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THE IN THE SHADE ISSUE

Expo takes trees, gives back double

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD The Exposition Light Rail Line is coming, and like the stereotypical damsel in distress of the silent movie era, 139 trees are tied to the tracks, waiting for rescue.

Only 19 of them will escape the not-so-steaming engine, but through a clever wrinkle of city policy, the light rail line will actually end up greening the city, in more ways than one.

For every tree removed, two will be planted, meaning an overall increase of 120 trees in Santa Monica paid for by the Exposition Construction Authority.

Of the 139 trees that fall in the path of the Exposition Light Rail Line, 120 will have to be removed permanently, according to a city report released this month.

Trees that can be relocated, like varieties of palms, will fill spaces in other parts of the city where similar trees are planted. Others will go to parks. The remaining are either too expensive to move or are not expected to thrive at a new location.

At the moment, City Hall expects to plant the replacement trees densely along the east corridor of Colorado Avenue to act like a liv-

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Parking switch coming to Colorado Ave.

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

COLORADO AVE Come April, expect some changes along the residential roads branching off the Colorado Avenue corridor.

City Hall plans to reconfigure parking along Colorado Avenue to make room for the Expo Light Rail Line by axing spaces on Colorado and creating angled spaces along six residential streets and one largely commercial road.

Over half of the 183 on-street spaces on Colorado Avenue will go, including all 69 spots on the south side of Colorado between Fifth and 14th streets and 12 additional spaces on the south side between 14th and 17th streets, according to a city staff report.

The Santa Monica Fire Department is also requiring that 33 spaces on the north side be cut to make sure that emergency vehicles have access to buildings.

That's a total of 114 spaces taken from Colorado Avenue.

The angled spaces would create 49 new spots in front of residences along Ninth, 10th, 12th, Euclid, 15th and 16th streets, but would result in an overall net loss of 33 parking spots by commercial areas.

Each of the streets in question currently have parallel parking on both the east and west sides.

Under the new plan, that would change so that one side of the street would be filled in with spaces at 90 degree angles, narrowing

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FREE GRUB

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Lines of locals gather to enjoy free food truck meals hosted by BBC America during a special first-time showing of 'No Kitchen Required,' a new television series, at the Victorian parking lot on Main Street late Tuesday afternoon.

Marijuana lab sues City Hall over license

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The owner of a Santa Monica marijuana testing facility filed a lawsuit Tuesday to force City Hall to issue him a business license, which officials have thus far refused to do because the facility is not an approved use in the city.

Richard McDonald applied for a business license on Dec. 16 for Golden State Collective, a scientific laboratory that tests medical marijuana for levels of its active ingredient known as THC as well as contaminants like mold, bacteria and pesticides.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

Planting a seed
SMC — Main Campus
Humanities & Social Science
Lecture Hall 165
1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.
Garden master and author David King will be on hand to talk about the founding of the Seed Library of Los Angeles and other issues related to gardening. For more information, call (310) 434-3911.

Movie time
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Attend a screening of the critically-acclaimed film "Steel Magnolias," starring Sally Field, Shirley MacLaine and Julia Roberts. Afterward, discuss it with Anna Stramese, who has a master's in critical studies from USC. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Kid stuff
Main Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:45 p.m. — 4:45 p.m.
For the first time ever, Citywide Reads expands to include kids this year, with the featured book "Trouble Is My Beeswax" by Bruce Hale. Hale will be on hand to share how he writes and draws his adventures of fourth grade private eye, Chet Gecko. For ages 7-10.

Sounds of the city
Central Social Aid & Pleasure Club
1348 14th St., 8 p.m.
Check out New Orleans natives The Revivalists as they support their latest release "City of Sound." The group's blend of soulful, syncopated rock and earnest songwriting comes to life through a meticulously crafted ever-evolving live performance. Cost: $7, 21 and over. Check out some of their tunes at www.therevivalists.com/city-of-sound.html

Talking landscaping
Virginia Avenue Park,
Thelma Terry Building
2200 Virginia Ave.,
6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Exposition Construction Authority invites you to a community meeting regarding the landscaping elements proposed for the Expo Line in Santa Monica. Hear an overview from the design team on the proposed landscaping, get an update on construction activities and the Colorado streetscape, learn about the tree relocation and replacement plan and provide input and feedback. Cost: Free.

Thursday, March 29, 2012

Thinking about your health
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 1 p.m.
In this guided meditation, participants engage in a process that is very restful and can be rejuvenating. Cost: Free for Senior Center members. Must be 50 years of age to attend. For more information call Jaime Fiallos at (310) 458-8644.

Capturing the coast
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk,
2 p.m. — 5 p.m.
From gorgeous coastlines and beautiful birds to underwater sea life and happy kids, photographs from the California Ocean and Coastal Amateur Photography Contest are on exhibit. The photos selected for the exhibit represent winning entries from over the years.

Learning the basics
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Spanish speakers are invited to learn how to use the Internet and other basic functions. For more information, call Martha Castillo at (310) 458-8681.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

PICO BLVD

Suspected suicide at Sheraton Delfina

A man was found dead on Pico Boulevard Monday morning, apparently having jumped from an upper story of the Sheraton Delfina Hotel.

Police received a report at 12:12 a.m. Monday regarding a man bleeding on the sidewalk in front of 530 Pico Blvd. He was dead when emergency responders arrived.

Preliminary reports suggest that the man was a guest at the hotel and fell approximately eight stories. There were no witnesses, but detectives believe that it was a suicide, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department.

Nothing is official until the coroner makes a final determination. In the meantime, police will go through security video and other information to determine what happened.

Police refused to release the name of the deceased.

In January 2011, a Santa Monica High School student committed suicide by jumping from the 10th story of the same hotel.

ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

SM PIER

Calling all artists

The folks who are in charge of managing the Santa Monica Pier are inviting artists of all levels to submit their vision for the 28th annual Twilight Dance Series scheduled for this summer.

The winning design becomes the primary communications piece for the concert series, used in display advertising, posters, flyers, banners and more. The artist who creates the winning design will receive $750 and a VIP package for the series, including backstage passes to each concert.

All entries are due on April 16 at the pier's office by 5 p.m. local time. This year's winner will be chosen via a secure Internet poll on www.santamonicapier.org, organizers said. Visitors to the site will only be allowed to vote once. Voting will take place after April 16 and through the end of the month.

The winner of the 2011 poster contest was Andrew Kligier, a native of Santa Monica, with his design entitled "Sounds of Sunset."

Contest rules, design specifications and entry forms are available at www.santamonicapier.org. More information is available by contacting Anne Railsback at (310) 458-8786 or by e-mail at anne@santamonicapier.org.

KEVIN HERRERA

Judge praises O'Neal for continued recovery progress

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES The son of Ryan O'Neal and the late Farrah Fawcett earned high praise Tuesday for his progress in drug treatment from a judge who urged him to keep making healthy, smart decisions.

Redmond O'Neal appeared in court in a dark suit and

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Samohi routs Hawthorne to open league

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI It was just one game, but it looks like Samohi baseball is ready for the Ocean League.

The defending league champs got a gem of an outing from starting pitcher Adam Padilla and an offensive explosion in the fourth inning to dispatch Hawthorne, 9-0, at home.

The game began as a pitching duel through three innings before Santa Monica erupted for eight in the fourth inning, essentially putting the game away. They would add a run in the sixth for good measure.

The rally was sparked by senior transfer Nobu Suzuki, who lined a double into left field off Hawthorne starter Mark Laffoon. He would score on a single by shortstop Mason Landis. The Samohi Vikings had the first seven batters of the inning reach base before Hawthorne reliever Jose Leyva recorded the first out of the frame.

The inning was punctuated by Suzuki, who cracked a triple to left field scoring Eric Gomez and Lino Lares. In all, Samohi would send 12 batters to the plate. Suzuki finished the day 2-for-3 with two runs batted in and a run.

"He comes out swinging the bat," Head Coach Sheldon Philip-Guide said of Suzuki, who is playing his first year in the states after transferring from Japan. "He's coming

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TOUGH LOSS

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

St. Monica's Andres Palofox attempts to tag out Bishop Amat's Luis Moya on Tuesday at Marine Park. St. Monica lost, 15-0.

EPA, L.A. Water Board approve pollution reduction plans

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM BAY The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board on Tuesday announced plans to reduce pollution entering the Santa Monica Bay and other local lakes, rivers and streams.

The pollution targets set by these plans will improve water quality, restore ecosystems, and protect the public by eliminating beach closures due to bacteria and improving the health of fish people eat, officials said in a press release.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Other people's money

Editor:

The 710 Wilshire Blvd. project is estimated to bring in "$57 million profit in the first year of operation," according to a City Council member ("Council quibbles on living wage," March 22). Really? That's profit, not revenue? Even as a revenue number that sounds high: $500 a room x 285 rooms x 365 days (improbable 100 percent occupancy) = $52 million. I understand there are retail components too, but I doubt that brings the calculation up to that kind of profit either. A $500 room across from the 7-Eleven homeless store? Well if hotel development is that profitable maybe City Hall should go into that business!

