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THE MORE CLARITY ISSUE

Man pleads not guilty in torture case

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE A Santa Monica man is being held on $1 million bail after pleading not guilty Monday to charges that he tortured a mentally handicapped man and held him against his will for at least six months.

Francisco Gerardo Rodriguez, 25, is facing one count of torture, one count of mayhem and one count of assault with a deadly weapon (a knife), said Jane Robison, a spokesperson for the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Rodriguez was arrested by Santa Monica

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SMO complaint system unveiled

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO Santa Monica Airport officials this week unveiled an online tracking system that will allow people to report the noise issues or improper flight patterns of any airplane flying into or out of SMO.

The system, called Webtrak, shows a color-coded airplane symbol set against a zoomed out map of the surrounding area.

Similar systems are used at LAX, John Wayne Airport and San Diego International Airport, among others.

Users can pick a time that they noticed the airplane, find it on the map and file a complaint about it, which will go immediately to airport officials.

The planes are seen as close to real time as possible, said Airport Manager Bob Trimborn.

"You'll see flight activity 20 minutes after it happens," Trimborn said. "That's for security reasons."

The Federal Aviation Administration does not allow by-the-minute tracking, but

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NOT IN TIME

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Bishop Montgomery's Eric Cabahug slides safely into home plate as St. Monica catcher Michael Doherty tries to apply a tag on Tuesday at Marine Park. St. Monica lost, 2-0. The loss sends the St. Monica Mariners to a 3-7 record this year.

OIR report corrected in de la Torre probe

School district superintendent did not give police fight video

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Superintendent Tim Cuneo expressed his gratitude to City Hall Tuesday when he discovered a correction to the Office of Independent Review report stating that he did not give the Santa Monica Police Department a video of school board member Oscar de la Torre at a fight between two teens.

City Hall posted the two-page correction on March 24, a day after the City Attorney's Office received it. It was also put on the SMPD website.

According to the letter, signed by OIR's lead attorney Michael Gennaco, the office was asked to revisit a portion of the report which identified Cuneo as the individual who had given a cell phone video capturing the fight de la Torre broke up.

"As a result of our subsequent review, we no longer have reason to believe that the superintendent was the individual who supplied the video to the police department," Gennaco wrote in the statement.

The discrepancy came to light "a couple of weeks ago," Gennaco said Tuesday, and the OIR revisited its notes and interviewed new sources inside and outside the SMPD before concluding that its original information had been incorrect.

Cuneo, who saw the correction Tuesday morning, said that although he knew that the matter was under review, he had not been told of the findings.

"I'm pleased that it was looked into, and it is clear that the report was inaccurate," Cuneo said.

The correction does not affect the over-

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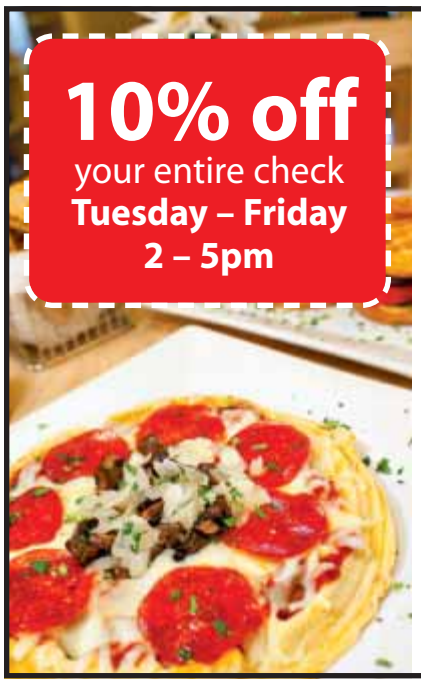
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, March 30, 2011

Activist Support Circle
Friends Meeting Hall
1440 Harvard St., 7 p.m.
Featured speaker Torie Osborn has been a social justice activist for more than 45 years. She served for three years as senior advisor to Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa. The Activist Support Circle is a support group for progressive activists that started in February, 2005, holding open monthly support gatherings to help guard against activist burnout. For more information, call (310) 399-1000.

Super fresh
Second Street and Arizona Avenue
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
This weekly Farmers' Market is considered one of the finest in the nation by many foodies.

Movies on the Deck
Santa Monica Place
Broadway and Third Street, 7 p.m.
Catch a free screening of the classic teen flick, "Sixteen Candles." There will be gifts for the first 100 guests. For more information, visit santamonicaplace.com.

Thursday, March 31, 2011

Tale Spin
Vidiots Annex
302 Pico Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Join Vidiots for Tale Spin, a monthly gathering of people telling true stories. The $10 entrance fee helps the popular video store stay in business. For more information, call (310) 392-8508.

After school acting for teens
The Christian Institute
1308 Second St., 4 p.m.
Learn everything in the theatre from acting to designing sets to making costumes during this workshop. Professionals in the trade will be available to help you unlock your creative side. For more information, call (310) 394-4178.

Friday, April 1, 2011

'The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee
Morgan-Wixson Theatre
2627 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
"The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is a hip musical comedy which follows six young people in the throes of puberty, who are overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, as they learn that winning isn't everything and that losing doesn't necessarily make you a loser. At each performance, four audience volunteers are selected and invited on stage to participate in the Bee, making each performance unique. This play also takes place on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call (310) 828-7519.

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COLLEGE TRY

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Santa Monica College students carefully look through brochures during the annual Spring College Fair at the Fountain Quad on the main campus on Tuesday afternoon. With over 35,000 students, SMC is considered to be number one in transfers to UCLA and USC.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Samohi's struggles continue against Notre Dame, 13-2

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Hopefully Santa Monica High School's baseball team's ambitious scheduling pays off come league, but for now it was just another in a long string of losses.

The latest setback came against Sherman Oaks Notre Dame, 13-2, on Tuesday at Samohi.

"We can't keep playing catch-up baseball," Head Coach Sheldon Philip-Guide said. "I try to teach them that each day is a new day. We can't fix the past, all we can do is stay the course."

For at least three innings, it looked like the Vikings were finally going to give a quality team a battle. After allowing two runs in the first inning, the Vikings came back with a pair of their own in the bottom half of the frame to tie the game, 2-2.

Mason Landis reached first after being hit by Notre Dame starting pitcher Eddie Muhl, who was making his first varsity start of the season. Junior Adam Padilla, who was the designated hitter for Samohi, launched a double into right-center field scoring Landis. Padilla would eventually score on a David Tyre-Vigil single to left field. Padilla finished the day 2-for-3.

