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GOING UP: **Maja Kundih from Croatia (left) is helped by employee Steven Colajezzi (right) at the Rip Curl store on the Third Street Promenade.**

Price increases will be no April Fools

Measure Y tax hike to hit Santa Monica consumers on Friday

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Santa Monicans will see an increase in their bills for everything from clothing to durable goods beginning Friday when the half-cent sales tax increase passed in November takes effect.

The additional tax will be applied to the total amount paid for most items, with some exclusions for cars and delivered goods, and bring the tax rate from 9.75 percent to 10.25 percent.

Voters approved the tax, called Measure Y, on Nov. 2. At the same time, voters passed Measure YY, a non-binding add-on to prove to city officials that Santa Monicans wanted half of the money gained from Measure Y to go to the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District.

City staff maintains that it expects $11.4 million from the tax in its first year, said Finance Director Carol Swindel.

Depending on what kind of business you are, that could have a greater or lesser impact.

Items bought outside the city and shipped into city limits, including bulky machines like washers or dryers, will be taxed on the total cost plus shipping, although if a customer trucks it over themselves, the tax will not apply.

Similarly, car buyers will only have the tax assessed if the car is licensed in Santa Monica. Even cars bought within city limits but licensed elsewhere will not see an increase in their purchase price.

"If I'm buying a car, I will notice it," said Mark Wain, owner of the Luxxe Caffe. "If I'm buying a latte, I probably won't."

Wain, a member of the Montana Avenue Business Association, said that the tax will affect business owners on both the front and back ends of a transaction, meaning that they'll see the effects when dealing with the customer and when reporting to the Board of Equalization come tax time.

There's also the intermediary step of preparing businesses for the transition, which could be reprogramming computers to collect the appropriate amount of tax, or training workers to punch in the right numbers at the register.

In Wain's case, he'll have to teach his machine new tricks on Thursday night so when the early-morning coffee crowd descends on the Luxxe, his business is ready.

"It's a little bit of an ordeal for me, but

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Injured woman receives $85K for injuries

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MOOMAT AHIKO WAY City Hall awarded $85,000 to a woman injured when a utility hole cover collapsed underneath her while walking on a public sidewalk here.

On July 5, 2009, Meredith Trachtman was walking along Moomat Ahiko Way behind The Lobster Restaurant at approximately 8:30 p.m.

She stepped on a utility cover, owned by Southern California Edison. The cover collapsed underneath her, and Trachtman fell three feet into a vault, injuring her knee and causing serious scrapes to her thigh and underneath her arm.

According to Deputy City Attorney Lance Gams, Trachtman's injuries were severe enough to need surgery for the knee, as well as plastic surgery to restore her leg, which was left with an indentation where doctors had to drain liquid from her thigh.

She also planned to get the scar left under her arm masked using plastic surgery.

"There was also a component of pain and suffering, and the scars that she has been left with, and may still be left with, that are embarrassing," Gams said.

Trachtman, represented by the law office of Wayne McClean in Calabasas, Calif., sued for $1.2 million, according to attorney Christopher Roberts.

The suit named four parties — Southern California Edison, the City of Santa Monica, The Lobster Restaurant and Safety Park, the valet company that operated outside the restaurant.

The matter went to court-ordered mediation, and the parties settled for $250,000.

The sum covered $40,000 in medical expenses, $35,000 in plastic surgery and $28,000 in lost earnings, Gams said. The remaining $147,000 paid for pain, suffering and other costs.

Southern California Edison paid $150,000, the lion's share of the settlement, because the company owned the faulty cover, Gams said.

City Hall doled out $85,000, and the restaurant and valet pitched in $15,000.

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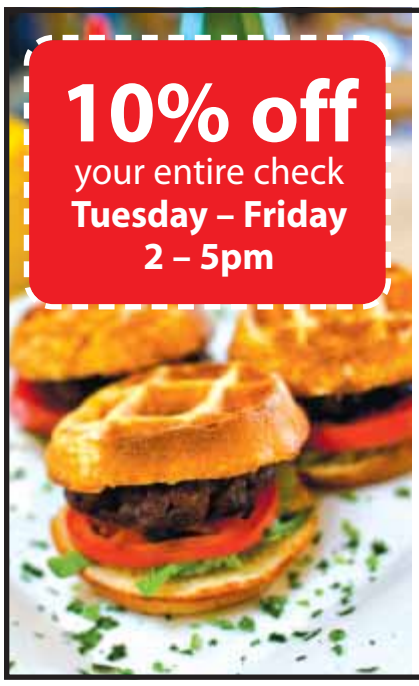


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A free-wheeling review and discussion of the week's key news stories at home and abroad moderated by Jack Nordhaus. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Friday, April 1, 2011

Spring Band Concert
Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica High School Concert Winds, Concert Band, Symphonic Winds, and Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Michael J. Corrigan and Terry Sakow, will perform at this annual concert. For more information, call (310) 395-3204.

'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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SM BEACH

Duhamel run raises $150K for Japan

Film and television actor Josh Duhamel, joined by a number of celebrity friends, teamed up with the American Red Cross of Santa Monica to raise $150,000 for Japanese earthquake/tsunami relief at last Sunday's "Youth Run 4 Japan" fundraiser on Santa Monica Beach.

According to the Santa Monica Fire Department, an estimated 4,000 folks either ran the 2-mile course up and down the beach or cheered on the participants. Runners were asked to make a $10 donation for American Red Cross Japan earthquake/tsunami relief efforts. Additional monies were raised through T-shirt sales and other contributions.

Other celebrities who participated in the run were Duhamel's wife, singer and actress Stacy Ferguson (Fergie) and heiress Paris Hilton. They were joined by Nicky Hilton, actress Katee Sackhoff ("Battlestar Galactica") and actress Dianna Agron ("Glee").

In January, 2010, Duhamel led 2,500 runners in a similar beach run and raised over $100,000 for Red Cross Haitian earthquake relief.

Monies collected at the run will go to the American Red Cross for Japan disaster relief. Checks and money orders are still being accepted and should be made out to "American Red Cross – Japan relief." Donations may also be charged on credit cards or donors can text REDCROSS to 90999 to make a $10 donation.

DAILY PRESS

Brown's experience not paying off

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Jerry Brown won the governor's race last year by arguing that California needed a seasoned negotiator with an independent streak to cut through the political gridlock that has paralyzed the state capital for years.

"I've been in the kitchen, and I know the heat," he said then, saying he would bring all 120 lawmakers together no matter how long it took.

He was off to a strong start after taking office in January, passionately imploring lawmakers to set aside their personal interests for the good of the state, inviting them to his downtown loft, dropping in at Republican gatherings and charming Capitol denizens with his Welsh corgi, Sutter, at his side. His approach won praise from lawmakers and special interests across the political spectrum who said it marked a dramatic shift from the previous administration of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who showed little interest in getting to know rank-and-file lawmakers.

But in the end, neither the style nor the experience of the former two-term governor was enough to bridge the divide between Democrats and Republicans over longstanding budget and policy disputes.

The 72-year-old Democrat was forced to concede defeat this week in his quest for a June special election on taxes, calling off talks with Republican lawmakers whose votes he needed to get the measure on the ballot. Legislative ballot measures and tax increases require a two-thirds vote in the state Legislature, which this year means two GOP votes are needed in each of the Democrat-controlled houses.

Even while presenting a plan that balanced the tax renewals with deep spending cuts, Brown ran headlong into the partisan gridlock he was warned had consumed the Capitol since he was last in the governor's office nearly three decades ago.

"The governor in some ways learned what we've experienced in this Legislature over the last decade or so: There is a political party which is increasingly on the fringe of California politics, which is ruled by radio talk show hosts, bloggers, and they govern out of fear and they are unwilling to do the basics of governance," a frustrated Senate President Pro Tem Darrel Steinberg, D-Sacramento, said of Republicans in the state Legislature after Brown ended negotiations.

The governor had hoped to appeal to politicians' better nature as he sought to address the state's $26.6 billion deficit through a mix of deep spending cuts and a special election ballot measure that would ask California voters to extend for five years the temporary increases in the sales, vehicle and personal income taxes the Legislature approved two years ago.