As I understand "profit," it's determined after subtracting costs of operation, depreciation and amortization and interest expense from revenue. So profit will be a small percentage of revenue – perhaps 5 percent? Maybe if City Hall is this poor at reading financials, they shouldn't be trying to manage other people's money.

Which brings us to the council mandating an $11.29 an hour wage for the proposed hotel project, or $23,500 a year for full-time work. Another recent article in the SMDP noted that the average two-bedroom apartment in California is $16,200 a year. Hrrrm. Perhaps while the council is managing other people's money they also can mandate that the new development include housing for all its workers. Nothing fancy. Something clean and simple like in the servants' quarters in the show "Downtown Abbey."

In fact, that will save the developer huge branding costs; just call the new hotel Downtown Abbey II.

Maria Fotopoulos
Santa Monica

More restrictions needed

Editor:

Is all of the public area Downtown and around parks now the territory of smokers? The number of people now walking and smoking, which doubles their chances of smoking-related diseases, has got to the point that non-smokers have to breath their second-hand smoke everywhere. Get out of your cars and see for yourself.

Let us keep in mind that when someone smokes they inhale 200 toxic chemicals and when they exhale it is 2,000 toxic chemicals we non-smokers have to breath as we walk through their stagnant toxic pollution or as we walk along behind them! Public areas are out of control in this regard and further health considerations need to be mandatory.

One of these places is Reed Park where the homeless, some who smoke all day long anywhere wasting the money they beg for, sit or lay on the grass between the sidewalk and curb and smoke. People with children have to pass through this. I talked to an officer in the park about this and he said there is no smoking in any of the parks; also no signs stating this here nor along Palisades Park, or at least none visible and not much on the Santa Monica Pier! If you mean no smoking then let's see it.

However, he appeared delightful to tell me that this is not part of the park and they can do so, "that's theirs." What good is it to not allow smoking in any park if there is not radius which is included. The smoke is carried into the park, of course, across playgrounds and anywhere else.

Regarding alleged homeless who sit or lay around all the day smoking, these are bums and should not be allowed to loiter, let alone smoke as they do this.

Robert Richardson
Santa Monica

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Healthcare reform saved my small auto repair shop

ACCORDING TO NATIONAL NEWS REPORTS, Mary Brown, the lead plaintiff in the lawsuit challenging the health reform law and owner of a small auto shop in Florida, has had to close her business and file for bankruptcy due to thousands of dollars in unpaid medical bills.

My husband and I own a small auto shop too, at the other end of the country in Renton, Washington. Our business is alive and kicking — thanks to the Affordable Care Act.

For as long as I can remember, fixing cars in my own small business has been my dream. My dad served 40 years in the military and knew a little about everything. I grew up fixing cars with him, starting when I was little holding a flashlight while he worked. His lessons stuck with me: you always do what you can to help.

My husband and I met while studying to be auto mechanics. For the last 15 years, we've lived our dream — owning our own shop not far from where I grew up.

We're your typical mom-and-pop operation; the two of us and one auto technician we employ. I know our customers by name. They all know my dog. We've raised two beautiful children while doing what we love.

When we started our business, buying expensive health insurance seemed completely out of reach. With so many start-up costs, there were many things we did without.

But, getting older I've started worrying more about my health. A few years ago, we decided we needed to get insurance. Obtaining policies for Jay and my employee went smoothly, but I was rejected for a pre-existing condition I've had since birth — a genetic condition called psoriasis.

When I got that rejection letter, the thought that kept going through my head was that we'd have to close our business and find jobs with health insurance. It was a devastating thought. We're living our dream. It's everything I'd ever hoped for.

Then I found out about the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan. It's part of health care reform — a plan where people who've been rejected by insurance companies can get coverage until the ban on pre-existing condition denials takes effect.

I signed up. I've since learned that my psoriasis has led to other conditions that need treatment. I'm getting the care I need, and Jay and I are still doing what we love.

That's why I'm outraged that Republican attorney generals, including my state's, Rob McKenna, are taking a partisan lawsuit that threatens to take my dreams away to the U.S. Supreme Court.

They're joined in this lawsuit by the NFIB, which purports to be the "voice of small business." Not small businesses like mine.

I actually used to be an NFIB member, until I read their literature and realized they're more interested in playing politics than giving real small businesses a voice.

I've never considered myself a very political person. Growing up in a big family (11 kids), you learn to consider all sides. I have siblings who are Republicans, Democrats, even Independents. I love them all. My sister, a Republican, has been skeptical of health reform, but even she admits that it's working for people like me.

I'm sure some people might say I'm at fault for my own situation. Even though I would have been rejected whenever I applied due to my pre-existing condition, I still feel some responsibility for not applying for health coverage when I was younger.

But isn't personal responsibility part of the point of health care reform? The new law is built on the idea of sharing responsibility to fix a broken system.

It's the insurance companies' responsibility to stop denying coverage for pre-existing conditions.

It's the government's responsibility to ensure that coverage is affordable with premium assistance on a sliding scale and tax credits for small businesses.

And, if we get access to coverage that's affordable, isn't it all of our responsibility to be a part of the solution by purchasing insurance?

If any one of us — insurance companies, the government, or individuals — fails on our end of the bargain, reform breaks down.

So, for the NFIB, my Attorney General Rob McKenna, and the other AGs on this lawsuit, I have a message. I believe that I — and millions of other Americans who are benefiting from health care reform — deserve for you to look us in the eye and explain why you want to take our health care away.

Maybe, just maybe, when you hear our stories, you might consider changing your mind.

LAURA MCDOWELL WAITE and her husband Jay own Jay's Professional Automotive in Renton, Wash., and are members of the Main Street Alliance of Washington, a coalition of over 2,000 small business owners in Washington State and founding affiliate of the national Main Street Alliance network.

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Vets say dogs, cats turn old halfway through life

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Age may creep up on man, but his best friend gets there at warp speed.

Going from pup to grandpup doesn't leave much prime time under American Veterinary Medical Association labels that cats and small dogs are geriatric at 7 — and large dogs at 6.

But not everyone agrees, and rescuers say those definitions can be a death sentence to older animals in need of homes.

Dr. Emily Pointer, staff internist and medical coordinator at the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in New York, said she considers the last third of life the sunset years.

"That seems fairly crazy," she said of the AMVA designations. "I would never consider a person in their 40s or 50s to be senior."

The AVMA said the oldest cat on record was 34, the oldest dog was 29.

Forget the notion that seven dog years equal one human year, the AVMA said. A 7-year-old dog weighing less than 50 pounds is like a 44- to 47-year-old human; 10 equals 56- to 60-year-old humans; 15 is like a 76- to 83-year-old; and 20 is like a 96- to 105-year-old human, the group said.

Pet health improved in the 1950s and '60s when commercial dog food and vaccinations became popular and spaying and neutering increased, said Stephen Zawistowski, ASPCA executive vice president and science adviser.

Technology has advanced and today's owners are more willing to go the distance for their pets, Pointer said.

"In the past, if your cat was diagnosed with diabetes, the recommendation was probably to euthanize the cat. Now, a lot fewer people are willing to do that because it's a treatable disease," Pointer said.

Kristin Dewey of Los Angeles has an 18-year-old Ragdoll cat named Cokie. He fell from an 80-foot palm tree 16 years ago and seemed OK until four years ago when something temporarily paralyzed him and left him incontinent.

"Indoor-only cats that are loved and treated like family start to get old around 15 but can still live good lives until 19 or more. They may be a little creaky and have some health issues, but so do we all," Dewey said.

Pointer agreed: "Well-loved pets live longer than unloved pets."

"We find that most dogs become geriatric after age 12, and that at 12-ish they are like humans at 65," said Judith Piper, founder and executive director of the rescue group Old Dog Haven in Lake Stevens, Wash.

Most shelters consider dogs old at 8, Piper said, so Old Dog Haven works with dogs 8 and up.

The group tries to place the 8- to 12-year-olds they rescue from shelters and find final refuge homes for those over 12.

At age 14, Solomon is one of those final refuge or hospice dogs. Part Dalmatian and part German shepherd, he has been with Lisa Black for 30 months.

Black owns the Stardust Salon and Spa in Seattle and Solomon goes to work with her every day to greet customers. "If they don't like him, it's not the place for them," Black said.

"Old dogs are usually good with other dogs and housebroken. They are easy and don't require a lot of trips to the park. They are usually happy with us and do whatever we want," she said.

Losing them is hard, she said, but you focus on the dog. "It's what Old Dog Haven does so they don't end up alone in a shelter. We give them a happy ending," Black said.