But, that was as close as the Vikings would come to winning just its second game of a 1-10 season.

"I think they are a program on the rise," Notre Dame head coach Tom Dill said of Samohi. "But, they are definitely rebuilding at this point."

Samohi starter Andrew McRitchie was pulled after the fourth inning with the Vikings down 7-2. His line for the day included four innings pitched, three earned runs, four unearned runs and a pair of strike outs.

McRitchie said that he was comfortable heading into the fourth inning, but said that a pair of fielding errors didn't make it any easier for the Vikings.

"We were fine until then," McRitchie said. "We just fell apart."

That sentiment was echoed by Philip-Guide, who said that it seems that the Vikings are playing tight for fear that "the wheels would come off" at some point in the game.

Samohi's difficult schedule has included games against the likes of Loyola and Chatsworth, something that Philip-Guide hoped would condition his team come the Ocean League schedule and perhaps beyond into the playoffs. So far, he has little to indicate that the team is coming around, yet he remains optimistic that the Vikings could vie for a playoff berth despite the slow start.

"It's not about winning and losing in the preseason," he said. "I just didn't want us shell-shocked in the playoffs when we would face some decent teams.

"Hopefully one of these days it will click."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

THIRD STREET PROMENADE

Radiohead releases newspaper

A line of eager fans stretched from the Apple Store to J. Crew Tuesday awaiting the 1 p.m. release of "The Universal Sigh," a newspaper put out by alternative band Radiohead to promote its newest album, "King of Limbs."

The 12-page broadsheet includes guest-written pieces by Robert MacFarlane, author of "The Wild Places," as well as Jay Griffiths who wrote "Wild: An Elemental Journey," and Stanley Donwood.

It features original artwork illustrating disparate concepts from the end of the cosmos predicted in Norse mythology to Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's Urpflanze, or archetypal plant.

The paper was released at 1 p.m. local time across the nation, as well as on the website theuniversalsigh.com.

Shayna Peveler, who works in Santa Monica, said that although she'd already seen the PDF online, she wanted to get a physical copy of the paper, which she appreciated as a new manifestation of Radiohead's art.

"I was curious to see if it would actually happen," Peveler said.

"The King of Limbs" is Radiohead's eighth studio album, released Feb. 18 to hungry fans. The band has won three Grammy awards, and numerous accolades from across the globe.

DAILY PRESS

CITY HALL

Musicians wanted for Main Street

City officials are holding a casting call for musical acts to perform over the next year at the Main Street Farmers' Market.

Applications can be submitted through the month of April. The deadline is April 29, at 5 p.m.

Bands performing original and classic children's music, as well as bands with original work are strongly encouraged to apply.

For more information, visit www.farmersmarket.smgov.net.

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Surfing for Japan

The owner of Perfect Day Surf Camp is planning to donate 100 percent of revenues from the spring break session to help children in Japan.

The money will go to the Children's Hunger Fund, www.childrenshungerfund.org, said Robbie French, owner of Perfect Day.

In the past, French has dedicated time to inner-city kids, those with autism, battered children and those suffering from cystic fibrosis.

After learning there were over 100,000 children displaced in Japan by the earthquake and tsunami, she chose to dedicate revenues to the Hunger Fund.

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Critical view of Santa Monica

Editor:

I moved to Santa Monica in 1985 for relief from my severe asthma and I live in a high-rise, rent-controlled apartment, but traffic on Santa Monica Boulevard is pathetic with one lane for cars and one for buses, backed up west bound past Lincoln Boulevard, which carry non-Santa Monicans to work here. I never take the Big Blue Bus (that's for people in L.A. to take local jobs), shop at the Third Street Promenade or the new mall, or spend a penny at the Santa Monica Pier. As for the school system, Santa Monica High School students are from elsewhere and I think all kids should be home schooled, by parent or computer. The City Council could not be doing a better job, but had no creative foresight 30 years ago and voilà, mediocrity in Santa Monica. Tourists are bored here only walking around!

Hank Baylis
Santa Monica

Shopping habits

Editor:

This is in answer to Mike DeMendoza's letter regarding our "new" Santa Monica Place ("Still plenty to offer in SM," Letters to the Editor, March 17). To begin with I have yet to see the new shopping area. The main reason being there are no stores there that I am interested to buy from. They might be nice to walk through and look, but not for my spending habits.

I do occasionally go to Sears, mainly because it is so easy to park there, and that is not the case at Santa Monica Place, and never has been. It is so sad that an area like Santa Monica, and people who have lived here so many years, don't have places where they can conveniently shop. We do have a few with our grocery shopping and some local restaurants, and a couple of automobile repair shops like Kondo Motors, Samo Wheel and Brake, and Bairs Auto Repair, that are old mainstays and friendly and reliable.

I remember the fight that Target put up trying to get into Santa Monica with so much planning, including underground parking. They spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to come here and the city wouldn't have anything to do with them. So when I go to one on La Cienega Boulevard there are also two more within about a 4-mile radius. I also go to Westfield Culver City to go to Penney's and Macy's. I remember when we had our own Penney's. Oh well, those were the good old days. I have to keep reminding myself that those are long gone.

I don't do Montana Avenue either; too trendy for me. Oh for the old Fireside Market, Carl's Bakery and Sweet 16.

Barbara Barnard
Santa Monica





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Meredith C. Carroll — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

A racist by any other name

I'VE BEEN CALLED MANY THINGS IN MY life, although most of them have been nothing to write home about (unless I needed bail money as a result and had no choice, of course).

My sister used to call me Snot Head, but not because I felt or acted as if I thought I were better than anyone else (although various people have assumed that I have thought that in my time, too, and called me names commensurate with my projected behavior), but because I'm a longtime allergy sufferer and my nose is usually not far from a Kleenex.

There was a time when I got called Melissa a lot. It was all by the same person — the mother of a former boyfriend. Only he was a current boyfriend at the time and Melissa was the name of The One That Got Away. So that wasn't one of the favorite names I've been called, either.

One time a reader commented on a piece I wrote for a website about the business achievements of Henry Ford that I was anti-Semitic because I didn't mention that he was notoriously so. While I suppose it's possible for people of any religion to dislike their own kind, given the amount of paraphernalia in my home like mezuzahs and menorahs, and the fact that I have two bat mitzvahs, a confirmation and a Jewish kid under my belt, I felt that essentially calling me a self-hating Jew required an awful lot of chutzpah, even if I won't be consuming much matzo during Passover next month. (Enough is enough with the unleavened bread already.)