He was not known for warm relationships with lawmakers when he was last governor, from 1975 to 1983, when he was criticized for spending too much time in failed attempts at the presidential nomination. But an older and wiser Brown aggressively court-

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Santa Monica Stories

Tom Viscount — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Bronzed babes strike a pose at Muscle Beach

LONG BEFORE THERE WAS AN ARNOLD Schwarzenegger or the famed Muscle Beach in Venice, there was another Muscle Beach that began its storied journey in the 1930s, in Santa Monica, just steps from the Santa Monica Pier. Known for being the "birthplace of the physical fitness boom for the 20th century," it is also credited for bringing the sport of bodybuilding into mainstream culture.

Its beginnings are a bit murky but it is believed that, after the 1932 Olympics in Los Angeles, inspired by the game's featured sport of gymnastics, local gymnasts and acrobats began to work out in the sand just south of the Santa Monica Pier. In 1933, the Long Beach Earthquake damaged Santa Monica High School and made the school, including the gym, uninhabitable for months. This forced students to walk the four blocks to the beach and join others on the sand for their workouts. During this time the area was reportedly to have gotten its first name, "High School Beach" for being located so close to the school.

Over the next 10 years, as more families began to own cars, Santa Monica became a prime tourist destination. This prompted acrobats and gymnasts from all over to flock to the beach and perform their daring stunts in front of the giant, rowdy crowds. A large, raised, wooden platform rimmed with seats was then constructed to better accommodate the sea of applauding, sun-glassed spectators.

After World War II, the area began to change and became more of a haven for chiseled, bronzed male and female bodybuilders who wooed crowds with their feats of strength and buff physiques. Soon many of the acrobats and gymnasts had disappeared and the place began to truly earn its name — Muscle Beach.

Muscle Beach then began to attract celebrities, such as Kirk Douglas, Mae West and Jayne Mansfield, who all reveled in being a part of this nutty circus and its literally larger than life performers. Ms. Mansfield actually found love here, marrying one of the bulging musclemen. Joe Gold, who founded Gold's Gym, and other future icons of the fitness world, were also a part of this vibrant and eclectic scene. Even fitness celebrity Jack LaLanne made a point to drop by and get in on the action.



Santa Monica History Museum

MUSCLE BEACH

By the mid-50s, Muscle Beach was again changing and was now almost completely dominated by pumped-up men who strutted and preened as they lifted weights and posed wearing only thong-like bathing suits. It was becoming serious business at Muscle Beach as was the sport of body building, which was quickly gaining popularity throughout the country.

By the late '50s, most of the original cast of characters who had built and defined the spirit of the early days of Muscle Beach were gone and so was the fun and lightheartedness they had brought to the place. Muscle Beach's image was then severely tarnished by a sex scandal involving underage girls and a couple of the well-known bodybuilders. This scandal and a series of injuries in the park and around Santa Monica were factors that led to City Hall eventually closing the park in 1959. It would be almost two decades before Muscle Beach would rise again in a place called "The Pit," in Venice Beach.

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Another call to close the airport

Editor:

The deleterious effects of Santa Monica Airport cannot continue to be shoved off on our L.A. neighbors. They suffer even more than we do and they get no financial benefit whatsoever from SMO. How can we in good conscience say that because SMO is a health and safety hazard for Santa Monicans, that health and safety hazard should be forced on our L.A. neighbors? It's our city's airport, after all. Additionally, there's the issue of causing more air pollution at LAX because of delays there caused by SMO. We need to work together to have SMO's health and safety hazard eliminated for everyone. That can only be accomplished by closing the airport.

Susan Hartley
Santa Monica

Red Cross supporter

Editor:

I am appalled that NRO Richard Carranza, in his column about disaster donations, did not make any mention of the American Red Cross ("Disasters bring out the best, worst in people," On the Beat, March 26-27, page 4). Any donation brought to or sent to the Santa Monica chapter of the American Red Cross for Japan relief goes directly to helping the Japanese who are in need of funds and services to bring them back to normal. The American Red Cross relies upon donations from people and corporations to do their good work. There are no contributions from any governmental entities. And most everyone knows what good the Red Cross does in times of disasters. I suggest that the American Red Cross be one of your first considerations if you wish to donate to a charitable organization for disaster aid, or for any other donation you care to make to help people in need.

Dr. Bernard N. Harris
Santa Monica

Holbrook is too harsh

Editor:

I read the Daily Press' article "City Council stalls development of Bergamot Transit Village," page 1, March 24, and also watched the meeting on television. I was appalled to see Councilmember Bob Holbrook verbally attack a young woman because she had reported in her public comment on the findings by the new Transparency Project of sizable donations to the past political campaigns of Holbrook, Gleam Davis, Richard Bloom and Pam O'Connor. I was even more disturbed to see Mayor Bloom cut off the young lady's response to Holbrook by telling her the council did not "intend to open a dialog." Apparently, Holbrook was angry because she pointed out that he received over $13,500 in contributions from Bergamot's developer, Hines, in the last election. Apparently, those attacked from the podium are not permitted to respond.

This disturbing incident can be viewed by accessing the archived videos at the city website and searching for agenda item 8-B, or by watching the incident on YouTube at www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPSb-Yd65BM.

Councilmember Holbrook was also a chief beneficiary of a misleading and counterfeit campaign mailer that was paid for, in significant part, by Hines. He barely won the last election by 56 more votes than challenger Ted Winterer despite the advantage of being on the council for more than 20 years.

If Councilmember Holbrook is upset by the truth, perhaps it is time to step down or to re-evaluate the values and interests he represents while in office. He certainly owes that young lady an apology.

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Standing out among the career fair crowd is key

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I am about to graduate from college and am searching for my first job. My school is hosting a career fair that I am interested in attending, however, I have never been to an event like this before. I don't know what to talk about or what to do. Please let me know how I can prepare and put my best foot forward.

Signed,
Career Fair Newbie

DEAR NEWBIE,

Attending an organized career fair can be a great way to connect with employers who are looking to hire while also showcasing yourself as a prospective candidate. However, making the most of this event will require that you prepare ahead of time and make a game plan for success.

Start off by reviewing the career fair website and the list of attending companies. Knowing who will be present will help you to determine who you want to meet so you can plan your approach. First impressions go a long way so you want to be sure that you are well informed and prepared to make the best impression possible.

Go beyond your basic assumptions. Even if you recognize the name of the company it is important for you to take time to research each organization and find out what types of openings they have. For instance, an aerospace company may be hiring finance, marketing, and human resource professionals, not just engineers. To gather this information start by going to the corporate website. Review details about the company structure and departments, locations, new initiatives, and current job openings. You may find it useful to compile a spreadsheet to store the information you gather as a quick resource. This also presents an opportunity for you to begin drafting questions that you would like to ask the employer. A career fair presents the perfect opportunity for you to learn about the company culture, unique programs, and others details that are important in your career planning.

This is also your opportunity to be more than just a name on a piece of paper. Spend time thinking about your pitch. How will you introduce yourself to a perspective employer? To prepare, develop a 30-second pitch highlighting your background and interest in the company. Introducing yourself in a positive and confident way will take preparation and practice. Craft a message that features your accomplishments and is delivered effortlessly; you want to avoid sounding like a recording. A great pitch will introduce you by name, major, focus and what you're looking for. For instance you might state, "I am a senior marketing major with a focus in business. For the past two semesters I have served as a social media intern at a local entertainment company where I have helped increase their social media presence by 30 percent. I would like to find a full time opportunity where I can apply my social media and marketing experience in a creative and fast-paced work environment." You can take this one step further by individualizing this pitch with the information that you gathered when researching the company.

Make sure your resume is in tip-top shape. While many employers will still require that you apply formally through their website, having your resume ready will show that you are serious about securing a new opportunity. Make sure that you tailor your resume to the position and company you are interested in working for. If an employer is unable to accept a hard copy of your resume, do not take it personally. Many companies have specific protocols in place to handle applications. However, make sure that you take the time to revise your cover letter and application to discuss your conversation with their recruiter at the career fair. Many times the person who makes a hiring or interview decision for a particular position is different from the person who attends college career fairs.

