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THE NOT SO FAST ISSUE

SMC students demand vote on high-cost class offerings

Two-tier system unfair, undemocratic, protesters say

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC Santa Monica College students are calling for a referendum on a first-of-its-kind policy that would give them the option to pay the full cost of some requisite classes beginning in the summer of 2012.

In a press conference held in front of the SMC Library Tuesday, a panel manned by members of the Student Organizing Committee asked for a vote to be taken of the student body, faculty, classified employees and other impacted groups to determine if the "self-funded" classes were acceptable to those that work and learn on campus.

The classes would be offered during the summer session, and would cost approximately $180 per unit, almost four times the $46 per unit cost set for state-funded classes beginning this summer. Only a year ago, classes cost $26 per unit.

College officials came up with the self-funded options as a way for students to get the classes they need to graduate or transfer sooner instead of having to wait because those classes are full. State budget cuts have forced community colleges to slash the number of classes offered.

The higher cost puts the classes out of the reach of working class and low-income students said Mikhail Pronilover, of the Student Organizing Committee.

"We had no say on our own campus," Pronilover said. "We're not saying stop contract education immediately, we're saying put it to the campus."

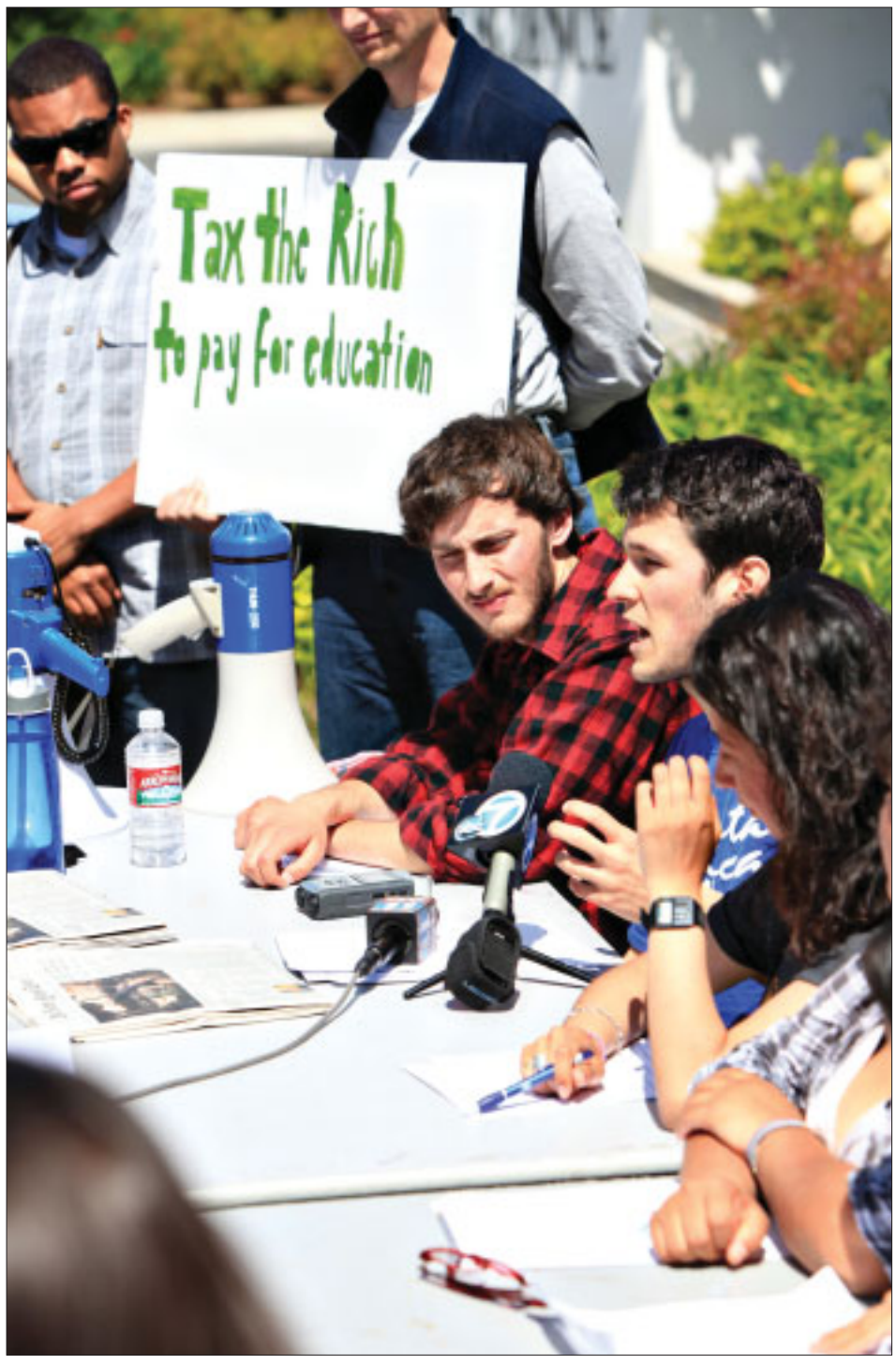
If not, the students may look to other, more direct types of action, Pronilover said, referencing general strikes called in Puerto Rico or the occupation of buildings on University of California campuses when a 32 percent tuition hike was announced for the UC system in 2009.

