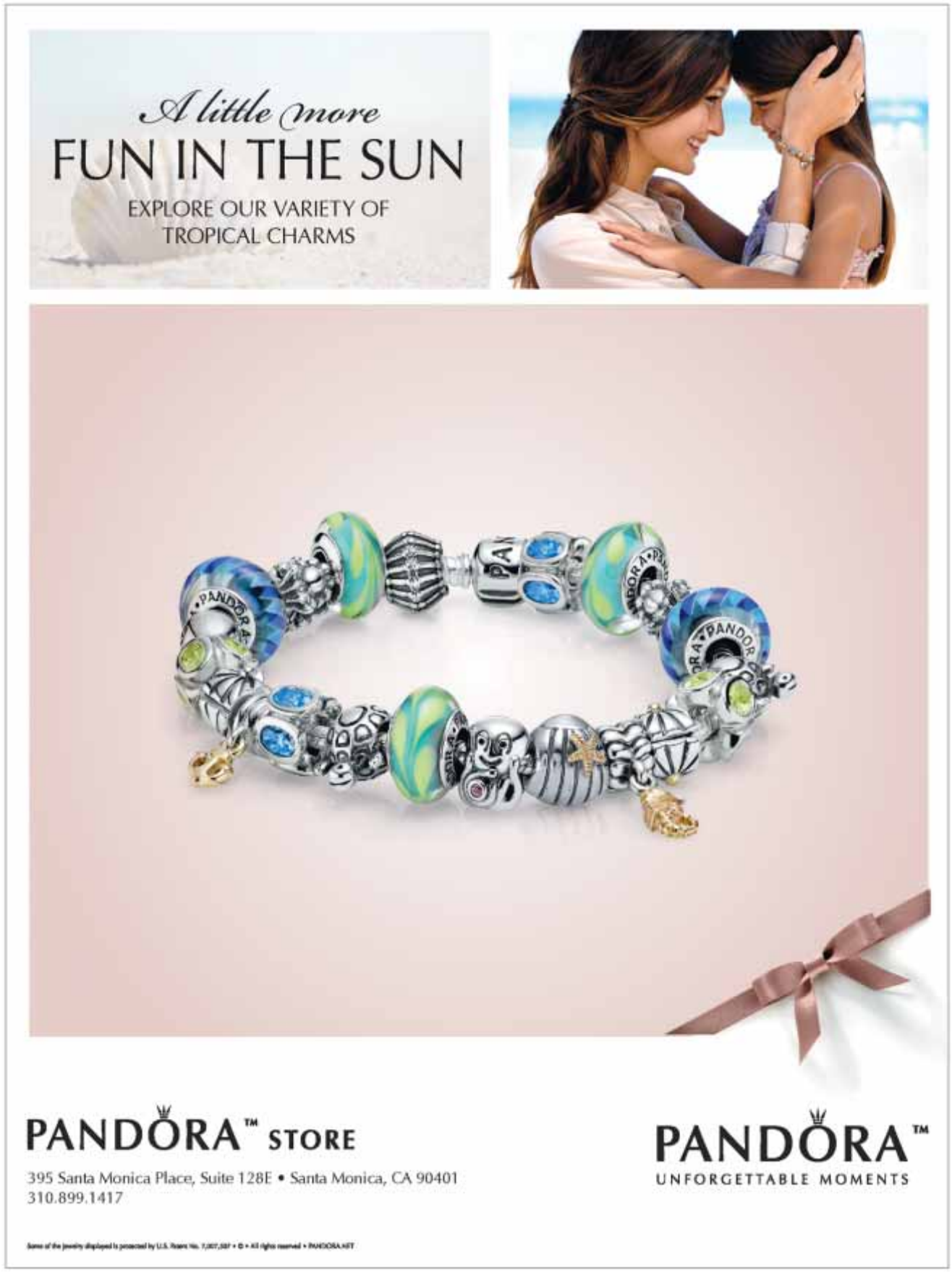
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Red Cross volunteers Grace Namubiru (center) and Pauline Vu (left) collect donations in front of the Santa Monica Red Cross during the 'Drive Through' Japan earthquake/tsunami relief fundraiser on Friday morning.



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Brothers Alex (left), Matthew (center) and Jacob Prager donate $90 that was raised from selling hot chocolate, brownies and rice crispy treats to the Dolphin Change Program at the Santa Monica Pier on Friday afternoon. The Dolphin Change Program, a project of Downtown Santa Monica, Inc. has been a way for the community and visitors to give responsibly to established social service organizations that help the homeless.