Finally, the way you dress, act, and talk will also have an impact on the employers impression of you. If you have a suit, wear it. If not, dress pants or skirt with a dress shirt or cardigan will do. It is also important that you mind your manners. Practice your firm handshake, proper eye contact, and clear speech. Bring copies of your resume in a nice professional portfolio. This will help you to appear polished and prepared and also give you a place to record notes and the names of the professionals you meet. Most important, be yourself and don't forget to smile. A smile will help calm your nerves and will show the employer that you are the friendly addition they need on their team.

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Junipers the latest target of misguided SM City Hall

TO OUR CITY COUNCIL AND CITY MANAGER Rod Gould,

[The other] night I attended a meeting with city staff and Wilmont members regarding the imminent destruction of the juniper trees at the southern end of Reed Park. I wrote to you all last week, as did a few other Treesavers, asking for your help to save these mature, beneficial, public, evergreen trees. I do hope the council members who responded that you would be looking in to it will take some immediate action to at least delay this unnecessary violence.

In this meeting I learned that all the reasoning to remove these healthy trees boiled down as follows:

1. We have had a public process. Participants in surveys and two public meetings about four years back had named safety as a main concern in using the park. This was due to their perceptions of the homeless people who spend time and store belongings under the junipers.

2. Our Santa Monica Police Department wants to be able to have one unobstructed sight line to be able to see, at a glance from a distance, all the way down the tennis court chain link fence, whether or not any homeless are there.

3. Some tennis players want to be less visible from Wilshire Boulevard.

As far as safety, the redesign of the area between the junipers and Wilshire, which will remove the lawn and fill the entire area with various plants and a bioswale, will accomplish making it too uncomfortable for the homeless, or anyone else, to use the area for anything but viewing from the outside. (Will the fact that some residents apparently find junipers "big, dark and scary" cause the city to next hack down those living on either side of the entrance to City Hall?) Also, one would think that a person having been killed on those tennis courts a couple decades back would argue more for keeping the partial screening provided by the junipers rather than totally eliminating any visibility by covering the fence with vines. Lighting could be improved.

I believe it is accurate to state that some staff at this meeting seemed to believe that, given all the changes being made to the ground around the junipers, this tree removal is more about a feeling of unease some residents have around the homeless, and a desire for a different design. As everyone knows, Reed Park will continue to house the homeless after these trees have been destroyed.

Further, without removing the eucalyptus trees as well (not yet suggested, but wait), the police will still not have an entirely clear sight line down Wilshire. They will need to actually patrol regardless. Currently the ground in which these junipers stand is elevated from about 2 feet to 6 feet or more above street level. They are also branchless — just sticks a few inches wide — from their bases to another 2 to 6 feet up, in other words, to above eye level. Unless these dastardly homeless have taken to actually living up in the trees, there is going to be very little danger of their being significant nuisances amongst the junipers.

The words "sustainable" and "palette" (so in vogue and so often thrown around by designers as an excuse to remove trees they don't want to keep within the rarefied domains of their pristine re-designs), do not even apply in this situation. Junipers are very drought tolerant. Keeping these mature evergreens is much more sustainable than spending water and other resources to replace them with baby vines in need of care.

I disagree that removal of these trees was always understood to be a part of the redesign. One Treesaver member who attended the first public meeting about the concerns over Reed Park is certain she was told that no trees would be removed. Documents I've seen from the time of the public process do not refer to the destruction of the junipers, but only "changing out the turf along Wilshire Boulevard and Seventh Street to sustainable, drought-tolerant plant species."

Staff has agreed to see if any of the junipers can be saved. Yet despite the claim that these healthy trees are not being removed primarily on design whims, it is not with safety experts they will be conferring. Rather, we were told, they will be consulting the designers. Also, public meetings should be one venue in which our forestry department educates the public about the benefits of trees — not colludes in unnecessarily destroying them on whims, and exaggerated fears.

Please put a stop to this senseless slaughter. Save all of these trees. Santa Monica must require actual necessity before destroying the urban forest. This is a very serious matter. It is immoral to hack up living things just because you feel like it.

COSMO BUA is a member of Santa Monica Treesavers, a group of concerned citizens who are opposed to the removal of healthy trees.

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:
What do you want done with the site?

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Play Time
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Ruskin offers magic in the wilderness

THERE IS SOMETHING DECIDEDLY PECULIAR about the old couple who live deep in the forest in a cottage that they built themselves. They have no electricity, no telephone, and no water. "Who needs water when we have a beautiful river so close by?" she says.

But that's not what's peculiar about them. They seem to be frozen in the amber light that permeates their home. And they appear to have lived there for centuries. But their relationship to each other seems too fey, too unreal, too terminally cutesy, especially after being alone together for so many years. He gambols around like a lecherous leprechaun, continually declaring his lust for her. She responds with a bawdy coyness of her own and willingly plops into bed with him at every opportunity. The rest of the time she makes pies.

Nancy Berggren as "Old Eva" and Shelly Kurtz as "Old Zak" are delightful actors and they do the best that can be done with a play that has them delivering long, repetitive soliloquies on the glories of nature, the dappled light of the sun, the murmuring of the river. Nice as poetry, but awfully difficult as dialogue.

The play is "Come Sundown," the first play by Santa Monica-based writer, director, and actor Anthony Cronin, but Cronin has enough stage experience and credentials to know better. His poetic magic sticks like peanut butter, especially when the old couple parades their lust and language in front of visitors. Too much like showing off. Aren't we having fun! Aren't we adorable?

Multiply this by two. There is a "Young Eva" (Sofia Yepes) and a "Young Zak" (Bram Barouh) who, unfortunately, are even less able to carry off the magic. Yepes is wooden and prim; Barouh is competent, but doesn't seem to be the sort of man who would be content to live in the wilderness for a lifetime or two.

Two other actors give the play the action and plot that it needs. Timothy George Connolly plays Tom Kelly, an activist lawyer who worries about the environment ("One road in the wilderness is like a scratch on a CD," he says), and Jeison Azali plays Mortimer Roach, the developer who wants to buy the old couple's land and build high-end second homes on it. But Roach is not a villain. He wants to do it nicely, with minimum stress on the environment. So the only conflict is how to convince the old people to sell their land.

And finally, there is Noelle Cannon (Shane Adler), the lawyer associate of Tom Kelly, who goes from curtly aloof to curiously cutesy after some magic administered by Old Eva. Noelle is aloof because she was raped as a young girl, Old Eva tells Old Zack in a throw-away expository line as brief as I've just reported it to you. Since it's never mentioned again, it seems a totally unnecessary insertion in the plot. And a jarring diversion to a play that is otherwise dedicated to being ethereal and spiritual.

Karen Landry does a good job of directing here, and Cliff Wagner has designed a beautiful homey set, but these two elements aren't enough to save a play that is just trying too hard to be enchanting.

"Come Sundown" will continue its world premiere run at the Ruskin Group Theatre, 3000 Airport Ave., in Santa Monica, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through May 14. Call (310) 397-3244 for reservations.

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Las Vegas embraces mob roots with new attractions

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Associated Press

LAS VEGAS Speakeasies, bootleggers, gun-wielding crime bosses and tough-guy accents pay homage to Las Vegas' mob roots in a pair of new attractions showcasing Sin City's criminal history.

An interactive attraction featuring gangster memorabilia and commentary from film mobsters James Caan, Mickey Rourke and Frank Vincent opens Wednesday on the Las Vegas Strip. And Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman, a former mob defense lawyer, plans to launch his Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement later this year.

For Las Vegas, the attractions represent an unprecedented embrace of its infamous founders.

"What differentiates us from any other city is our history," Goodman said. "This is the story of America."

The desert oasis made famous by scantily-clad showgirls, ubiquitous slot machines and 24-hour happy hours has long celebrated its reputation as a haven of vice, but its relationship with the mob has taken a few hits in recent years. The city that once proudly boasted of its ties to organized crime —Goodman played himself in the 1995 mob movie "Casino"— has instead promoted its family-friendly restaurants and Broadway shows for the past decade.

No more.

The Tropicana casino and hotel, a one-time hangout for organized crime now more known for its bargain-counter room rates, celebrated its new "Mob Experience" attraction Tuesday night with a red carpet party attended by "Baywatch" siren Pamela Anderson and comedian Rita Rudner, as well as a handful of mob heirs, including the son of Tony "The Ant" Spilotro, the inspiration for the bloodthirsty Joe Pesci character in "Casino."