Dori Repuyan of Columbus, Ohio, says Tucker, a 60-pound German shepherd-beagle mix her family rescued nine years ago is between 11 and 13.

She worries that calling dogs old so young will cost them good homes because "people don't want old dogs."

Tucker started showing his age a few years ago, Repuyan said. He stopped running with her, limited his walking and had trouble jumping on the bed. He started going gray and when he tore a ligament, developed weight problems. Repuyan and her husband had two children and it seemed to depress Tucker, she said.

They rescued Phoebe, a small, young dog that brought Tucker out of his funk. However, Tucker now sees the vet more often, gets a supplement for arthritis and is no longer allowed on the stairs.

"It's not so much that pets are living longer than their life expectancy, although they are, but we are taking better care of them and they are surviving longer. Sixty is the new 40 is true for pets," said Fadra Nally, a writer and blogger from Raleigh, N.C.

Nally figures large dogs should be old at 8 and small dogs and cats old at 9 or 10.

Tracie Hotchner of Bennington, Vt., author of "The Dog Bible" and "The Cat Bible," believes the AVMA's numbers are right.

"It raises people's awareness of the need to get more frequent and more thorough wellness checks," she said.

The Q Line

Saving 'Chain Reaction'

The City Council last week gave a group of art lovers more time to raise money to save the structurally-damaged "Chain Reaction" sculpture that sits in the Civic Center.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the sculpture is worth saving or should its supporters give up the fight to raise what's estimated to be up to $400,000 for repairs?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **(310) 458-7737 ext. 102**.


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Civil rights passion motivates tax proponent

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. After decades as a civil rights attorney, Molly Munger has the resume to prove her devotion to education equality, children's civil rights and California's public schools. Unlike most other activists, she also has a personal fortune to pursue her causes.

Her decision this year to put millions behind a ballot initiative seeking to raise income taxes to benefit public schools has thrust her into an unlikely role as Gov. Jerry Brown's chief political foil.

The Democratic governor has his own tax hike headed to the November ballot and has urged Munger to drop hers so that voters will confront just one tax question in the fall. He and his aides fear that multiple initiatives on the same issue will confuse voters and lead to defeat.

Munger's unwillingness to back down despite pressure from Democratic-leaning interest groups she has previously been allied with has led to characterizations of her as self-absorbed and out of touch.

Democratic state Sen. Ted Lieu of Torrance has used his Twitter account to question her motives, including a recent post that said Munger's new television ad campaign "shows this is about her ego."

In an interview last week with The Associated Press, Munger said she has been surprised by the reaction from Democrats.

"You sort of hope that the Democrats are the party that stand up for investment in children and in education. Those are two bedrock principles of the Democratic Party," she said.

The pressure on Munger has intensified since March 14, when Brown and a group that was pursuing its own initiative to raise taxes on millionaires announced they had merged proposals.

Munger discussed the merger for the first time with the AP, saying she wanted to tell voters that her initiative is the only one that would dedicate billions of dollars in additional funding to K-12 schools and early childhood education.

A day after Brown announced the merger, Munger donated $1.5 million to her campaign, bringing her total contributions to $3.4 million. She said she was not trying to send a message other than promoting her initiative.

The problem for Democrats who want to rally around just one tax initiative is that Munger is an outsider who is not swayed by the usual political arm-twisting. Those who know her professionally say she is deliberative, collaborative and reasoned.

The 63-year-old daughter of billionaire Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Vice Chairman Charles Munger traces her taste for activism to a pivotal point in adolescence. At the age of 13 or 14, she persuaded her father to let her leave her private, all-girls school for the more diverse John Muir High School in Pasadena, where the family lived. Munger calls that conversation with her father "one of the great moments in my life."

She immersed herself in the civil rights movement of the 1960s and went on to graduate from Harvard Law School. Munger said her passion was reawakened when riots erupted in Los Angeles in 1992 after the acquittal of white police officers charged in the beating of black motorist Rodney King, sparking a national debate about racial equality.

"By then, I was a in a skyscraper on something like the 34th floor being a partner in a New York law firm and you know, I just saw the disconnect," between the struggle for women's equality and other equality movements, Munger said.

She became western regional counsel for the NAACP, where she lobbied unsuccessfully against Proposition 209, the 1996 California ballot initiative that prohibits affirmative action in state government and universities. She successfully sued the state over equitable school funding, winning $1 billion to build new schools in Los Angeles.

Munger later co-founded a liberal-leaning civil rights group called The Advancement Project and has done legal work for social causes she believes in, often for free.

Munger now finds herself on the other side of many longtime allies who are lining up behind Brown's November tax proposal. While Munger was a registered Democrat for most of her life, she has been an independent for about a decade.

Brown's initiative would raise the state's sales tax by a quarter cent for five years and raise taxes on incomes over $250,000 for seven years. It would provide funding for public safety and help fill the state's general fund, which pays for education, social services, prisons and other services.

Munger's proposal would raise taxes on a sliding scale on nearly all incomes for 12 years, devoting nearly all the $10 billion to $12 billion a year it would generate to public schools. In the first four years, it also would divert 30 percent of revenue to pay down state bond debt.

Munger said she has watched California's education system fall into disarray as an advocate for early childhood education programs and has been waiting for an opportunity to help. Her own two sons attended a private high school in Pasadena after she determined her old school had grown "threadbare" by the early 1990s.

She said it's hard to think about more recent cuts to public schools "without pain and shame."

Munger said she developed her ballot initiative after finally detecting a shift in public sentiment, in which she believes Californians might finally be frustrated enough by education cuts to vote for higher taxes.

Former colleagues say that type of careful planning typifies what they have seen in her over the years.

California First 5 Commission Executive Director Kris Perry said Munger was a respected voice and quiet leader during the four years she served on the statewide board. Somewhat ironically, Munger stood out because she was focused on compromise and consensus-building, Perry said.

"I watched her separate herself from the crowd as the person willing to be collaborative. And I watched other people do it another way for just as many years," Perry said.

While Munger's public emergence is new, political debate is natural to her family. Her father loved to provoke discussions among his blended family of eight children and forced them to listen to other points of view, she said.

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Utility report warns of nuclear power risk

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The utility that runs California's San Onofre nuclear plant misled federal regulators about equipment and design changes that are the likely cause of extensive wear on tubing that carries radioactive water, a report commissioned by an environmental group claimed Tuesday.

The report by nuclear consultants Fairewinds Associates warned that a more detailed study is needed on the alloy tubing in the plant's steam generators before the twin reactors at San Onofre are restarted, according to a copy obtained by The Associated Press.

The study was produced for nuclear watchdog Friends of the Earth and was authored by engineer Arnie Gundersen, a former nuclear industry executive who was a licensed reactor operator.

A series of untested equipment and design changes to the massive generators "created a large risk of tube failure at the San Onofre reactors," the report found, citing a review of publicly available records.

Since the alterations, the plant has "experienced extraordinarily rapid degradation of their steam generator tubes," it said, adding that such rapid wear can raise the potential for an accident that could release radioactivity.

Southern California Edison, which operates the plant, said through a spokeswoman that the company would not comment until the report had been reviewed.

NRC spokesman Scott Burnell said in a statement that the agency was aware on the design changes.

The company "had to show by analysis that their design was acceptable. All the information available at that time showed the replacement steam generators would meet our requirements for safe operation," Burnell said.

Gundersen said he believed the additional tubes were a way to allow SCE to set the stage to generate more power at San Onofre while avoiding more scrutiny from regulators.

"They made too many changes. The only thing I can conclude is the ultimate goal was a power upgrade, to squeeze more power out of the plant," he said.

A team of federal investigators is trying to determine the cause of unusually heavy wear on hundreds of tubes at the seaside plant, located about 45 miles north of San Diego. The federal agency has said the plant will remain shut down until the cause of the wear is found and corrected.

The problems have raised questions about the integrity of replacement generators the company installed at the two reactors in a multimillion-dollar makeover in 2009 and 2010.

Unit 3 was shut down as a precaution in January after a leak sprung in a tube carrying radioactive water, and extensive wear was found on tubing in its twin, Unit 2, which has been shut down for maintenance and refueling.

Traces of radiation escaped during the January leak, but officials said there was no danger to workers or neighbors.

Nearly 20,000 tubes are in each of the two reactors. Following the leak, tests found that seven tubes that carry radioactive water from the reactor were in danger of rupturing under high pressure in Unit 3. The company has said a total of 321 tubes will be plugged and taken out of service at the two reactors, well within the margin to allow them to keep operating.

Report: LAPD says officer was racial profiling

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Hundreds of Los Angeles Police Department officers have been accused of racial profiling over the years, and for the first time the department says one of its officers was guilty of singling out minorities for punishment, a newspaper reported Monday.

An internal police investigation has found that a white police officer, motorcycle Officer Patrick Smith, stopped Hispanic drivers for potential traffic violations because of their race, according to the Los Angeles Times.