Last Saturday will go down in history as the first time I have ever been called a racist. After dragging our daughter around the city for a series of meetings and errands, my husband and I decided we'd take her to the zoo so at least 120 minutes of our 36-hour journey could be about her before we made her sit through her fourth three-hour-plus car trip in a seven-day period.

After my husband parked the car, I opened the back door to get her out of her car seat, which is when I noticed she had wet her pants. My mind started racing as I tried to figure out where in the car I had left her change of clothes amid the chaos of boxes and bags strewn next to her and in the hatchback.

As I simultaneously tried to think and maneuver her without getting me wet at the same (which was no small feat or consideration), a car pulled into the space next to us and a pre-teen girl sitting in the passenger seat opened the car door and asked if I'd shut ours so they could pull all the way in. She repeated herself three more times in quick succession before I had a chance to get a word in.

"You just have to wait a minute," I finally managed to say as I continued the struggle to get my 2-year old in a position that kept her away from my body while getting her out of the seat without making a bigger mess. A few seconds later she was out, I shut the door and the car pulled in.

"What did you just say to my daughter?" a loud voice bellowed from the driver's seat inside the car.

I looked up, surprised, but said nothing as the woman continued. "Don't talk to my daughter like that. Who do you think you are?"

If I had the ability to arch a single eyebrow, I would have at that moment. But I don't, so instead I continued carrying my daughter around to the back of the car to change her out of her wet jeans and panties. The woman kept screaming.

"Don't tell this lady 'it's OK,'" she screamed at her daughter. "No one can talk to you like that. I told you the whites and Mexicans here are racist."

My jaw dropped, my daughter started looking confused and slightly panicked as my husband and I continued to wriggle her out of her wet clothes as she was standing up inside the car while the woman kept yelling.

"I just told her she had to wait a minute because I was trying to get my kid out of the car," I explained.

"You yelled at my daughter. There's no excuse!" she exclaimed. "Just because we're black doesn't mean you're better than us. I know my rights, I know about free speech."

I felt exasperated. "What are you talking about, and why are you doing this in front of your kids?" I asked as I noticed a little boy in the back seat with a similar expression on his face as my daughter.

She kept screaming, my daughter appeared to be on the verge of tears, and I felt the urge coming on to be a bitch — a name I have occasionally been called and rightfully so.

But because the person who knows me by the most significant name I've ever been called — Mommy — was in my arms, I walked away silently instead.

Not a moment or a name — any of them — to write home about, but like the others, not one that will be easily forgotten either.

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The roots of Congress' unpopularity

I SUPPOSE IT'S POSSIBLE THAT CONGRESS could enjoy even less popularity than it does at the moment, but it's difficult to imagine. Recent public opinion polls show it plumbing depths that have rarely been seen before.

Certainly that's true of a survey just conducted by the Center on Congress at Indiana University, which I direct. Every year, we measure national public opinion about Congress in an effort to gauge how relevant it is to Americans' lives and whether they feel it's living up to the framers' expectation that it serve as "the people's branch" of the federal government. This year, a jaw-dropping 84 percent of those we surveyed said they disapprove of the job Congress is doing.

If this were all the survey had found, it would be bad enough. But Americans consistently grade Congress at a D or worse on such fundamental measures as whether it is dealing with key issues facing the country, keeping excessive partisanship in check, holding its members to high ethical standards, and controlling the influence of special interests.

Even worse, when asked, "What do you think is the main thing that influences what members of Congress do in office," an abysmal 84 percent believe that either "personal interest" or "special interests" drive congressional action. Very few people, in other words, believe that members of Congress have the best interests of the country, or even of their constituents, at heart.

This may be why proposals like the "Congressional Reform Act of 2011," a set of suggestions for stripping members of Congress of alleged perquisites, have enjoyed such popularity in online forums. Parts of the proposal are based on misleading or outdated information — contrary to the text circulating on the web, members of Congress do pay Social Security taxes, for instance; and their pensions are generous but not outlandish, averaging $36,732 a year for those who pay into the federal retirement fund that has existed since 1984.

Nonetheless, the perception that members enjoy benefits unavailable to ordinary Americans is widespread, and occasionally right. For instance, while members of Congress participate in a health-insurance program similar to other federal employees mainly for their families, they also have free or very modest cost access to care in the Capitol, including annual physical exams, and to superb outpatient care and other services at military hospitals like Bethesda Naval Hospital.

So congressional reform initiatives that take aim at legitimate issues ought to have a place at the table; especially in tough times, it's important for Congress not to appear to be getting special breaks at the taxpayer's expense.

Still, in the end these fixes are not the most important issue.

The more fundamental questions have to do with how Congress behaves. Ordinary citizens believe that members of Congress pay close attention to special interests because, in fact, they do. There's a widespread belief that Capitol Hill protects its own when it comes to ethical transgressions because there has been far too great a reluctance to pursue misbehavior aggressively.

People are tired of partisan gamesmanship because, quite simply, there's been too much of it. Voters feel ignored — or at least unheard — because for all the efforts members of Congress put into communicating with their constituents, so much of their time is spent with donors, party activists, and like-minded supporters that the multitude of their constituents' concerns can go unappreciated, and their legislative duties are neglected.

There are remedies for all of these issues, from beefing up ethics enforcement, to strengthening lobby limits and disclosure laws, to recognizing that partisanship and the narrow political bases that feed it have created a true crisis of confidence in our representative system. Congress has it within its own power to reverse its dangerous fall in the public's estimation.

But the American people, too, have a role to play. Looking at the shifts in congressional standing over a period of decades, a trio of political scientists — the late Robert Durr of Washington University, John Gilmour of William & Mary, and Christina Wolbrecht of Notre Dame — came to a startling conclusion a number of years ago: that Congress often suffers for doing what it's supposed to do.

"As the representatives of a diverse and heterogeneous country, members seldom find themselves in agreement," they wrote. "To the public, then, the very activities which characterize Congress and the legislative process — deliberation, debate, and decision making — cause it to appear quarrelsome, unproductive, and controversial, and thus diminish it in the public eye."

The poll findings by the Center on Congress and others clearly ought to alarm congressional leaders and encourage them to look deeply at their institution's behavior. But they also should serve as a spur to ordinary citizens not to write Congress off, but to seek to understand it better, take aim at the fundamental problems, and avoid deriding Congress for doing what it was set up to do: debate, deliberate, and make decisions for a diverse and often contentious nation.