The sprawling casino attraction features the diary of mobster Meyer Lansky, Spilotro's gun and family photos and home movies from other infamous criminals. Visitors are greeted by life-size holograms of chatty gangsters and a chance to get "made."

The publicly-funded mob museum, meanwhile, is slated to open in December at a downtown Las Vegas courthouse where a detailed mob hearing that helped expose organized crime to ordinary Americans was held in 1950.

The $42 million museum started as an effort to save one of Las Vegas' few historic buildings. It's amassed a wide collection of gangster artifacts, including the wall from Chicago's St. Valentine's Day massacre, the only gun recovered at the mass shooting and the barber chair where hit man Albert Anastasia's life came to an end in a 1957 New York murder.

"This isn't some lampoon," Goodman said. "It's not a gimmick. This is going to be a real museum."

The museum will highlight money laundering schemes, mob violence and the role organized crime played in Las Vegas and other cities.

Both Las Vegas attractions expect to lure hundreds of thousands of visitors each year driven, at least in part, by the nation's unquenched fascination with the silver screen mob bosses of "Goodfellas" and "The Godfather."

Ex-L.A. gang leader receives eight life sentences in murders

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A judge guaranteed the founder of the Asian Boyz gang will spend the rest of his life in prison, slamming him Wednesday with eight consecutive life sentences for a mid-1990s crime spree that included eight murders in a quest to make his gang the most feared in Los Angeles.

Superior Court Judge Robert J. Perry called 37-year-old Marvin Mercado a clear danger to society and said only two of his victims were rival gang members while the rest were law-abiding citizens.

"He deserves the greatest sentence this court can impose," Perry said. "The amount of pain and senseless hurt this defendant and his associates have caused is enormous and incalculable."

The bespectacled Mercado did not address the court and was stone-faced as Perry sentenced him to the life sentences without the possibility of parole for the murders.

He also was given 10 consecutive 15-year-to-life sentences for 10 attempted murders, and 50 years on weapons and other charges, also to be served consecutively.

The sentence had been recommended by the jury. Defense attorney Donald J. Calabria said he would appeal.

The sentencing marked the end of a 16-year legal odyssey involving Mercado, who had escaped to the Philippines, married into a wealthy family and lived a luxurious lifestyle under a false name before he was arrested in 2007.

Mercado founded the notorious Asian Boyz in the early 1990s with a schoolmate in the San Fernando Valley, prosecutor Hoon Chun said. The gang had Cambodian, Vietnamese and Filipino factions and included three cliques in the suburbs of Los Angeles and one in San Jose.

Most street gangs make money by dealing drugs, but the Asian Boyz committed burglaries and robberies. That made them hard for police to track because they were not associated with any particular territory.

"They simply went anywhere the money was," Chun said.

In 1995, the Asian Boyz embarked on the violent rampage dubbed the "summer of madness," Chun said.

Los Angeles police finally connected the string of killings and shootings and formed a seven-detective task force to track the gang. A break came when detectives tracking several members arrested them during a shooting, Chun said.

The arrested members led police to Mercado, whose quiet leadership style earned him the nickname "Shyboy," and to his brother Pierre.

The Mercados, however, fled to the Philippines.

Using the name Mark de los Angeles, Marvin Mercado married the daughter of a wealthy construction magnate in a lavish wedding that Mercado family members attended under false names. Brother Pierre posed as his cousin, Angel Reyes, Chun said.

Grand jury indicts former Bell officials

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A former public official accused of masterminding a scam that nearly bankrupted a modest Los Angeles suburb has been charged with additional crimes of falsifying documents and illegally inflating his retirement benefits, according to county grand jury indictments unsealed Wednesday.

The documents charge Robert Rizzo, ousted Bell city manager, and his former assistant, Angela Spaccia, with conflict of interest for creating what authorities said were illegal retirement packages for themselves. Both are also charged with falsifying documents to hide the true salary of Bell's former police chief.

Rizzo and Spaccia pleaded not guilty Wednesday and were ordered to return to court May 3 for a preliminary hearing.

Rizzo already faces more than 50 counts of misappropriating public funds, conflict of interest, falsifying public records and other charges brought by the district attorney's office. Prosecutors said he masterminded a scam in which he paid himself and other top Bell officials massive salaries.

In all, prosecutors said, Bell was looted of more than $6 million. The city of 40,000 people, where one in six people live in poverty, is as much as $4.5 million debt.

Rizzo had an annual salary and compensation package of $1.5 million, Spaccia was paid an annual salary of more than $375,000 and six former Bell City Council members each received about $100,000 a year for part-time service.

Prosecutors have said Rizzo and Spaccia illegally granted themselves several raises over the years that the Bell City Council never approved. According to the grand jury indictments, they then used those inflated salaries to boost their retirement packages.

The indictments also charge both with falsifying public records to show that former Bell Police Chief Randy Adams was paid $200,000 a year, when he was actually receiving $457,000.

Adams, who along with Spaccia and Rizzo was fired after the public learned of their salaries, has not been charged with a crime.

Rizzo is also charged in the grand jury indictment with one count of conflict of interest for providing legal work for the city of Bell to a law firm that prosecutors said was representing him in a driving under the influence case at the same time.

Rizzo's attorney, James Spertus, said he doesn't believe the latest charges significantly affect the overall case and that he looks forward to disproving them in court.

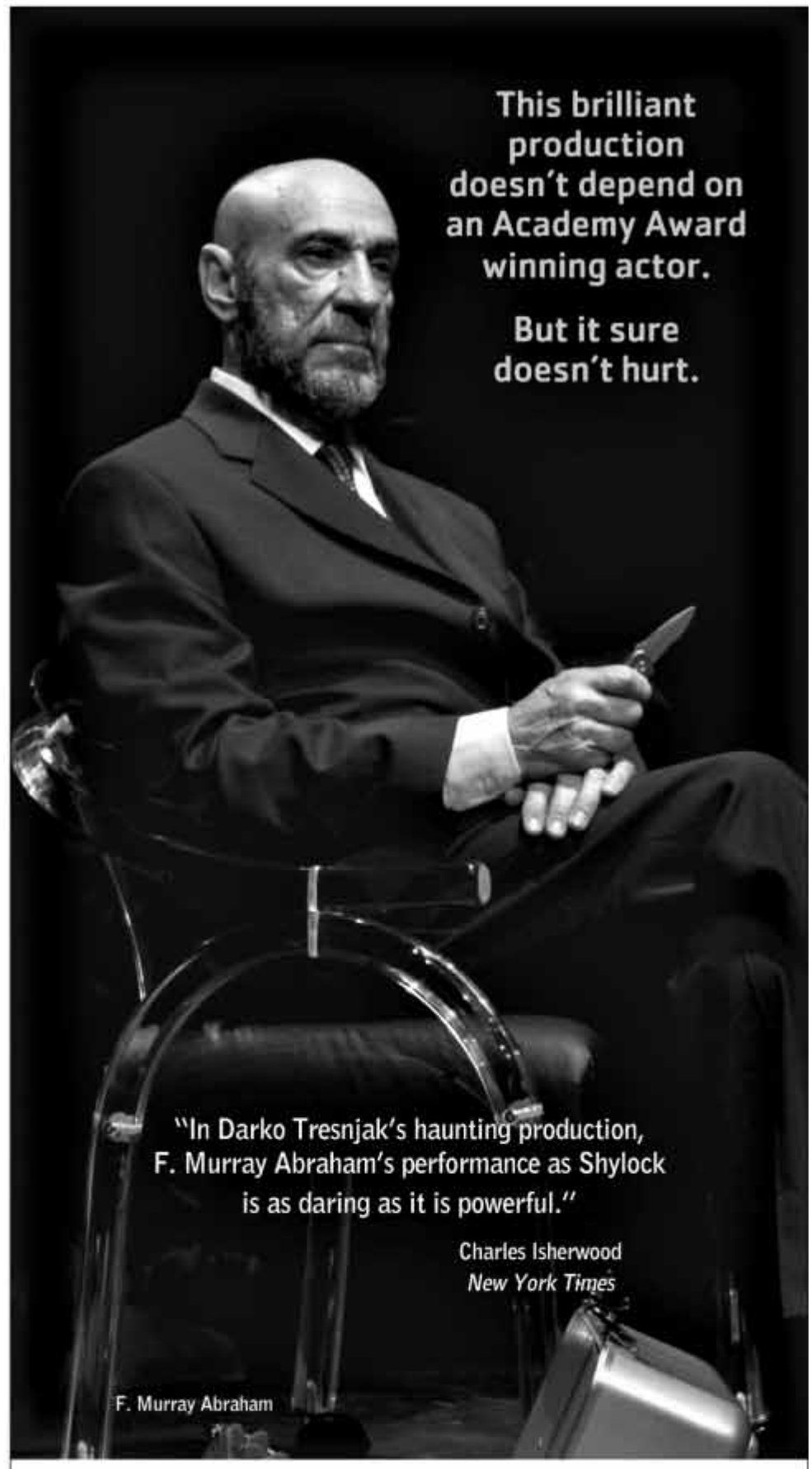
"A grand jury is an opportunity for a prosecutor to present untested evidence to people in secret without anybody able to testify to their presentation," Spertus said.