MARATHON

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between Pico Boulevard and Colorado Avenue, although bicyclists may use it to get to the free bike valet in front of City Hall.

Ocean Avenue will be open north of Pico Boulevard, but only for cars that are picking up runners or going to the Viceroy Hotel. From there, they will have only two options: make a U-turn back onto Pico or take the northbound entrance to the Pacific Coast Highway from the Moomat Ahiko ramp. The southbound route will be closed.

Streets are expected to open fully by 5 p.m.

PARKING

Whether people drive or bike to the race, they will have a place to stash their ride.

City officials instituted an event pricing strategy on parking to encourage motorists to park further away from Downtown by charging less at the far away lots.

Parking in the Downtown city garages will cost a quick $20, while parking in the farther beach lots could cost as little as $5, said Don Patterson, business and revenue operations manager for the city.

"We try to encourage people to disperse to different parking locations for pricing," Patterson said. "It's been increasingly successful since we tried it last year at the L.A. Marathon. Before, we either increased rates unilaterally, or kept it at the daily rate."

Downtown lots will be closed until 6 a.m. for anyone not running in the marathon. From then until 6 p.m., event pricing rates apply.

For more help with parking on race day, visitors can go to smgov.net/parkingspacenow.

Bikers will get star treatment. A free valet service will be available in front of City Hall, and at the intersection of Broadway and Ocean Boulevard.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

In 2010, local buses had difficulty moving around in the Downtown because the streets became congested.

To solve that problem, Big Blue buses and Metro buses will be rerouted to go along 11th Street.

A free BBB shuttle will run in a loop from 11th Street south to Colorado Avenue, west to Sixth Street and then north on Santa Monica Boulevard to reconnect with 11th Street.

Routes 4 and 9 will be shut down for the day.

For updates, call a BBB representative at (310) 451-5444 anytime between 7 a.m. and 3 p.m.

THINGS TO DO

Those running the marathon will have their hands full for a few hours, but friends and family waiting to watch loved ones run sweatily by will have some time to kill.

City officials are encouraging local businesses and restaurants to turn their televisions to the marathon, which will be aired in a four-hour broadcast on KTLA.

Santa Monica Place will hold a special viewing indoors in the food court, in case of inclement weather.

For those looking to brave the elements and have a little fun, the 18th Street Art Center will host a "Cheer Zone" on San Vicente Boulevard at Seventh Street.

The event will feature a live samba band and giant dancing puppets. The organization will also be accepting donations to further social justice and equal rights.

After the race, runners and observers alike can go to the Finish Line Festival, at an open lot on Ocean Avenue, near the corner of Colorado Avenue. The festival is a good place for family and friends to find runners after the race.

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Yen plan, bank dividends pull stock market higher

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NEW YORK Stocks ended a rough week with slight gains Friday after Libyan government forces declared a cease-fire and a group of the world's seven largest countries announced a plan to bring the yen down from historic highs.

Financial stocks rose after JPMorgan and other large banks increased their dividends. JP Morgan said it was increasing its dividend to 25 cents a share from 5 cents. Wells Fargo and U.S. Bancorp also raised their dividends.

Japan's currency has soared since an earthquake struck the country a week ago and caused devastating tsunami waves and damage to several nuclear plants. A stronger yen makes it more difficult for Japan's export-driven economy to recover by making Japanese goods more expensive overseas.

"This is a bit of a relief rally," said Paul Zemsky, head of asset allocation at ING Investment Management. "The situation in Japan looks to be stabilizing, or at least not getting any worse, and it looks like it may be solvable."

News early Friday that Libya's foreign minister had declared a cease-fire helped push stocks higher, but opposition forces said shelling was still occurring after the announcement and they accused the Libyan government of lying. Britain and France were taking the lead in plans to enforce a no-fly zone over Libya.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 83.93 points, or 0.7 percent, to 11,858.52. The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.49, or 0.4 percent, to 1,279.21. The Nasdaq composite index gained 7.62, or 0.3 percent, to 2,643.67.

All three stock indexes ended the week lower after markets were battered by worries over Japan's ability to get its nuclear crisis under control. The Dow lost 1.5 percent, the S&P 500 1.9 percent and the Nasdaq 2.6 percent.