Top command staff determined that the 15-year veteran pulled over Hispanics because of their race, the newspaper reported, citing multiple anonymous sources.

Police Chief Charlie Beck ordered Smith sent to a disciplinary hearing where a three-person board will hear the case and determine if Smith should be fired.

Los Angeles Police Protective League spokesman Eric Rose said Smith's legal representation is through the union. Rose declined to comment on the matter, saying it is the union's policy not to discuss personnel matters.

While Beck said he couldn't comment on the case, he said each accusation of racial profiling by one of his officers is thoroughly and impartially examined.

"Each of these complaints are investigated to the fullest measure, wherever the investigation takes us," Beck said. "However, the vast majority of these complaints are determined to be unfounded."

Racial profiling allegations dogged the department for decades as those who lived in minority neighborhoods felt they were targeted by officers.

Despite reforms over the past decade, hundreds of officers are accused of profiling every year, but they are usually cleared of any wrongdoing.

Smith had been relieved of duty during the investigation, the newspaper reported.

John Mack, a member of the department's civilian oversight board, said the case signaled "a giant step forward," when informed of the findings by the newspaper.

"It represents a confirmation of the seriousness with which the department is now considering the issue," he said. "It means we've come a very long way."



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Hundreds march in support of Trayvon Martin

Several hundred protesters marched through the streets of downtown Los Angeles to urge Florida prosecutors to seek justice and file charges in the death of Trayvon Martin.

KABC7 television reports that Monday's rush-hour protest was timed to coincide with the one-month anniversary of Martin's death.

The unarmed black 17-year-old was shot to death while wearing a "hoodie" as he walked home on a rainy night in his Florida gated community.

Many Los Angeles protesters wore hoodies and called for justice, saying charges must be brought against the neighborhood watch volunteer who shot him, 28-year-old George Zimmerman.

Monday's march began at Los Angeles' Pershing Square and ended at City Hall. Several similar marches were held around the country.

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SACRAMENTO

Most state parks to stay open

Only a fraction of the 70 California parks originally slated to close this summer because of budget cuts are likely to be shut down, a senior state parks official said Tuesday.

Agreements already are in place with federal and local government agencies to keep 11 of the parks operating, and negotiations are under way to rescue about 40 other parks on the list, said Michael Harris, acting chief deputy director for the state Department of Parks and Recreation.

"We are working feverishly," he told The Associated Press in an interview. "We may end up with 15 parks without anybody stepping forward."

The 70 parks make up about a quarter of the state's 278 parks, beaches and historic sites had been scheduled to close to save $11 million annually.

"We're still talking 70 that we can't afford to operate," Harris said after testifying before the Little Hoover Commission, a state watchdog agency. But he said he expects the parks will be run mainly through cooperation agreements with for-profit concessionaires and nonprofit organizations.

The 11 parks already taken off the closure list are being funded in a variety of ways. The National Park Service is taking over operation of three parks, while the city of Colusa has agreed to operate one nearby state recreation area.

A donor gave the state $300,000 to continue operating a fifth park, and there are similar arrangements with donors or other governments for the remainder.

AP

DANA POINT

Whale tangled in fishing net freed

Rescuers used knives to cut away fishing nets tangled around the tail of a California gray whale off the Orange County coast.

The young whale was freed after a seven-hour effort Saturday off Dana Point Harbor.

The Los Angeles Times says whale-watching boats spotted the stranded gray with about 50 feet of netting and rope wrapped around its fluke.

Rescuers used using grappling hooks and lines to reel in the mammal cut away the netting.

The whale appeared to be healthy when it was last seen four miles off Corona del Mar.

AP

WEST HOLLYWOOD

Movie studios to be demolished

West Hollywood planning officials say buildings on a movie lot where Charlie Chaplin, Marilyn Monroe and other great actors worked will be razed.

The Los Angeles Times reports that aging wooden office buildings and sound stages on The Lot, which was once known as Warner Hollywood Studio, will be replaced with glass and steel structures.

CIM Group, which is redeveloping the property, declined comment to the Times.

The studio was built in 1919 by a silent movie maker, who later sold the 11-acre lot to screen stars Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks.

Marlon Brando, Elizabeth Taylor, Clark Gable and many others worked there in the years since.

As part its agreement, CIM Group will preserve a façade along Santa Monica Boulevard.

Demolition begins in a few weeks.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Son convicted of mother's stabbing death

A Southern California man has been convicted for the stabbing death of his mother in the condominium they shared.

Los Angeles County prosecutors say 26-year-old Bryan Garcia-Munguia is facing 26 years to life in prison when he's sentenced on May 4. He was convicted on Monday of first-degree murder.

City News Service says his 40-year-old mother, Saida Munguia, was stabbed to death with a kitchen knife in their suburban Reseda condo on May 31, 2009.

Family members and neighbors say the mother and son had a rocky relationship that intensified during the week before her death.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Man convicted of sexual assault of 10 SoCal women

A 40-year-old man has been convicted of sexually assaulting 10 women in Los Angeles and Orange County.

City News Service reports that Robert Charles Lee was convicted of 35 charges, including 9 counts of forcible rape and 14 counts of forcible oral copulation.

Deputy District Attorney Martha Carrillo says Lee broke into the women's homes in the early morning hours. Most victims were between 55 and 75 years old.

Prosecutors say DNA samples from assaults in Los Angeles, Gardena, Carson and Brea led to a single suspect, Lee.

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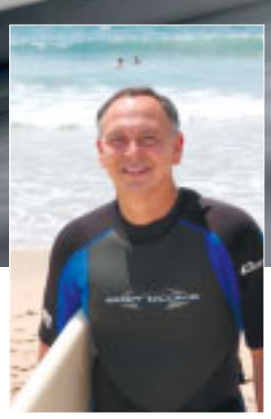


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PARKING
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the road but increasing the overall number of spaces.

The repainting, which would be done by Skanska/Rados Joint Venture, could begin at the end of March or early April.

The plan actually exceeds the number of spaces that need to be replaced that was identified in the rail line's impact report, although that may be of scant comfort to commercial businesses in the area that already fight for parking.

Businesses are having a rough time finding parking in the area because the majority of streets require preferential parking permits only available to residents, said Mel Gragido, the executive producer at The Joneses production company on 15th Street.

The Joneses is one of the lucky firms that managed to snag a small lot with nine spaces. When things are slow, that's plenty to accommodate the traffic at the 1501 15th St. building, but when projects are in full swing, The Joneses becomes a zoo.

Parking spaces are allotted by seniority, with clients receiving first dibs and so on down the line until employees are parking far away from their offices or feeding the eight hour meters on Colorado Avenue that might not be there after the light rail comes.

"They've got to deal with the parking situation, or it'll drive out all the businesses," Gragido said, referring to a number of big-name production companies and other entertainment groups that have found homes in the area.

Producing more parking in preferential zones won't help, and, as it happens, five of the seven streets included in the plan already fall into that category. Seventh Street doesn't have any homes on it, and 12th Street, which does, is prequalified for preferential parking.

That means staff has already identified the street as available for preferential parking considerations, and residents would only have to pass a petition to institute the policy.

Even residents who qualify for preferential parking — and have their own driveways — aren't sure how they feel about the change.

Mark Francis, a resident of 15th Street, was surprised by the news that anything was changing at all, which lined up with the staff report noting a lack of input from businesses and residents despite outreach efforts.

Although City Hall held meetings and sent out ballots to 480 businesses and 476 residents, very few actually showed up to meetings or mailed in their opinions.

The change in parking might be "weird," Francis said, but the arrival of Expo was worth the price.

"I'm stoked on the Expo line, so anything it takes to make that happen," Francis said.

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O'NEAL
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looked noticeably healthier than he did during previous court appearances.

Judge Keith L. Schwartz noticed and said it was a good sign of his recovery. During some previous court dates, O'Neal had appeared gaunt and been forced to wear a jail jumpsuit.

"There is no reason you can't turn your life around," Schwartz said. "I'm very proud of you. You've done an outstanding job."

Schwartz said he would continue to delay O'Neal's sentencing for a probation violation and drug case if he continued to do well at an in-patient treatment program. He could face up to six years behind bars if he relapses or is re-arrested.

The 27-year-old O'Neal told the court that he is exercising five times a week and studying for his GED diploma. He also said his meetings with therapists were allowing him to confront demons that led him into drug addiction.

O'Neal was arrested in Santa Monica in August 2011 after police stopped him for running a red light and said they discovered heroin in his car. He was charged with being a felon in possession of a gun after authorities found a 9mm handgun while searching O'Neal's apartment.

At the time, O'Neal was on probation for another drug-related case.

Schwartz's praise came after he reviewed numerous reports from doctors and listened to O'Neal describe his newfound commitment to fitness and learning.

"This is brain food for me," O'Neal said.

He was in jail in June 2009 when his mother died after a battle with cancer and was briefly released to attend her funeral.