Spaccia's attorney, Russell Petti, said his client wasn't involved with documents involving Adams' salary because at the time she was temporarily working for the neighboring city of Maywood.

Petti said the changes made in Spaccia's retirement package were part of an effort to bring her pension, and those of many other Bell employees, in line with what police officers and firefighters were getting.

"You'll find when we get to the bottom of this case that although she was a participant in the city of Bell, she did nothing that was overtly criminal and she never had any criminal intent," he said.

Spaccia also faces a handful of fraud charges previously brought by the district attorney. The six former council members face nearly two dozen charges.



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ed legislators from both parties this time around. His outreach won accolades, but no amount of charm apparently could overcome the partisan gridlock that has overtaken Sacramento and made it nearly impossible for the Legislature to pass budgets or enact long-term fiscal reforms.

Last year, the Legislature went a record 100 days beyond the July 1 start of the fiscal year before passing a budget.

Brown did not address reporters Tuesday after announcing he was pulling the plug, but he showed his frustration after GOP legislative leaders submitted a seven-page list of demands they were seeking in exchange for their support of the special election. At the top of the Republican list was a desire to include changes to public employee pensions and a state spending cap on the same special election ballot.

"Let me be clear: I support pension reform, regulatory reform and a spending cap, and offered specific and detailed proposals for each of these during our discussions," Brown said in a statement announcing he was calling off the talks. "While we made significant progress on these reform issues, the Republicans continued to insist on including demands that would materially undermine any semblance of a balanced budget."

Republicans blamed public employee unions for the breakdown in negotiations. They said Brown was unwilling to buck powerful Democratic interests, even though the governor said recently that he had warned his union allies that they should agree to concessions or face the prospect of more far-reaching reforms if an independent group qualifies a ballot initiative to change the public pension system.

"It is a sad commentary that the best interests of California play second fiddle to the self-serving interests of public employee unions," said state Sen. Tom Harman, R-Huntington Beach. "Unfortunately the go-to answer for Democrats always seems to be more taxes. Nothing has changed."

The unions opposed a hard spending cap, and without their financial support, Brown's tax plan likely would not fare well at the ballot.

Brown knew he was walking into a quagmire in Sacramento. But he had hoped to rise above the partisanship, and in doing so, push others to do the same.

He implored Democrats and Republicans in his January State of the State address to emerge from their respective corners for the good of California, saying the state's precarious financial footing was more dire than in previous years. In his inauguration, he referred to that approach as a "philosophy of loyalty" to California.

But lawmakers are not of the same breed Brown encountered in the 1970s and 1980s, before term limits forced them to be looking ahead constantly to their next office and worrying about how every vote might be portrayed in a future election.

Republican lawmakers also are fearful of powerful, vocal interests that oppose taxes at all costs, pushed by conservative radio hosts and bloggers who demand that they sign an anti-tax pledge pushed by the Washington, D.C.-based Americans for Tax Reform. The group's president, Grover Norquist, pre-emptively admonished California lawmakers that even allowing voters to decide whether to renew the higher taxes was akin to voting in support of them.

Term limits also have given special interests, including public employee unions, more clout in the Legislature.

Brown had hoped to move on to education, job creation, criminal justice and water issues once the state's fiscal house was in order. Those plans are on hold now.

Steinberg said Democrats will act alone in pursuing a quick budget solution, although he was unclear what that might be. Democrats could push for an all-cuts budget that would take billions more from public schools and other public services, bucking their own interests in the hopes of winning approval for a tax increase later. Unions already were weighing a signature-gathering effort to qualify an initiative for a potential November special election.

Even so, Brown tried to remain upbeat in a video he posted on YouTube after cutting off budget talks.

"Look, the problem has taken a decade to build up. It's very serious and it's going to take some time before we finally solve it. I'm going to explore every possible avenue. There's more than one way to get to the goal," he said. "I've been around a long time. I know we can do it."



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not crazy," Wain said.

The Montana business community tends to see the tax as a positive, Wain said.

"The majority of the merchants on Montana Avenue all feel it's going to a good cause. We're united in that," Wain said.

Measure Y had its opponents, largely from businesses operating on a slim margin, said Brian Chase, who heads government relations for the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

The chamber stayed neutral on Measure Y because its board was divided on the issue, but threw its support behind the revenue-sharing advisory measure.

"Some businesses on razor-thin margins are against any disincentive to shop in Santa Monica," Chase said. "Others thought it would encourage more residents to shop in the city to help our local school district."

In November, nobody knew exactly how the revenues would be split between the school district and City Hall.

Four months later, it appears that city officials and the school district have agreed to a procedure where City Hall gives the school district what it projects will be half of the transaction and use tax revenue each month.

Should the school get more or less than its fair share, City Hall will adjust the next month's payment, Swindel said.

The City Council will address the matter at its April 22 meeting.

SMMUSD will use the tax revenue to shore up uncertain finances, said Jan Maez, chief financial officer for the district.

"We're anticipating very large cuts in revenue from the state," Maez said. "This allows us to maintain some of the wonderful things we've already got, without having to cut as deeply as we would have had to without it."

School districts across the state face huge reductions in funding, especially if legislators do not agree to put tax extensions on the ballot that would maintain funding for schools.

It is unlikely that those extensions could make it onto a June ballot.

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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Telecom stocks push market higher

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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK Telecommunications companies led a broad stock rally Wednesday following a report that private companies are continuing to add workers.

All ten sectors of the benchmark Standard & Poor's 500 index rose. AT&T Inc. led the 30 stocks that make up the Dow Jones industrial average with a 2.2 percent gain.

The Dow gained 71.60 points, or 0.6 percent, to 12,350.61. The S&P index rose 8.82, or 0.7 percent, to 1,328.26. The Nasdaq composite rose 19.90, or 0.7 percent, to 2,776.79.

The ADP National Employment Report said 201,000 new private sector jobs were added in March. That is roughly in line with the 210,000 analysts had expected. Investors were encouraged by a strong gain in small business hiring, said Ryan Detrick, a strategist at Schaeffer's Investment Research.

The report showed "that things are not as bleak as they seemed a few weeks ago," Detrick said.

The ADP report is seen as a precursor to the government's March payrolls report due Friday, but the two reports don't always paint the same picture of the overall labor market.

Cephalon Inc. surged 28 percent, the most of any stock in the S&P index, after Valeant Pharmaceuticals International offered to take over the biopharmaceutical company for $5.7 billion in cash. Valeant, based in Canada, rose 12 percent. The takeover bid is the latest in a string of deal-related news, another positive sign for investors.

"It shows that companies still think there are some good deals out there," said Detrick. "If they are willing to pay a premium, that's a good sign for the overall stock market."

The market plodded higher against a backdrop of unsettling international news. Concerns about European debt loomed as Portugal moved closer to needing a bailout and Spain's central bank forecast a lower growth rate and higher deficit than previously predicted.