LEE HAMILTON is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

The Q Line

Community input

City officials have been holding community meetings asking residents what they would like to see developed on a lot at Fifth Street and Arizona Avenue in Downtown. Open space and a market have been some of the ideas tossed around.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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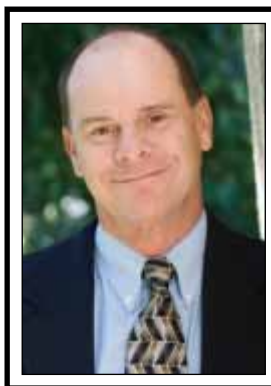
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LOS ANGELES

Officials approve lit-up downtown skyscrapers

The Los Angeles City Council has approved plans for a pair of downtown skyscrapers with LED lights embedded in their upper outer walls that will flash colorful images within the city's skyline.

Council members' 13-1 vote Tuesday makes way for the 45-story hotel and 65-story office building to be constructed at the current site of the 58-year-old Wilshire Grand Hotel.

Developers say some advertisements could be permitted on the buildings' lower levels, but the upper level lights will only be used for artistic images.

Anti-billboard activists, however, say developers may later seek permits to use the lights for ads and that the images could distract drivers on the freeway that passes the buildings.

Council must hold a second reading of the motion on the $1.2-billion project before it officially passes.

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LOS ANGELES

Archeologist slams contractor for excavation

An archeologist says the contractor building a garden for a downtown Los Angeles museum on county-owned land mishandled human remains found at the site.

Biola University professor Paul E. Langenwalter made his remarks at a meeting of the state Native American Heritage Commission Monday.

He says his students were helping Whittier-based Sanberg Group with the excavations after the bones were found in November.

But after he saw remains being haphazardly removed and witnessed heavy machines used for delicate excavation work, he sought to dissociate his school from the project.

American Indian tribe members believe the 118 sets of bones unearthed at the LA Plaza de Cultura y Artes Mexican-American museum belong to their forebears.

A message left with the Sanberg Group was not returned.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Judge OKs support order for likely Kinison child

A judge says it's too late for a man to contest nearly $200,000 in unpaid child support for a daughter who was likely fathered by comic Sam Kinison before he died in 1992.

Carl La Bove asked a judge to invalidate an agreement with his ex-wife that required him to make the payments.

Recent DNA tests have shown Kinison likely fathered the child born to La Bove's ex-wife.

Superior Court Judge Thomas Trent Lewis told La Bove during a brief hearing Tuesday that he was years late in contesting paternity and trying to nullify at least $188,000 in back child support.

The 52-year-old La Bove, a longtime friend of Kinison, says he won't give up and is fighting to get his life back since the judgment has ruined his credit.

AP

MONTEBELLO

Man shot by SoCal police may be 'suicide by cop'

Authorities say a suspected kidnapper shot by Montebello police may have committed "suicide by cop."

He's identified Tuesday as 31-year-old Jorge A. Jimenez.

Police chased and surrounded his car on Monday afternoon after his girlfriend reported that he'd been drinking and had taken their 3-year-old daughter.

Six deputies fired up to 30 shots at Jimenez, who was armed.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department says police responded after Jimenez fired a shot but some TV news video seems to indicate that the officers shot first.

Sheriff's Lt. David Coleman told the San Gabriel Valley Tribune that Jimenez may have committed "suicide by cop."

Sheriff's officials say Jimenez spoke to his brother — who's a sheriff's deputy — and other relatives by phone before he was shot.

The 3-year-old wasn't hurt.

AP

SACRAMENTO

Governor expected to declare end to drought

Gov. Jerry Brown is expected to declare an end to California's 3-year-old drought.

The announcement is expected today, after completion of the state's final snow survey.

Heavy snow and drenching rains have left California reservoirs at high levels. The Sierra Nevada snowpack was 159 percent of normal as of Friday.

Still, the governor's office says in a statement Monday that it is critical that Californians continue to conserve water.

The Los Angeles Times says the drought ended from a hydrological perspective last year. But state officials say they wanted to wait until reservoir storage recovered.

AP

LOS ANGELES

FBI looking for SoCal's 'All Ears Bandit'

The FBI says a bank thief dubbed the "All Ears Bandit" is responsible for three Southern California heists this month.

FBI Los Angeles assistant director in charge Steven Martinez says in a news release that the "All Ears Bandit," given the nickname because of his large ears, threatens victims with a firearm during the robberies.

He's believed responsible for holdups at Bank of America branches in Bell Gardens, Carson and Echo Park.

AP

PALMDALE

Woman's boyfriend arrested on suspicion of murder

Authorities say the boyfriend of a woman who was found stabbed to death in her Palmdale home has been arrested.

A Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department statement says Kenneth Roger Griffin walked into the Palmdale sheriff station Monday night to speak with detectives and he was subsequently arrested and booked on suspicion of murder. Griffin had been identified as a person of interest in the case.

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police officers on March 24 along with his live-in girlfriend, Maria Leyva Jasmilet, 26, in connection with the alleged abuse. Jasmilet was released that same day and has not been charged. Robison said the case is still under investigation and charges could be filed at a later date.

Officers said the 26-year-old victim, who has the mental capacity of a 12 year old, was emaciated and had numerous cuts, abrasions and bruises over his body, including his genitalia, plus several new tattoos, as if his body was used as a canvas to practice the art.

Meanwhile, Joan Ling, the executive director of Community Corp. of Santa Monica, the city's leading developer of affordable housing and Rodriguez' landlord, told the Daily Press that authorities were notified in late February of suspicious activity at the apartment where Rodriguez and Jasmilet lived with the victim and the couple's two children, ages 5 and 7. Community Corp. opened the 47-unit apartment complex in 2008.

Ling said Community Corp. staff "kept a close eye" on Rodriguez and Jasmilet following the call to the Los Angeles County's Adult Protective Services program, which investigates reports of elder abuse and dependent adult endangerment.

Things seemed to quiet down, Ling said. But in the days leading up to the arrests, residents there said they heard screaming coming from Rodriguez' apartment, according to media reports.

Ling did not know why no action was taken following the initial visit from Adult Protective Services.

SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler said officers were not made aware of the alleged abuse until the victim showed up at a Culver City hospital to be treated for his injuries.

Trisler said officers did respond to a report of a fight on Feb. 21 near the apartment complex, located at 3031 Santa Monica Blvd., and made contact with the victim, but were unaware of the alleged abuse at that time. Trisler said the victim made no mention of being held against his will and did not show signs of torture.