Schwartz said if O'Neal learns to properly cope with his addiction, he should consider a career as an addiction counselor or go into a field where he can help other people.

The judge reminded O'Neal there is a lot at stake and urged him to remain completely honest with his therapists and confront issues that were a result of his upbringing. Schwartz didn't elaborate, citing privacy reasons.

"Everything is starting to fall into place," Schwartz said. "You cannot go back to square one."



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EXPO
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ing shield against the impacts of the light rail trains.

A community meeting to be held Wednesday at the Virginia Avenue Park Thelma Terry Building at 6:30 p.m. on landscaping around the Expo Line will give residents a chance to learn more about the tree plan and weigh in on tree type.

Although the City Council approved a master plan for the placement and care of trees in Santa Monica in December, planners deliberately left the Colorado Avenue corridor off the list because they knew that there would be community input on landscape for the light rail line.

At this point, City Hall is considering trees that provide a low-growing canopy that spreads broadly to provide the most shade and benefit, community forester Walt Warriner said.

"Whatever doesn't get filled in will be used in some of the areas like buffer zones and around corners," Warriner said. "We plan to fill in that general corridor the best we can with trees."

Given that the area stretches from Fifth to 17th streets, they don't expect a lot of leftovers, Warriner said.

Whether or not the increase in the number of trees makes up for the loss of full grown specimens is up for debate.

Gillian Ware, a spokesperson from the Treesavers organization, gave a firm "no" on that question.

"The new young trees, whatever they are, will take many years to reach a stage when they can provide the wonderful benefits of mature trees," Ware said.

Older trees remove carbon dioxide and other air pollutants, suck in carbon, produce oxygen and actually help trap stormwater runoff that can go to the ocean, Ware noted, among other perks.

Four certified arborists — Warriner, two independent arborists hired by City Hall and one hired by the Expo Authority — inspected each of the trees for health, integrity and estimated dollar value of the tree.

Each turned in a study, which a team of city and Expo officials reviewed before coming up with one, unified recommendation.

Economics played a role. If the cost of relocating the tree was more than the tree's worth, the tree was cut from the roster.

"We really took that into account, how much it costs to relocate the tree and are we being effective in managing our money," Warriner said. "We wanted to get the most use out of our money in planting new trees rather than a bunch of money relocating trees that have broken limbs."

A handful of melaleuca trees made the example.

The trees, which go by the generic name broad-leaved paperbark trees, have suffered at the hands of poor drivers and show deep wounds at the base of the trunk from being struck by cars.

"It doesn't make sense to relocate a tree with a wound at the base," Warriner said. "It will decay, and the tree becomes unstable."

Other varieties like the carrotwood tree don't tolerate having their roots cut. They might survive the transfer, but they wouldn't do well in their new location, Warriner said.

The move is an opportunity not only to nearly double the number of trees in that section of the city's urban forest, but also to put the right tree in the right spot, Warriner said.

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SUIT
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Growers and dispensaries use his services to make sure their product is free of unsafe chemicals, and also to tailor strains of marijuana to specific patients, depending on their needs.

Though the collective is not a dispensary and does not sell marijuana to patients, City Hall dragged its feet in issuing the license, and McDonald chose to open his facility without one in March, at which point he was informed that his business could be fined.

McDonald and his attorney, Roger Diamond, filed suit on March 19.

Diamond argued that the lab's activities were fully within the limits of California law, which legalized marijuana for medical use in 1996, and in fact were fully different from a medical marijuana dispensary because the tests conducted on the pot destroyed the product completely.

"What harm is there to the City of Santa Monica in allowing a testing facility to operate under strict controls," Diamond wrote in a letter to the City Council.

He also held that the location of the facility, in an old brick building near Olympic Boulevard and Centinela Avenue, was appropriate because the facility's activities did not impact any of the other businesses around it.

In his missive, Diamond argued that business licenses provide no immunity to illegal activity and serve only as a method of garnering tax revenue. The denial of the business license, therefore, was done on invalid grounds, Diamond wrote.

Diamond has a record of successful lawsuits against the City of Santa Monica including a 1973 case that forced a change in the way local ballots were printed so as not to favor incumbents and a lawsuit that halted plans to destroy the Santa Monica Pier and replace it with a manmade island in Santa Monica Bay.

He was also the author of an initiative passed by local voters to further protect the pier.

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WATER
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"EPA and our partners have achieved a breakthrough on the path toward restoring the health of Los Angeles' creeks, streams, and beaches," said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA's regional administrator for the Pacific Southwest. "These precious natural resources lay at the heart of what makes the Golden State shine."

The Los Angeles region is home to a vast network of streams, lakes, rivers, and beaches used for fishing and recreation. The pollution plans call for reductions in the amount of bacteria, nitrogen, phosphorus, mercury, pesticides and other toxic chemicals that affect these waterways. More than 95 percent of the impaired waters will meet applicable water quality standards once the pollution reduction plans are put in place, officials said.

"Los Angeles' relationship to water is a historic one. We are known for our beaches and were founded because of the L.A. River," said L.A. Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. "The U.S. EPA and the Regional Water Board have been strong partners as we work to protect our rivers, streams, and waterways."

Under the federal Clean Water Act, states are required to develop pollution reduction plans for waters that are impaired by pollutants. These plans are called Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs), and must be approved by the EPA.

Municipalities, businesses and other entities that discharge wastewater or other pollutants have to follow TMDL requirements in order to receive a permit. Failing to do so can lead to fines and other penalties.

Tuesday's announcement is a part of a 1999 legal settlement between the EPA and local environmental groups in which the EPA committed to approve L.A. Water Board-developed TMDLs or independently establish TMDLs for a list of water bodies in the Los Angeles region. As a result of the consent decree, 47 TMDLs have been established for 175 water bodies that address numerous pollutant impairments including elevated bacteria, metals, pesticides, PCBs and trash. Additional TMDLs will be approved or established within the next year.

"The consent decree put Los Angeles and Ventura counties on track for having oceans and rivers that are safe for swimming and fishing year round," said Kirsten James, Heal the Bay's water quality director. "The implementation of these requirements has already led to less trash in local rivers and bays and cleaner beaches."

EPA established four TMDLs to address pollutants and impairments for the following water bodies:

• Long Beach beaches and Los Angeles River estuary for bacteria: will help protect the health of the tens of thousands of people visiting the beaches during summer months. Once implemented, the average number of days during the swimming season exceeding bacteria standards will be reduced from 34 days to 0.

• Santa Monica Bay waters for DDTs and PCBs: will increase the health of the fish and other aquatic life and protect the public who use the bay for recreational fishing and boating. Once implemented, DDT and PCB levels in the bay will be reduced up to 50 percent and 75 percent, respectively.

• Ballona Creek wetlands for sediment and exotic vegetation: will help restore the last remaining critical coastal wetlands in southern California. Once implemented, 600 acres of habitats adjacent to Marina del Rey will support the hundreds of migratory birds species and the dozens of native birds that use these wetlands.

• Nine Los Angeles area urban lakes for toxics, trash, nitrogen and phosphorus pollution: will support recreation and wildlife for nine lakes in the Los Angeles area, including Echo Park Lake, Lake Calabasas, Puddingstone Reservoir and El Dorado Park Lakes.

In addition, the EPA has approved four L.A. Water Board-adopted TMDLs to address pollutants and impairments for the following water bodies:

• Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors for toxic pollutants: will reduce toxic levels of metals and organic pollutants to protect sensitive habitat, fishing, recreation, and navigation in the harbors.

• Machado Lake for toxic pollutants: will remediate contaminated water and sediments in the lake so that fish are safe to eat.

• Los Angeles River for bacteria: will protect the health of swimmers, waders, and boaters in the river and at downstream beaches in Long Beach.

• Santa Monica Bay for trash: will prohibit trash and plastic pellets ("nurdles") from entering the bay to protect beachgoers and marine life.

Pollution reduction plans adopted over the years have led to innovative solutions by municipalities and pollution equipment industries to address some of the most deep-rooted pollution problems in the region. These plans have led to the installation of trash capture devices by 42 cities resulting in a 65 percent reduction in total tons of trash entering the Los Angeles River, officials said.

The landmark Santa Monica Bay Beaches Bacteria TMDL has, since its adoption, reduced exceedances of bacteria standards at local beaches by half for the benefit of the 55 million people who visit Santa Monica Bay beaches annually, according to the press release.

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Congress sends startup investment bill to Obama

JIM ABRAMS
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Despite warnings that less government oversight might mean more investment scams, Congress on Tuesday sent President Barack Obama legislation he endorsed making it easier for startups to raise capital without running afoul of federal regulations.

The legislation, backed by Silicon Valley and the high-tech industry, is on course to be one of the few achievements this year for a Congress mired in partisan divisions and primed for the fall elections.