A general vote would fix what students see as the undemocratic process by which the two-tiered system was brought to SMC, which officials call the "Advance Your Dreams" program.

"This is not going to advance my dreams, this is going to hold me back," said Harrison Wills, president of the campus Associated Student Body.

The decision to implement the self-funded classes was not presented to stu-

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TAKING A STAND: **Harrison Wills (center), president of the Santa Monica College Associated Student Body, addresses the media during a press conference in front of the SMC Library on Tuesday. Several students attended to speak out against a plan by college officials to offer some classes at full cost to students who are willing to pay.**

Judge denies local pot lab business license

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM COURTHOUSE A Los Angeles Superior Court judge Tuesday dismissed a medical marijuana testing lab owner's request that the court force City Hall to give the facility a business license.

The facility, called Golden State Collective Cannabis Laboratories, tests medical marijuana for potency and impurities like pesticides for medical marijuana dispensaries, a service required by cities like Los Angeles and Long Beach.

According to an order issued by the court, Golden State Collective owner Richard McDonald and his attorney Roger Diamond should not have filed suit until after they had been denied a business license from City Hall on appeal.

Furthermore, the facility sought a business license through the court on the basis that California state law permitted them to do so, despite the fact that the laws in question do not mention testing facilities by name.

"They lost on all of the major points that they raised in their lawsuit," said Anthony Serritella, the deputy city attorney handling the case.

In Diamond's view, the court's decision was a matter of timing.

City Hall delayed granting the lab a license for over three months after McDonald turned in an application in December. During that time he decided to open up shop anyway. City Hall caught wind and ordered him to shut down. He then filed suit on March 16 in an attempt to force City Hall's hand.

City Hall denied that application on March 21, at which point McDonald and his attorney had 10 days to appeal.

The appeal was filed on March 30, Diamond said.

According to the decision, Golden State Collective's crew didn't wait to be denied nor showed that their petition to City Hall was sure to fail. If Golden State Collective gets its business license through the normal appeals process, the whole lawsuit is moot, the court

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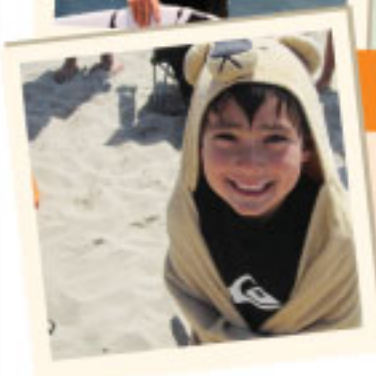
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

Aloha state of mind
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
The Aloha Spirit exhibit explores the many artifacts, objects and designs that have decorated the rooms of mainland homes. It captures the casual elegance that has charmed visitors to the Hawaiian islands and reveals why these unique styles have found their way into the repertoire of many designers and homeowners who have yet to step foot in the Pacific paradise. For more information, call (310) 392-8537.