Trisler said staff from Adult Protective Services went to the apartment after receiving an anonymous call and interviewed Rodriguez, who told them that the victim lived in Carson with his parents.

Patricia Senette-Holt, the public information officer for the county's Community and Senior Services Department, said Adult Protective Services cannot comment on individual cases nor can it divulge the identity of a person or agency that files a report of abuse.

Ling said she can not comment on individual cases because of the tenants' right to privacy, however, in general, Community Corp. moves to evict tenants who are charged with committing a crime at one of the nonprofit's properties.

Ling said any property with more than 16 units has a property manager living on-site. All properties are assigned a manager, she said.

In response to criticism that Community Corp. attracts problem tenants, Ling said the agency has a good track record.

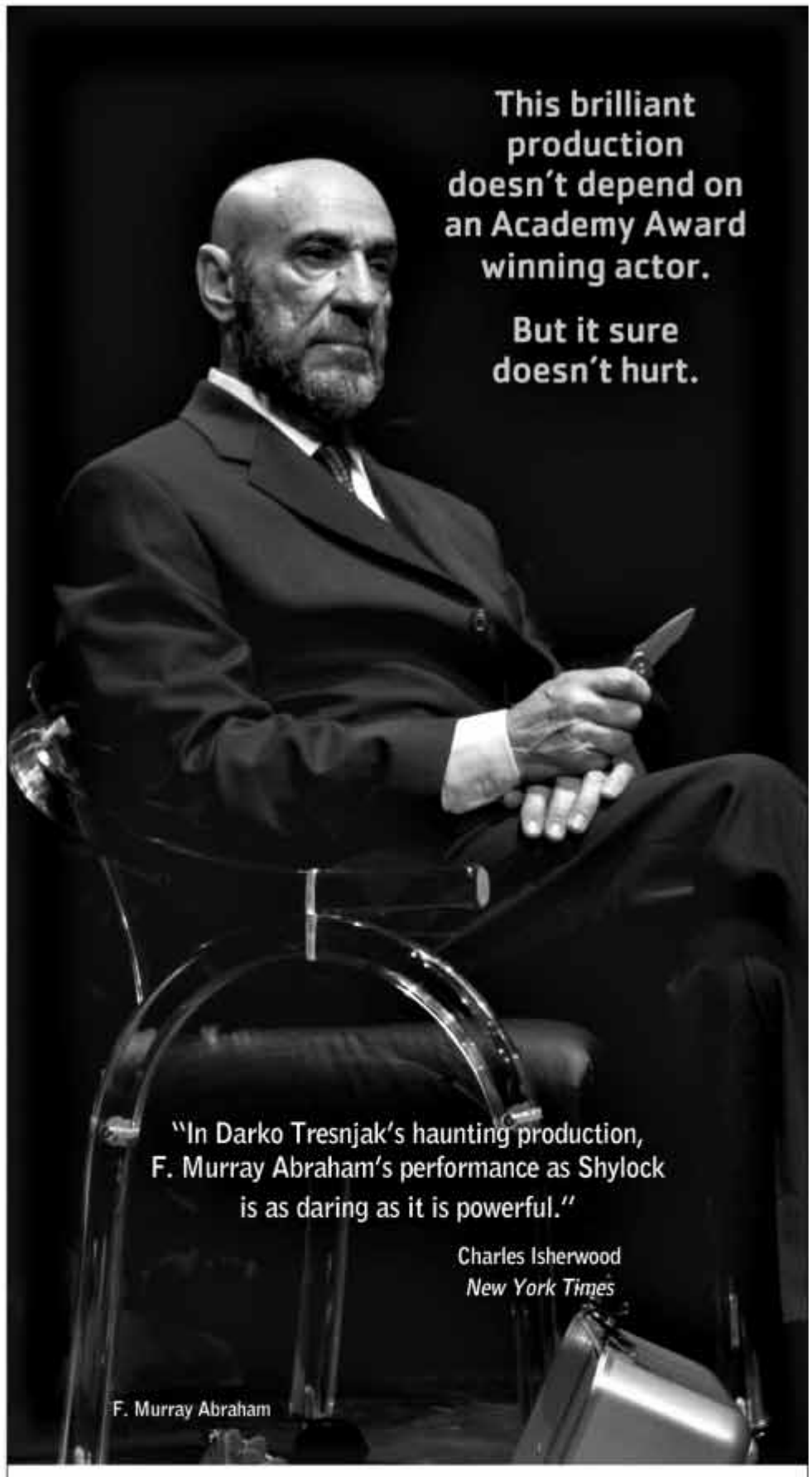
"We have 1,500 housing units in Santa Monica and close to 4,000 residents," Ling said. "In a city with a population with those who are affluent or those with low income, there will be social problems at times. Look at our record. We are rarely in the news."

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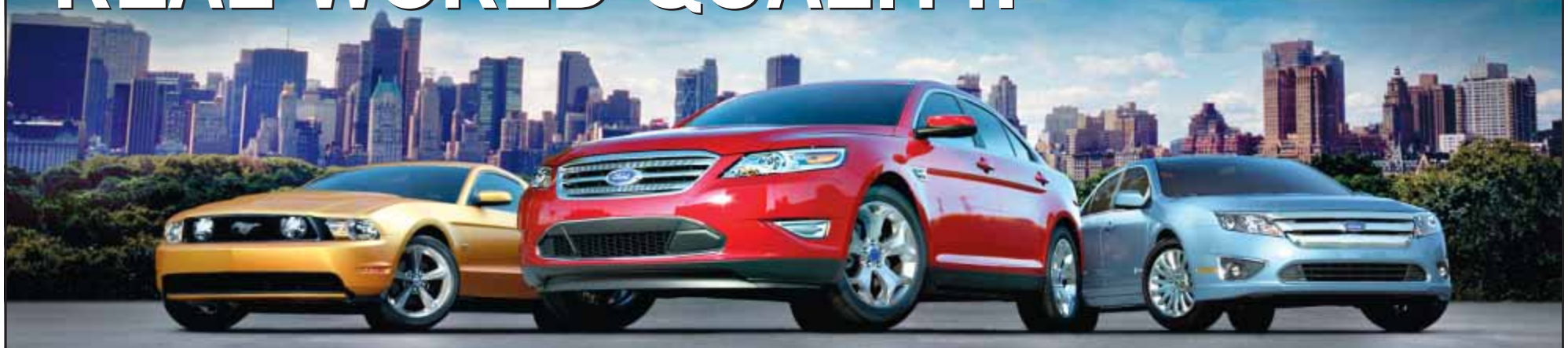
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all thrust of the report, which found that although the SMPD was right in pursuing the investigation, its lead investigator on the matter mishandled the proceedings, Gennaco said.