The strong 380-41 vote in the House overshadowed misgivings among some Democrats and Democratic allies — including unions and consumer groups — that the bill backpedals on investment protections put in place after the dot.com excesses and Wall Street meltdown and could lead to fraud and abuse.

The Senate passed the bill last week on a 73-26 vote after attaching an amendment that tightened rules for seeking out investors on the Internet. All 'no' votes in both the House and Senate came from the Democratic side.

The legislation combines a half-dozen smaller, bipartisan bills that exempt young companies from Securities and Exchange Commission reporting rules in order to reduce the costs and red tape of raising capital.

The centerpiece provision would phase in SEC regulations over a five-year period to allow smaller companies to go public sooner. Firms that have annual gross revenues of less than $1 billion would enjoy this "emerging growth company" status.

Another provision facilitates the practice of "crowdfunding" in which the Internet is used to solicit a large number of smaller investors.

House Republicans hailed the legislation as a jobs bill that by spurring capital formation would lead to small businesses hiring more people. "The jobs act is a victory for unemployed Americans who are literally crying out for jobs. It is a victory for small companies and for entrepreneurs who want Washington to reduce the red tape that stifles innovation, economic growth, and job creation," House Financial Services Chairman Spencer Bachus, R-Ala., said.

Democrats, who have criticized Republican opposition to their efforts to stimulate the economy and create jobs, referred to the measure as an IPO or initial public offering bill, and said its effect on job markets would be modest at best.

Obama came out in support of the bill when it first emerged in the House three weeks ago, saying it paralleled many of the initiatives he had put forth to encourage small-business growth. The White House tempered that support somewhat after SEC chairman Mary Schapiro and consumer advocacy groups, in the wake of the original House vote, came out with concerns that it went too far in removing SEC oversight, opening the door to repeats of the Enron scandal or the mortgage industry deceptions.

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Report: DC nuke blast wouldn't destroy city

ALICIA A. CALDWELL
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Hollywood has destroyed Washington — or New York or Los Angeles — lots of times with nuclear bombs detonated by terrorists. It turns out to be harder in real life.

Thinking about the unthinkable, a U.S. government study analyzed the likely effects from terrorists setting off a 10-kiloton nuclear device a few blocks north of the White House. It predicted terrible devastation for roughly one-half mile in every direction, with buildings reduced to rubble the way that World War II bombing raids destroyed parts of Berlin. But outside that blast zone, the study concluded, even such a nuclear explosion would be pretty survivable.

"It's not the end of the world," said Randy Larsen, a retired Air Force colonel and founding director of the Institute for Homeland Security. "It's not a Cold War scenario."

The little-noticed, 120-page study by the Federal Emergency Management Agency was hardly a summer blockbuster. The study, "Key Response Planning Factors for the Aftermath of Nuclear Terrorism," was produced in November by the Homeland Security Department and the National Nuclear Security Administration. Even though the government considers it "for official use only" and never published it online, the study circulated months later on scientific and government watchdog websites.

The White House on Tuesday described the threat of nuclear terrorism as one of the most important issues in discussions between President Barack Obama and Pakistan's prime minister. Separately, scientists at an international nuclear security summit in South Korea this week promised to cooperate to improve detecting and securing rogue nuclear bombs and components and investigating related threats.

The U.S. government report estimated the blast zone in Washington from its fictional attack would extend just past the south lawn of the White House and as far east as the FBI headquarters. "Few, if any, above ground buildings are expected to remain structurally sound or even standing, and few people would survive," it predicted. It described the blast area as a "no-go zone" for days afterward due to radiation. But the U.S. Capitol, the Supreme Court, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln and Jefferson memorials, and the Pentagon across the Potomac River were all in areas described as "light damage," with some broken windows and mostly minor injuries.

The government study predicted 323,000 injuries, with more than 45,000 dead. A 10-kiloton nuclear explosion would be roughly 5,000 times more powerful than the truck bomb that destroyed the federal building in Oklahoma City in 1995.

The flash from the explosion would be seen for hundreds of miles, but the mushroom cloud — up to five miles tall — would only keep its shape for a few minutes. The flash would be so bright it could temporarily blind people up to 12 miles away, including drivers on Washington's Beltway. At least four area hospitals would be heavily damaged or couldn't function, and four others would experience dangerous radiation fallout. The government said it expects to send warnings afterward by television, radio, email, text message and social media services like Twitter and Facebook.

It predicted the seriousness of radioactive fallout, which would drift with prevailing winds that vary depending on the season and expose victims closest to the explosion to 300 to 800 Roentgens in the first two hours, or enough to kill nearly all of them. In the spring, fallout would drift mostly to the north and west of downtown Washington. But in the summer, it would drift mostly southeast. After two hours, the radioactive cloud would move over Baltimore with far less exposure.

"Unfortunately, our instincts can be our own worst enemy," the report said. After the bright flash of a nuclear explosion, people would rush toward windows to see, but the resulting blast could break glass as far as three miles away just 10 seconds later and cause injuries.

Terrified victims would try to flee the area, but going outside could expose them to deadly amounts of radiation within a few minutes. A car offers no protection. The government's advice for everyone within 50 miles: Head downstairs into a parking garage or basement. Anyone caught outside who heads indoors should remove shirts or jackets and shoes and brush their hair to remove large fallout particles.

The blast zone could be smaller or larger, depending on the city. In more dense cities, including New York, towering buildings could help confine how far debris flies, though the radioactive fallout cloud would still drift over a larger area.

The key is to quickly head underground to parking garages or sturdy basements and wait, Larsen said. After about seven hours, radiation begins to disperse significantly, he said.

The government's study did not examine the plausibility of terrorists building a nuclear bomb or smuggling one into Washington, which is protected with radiation sensors and other technology designed to thwart such an attack. It didn't say why it chose the intersection — 16th and K streets northwest — as the epicenter for its fictional nuclear bomb.

The biggest difference between the disaster that the government studied and the nightmares of incoming ICBMs from the former Soviet Union is the size of the explosion. Cold War-era fears imagined massive hydrogen bombs detonated in the sky, not a smaller device — one that might fit inside a parked van — exploding on the street.

"Our images of nuclear war are either of Hiroshima or Nagasaki or what we saw in the movies during the Cold War," said Brian Michael Jenkins, a senior adviser to the president of the RAND Corporation. "If you are thinking about (a city) being wiped off the face of the earth, that's not what happens."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Baylor's Griner leads AP All-America team

DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

Brittney Griner has dominated women's basketball all season.

Now the 6-foot-8 junior phenom is a unanimous selection to The Associated Press' All-America team Tuesday, a day after leading the unbeaten Lady Bears to their second Final Four in three seasons.

She was joined on the squad by Stanford's Nnemkadi Ogwumike, Notre Dame's Skylar Diggins, Delaware's Elena Delle Donne and Maryland's Alyssa Thomas.

"That would be a very strong team," Griner said. "I feel sorry for anyone who would have to play us."

Griner, who was on the first team for the second straight year, hasn't taken pity on her opponents. She has the Lady Bears two wins away from becoming the first team in NCAA history to go 40-0.

"I would never have thought it would be like this. It's amazing," Griner said. "Sometimes you forget what you've done. You don't sit back and enjoy it as you're so focused on a goal. It definitely has been a great year so far. I hope it finishes the right way, too."

Griner has been incredible all season, but raised her game over the last month. She's averaging 23.4 points, 9.4 rebounds and 5.2 blocks this season. Throw in two incredible dunks in the NCAA tournament and she's been unstoppable.

Griner and Ogwumike received 200 points and were unanimous choices by the 40-member national media panel that votes in the weekly Top 25. It's the fifth straight season that there has been at least one unanimous choice. Voting was done before the NCAA tournament.

It's the first time since 2006 that no Tennessee or Connecticut players were on the first team.

Ogwumike had been on the second team the past two seasons and was thrilled to make the first team this year. Yet she was more excited that her sister Chiney earned second team honors.

"Not a lot of people can say they play with their sister and win an award," the Stanford senior forward said. "I'm really proud of Chiney. She even has more to grow on as she's only a sophomore. For her to be one of the top players in the country as a sophomore is remarkable."

The Ogwumikes became the first sisters to be All-Americans in the same season. In 2009, Oklahoma's Courtney Paris earned first team honors while her sister was honorable mention. Kelly Miller of Georgia made the first team in 2001 while her sister Coco was honorable mention. It's never happened on the men's side, either.

Diggins became the first Notre Dame player to make the first-team since Ruth Riley did it in consecutive years in 2000 and 2001. The junior guard was instrumental in helping the Irish win their first outright Big East regular season championship, averaging 16.6 points and 5.7 assists. Diggins knows that she'd probably have a lot more assists if she was playing with this All-American squad.

"I'd love to be the floor general for that team," Diggins said. "I'd probably average 20 assists. I can tell you right now, we'd be undefeated, we'd win every game by double digits."