Japan is the world's third-largest economy after the U.S. and China and buys 10 percent of U.S. exports. Tokyo's benchmark Nikkei index closed 2.7 percent higher after the announcement from the Group of Seven nations late Thursday.

Thousands of people have been killed in the earthquake and tsunami that followed, and hundreds of thousands are homeless. Quake damage and power cuts have forced Toyota Motor Corp. and other manufacturers to suspend production in parts of the country.

Oil prices hovered between small gains and losses after Libya's foreign minister declared a cease-fire. The announcement came hours after the Union Nations authorized air strikes against the country.

Nike Inc. fell 9 percent after the company's earnings came in below what analysts were expecting. Nike said rising costs would cut into its profits over the second half of the year, even as sales increased.

More than two stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated trading volume was 5.3 billion shares.


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Investors cheer dividend increases at large banks

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NEW YORK Bank shareholders got a long-awaited gift from the U.S. Federal Reserve on Friday when the central bank cleared the way for major lenders to increase their dividends.

It was the last hurdle left on the path to recovery for banks and signified a return to health for the industry. Banks were forced to cut their dividends to preserve cash after the financial crisis that peaked in September 2008, when the industry was propped up by a U.S. government bailout package totaling $700 billion.

"This is the last act in the recovery from the financial crash," said Nancy Bush, financial analyst and contributing editor at SNL Financial. "But banks are still not free of close regulatory scrutiny and managements and boards still can't act freely to raise future dividends."

Banks that received clearance to raise their dividends wasted little time in doing so. JPMorgan Chase & Co. said it would increase its quarterly dividend to 25 cents a share from 5 cents. Wells Fargo & Co. raised its dividend to 12 cents, while U.S. Bancorp increased its dividend to 12.5 cents a share.

Stocks of the banks that made dividend announcements rose sharply. JPMorgan rose 2.7 percent, Wells Fargo rose 1.5 percent and U.S. Bancorp rose 1.1 percent.

Banks were allowed to increase their dividends only if they passed "stress tests" conducted by the Federal Reserve to see if their balance sheets were strong enough to weather another recession.

Top commander says U.S. respects Mexico sovereignty

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PETERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Colo. Amid criticism of surveillance flights by U.S. drones over Mexico, a high-ranking U.S. military commander said Friday the United States is careful not to violate Mexican sovereignty as the two countries fight drug trafficking.

Adm. James Winnefeld, head of U.S. Northern Command, didn't specifically mention the drones, but he did refer to recent reports about "elements of U.S. support" for Mexico in the drug war.

Winnefeld wrote that the U.S. is eager to work with Mexico, but "the very first question we ask is whether or not it would infringe in any way on Mexico's sovereignty or rule of law. The answer, quite simply, must be 'no, it does not.'"

U.S. Customs and Border Protection has been surreptitiously flying Predator drones into Mexico since 2009, but the practice didn't come to light until Wednesday. The border security agency's surveillance flights started before the occasional flights into Mexico by the U.S. Air Force's $38 million Global Hawk drone that began last month.

Some Mexican lawmakers were critical of the border agency flights, but Foreign Relations Secretary Patricia Espinosa said the drone flights do not violate Mexico's sovereignty because they are "controlled" by Mexico and are unarmed.

Mexico's National Security Council said U.S. unmanned aircraft have been sent over Mexico on surveillance missions when requested by the Mexican government. A U.S. official told The Associated Press in Mexico City that during each mission, a Mexican official is present at the U.S. command center where a drone is remotely piloted.

It wasn't immediately clear whether Northern Command has a role in the flights.





'Uncle Tom' remark exposes pain in black community

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AP National Writer

Jalen Rose grew up poor in Detroit, the son of a single mom and an NBA player he never met. He helped transform basketball culture as a member of Michigan's iconic Fab Five team, then earned more than $100 million as a pro baller.

Grant Hill came up wealthy in the D.C. suburbs, the child of an NFL running back married to a corporate consultant. He helped establish Duke University as a paragon of success and virtue in college basketball, then overcame terrible injuries to enjoy a long NBA career.

So which one is the "authentic" black man?

The question may seem irrelevant. But when Rose said that he considered black Duke players like Hill "Uncle Toms" when he was a teenager, he exposed a sensitive and long-standing issue for many African-Americans: If blacks succeed in a white man's world, and do not conform to certain assumptions of how blacks should act, are they less black?