Seawater near Japan's crippled nuclear facility tested at its highest radiation levels yet and the plant's owner publicly acknowledged that four of six nuclear reactors would have to be decommissioned. In Libya, NATO forces initiated a new wave of airstrikes against Gadhafi's troops.

Asset manager BlackRock Inc. gained 6.6 percent after Standard & Poor's said the company will replace Genzyme Corp in the S&P 500 index after the close of trading on Friday.

PPG Industries Inc. gained 5.9 percent after the industrial chemical company announced that its income forecast was well above Wall Street expectations.

Three stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Consolidated volume came to 3.9 billion shares.

Obama goal to cut oil imports well within reach

JONATHAN FAHEY
AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK When President Obama called for reducing the nation's oil imports by one-third by 2025 in a speech Wednesday, he echoed similar goals — still unfulfilled — set by every president since Richard Nixon.

This time, though, it might just work.

The reason: The country is already well on its way to meeting Obama's goal. More fuel efficient cars, mandates to use biofuels, and high prices are cutting into gasoline demand. Meanwhile, domestic oil production rose in consecutive years after two decades of declines thanks to new discoveries in shale deposits throughout the West.

A one-third reduction in oil is not only possible, it's beatable, analysts say.

"We could cut our imports in half. It's very doable," says Fadel Gheit, an analyst at Oppenheimer & Co.

In recent years the U.S. has been producing more of its own oil while also using less. Both trends are expected to continue. Oil imports have fallen 25 percent since 2005 when the nation imported a record 12.5 million barrels of oil per day.

It helps that the president gave himself a head start toward his goal — he wants a one-third reduction from 2008 levels. The economic crisis reduced demand for oil, and therefore imports. Imports have fallen 15 percent since 2008, from 11.1 million barrels per day to 9.4 million barrels per day in 2010.

In order to reach the President's goal, imports must fall another 2 million barrels per day, to 7.4 million barrels per day. If he started with 2010 numbers, imports would have to drop to 6.3 million barrels per day.

In 2010, U.S. oil production grew for the second year in a row after 23 years of decline. That's largely because engineers have recently been able to tap once-unreachable fields of oil in shale deposits in North Dakota, Texas, New Mexico, Wyoming, California and other parts of the West.

These shale deposits could contribute an additional 2 million barrels of oil per day by 2015, according to Rehan Rashid, an analyst at FBR Capital markets. If that comes true, the U.S. could hit Obama's goal 10 years before the deadline.

Analysts also expect oil production from the Gulf of Mexico to grow as drilling resumes after a pause prompted by the BP oil spill.

The nation is using less gasoline because fuel economy of cars and truck is improving, prices are high and refiners are required to blend ever more biofuels into gasoline.

The fuel economy of the nation's fleet has been improving since 2004. That's when gasoline first topped $2 per gallon, the SUV craze began to wane and drivers switched to more fuel efficient cars. Between 2004 and 2010, the average fuel economy of the nation's fleet improved 15 percent.

Vehicle fuel economy is expected to improve further in coming years with the first new fuel economy standards for passenger vehicles since 1990. By the 2016 model year, the nation's cars and trucks must average 35.5 miles per gallon, up from 27.5 mpg this year.

The Obama Administration is expected to propose fuel economy standards for the 2017 to 2025 model years by September that could reach as high as 60 miles per gallon.

In 2005 and again in 2007 congress passed rules that force refiners to blend an ever-increasing amount of biofuels into gasoline. By 2022, three years before Obama's deadline, the country will need to use 36 billion gallons of renewable fuels, up from 14 billion gallons in 2011.

Those additional 22 billion gallons of ethanol will replace 2 million barrels of oil per day, though that calculation does not include the diesel it takes to run tractors and other fuel it takes to produce biofuel crops.

Analysts say changing demographics will also contribute to lower gasoline demand. As the U.S. population ages it will drive less, for example.

Because of these trends, industry experts, including the CEO of Exxon Mobil, have said oil and gasoline demand in the U.S. will never return to the levels reached in the middle of the last decade.

Garage prep is key to electric car

TOM KRISHER
AP Auto Writer

With gas prices rising and instability in the Middle East, the thought of an electric car in the garage might be getting more appealing.

Before you jump for the new technology, though, make sure your garage is ready to be a refueling station.

Depending on which car you buy and how old your home is, it could cost a couple thousand dollars to prep the garage so you can charge a car quickly enough to take off for work in the morning with a full battery.

Then again, it could cost nothing at all.

Start with the age of the home. Older houses may not have enough juice to handle an electric car. Fifty years ago, who would have thought we'd be plugging in cars at night?

So the garage may have to be rewired. According to experts, you need at least a 12-amp circuit to charge a car in a reasonable amount of time. You also need a circuit in the garage with little or nothing else on it. Anything else drawing power from the same circuit can slow the charging.

Even if you have a dedicated circuit in the garage, it still may not work for you. Most garages have standard 120-volt outlets. But a dedicated 240-volt outlet, similar to the kind that powers an electric dryer, can cut the charging time in half. That's important depending on the electric car you buy.

Two mass-market electric cars, the Chevrolet Volt and the Nissan Leaf, have different power systems and different charging needs. The Leaf is all electric and can go up to 100 miles on a single charge. But it needs more juice than the Volt to refill the batteries. It takes eight hours to recharge a Leaf even with a 240-volt circuit, double that at 120 volts.

The Volt can only go about 40 miles on battery power, but it has a small gas motor on board that can keep the car going when the battery runs out. With its smaller battery pack, it can be recharged in 10 hours even on 120 volts, five hours or less at 240.

GM estimates that recharging the Volt will add no more than about $1.50 per day to your electric bill, based on the national average electricity cost of 11 cents per kilowatt hour.

AeroVironment, the company that makes charging stations for Nissan, recommends outfitting your garage with a special 240-volt station. The basic station begins charging when you plug the car in; a smart station can start charging later in the evening when the load on the power company grid is lower.

Either way, you'll need an electrician who knows about car charging to figure out your needs and hook the 240-volt station to a dedicated 40-amp circuit, said Kristen Helsel, vice president of electric vehicle solutions for AeroVironment.

"This is no different than installing an appliance or something else," she said. "We need to take the power from your breaker box and run it to where you want the charging station installed."

Charging stations also are available from other manufacturers. Helsel said it will cost about $2,000 to buy the dock and standard installation services by an electrician when done through AeroVironment and a Nissan dealership.

The Volt, however, may not need anything. If you have a dedicated circuit in your garage, General Motors, which makes the car, recommends charging the car first on 120 volts before spending the cash on a 240-volt charging station.

"Most cars are parked more than 10 hours," said Britta Gross, GM's director of electrical infrastructure. "If I were a consumer, I would always try 120 first, and if you're not satisfied, then you can consider the 240-volt upgrade."

The Volt has a setting that lets the owner pick the time by which the car has to be recharged fully, and the car can wait to start charging. The Leaf has a timer so the owner can set on and off times for charging based on the day of the week.

The Volt charger from GM costs $495, and about $1,500 to install, although it could be more depending on how much work is needed at the house, Gross said.

And whether you need a special charging station depends on how far you drive. If you go only 20 miles a day, a 120-volt outlet will work for either car because the battery doesn't have to be fully charged every night.

Gross said she's working to change building codes so that all garages have 240-volt outlets to charge cars, but she conceded that will take years. Many auto industry analysts say it will be years before electric cars are in a lot of garages because cars powered by internal combustion engines will continue to get more efficient.

A 120-volt outlet wouldn't work for James Brazell, 84, of Asheville, N.C., one of the first people in the country to buy a Volt. He didn't want to use any gasoline, yet he makes several short trips per day, and on some days, when he attends class at the University of North Carolina Asheville, he will drive 51 miles, more than the Volt's electric range.

At first, he used the standard outlet in the garage of his home at a retirement community, but he ended up using a half-gallon of gasoline in four days. Then the charger he ordered from GM arrived at a cost of $530 including shipping. An electrician in his community installed it for an estimated $300, although he hasn't received the final bill.

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MLB

Dodgers, pitcher Billingsley agree to new contract

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Pitcher Chad Billingsley and the Los Angeles Dodgers agreed Tuesday to a four-year contract worth about $41.3 million that adds $35 million in guaranteed money over the final three seasons.