Delle Donne carried Delaware to unprecedented heights this season. The 6-foot-5 junior led the nation in scoring averaging 28.1 points. She helped the Blue Hens go undefeated in the Colonial Athletic Association, win the conference tournament for the first time and earn their first Top 25 ranking. She capped off the season by getting the Blue Hens their first NCAA tournament victory.

Now she's the school's initial first team All-American. She was on the third team two seasons ago.

"This is truly a great honor to be considered among the top women's basketball players in the country," Delle Donne said. "I am proud to represent the University of Delaware and I share this honor with my teammates and the coaching staff. Although the season ended earlier than we had hoped, this past year is one that I will always remember."

SAMOHI
FROM PAGE 3

through for us, he doesn't get rattled."

Padilla tossed a complete game 1-hitter while striking out 6 to improve his record to 3-1 on the season. The only hit against him came during the first inning.

Padilla is confident that the Vikings can repeat as champs, but said the team has bigger ambitions than that. The senior said that a CIF-Southern Section title is what he wants after four years on varsity.

"We want to win the big prize," Padilla said with bags of ice strapped to his pitching arm.

Across the diamond, Hawthorne head coach Jeff Hines was impressed by Padilla's command, but stopped short of calling his performance dominating.

"He can be deceiving," Hines said of Padilla. "He has good velocity, but you get the feeling that we could have done more against him.

"We just didn't hit much."

The win improves Samohi to 4-9 overall, but more importantly 1-0 in league. Hawthorne falls to 6-6 and 0-1.

The two teams will meet again at Hawthorne on Thursday. The game is scheduled to begin at 3:15 p.m.

Samohi expects to start Connor Greene on the mound.

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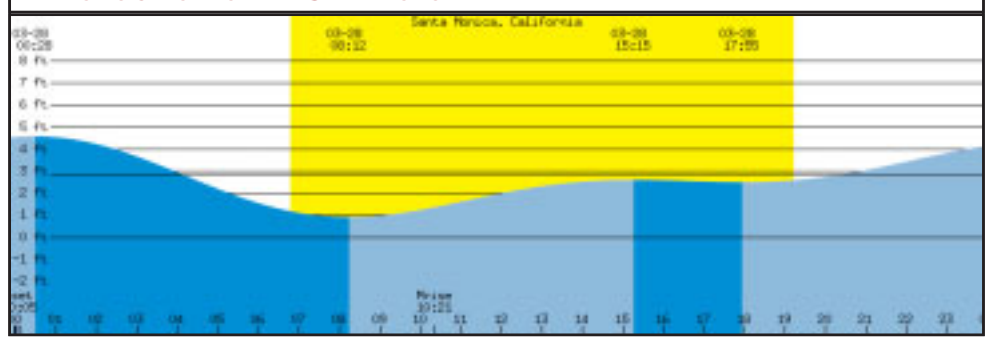
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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 34
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	D
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	D
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	F	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	B	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	ns
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	A
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	D
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	B
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 CIWW 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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Foreign Correspondent (NR) 2hr
7:30pm

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John Carter (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
2:45pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

Project X (R) 1hr 28min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Act of Valor (R) 1hr 51min
1:15pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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Thousand Words (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm

John Carter in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
11:45am, 1:45pm, 2:45pm, 4:40pm, 5:40pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:30pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:00am, 12:00pm, 2:15pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:45pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

Dr. Seuss' The Lorax 3D (PG) 1hr 35min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:40pm, 9:15pm

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Detachment (NR) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 7:00pm

Moon Child (La permission de minuit) (NR) 1hr 30min
5:20pm

Salt of Life (Gianni e le donne) (NR) 1hr 30min
1:55pm

Pater (NR) 1hr 45min
3:10pm

Separation (Jodaeiye Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
4:10pm, 10:00pm

Iron Lady (PG-13) 1hr 45min
4:30pm

Screen Illusion (L'illusion comique) (NR) 1hr 20min
7:40pm

4:44 Last Day on Earth (NR) 1hr 22min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Rampart (R) 1hr 45min
9:40pm

Smugglers' Songs (Les chants de mandrin) (NR) 1hr 37min
1:00pm

Last Screening (Derniere seance) (NR) 1hr 21min
9:55pm

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Dr. Seuss' The Lorax (PG) 1hr 35min
11:55am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
12:45pm, 4:15pm, 7:45pm

Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) 1hr 23min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen (PG-13) 1hr 52min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

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Busy, busy, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You have a lot to discuss. Allow adequate time for other responsibilities, errands or whatever dominates your schedule. A talk could involve someone playing devil's advocate. Tonight: Visit with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Curb a need to have things go your way. You have spirit and endurance, and you probably could wage an endless battle. Do you want to focus on that type of interaction? Back off, and give some thought to what you are doing. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are all smiles and full of energy. Do not allow someone to intimidate you. Claim your power, but avoid walking on others -- for your sake and theirs; newfound respect will develop as a result. Tonight: If you could have it all, what would you choose? Let that be your guide.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might feel strongly about certain matters, but this is not the time to act on them. Rethink, brainstorm and stay on top of others' demands. Know that you soon will be on top of your game. Understand what is needed. Tonight: Busy, aren't we?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on a situation involving key people in your life. It could involve a decision or a discussion. At this point, consider yourself lucky if everyone is on the same page. Do not push your opinions on others. Curb spending. Tonight: Where the action is.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You naturally assume the lead. You could be surprised by what is heading down your path. Give someone the respect he or she deserves, but understand that showing respect does not mean you have to agree with this person. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You do a good juggling act. You could have a difficult time, as others dump more errands, requests and responsibilities on you. Look beyond the obvious when dealing with others. Tonight: Reach out to a friend or loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to avoid an associate's or partner's feedback. Stop your automatic response, and attempt to get past your resistance. This person understands you and often has great suggestions. Tonight: Carrying the theme of teamwork into the night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to do more listening. Others demonstrate unusual capacities. They, too, have great ideas. You might find it interesting to be more passive. When you detach, you can gain a better sense of those close to you. Tonight: Go along with another's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You could be exhausted by your efforts to make a dream a reality. Know that you will need to handle an overwhelming amount of requests, plus whatever is already on your plate. Do more listening. Tonight: Squeeze in a stress-buster. Tonight: Easy works.

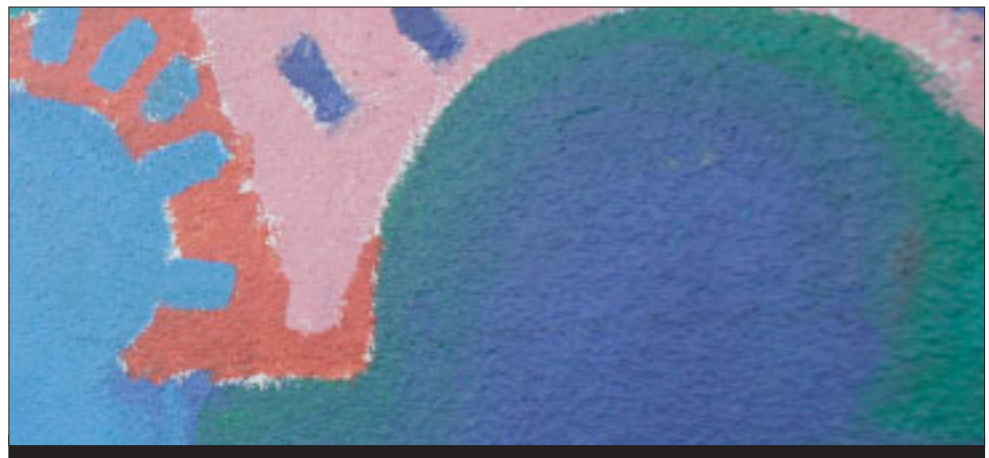
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your creativity expands the more you use it. Others appreciate the unusual and different slant you put on a personal matter. A child could demand more attention. Tonight: Let the rascal within you romp.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Stay centered, and know what is going on. You could be taken aback by someone's neediness. You cannot change this person, but if you feel too engaged, step back a little. He or she might be a bit thrown off. Make adjustments to this person as necessary. Tonight: Happily head home.

Happy birthday

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

This year, especially after May, you will feel as if your life has taken a turn for the better. Communication flows. You might purchase a new car or computer. You have more energy and often can be found socializing. Do not hesitate to ask questions if you are confused. You can work from clarity, but not from confusion. If you are single, you meet people with ease; however, it might take time for the apple of your eye to understand you. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy more time together. Chat over a meal or take a walk together -- just be together. GEMINI always is fun!