Rose's comment — aired Tuesday in an ESPN documentary Rose produced on the five black Michigan freshmen who rode their wave of talent, hip-hop style and trash talk to the 1992 championship game — inspired a response from Hill on The New York Times website. Hill's riposte spent several days atop the Times' most-emailed list, and more than 96,000 people shared it on Facebook, stoking a free-wheeling debate on the Web and in print over which basketball star had the better point.

"I hated everything I felt Duke stood for," Rose said in the documentary, describing his feelings as a 17-year-old high schooler. "Schools like Duke didn't recruit players like me. I felt like they only recruited black players that were Uncle Toms."

Hill responded that "Jalen seems to change the usual meaning of those very vitriolic words into his own meaning, i.e., blacks from two-parent, middle-class families. ... To hint that those who grew up in a household with a mother and father are somehow less black than those who did not is beyond ridiculous."

Chandra Guinn, director of Duke's Mary Lou Williams Center for Black Culture, said the argument went far beyond sniping between college hoops stars from decades ago.

"There are bigger issues here," she said. Among them: the denigration of children from single-parent homes, and adults damaging the self-esteem of black boys. Guinn also senses "a moment of revelation about black men's hurt. There's often a feeling of being 'less than.' It seemed to me that both of these men, for different reasons, have felt that way."

Duke junior Julius Jones resents suggestions that "success somehow challenges your blackness. That if you go to school, get good grades, matriculate to an elite institution, that somehow makes you less black."

Jones grew up in Portland, the son of an electrician and an accountant, and attended a majority white elementary school. In middle school, black kids saw Jones with white friends and told him, "You're an Uncle Tom, you don't want to be black, you talk white, you act white," Jones remembers.

When Michigan met Hill's Duke team for the 1992 championship, the Blue Devils were the clean-cut defending champs, and started three white players. Duke crushed the Fab Five by 20 points. ("I am proud of my family. I am proud of my Duke championships and all my Duke teammates. And, I am proud I never lost a game against the Fab Five," Hill concluded his blog post, with a gentlemanly flourish of trash talk.)

Two decades later, Duke is still known as the rare school that mixes high academic standards and graduation rates — for both black and white players — and powerhouse basketball.

"The bottom line is this: (Duke does) recruit a certain type of player ... a lot of players from private schools," Rose observed while explaining his comments in an ESPN interview.

Kenny Osakwe, a black Duke student, did not disagree, but suggested Duke players should not be tarred merely because they are fortunate. "I'm friendly with a lot of the team, and it's true, most of them do come from relatively affluent families," he said. "That's the culture here at Duke. And you never hear of any recruiting scandals, everything is done the right way.

"Duke didn't have their Final Fours reneged," Osakwe said — an allusion to the games Michigan forfeited after it was revealed that some players, including Fab Five center Chris Webber, had accepted money from a Michigan booster.

But by operating in that fashion, the school is open to claims that it is elitist — and that the players it recruits are merely black genetically.

"Why doesn't it seem like Duke ever takes a chance on a guy from a background like Jalen's, instead of giving an opportunity to someone who was born on third base?" asked Reginald C. Dennis, a black journalist and basketball fan.

He remembers being angered by sports columns in the late '80s and early '90s, when hip-hop was merging with sports culture, that disparaged swashbuckling players like Rose.

"Grant was the one they liked," said Dennis, who was raised by married parents in a New York City housing project. "They always want to separate the good negro from the bad negro. Grant was used as the example."

Dennis once owned dozens of hats featuring the names of various college teams. "I didn't have a Duke hat," he said. "I never even saw a black person with Duke anything. I wore my Michigan hat until the M fell off."

"Black people have been saying for 20 years what Jalen Rose said. This is just the first time it was done so publicly," said Dennis. "It shocked white people who didn't know the conversation was happening."

"That's what this is all about," agrees Ron Miller, author of "SELLOUT: Musings from Uncle Tom's Porch." "There's an ongoing discussion in the black community about what constitutes authentic blackness."

Miller, a black conservative, describes the meaning of the term Uncle Tom as "a boot-licking apologist for white people, someone used by white people who is subservient to their whims and desires."

He notes that although the term originated with Harriet Beecher Stowe's classic anti-slavery novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the book's character was a heroic figure who refused to divulge the location of escaped slaves. White minstrel shows then changed him into a lackey often played by whites in blackface, Miller said.