A first-round pick by the Dodgers in the 2003 draft, Billingsley has posted a winning record in each of his five major league seasons.

"It was a little bit of a compromise, but I'm happy with it and I believe they're happy with it also," said Billingsley, who is represented by agent Dave Stewart, a former All-Star pitcher himself. "They came to us at the beginning of camp. We kept talking back and forth over the course of spring training and we were able to work something out. Ultimately, it was my decision and what I felt was best for me and my family."

Billingsley avoided arbitration when he agreed to a one-year contract in January worth $6,275,000. The new deal gives him salaries of $9 million in 2012, $11 million in 2013 and $12 million in 2014. The Dodgers have a $14 million option for 2015 with a $3 million buyout.

"Being a pitcher, it's nice to have the security to fall back on in case something happens — because you only have so many throws in this arm," Billingsley said. "But I've been fortunate not to have too many health issues, except for hamstring problems.

"It's a blessing for this opportunity to come my way, and I'm going to continue to focus on what I need to do. I want to continue to get better. I haven't figured this game out. I'm still learning every day I step out on the mound."

Billingsley, the No. 2 pitcher in the Dodgers' rotation behind Clayton Kershaw, will make his season debut Friday night against San Francisco. The 26-year-old right-hander is 59-41 with a 3.55 ERA in 160 career games, including 131 starts, and helped Los Angeles win NL West titles in 2008 and 2009.

"Through his professional career Chad has shown that he is very capable of winning games and taking the ball," general manager Ned Colletti said in a statement. "His won-loss record speaks to that as well as his innings pitched totals."

Billingsley has made at least 31 starts and pitched at least 191 2-3 innings in each of the past three seasons. He made the NL All-Star team in 2009. His 52 wins over the last four years, including a career-best 16 in 2008, are more than anyone on the staff.

"When I got drafted in 2003, I didn't really know much about the Dodgers organization," he said. "After I started minor league camp, I really liked the history, the tradition and the winning that this organization represented. It was something that I enjoyed being part of, and I'm happy to be a part of it for a few more years.

"Not making the playoffs last year after two years in the NLCS, my main goal is to make the postseason again," Billingsley added. "That's what we're all working for. And as long as the team is winning, all the personal goals will be there in the end."

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 14
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillos 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 Alins 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 fences.	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

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Battle: Los Angeles (PG-13) 1hr 56min
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12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

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4:30pm, 10:10pm

Desert of Forbidden Art (NR) 1hr 20min
1:00pm, 5:20pm

Barney's Version (NR) 2hrs 12min
1:30pm, 7:00pm

Cedar Rapids (R) 1hr 26min
4:40pm, 10:00pm

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Limitless (PG-13) 1hr 45min
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Jane Eyre (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
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Order in tonight, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Do you feel like you are trying to teach many old dogs new tricks and getting nowhere fast? You want to change your routine, but at what cost? Initiating anything right now is futile. Know that the situation will change soon. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. Surprises are ahead!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You understand where others are coming from. For whatever reason, you might feel like sitting on action. This approach is more than effective in the long run. Time tests the validity of an idea. Tonight: Make weekend plans. Call your friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Visualize and create more of what you feel is desirable in your daily environment. Perhaps an extra plant or two is in order, or perhaps some reorganizing. Listen to suggestions; especially pay attention to an older friend, relative or boss. Tonight: Count on a late one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Reach out past your normal boundaries. Test ideas at the same time; discover where there might be a fallacy or two. Consider a course or workshop. You could find this experience most rewarding. Tonight: Use your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others make demands. How you handle a personal matter could change if you listen. Right now, this isn't the best moment to add in new ideas. Wait a day, and give yourself that extra time to think and evaluate. Tonight: Topic change: Think "weekend."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Togetherness is always a worthy theme. Everyone has different comfort levels, as you understand. Let those around you express their needs. Don't just go in and do, which is your frequent habit. Your ruling planet goes retrograde. Give yourself a break. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Focus on one task at a time. You could be exhausted by what goes on. Let others do what they want -- they will anyway. Confusion appears to be the order of the day. Go within and think through an issue. If need be, find an expert. Tonight: Stand back.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You could be unusually playful, especially as you sense that little can be done right now. A meeting could collide with your thoughts. You aren't changing anyone, and no one is changing you. Look for a midpoint. Tonight: Start the weekend early.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec 21)
★★★★ Understand your limits, and don't push beyond them. Getting what you want accomplished could be an unusual challenge. Do what you can, as an underlying theme of chaos runs through the day. A loved one or dear friend could honestly be confused. Tonight: Order in; make it easy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to stretch and see why others think a certain way. You could be confused when dealing with these people. Even though you are 100 percent sure of a hunch, leave room to be wrong. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Realize that what is a "no" right now could change. Don't get uptight, especially as the unexpected runs through your day. Though you are often the source of excitement, right now others seem to deliver, with a punch! Tonight: Balance your checkbook.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ While others seem to run in circles, you stay clear. You can wonder what is going on all you want. Instead, just move on what you think might be possible. Maintain your sense of humor. Give others the space to be goofy. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

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★★★ Average

This year, you often might have to repeat actions or statements. You also might decide to take a course in communication. Even with this redundancy, you feel empowered and capable of realizing what you want. You have energy, resilience and endurance. If you are single, your innate magnetism seems even more vital, drawing in many potential suitors. You might just date if you are unsure of your choices. If you are attached, you become more dominant; your partner might need more help than in the past. Understand the natural give-and-take of a relationship. Another PISCES reflects your issues and could make you a little nuts.



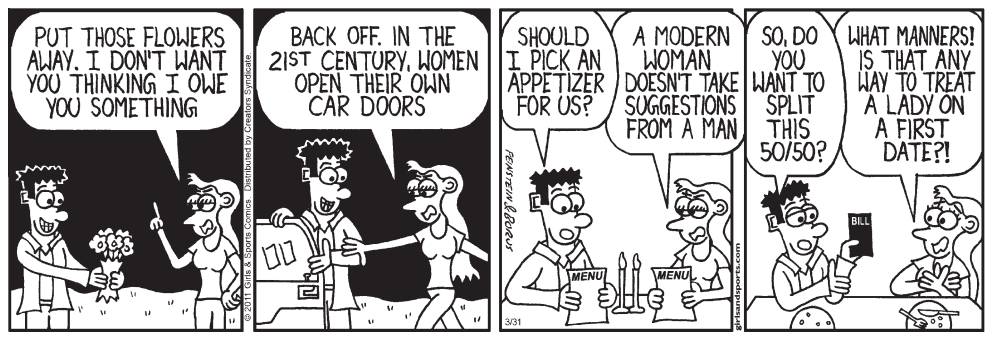
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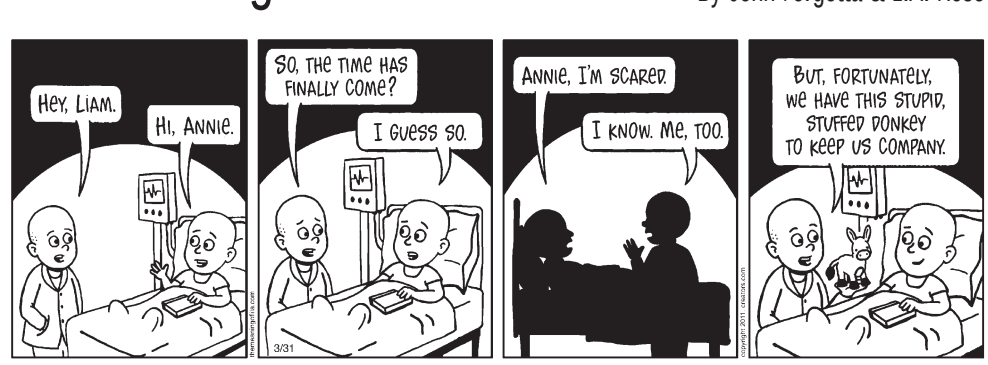
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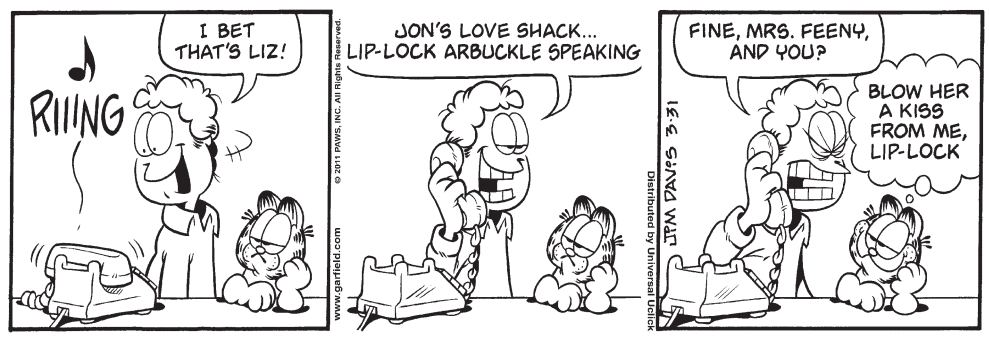
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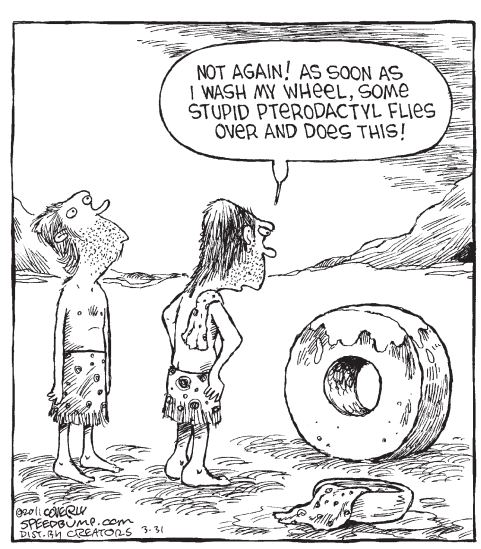
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Pride member
5 Confronted
10 Cove
12 Bakery output
13 Malice
14 Constraint
15 8, on a phone
16 Not in custody
18 Treeless plain
20 Timetable abbr.
21 — the line (obeyed)
23 — Moines
24 Winter wear
26 Monkey's uncles
28 Writer Deighton
29 Rational
31 Hydrocarbon suffix
32 Pinch pennies
36 On the line
39 Lass
40 Vatican-based
41 Mary's pal
43 Bring to mind
44 Old Nick
45 Is overly fond
46 Flock member