"One, (Cuneo) didn't give it to them, but two, if he had, God bless him," Gennaco said, restating the importance of getting the video to law enforcement.

Gennaco would not reveal who had turned in the video, and would only say that "several people" had requested that his office look into the misstatement.

The footage helped launch a four-month investigation to determine whether or not de la Torre waited too long to split up the two 17-year-old combatants in a fight that occurred on March 16, 2010 near the Pico Youth & Family Center, which de la Torre runs.

The District Attorney's Office declined to file child endangerment charges in the matter, but City Hall agreed to bring in the OIR Group to investigate allegations that the SMPD investigators had acted inappropriately during the course of the investigation.

The OIR Group's review revealed that unusual interview techniques were used and that the final report by the investigator contained "an unusual mix of facts and advocacy."

It also included a number of suggestions on how to fix the problems found in the review, including: developing a detective's manual, training on interviewing witnesses, establishing a standard report format, creating a report writing manual, considering witness bias in investigations, being cautious when offering advice to witnesses and implementing a more robust review process.

At the Feb. 22 City Council meeting, City Manager Rod Gould accepted full responsibility for the missteps, and announced that a progress report would be issued in 90 days examining the work done to put those suggestions into practice.

Neither de la Torre nor a SMPD spokesperson could be reached for this article.

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Apr 5	JV/V	La Salle	La Salle	3/3:15pm
BOYS GOLF				
Mar 29	V	St. Bernard	Rancho	3:18pm
Mar 30	V	La Salle	La Salle	3:00pm
Apr 4	V	Mary Star	Penmar	3:00pm
Apr 5	V	Milken	Milken	3:00pm
TRACK				
Mar 30	V	Mary Star	CSHM	3:15pm
TENNIS				
Mar 29	V	La Salle	Reed Park	3:00pm
Mar 30	V	Don Bosco	Don Bosco	3:30pm
Apr 1	V	Practice Challenge Match		3:00pm
BOYS VOLLEYBALL				
Mar 31	JV/V	CSHM	CSHM	5/6:30pm
Apr 5	JV/V	Serra	SMCHS	5/6:30pm
GIRLS SOFTBALL				
Mar 31	JV/V	St. Bernard	Memorial	3:00pm
Apr 5	JV/V	Serra	Memorial	3:00pm

Santa Monica High School

Date	Team	Opponent	Location	Time
BOYS BASEBALL				
Mar 31	All	Palos Verdes		3:15/3:30pm
BOYS VOLLEYBALL				
Mar 31	V	Inglewood		3:15pm
GIRLS SOFTBALL				
Mar 30	JV/V	Redondo Union HS		3:15pm
COED SWIMMING				
Mar 30	All	JM Invitational Girls Prelims	Beverly Hills	TBA
Mar 31	All	Beverly Hills		TBA
BOYS GOLF				
Mar 30	All	Saugus	TPC	1:30pm
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the firm supplying the technology, Brüel & Kjær, cuts down the wait time significantly, Trimborn said.

"The FAA delays transmittal of information to B&K, which massages the data into the format of Webtrak and sends it out to users like us," Trimborn said. "They dither it for 15 to 20 minutes. With other firms, it's a day."

It's been almost a year since the Airport Commission approved the purchase of the Webtrak system, which cost $6,200 to set up with an annual contract of approximately $17,400, according to Airport Operations Administrator Stelios Makrides.

However, the execution got stalled by the FAA, which had to approve a memorandum of agreement (MOA) to release the radar data used to make the system go.

Because Brüel & Kjær was based out of Europe, the FAA had to get special permission to release the information to a foreign company.

That had to be cleared through the State Department, and the FAA approved the MOA this month, Trimborn said.

"It's finally resolved, approved and signed," he said. "Now we're doing the final tweaking on the display. Once that's done, we'll go live with it the first part of next week."

Several airports were caught in the delays, Stelios said, and it will mean a cheaper contract for the first year.

Activists who attended the meeting said that while they approve of the step, the airport could do more.

"They're certainly working in the right direction to give the community a chance to efficiently complain about noise and pollution impacts," said Martin Rubin, a Mar Vista resident and leader in Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, or CRAAP, which has been working to shut down the airport.

The previous complaint system was cumbersome, Rubin said, and many people felt that it was useless to file a complaint because it would be ignored.

"Now you can point to the plane that is the culprit," Rubin said, noting that the report will go immediately to the airport.

Those complaints will be stored and used for reports, Makrides said. Reporting parties will be called back with exactly what action airport officials took, if any.

Where the system fails, Rubin noted, is that you cannot see noise levels on Santa Monica's Webtrak because the airport's noise sensors are analog rather than digital.

Without digital readings, the Webtrak system can't incorporate the noise information, Makrides said, and the airport has not expressed interest in paying to switch out its functional noise monitoring systems at this point, he added.

Noise will be high on the list of topics at the Airport Commission's April 25 meeting, when airport staff will present the annual noise report.

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Dodgers head into season with questions, high hopes

BY BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES The Dodgers head into a new season with a first-time manager and a goal to return to the playoffs at the same time owner Frank McCourt's contentious divorce continues to cast a shadow over what happens on the field.

Former Yankees star Don Mattingly replaces ex-manager Joe Torre for a team that finished fourth in the NL West with an 80-82 record last year and missed the postseason.

For the second straight winter, the Dodgers failed to add a big bat to bolster an offense that was second-worst in baseball after the All-Star break. But despite McCourt's well-publicized financial woes, the team committed more than $90 million in signings over the winter, including three-year deals for pitcher Ted Lilly, who got $33 million, and infielder Juan Uribe, who got $21 million after leaving San Francisco.

"I feel guys are ready, guys get along, like each other," Mattingly said. "So as we hit storms and what goes on during the course of the season when you get tested, I feel good about our club."

The biggest unanswered question remains the team's ownership.

In December, a judge threw out a 2004 marital property agreement that gave Frank McCourt sole ownership of the Dodgers, clearing the way for his ex-wife Jamie to seek half the team.

Over the winter, Frank McCourt tried to secure a $200 million loan from Fox Television against the team's cable TV rights. However, commissioner Bud Selig rejected the deal.