He said he does not know any real-life Uncle Toms. "Most of the people I know who have had that label cast upon them are simply trying to play by the rules," Miller said.

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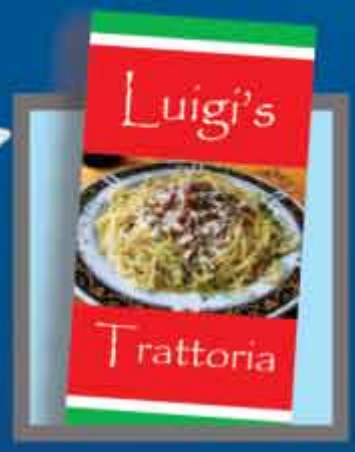
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L.A. MARATHON

Korir runs for three-peat

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LOS ANGELES Los Angeles is so important to Wesley Korir that he is reminded of it every time he looks at his 6-month-old daughter, McKayLA.

Korir and his wife, Tarah, named her as a nod to the city where he is the two-time defending marathon champion.

He visits the area several times a year and sometimes is recognized when he strolls down the Santa Monica Pier.

His bond with the city would grow even stronger if Korir, a Kenyan who lives and trains in Louisville, Ky., becomes the first three-time winner of the Los Angeles Marathon on Sunday.

"This marathon means a lot to me," Korir said. "It's where I started my career and this is where everything started in my life. The people here have been so good to me. I want to remember this marathon for the rest of my life. There's no better way to remember that than to put that name at the end of my daughter's name."

Korir's back-to-back titles came on different courses and produced two of the three fastest marathons ever run in Los Angeles.

He won in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 24 seconds on the former downtown loop course in 2009 and prevailed in 2:09:19 last year in the inaugural "Stadium to the Sea" layout that starts at Dodger Stadium and goes through West Hollywood and Beverly Hills before finishing in Santa Monica.

Korir will have to fend off a field that includes four men who have run 2:09:44 or faster, including three fellow Kenyans.

Ben Maiyo has a personal best of 2:07:09 and was runner-up in the 2005 L.A. Marathon. Benson Barus ran 2:09 or faster twice last year and Nicolas Kamakya ran 2:08:42 in 2009.

Markos Geneti is a wild-card entry. The Ethiopian is making his marathon debut after a successful middle-distance career that includes a personal best 13:00.25 at 5,000 meters.

Korir's three-peat story will have a subplot because of "The Challenge," in which the elite women are given a head start on the elite men based on the difference in the top times of both genders.

The first runner to cross the finish line will receive $100,000. Women have won the prize four out of seven times, but no gender has won it consecutively.

Organizers announced Friday that the women will start 17:03 ahead of the men, who welcomed the gap.

"Our focus is to chase the women," Maiyo said.

Korir, who ran college track at Louisville, joked that he needs to redeem his school's NCAA tournament loss to Morehead State. He also took a lighthearted approach to racing against the women for the bonus.

"I feel like last year nobody was thinking about the women," he said. "But this year, those guys, all they talk about is chasing the women. So that's a good indication that the guys won't be thinking about anything else other than the women.

"Last year I had just got married. I had to make sure I don't chase the women. But now I have been married one year, my wife has given me permission to chase the women."

Mare Dibaba heads a contingent of Ethiopian women, owning the fastest time in the women's field at 2:25:27.

Buzunesh Deba, also of Ethiopia, won 13 of 15 races last year, including four marathons.

Amy Hastings of Mammoth Lakes, Calif., will make her marathon debut after she finished eighth in the U.S. Half Marathon Championships in January.

Race organizers extended invitations to Eri Okubo of Japan and Albina Mayorova of Russia, who had planned to run in the Nagoya International Ladies Marathon that was canceled because of the earthquake in Japan.

"The whole county is in a very sad situation right now," Okubo said through an interpreter. "Of course I am interested in running a good time and getting a record. But my main focus is conveying to the world and the people in the United States that Japan needs some support."



Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

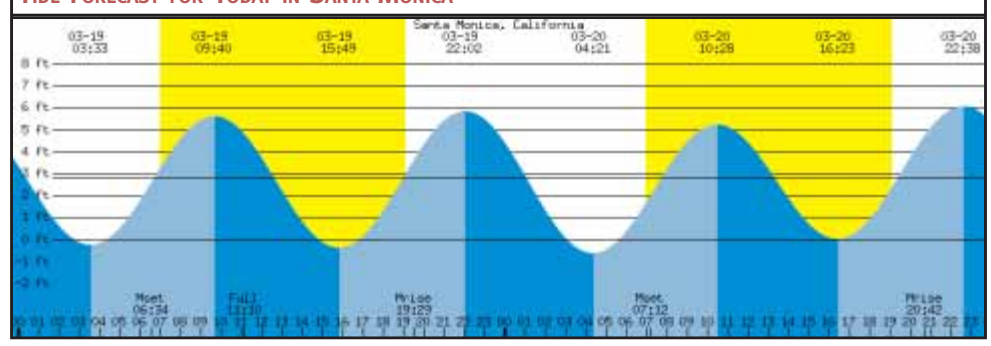
Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

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Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 16, 2011**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 14
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 32
- Number of (C.O.F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 13

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	B	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	D
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rameer Canyon Creek mouth.	F	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	C
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	B	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	A
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	D
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	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.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	A
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	B	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+	B
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.	D	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 D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

LEGEND

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

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MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday:
Even the Rain
7:00pm, 9:30pm

Manhunter
7:30pm

Sunday:
Even the Rain
5:00pm, 7:30pm

Goldfinger and You Only Live Twice
7:30pm

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

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:10pm, 6:45pm, 9:20pm

Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min
11:35am, 5:00pm, 10:25pm

Hall Pass (R) 1hr 38min
2:20pm, 7:45pm

Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min
10:15am, 1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Kill the Irishman (R) 1hr 46min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:10pm

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

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Paul (R) 1hr 40min
10:45am, 11:45am, 1:25pm, 2:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:15pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm, 9:45pm, 10:45pm

Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 46min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Mars Needs Moms in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
10:15am, 12:35pm, 3:00pm, 5:25pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 1hr 40min
10:15am, 12:40pm, 3:10pm, 5:40pm, 8:10pm, 10:40pm

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

Saint Misbehavin': The Wavy Gravy Movie (NR)
11:00am

Desert Flower (Wustenblume) (R) 2hrs 00min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Barney's Version (NR) 2hrs 12min
1:20pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

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

Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune (NR) 1hr 36min
11:00am

Human Resources Manager (NR) 1hr 43min
11:00am

Queen of the Lot (R) 1hr 54min
11:00am

I Am (NR) 1hr 16min
1:30pm, 3:40pm, 5:50pm, 8:00pm, 10:10pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
10:05am, 12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min
12:30pm, 3:25pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min
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Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

I Will Follow (NR) 1hr 28min
10:30am, 12:40pm, 2:50pm, 5:10pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm

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Take the lead, Cappy

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Pressure builds with the Full Moon accentuating any problems in your daily life. By the afternoon, any problems could dissolve into barely retrievable dreams. Others approach you with ideas, plans and invitations. Tonight: Say "yes" to one invitation!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Creativity swarms around you until midday. For whatever reason, you slow down and feel more exhausted than you imagined. Do what you want or need to do. Take a nap, or just slow down. You know what is best for you. Tonight: Choose something relaxing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Pressure builds if you allow it to. Take a walk. Remember, it is Saturday. Regroup and plan the day in a more appropriate manner. Think positively about a friendship, even if this person is a bit of a curmudgeon. Tonight: Go for fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Make calls; reach out to others. You might discover that you have too much going on and need to trim your plans. In fact, just the thought of plans could exhaust you so much that you stay home! Tonight: Order in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Curb a need to go shopping or on some sort of spending spree. Ultimately, if you restrain yourself, you will be happy. Face tension directly. Talks in the afternoon could prove to be most healing and positive. Tonight: Accept the unexpected, knowing there is more coming.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Juggle your needs with those of a close associate. You won't like the end result if you don't work together. Make plans in the afternoon that make you smile. Celebrate and indulge. Make the most of the moment and be a little frivolous. Tonight: The party could start.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ The Full Moon adds tension and creates a problem when you least expect it. Do a better job of listening, and remain sensitive and in tune with others. You could feel remorse about something. Tonight: Others want you out and about. What do you want?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Zero in on what you want. Examine your judgments more carefully. They could be stopping you from achieving your goals. You could be startled by your realizations. Make needed changes. Listen to another person's sharing. Tonight: Visit with your pals.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You keep trying to get through to a difficult associate or family member. Give up the endless efforts, or else you could be taken for granted. You are juggling a lot on the personal front. Indulge yourself in the late afternoon. Tonight: What makes you happy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You juggle information as it comes forward. You might wonder where to stop. Make a long-distance call that is way overdue. Suddenly, you might be taking off. Visit with an older friend or relative in the late afternoon. Tonight: Take the lead.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Defer to someone else. You can only do so much. This person might demand a tremendous amount of control. You can talk and negotiate, but you probably won't change this person. Tonight: Follow the music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others see you much differently than you see yourself. This schism might be the cause of a problem. People offer what they think is appropriate or what you desire. Delve into this issue with a partner or loved one later on. Tonight: Spend time with a loved one.