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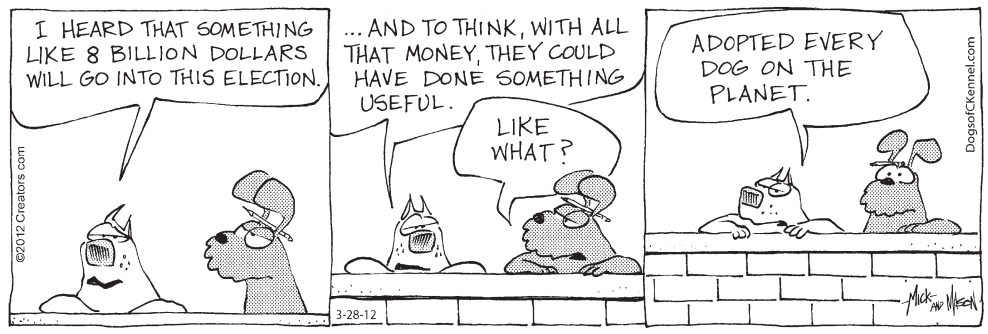
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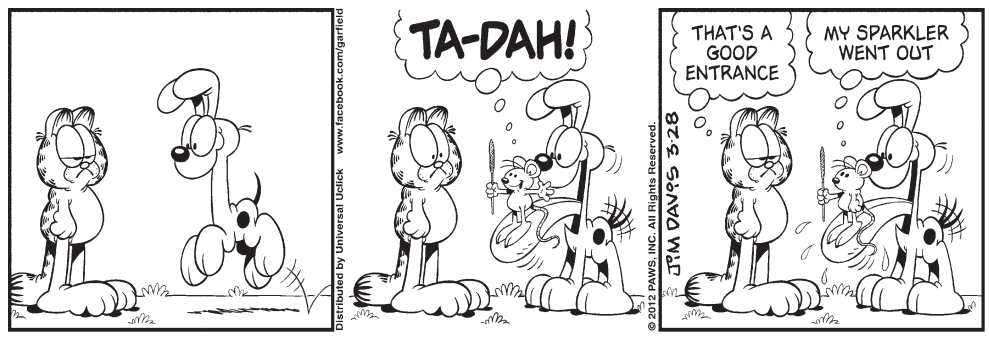
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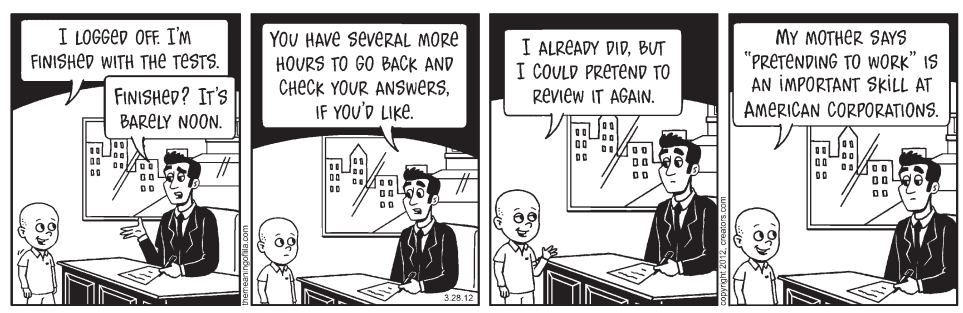
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Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

2	6	7	4	8	5	3	1	9
4	1	9	2	3	7	8	5	6
8	3	5	1	9	6	7	2	4
1	9	6	5	4	3	2	8	7
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12 Vaulter's need
13 Promise
14 Pupil surrounder
15 Gospel writer
17 Field cries
20 Hills
23 In the past
24 Nickname
26 Postal-oath word
27 Compete
28 Lyricist Gershwin
29 Some printers
31 Crater part
32 Holyfield rival
33 Dance move
34 Paid assassin
37 Related
39 Wood of Hollywood
43 Headed out
44 So far
45 Small workers
46 Worrywart

DOWN

1 Lingerie item
2 Guitar pioneer Paul
3 Farm animal
4 Yertle's creator
5 Like lemons
6 Bud holder
7 Brio
8 Heavy-duty top
9 Ring legend
10 "You betcha!"
16 Spring sign
17 "Be quiet!"
18 Unbearable pain
19 Clocked-in time
21 Like Poe tales
22 Envelope item
24 News item
25 Orchestra's place
30 Elbows and knees
33 Disparaging
35 1969 Series champs
36 Heaps
37 In the style of
38 Writer Follett
40 Mouth part
41 Chowed down
42 That girl

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Meganumber: 25
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 3/27
4 21 24 27 32

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 03/27
MIDDAY: 7 5 8
EVENING: 7 5 1

SANTA ANITA PARK
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3rd: 08 Gorgeous George
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Sherwin Shayegan of Bothell, Wash., has apparently been acting out again. News of the Weird first mentioned, in 2007, an adult "troll" who hung out at high schools and befriended male students, especially athletes, ultimately beseeching them for piggyback rides. In some cases, he jumped on without permission and was arrested and ordered to get treatment and to stay away from schools. He reportedly began his piggyback "career" in 2004 with incidents in Washington and Oregon, and though there were periods of dormancy, it flared up again recently as he traveled to Montana, Bismarck, N.D., and Minneapolis (perhaps to outrun restraining orders). (Fondness for piggyback rides is not a widely practiced obsession, though the legendary illustrator R. Crumb liked to receive them in lieu of sex, according to an ex-girlfriend in the 1994 movie "Crumb.") [Associated Press via KOMO-TV (Seattle), 2-16-2012]

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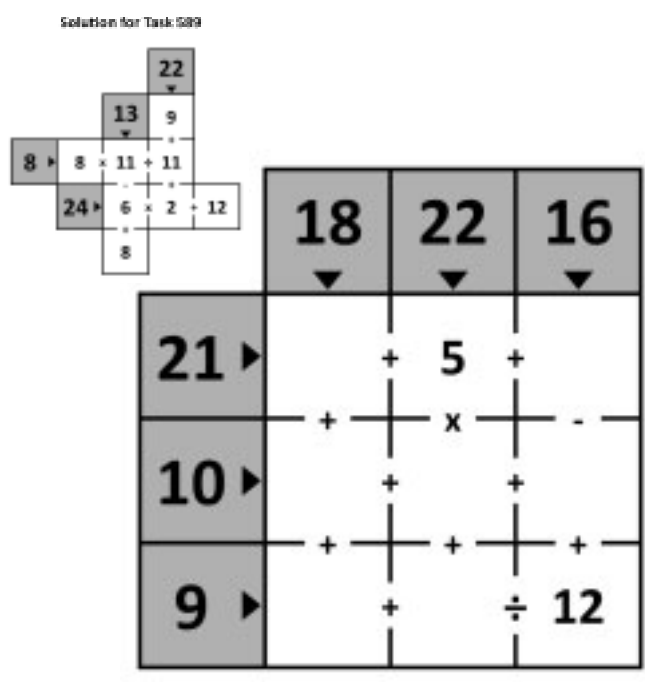
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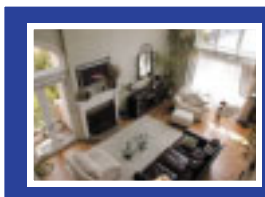
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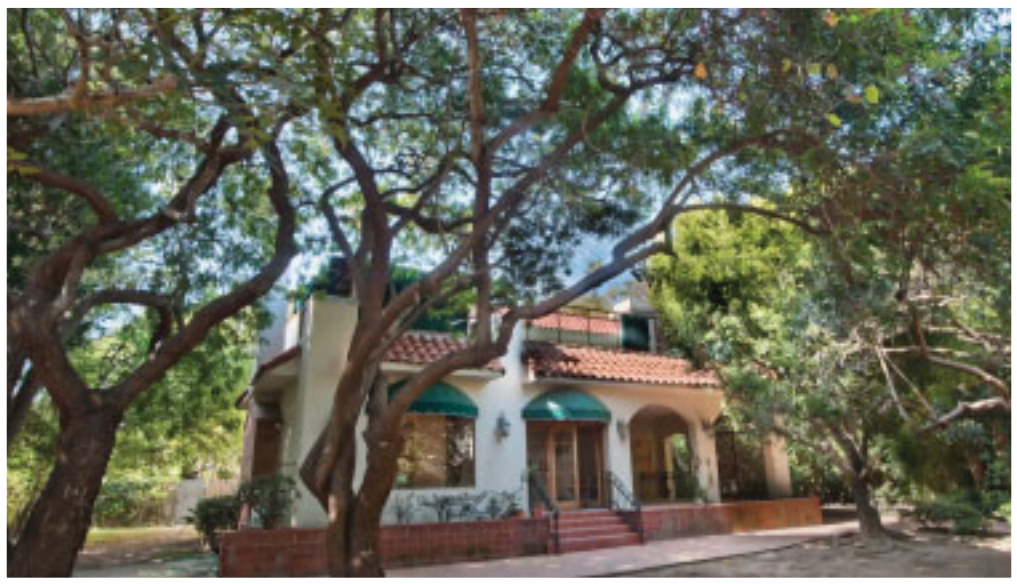


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