"It doesn't affect us at all," Mattingly said about the McCourts' struggle for control of the team. "They don't throw it, hit it or pitch it. If that is going to distract you, you've got bigger problems."

The Dodgers open the season Thursday at home against the Giants, their bitter rivals who won the World Series a year ago, something that doesn't go over well with the Dodger faithful.

"Crazy things can happen in this division," starting catcher Rod Barajas said. "If you are able to stay healthy and pitch, that's what is the key. We feel like we have some great arms in here. With the guys we have here, we can do something special."

The Dodgers were 13-19 in spring training, as Mattingly emphasized fundamentals. He was the team's hitting coach the last three seasons under Torre, who retired at age 70 after last season. Mattingly turns 50 in April, giving the players a younger boss to relate to.

"Donnie is great," pitcher Clayton Kershaw said. "He's positive, never says a bad thing to anybody and I think he's good for

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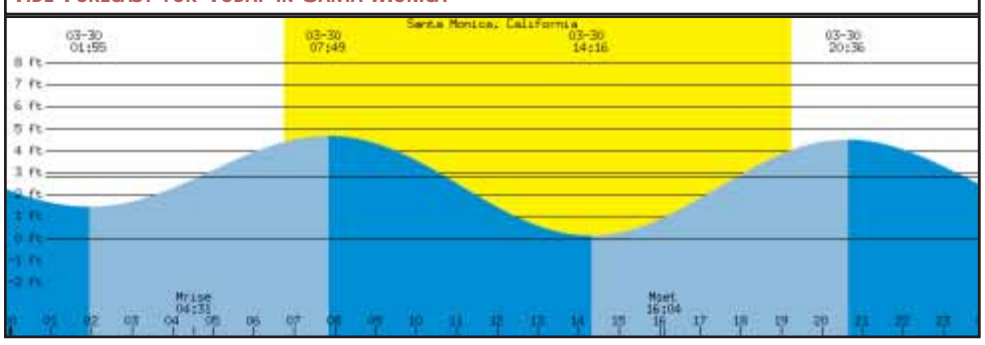
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	F	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad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

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

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
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DODGERS
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this club."

Besides Kershaw, the rotation is Chad Billingsley, Lilly and Hiroki Kuroda. Fifth starter Jon Garland (oblique) will open the season on the disabled list.

"We've got a lot of depth in our starting rotation and in our bullpen," Billingsley said. "Every guy in our starting rotation, any day they go out there they have a chance to throw nine innings. They have a lot of confidence and we have a lot of experience on this staff, which is good. And we have Clayton, who just keeps getting better the more times he goes out there."

Closer Jonathan Broxton anchors a bullpen comprised of Hong-Chih Kuo, newcomer Matt Guerrier (who signed a three-year, $12 million deal), Kenley Jansen, Blake Hawksworth, Mike MacDougal and likely Scott Elbert.

Also starting the season on the DL are third baseman Casey Blake (back), catcher Dioner Navarro (oblique) and pitcher Vicente Padilla (arm surgery), who is set to return as a reliever.

While Blake is out, Ivan DeJesus Jr. figures to get most of the playing time at second base, with Uribe playing third. He had career highs of 24 home runs and 85 RBIs in his second season with the Giants.

The rest of the infielders are James Loney, Rafael Furcal, Jamey Carroll and Aaron Miles. Hector Gimenez is the likely backup to Barajas behind the plate.

> **I FEEL GUYS ARE READY, GUYS GET ALONG, LIKE EACH OTHER,"**
>
> **Don Mattingly,**
> Dodgers manager

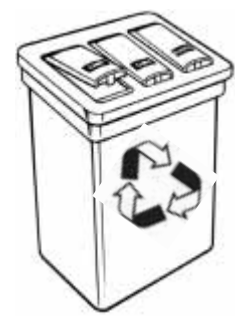
Joining veterans Andre Ethier and Matt Kemp in the outfield are Marcus Thames, Jay Gibbons, Tony Gwynn Jr. and Xavier Paul.

Ethier, Kemp and Loney are looking to improve their offensive numbers after tailing off last season.

"We have a group here that is hungry to win and eager to get back to the playoffs," Loney said. "It's 162 games and you're going to have bad days, but it's how you deal with those and how you learn from your mistakes and how you help win the next game."

While Mattingly adjusts to being in charge and the McCourts battle it out, many consider the best news going into the season to be the return of 83-year-old Hall of Fame broadcaster Vin Scully, who will call his 62nd season with the team.

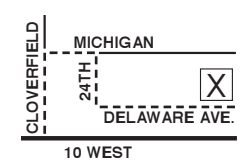
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Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 46min
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Red Riding Hood (PG-13) 1hr 40min
2:25pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Lincoln Lawyer (R) 1hr 59min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Kill the Irishman (R) 1hr 46min
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AMC 7 Santa Monica
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Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
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Paul (R) 1hr 40min
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Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min
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Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 46min
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Mars Needs Moms in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
11:05am, 1:20pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (PG) 1hr 36min
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4:30pm, 10:10pm

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Make it easy, Libra

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Someone reveals his or her true feelings. To some, you are as unpredictable as a lightning bolt. Avoid a run-in with a friend or older relative. This person has a lot of clout and won't hesitate to use it. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to handle a situation involving work, a parent or older friend gains the respect of others. A brainstorming situation allows you to flourish and come to an understanding. Be aware of what might be needed or expected. Tonight: Find your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Your ruling planet goes retrograde today. Don't be surprised if you feel the edge of some chaos and strange happenings. Make it a point to verify plans with others; double-check the meeting place. Make sure everyone is on the same page. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You could be quietly questioning what is going on behind the scenes. A partner gives you one perspective, only to you. It doesn't fit with the events. Note that everyone seems to be having difficulty communicating, not just you. Tonight: Relax to some good music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You might want to try another approach or do something in a different way. The problem is that anything initiated at this point will have to be done again. Waiting will give you more time to think and evaluate. Know your limits. Tonight: Hook up with a favorite person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might be asking yourself questions that you normally wouldn't. If you feel that someone is making a situation more challenging than need be, take a look at who this person is. Could it be you? You could be more out of sync than you realize. Tonight: Let someone else make the first move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You suddenly might find yourself more confused about a situation than you thought possible. Be careful with anyone you meet today or in the near future. Someone could be far more trouble than you realize. Stay on top of your game. Tonight: Make it easy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might be best off working from home or staying close to home. Discussions with a partner or someone you care about could be a real eye-opener. Is it possible that your message is getting distorted? Tonight: Let your hair down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ A partner suddenly starts acting strange. Perhaps you don't understand what is ailing him or her. Trying to find out could be akin to pulling teeth, as this person might be feeling not very sure of his or her decisions. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Understand that you cannot make a bet on what you are seeing right now. You might feel that your hunch is 100 percent right-on, but hold off on backing your words with money. Not everything is as it seems. A meeting needs to happen late in the day. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be more on target than you realize. Someone close might be in disbelief as to how you are reading a situation as clear. When dealing with others on a one-on-one level, make sure you are on the same page. Tonight: Your treat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Expect to maintain a low profile. What you pick up makes you feel good and understand much more. Confusion surrounds interpersonal relations. It never hurts to confirm a meeting time. Before you decide who thinks what, also ask for confirmation. Tonight: Getting your second wind.