Happy birthday

This year, you approach life in a much different manner. You often juggle many different concerns, wondering what to deal with first and the direction in which you want to head. Much in the same vein, emotions will point to one direction, whereas intellect points to another direction. Learning which voice to listen to remains key. If you are single, keeping others away could be impossible. With many possibilities, you will need time to decide who to make yours. If you are attached, the two of you often are on opposite sides of issues. Respect each other's differences. Understand. LIBRA bottom-lines sometimes when you would prefer they wouldn't.

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



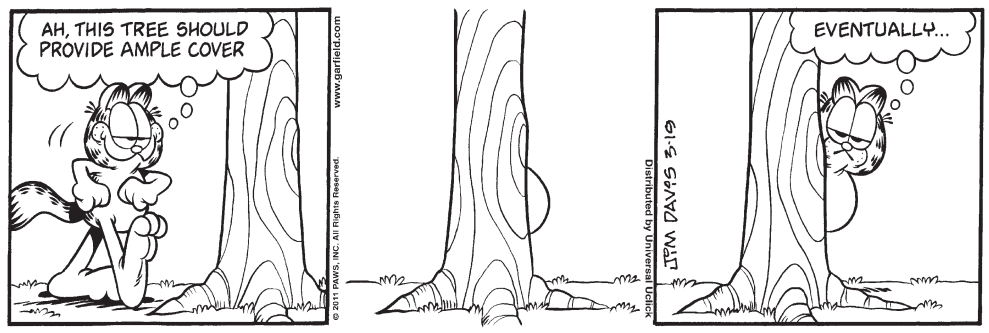
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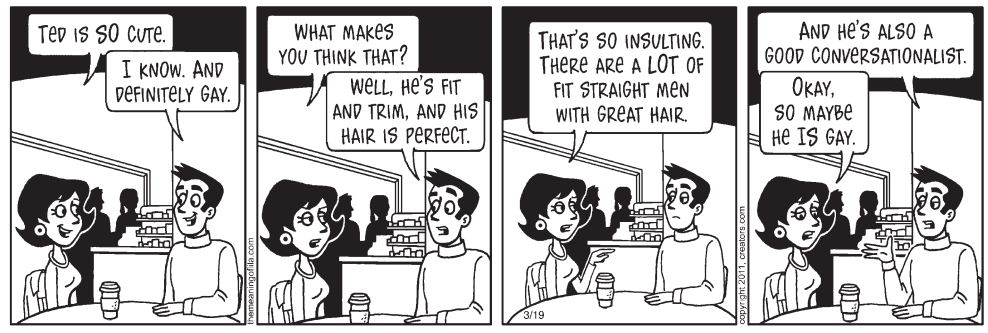
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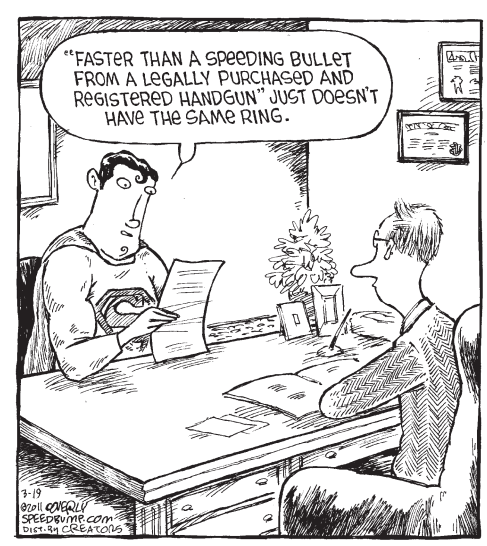
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Sudoku