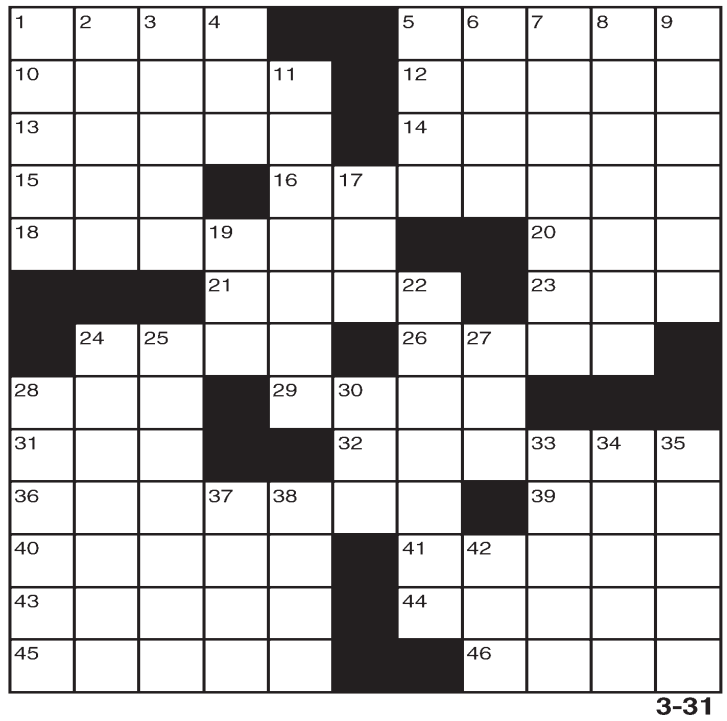
DOWN

1 Catalogs
2 Advice
3 Martini extra
4 Paystub line
5 Plummet
6 Diva's piece
7 Pal
8 Political exiles
9 Library stamps
11 Brewing vessels
17 Kicker's aid
19 Sch. supporters
22 Ball participants
24 Peso part
25 Ace
27 For each
28 Bounded
30 Invite
33 Jim Croce's "— Name"
34 Sir's counterpart
35 Fallback strategy
37 Appropriate
38 Pub brews
42 "2001" computer

W	A	I	S	T	S	■	P	I	C	A
E	X	O	T	I	C	■	S	T	A	G
D	E	N	A	D	A	■	A	S	T	O
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S	T	E	P	■	■	A	M	B	L	E
A	R	A	■	P	A	S	S	I	O	N
G	I	S	■	U	S	E	■	T	O	T
A	B	Y	S	M	A	L	■	S	S	E
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R	E	S	T	■	P	O	T	A	T	O
Y	O	Y	O	■	S	T	A	T	E	D

Yesterday's answer

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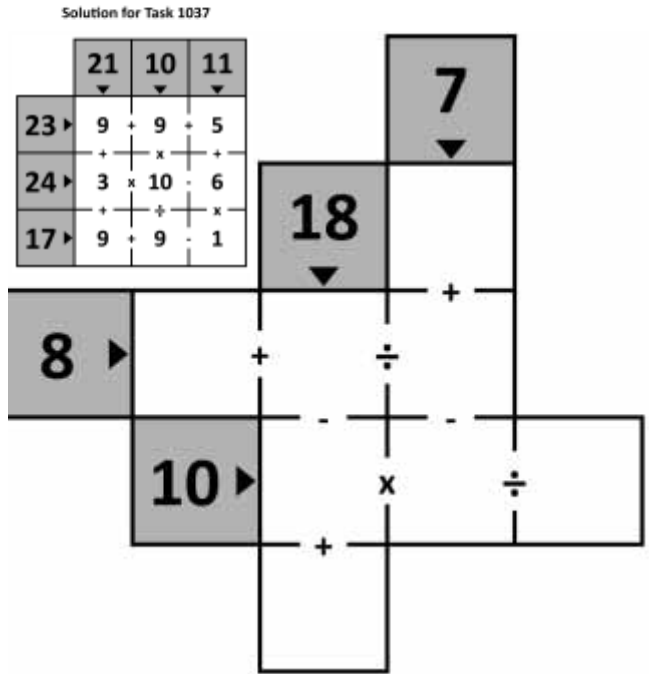
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4, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 11, 11

Solution for Task 1037



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ British drug dealer Luke Walsh-Pinnock, 22, recently released after a prison stint, threatened in February to sue police in the Kilburn neighborhood of London after officers distributed a leaflet near his mother's home warning that Walsh-Pinnock was once again free. Walsh-Pinnock said he felt "humiliated" by the leaflet, in violation of his "human rights."

■ (1) Timothy Walker, 48, was hospitalized in Burlington, N.C., in February after he fell off of an SUV while he was on top, holding down two mattresses for the driver, who apparently rounded a curve too fast. (2) Three people were hospitalized in Bellevue, Wash., in January when their van stalled and then exploded as the ignition was re-engaged. They were carrying two gallons of gasoline in an open container and had been feeding the carburetor directly, through an opening in the engine housing (between the seats), as the van was in motion. (It was not reported why they were doing it that way.)

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1903 Richard Pearse allegedly makes a powered flight in an early aircraft.

1906 The Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States (later National Collegiate Athletic Association) is established to set rules for amateur sports in the United States.

1909 Serbia accepts Austrian control over Bosnia and Herzegovina.

1910 Six North Staffordshire Pottery towns federate to form modern Stoke-on-Trent

1917 The United States takes possession of the Danish West Indies after paying $25 million to Denmark, and renames the territory the United States Virgin Islands.

1918 Massacre of ethnic Azerbaijanis was committed by allied armed groups of Armenian Revolutionary Federation and Bolsheviks. The day is observed in Azerbaijan as Day of Azerbaijani Genocide

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Date: March 8, 2011
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3/10/11, 3/17/11, 3/23/11, 3/31/11

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