Happy birthday

This year, you cannot be careful enough about communication. At times you might need to confirm more than once the time and place. Become more skilled at handling problems and communicating. If you are single, you might meet the right person, but it could take a while to formalize this bond. If you are attached, misunderstandings are not intentional. They are reflective of confusion and fatigue. Be gentle with each other. PISCES makes an excellent healer.

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



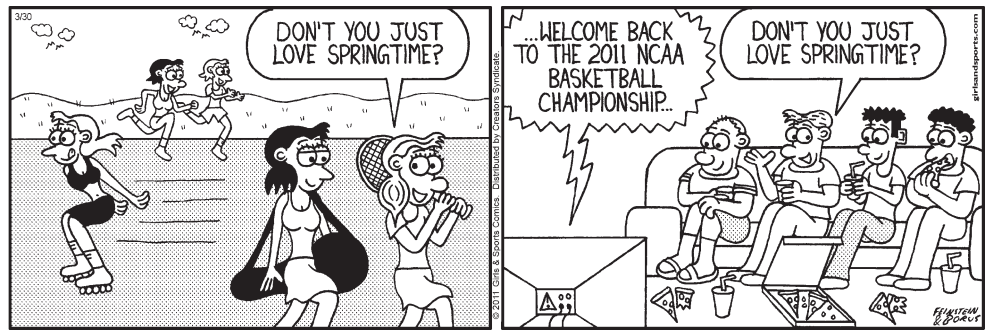
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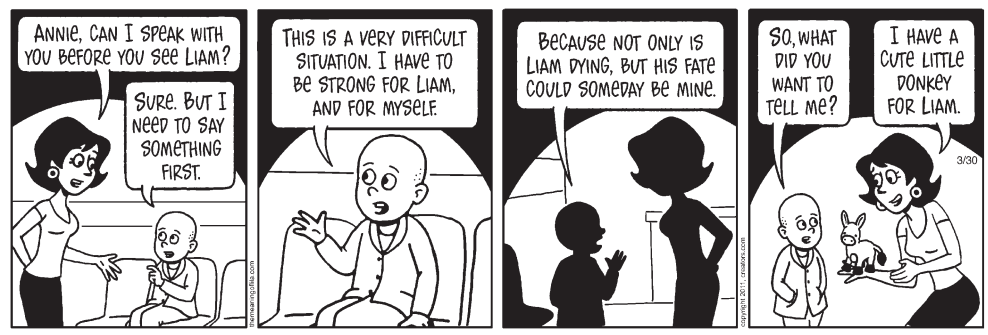
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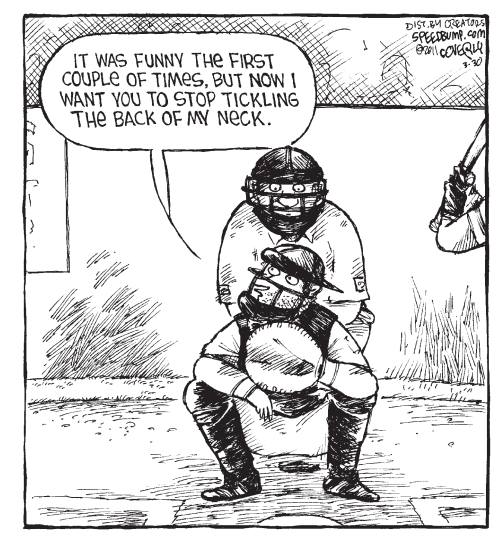
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Sudoku

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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45 It has its ups and downs
46 Declared

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3 Charged bit
4 Envelope item
5 Ocean motion
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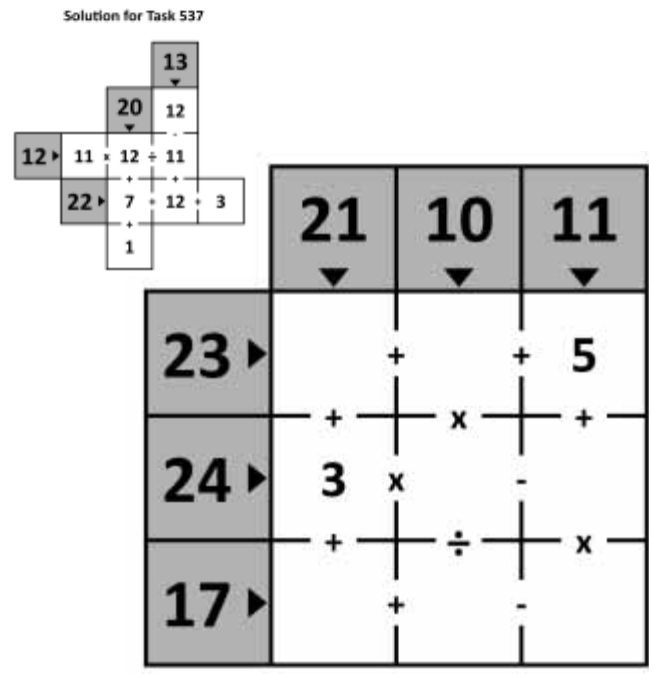
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

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■ As is usually the case when Walmart announces the intention to build a new store, community supporters (pushing for jobs, an enlarged tax base and shopper convenience) battle community opponents (trying to save mom-and-pop retailers), and when plans were announced for a northeast Washington, D.C., location, it was the local Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, Brenda Speaks, who produced a brand-new reason for opposing such a store. Young people, she told an anti-Walmart rally (according to a February Washington Post report), would be more likely to get criminal records because, with a big corporation around, they could less resist the temptation to steal.

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