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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Muddle
6 Forgoes food
11 Copier need
12 First-string players
13 Overlooks
14 To the point
15 Polite denial
17 Attic vowel
18 Pitching number
19 Funeral attendee
22 Pa. neighbor
23 Progress
24 Ouzo flavor
25 Jai alai ball
27 Car navigation aid
30 Flee
31 Bar study
32 Skill
33 Wisconsin city
35 Parsley unit
38 Coup group
39 Shop tool
40 Command
41 Flower part
42 Goes through

DOWN

1 Dead drunk
2 "Enough!"
3 Zoo resident
4 Goat cheese
5 Polaris' constellation
6 Corpulent
7 Put away
8 Venus' sister
9 Sampled
10 Lipstick slip
16 Union ship
20 Dubhe's constellation
21 Sturgeon eggs
24 TV alien
25 Regal color
26 Catch
27 Good witch of Oz
28 Showed exhaustion
29 Takes an oath
30 Some files
34 Make sound
36 One-million link
37 Hair goo

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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	9	10
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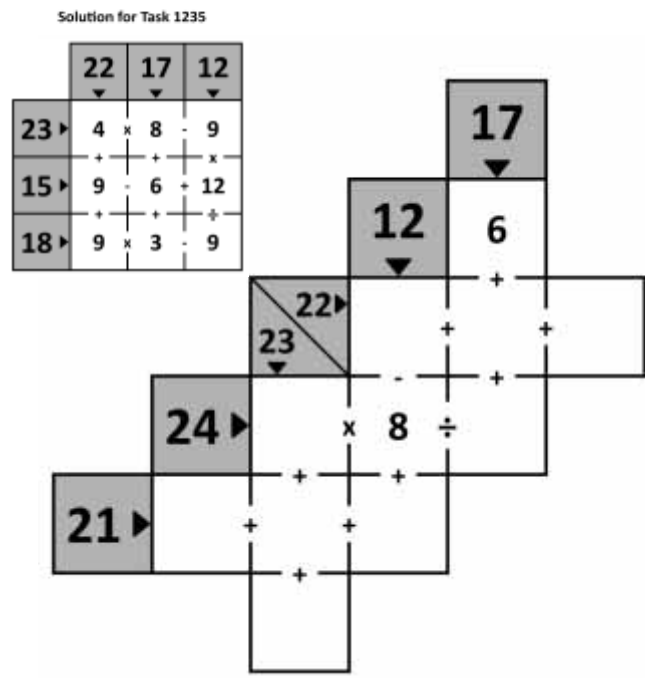
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 8, 9, 10, 10

Solution for Task 1235



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Fantasy 5: 3 6 14 15 36

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 1 6 3 EVENING: 3 5 4

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 02 Lucky Star 2nd: 09 Winning Spirit 3rd: 01 Gold Rush RACE TIME: 1:49.99

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ From time to time a woman appears in the news proudly displaying her years-long cultivation of fingernail growth. This time it was Ms. Jazz Ison Sinkfield, a grandmother from Atlanta, who showed off her hands for WXIA-TV in February. She admits some handicaps from her 20- to 24-inch long nails that skew and curl in seemingly random directions (e.g., no bowling, shoe-tying or computer work, and the expense of a five-hour, $250 salon session each month), but claims to be unfazed if people she meets find the sight of her nails repulsive. Said Sinkfield, "Some people are jealous."

■ Bangkok economics student Panupol Sujjayakorn interrupted his studies in November (2005) to defend his World Scrabble Championship in London, one of many non-English-speaking competitors who achieved top-of-the-line ranking by memorizing up to 100,000 words in English without ever knowing their meanings. Like the others, reported the Chronicle of Higher Education, Mr. Panupol learned first those premium words that overuse the prominent Scrabble letter tiles (such as "aureolae"). (Alas, this time around, a native English speaker, Dr. Adam Logan, a number theory researcher, won the title, building actual words like "qanat" and "euripi.")

TODAY IN HISTORY

1982 Falklands War: Argentinian forces land on South Georgia Island, precipitating war with the United Kingdom.

1987 Televangelist Jim Bakker resigns as head of the PTL Club due to a brewing sex scandal; he hands over control to Jerry Falwell.

2002 Zimbabwe is suspended from the Commonwealth on charges of human rights abuses and of electoral fraud, following a turbulent presidential election.

WORD UP!

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**\ TRUHK-uhl ** , intransitive verb; 1. To yield or bend obsequiously to the will of another; to act in a subservient manner. noun: 1. A small wheel or roller; a caster.

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