Laugh riot
Yankee Doodles
1410 Third Street Promenade,
8 p.m. — midnight
Jay Davis hosts this night of stand-up comedy. Comics from Comedy Central, Showtime and HBO have been known to make an appearance to yuk it up.
For more information,
call (310) 985-4143.

Freshen up
Arizona Avenue
and Second Street
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
The weekly Downtown Farmers' Market is widely considered one of the best in the area — and for good reason. If it's good enough for local chefs at some of the city's finest eateries, it will work for Wednesday dinner. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Dance up a storm
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St.,
7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Each Wednesday night, the Women's Club hosts a night of ballroom dancing complete with lessons until 7:40 p.m. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

Thursday, April 5, 2012

Cuba on the mind
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce
1234 Sixth St., 6 p.m. — 7 p.m.
The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a nine-day trip to Cuba leaving LAX on Oct. 9. The trip is allowed under a "people-to-people" license from the federal government. Come hear about this unique trip.
For more information,
call (310) 867-3334.

Stories for kids
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
11:15 a.m. — 11:45 a.m.
Library staff will be presenting stories for kids ages 3-5. This literary event takes place every Thursday. For more information,
call (310) 829-7081.

Fun with photos
Santa Monica Pier, Merry-Go-Round Building
11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
"Child's Play," a photography exhibit will take to the historic walls of the Merry-Go-Round Building at the Santa Monica Pier from April 3 to May 28, 2012. The exhibit explores the fun, awkward, whimsical, magical memories and moments of childhood featuring the collaboration of three local photo-artists: Ellen Freyer, Judy Raffel and Eileen Rapke. For more information,
call (310) 458-8901.

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Purchasing power

Those who shop at Vons and Pavilions during the month of April can help locals with disabilities by raising money for Easter Seals.

At every check-out counter customers will be given the option of making a donation to Easter Seals, the leading nonprofit of services for individuals with autism, developmental disabilities, physical and mental disabilities and other special needs, according to a press release.

"Easter Seals Southern California has seen first-hand the positive impact of the money raised by Vons and Pavilions stores in the last seven years of this campaign for people with disabilities," said Mark Whitley, chief executive officer of Easter Seals Southern California. "With a continuing difficult economy and more state cuts for services to people with disabilities across California, their financial support is as important as ever."

Last year's People With Disabilities campaign raised over $1 million in support of Easter Seals Southern California.

"Vons is a proud employer of many associates with disabilities and we want to ensure the good work of Easter Seals continues in this challenging economy," said Lori Raya, president of Vons. "We also know that Easter Seals Southern California consistently ranks among the most-efficient charities at serving people with disabilities. We are proud to support their efforts in our community."

Vons in Santa Monica is located at 710 Broadway, while the Pavilions is located at 820 Montana Ave.

KEVIN HERRERA

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Jackson Browne to perform

Singer-songwriter Jackson Browne, known as much for his hits as his activism, will once again lend his musical talents to the ninth annual For The Arts Concert, to be held April 21 at Barnum Hall at Santa Monica High School.

The concert, which will also feature local rockers Venice, Toad The Wet Sprocket singer Glen Phillips, and Santa Monica-Malibu Unified music students, is a major fundraiser for arts programs in local public schools.

Tickets for the concert are available for puchase now. They range from $35 to $175. Go to www.brownpapertickets.com/event/230906 to get yours. Or call the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation at (310) 396-4557 for more information.

The event will also feature a live auction.

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Peter Douglas, coastal crusader, dies at age 69

ALICIA CHANG
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES Peter Douglas, longtime executive director of the California Coastal Commission who spent a career fighting to rein in development along one of the world's most alluring coastlines, has died. He was 69.

Douglas died Sunday at his sister's home in the desert resort town of La Quinta, about 115 miles east of Los Angeles. He had battled lung cancer and stepped down from the helm of the commission last November because of his declining health.

"He was a remarkable person and a wonderful spirit," commission spokeswoman Sarah Christie said Tuesday. "His name is synonymous with the coast."

As a legislative aide in the 1970s, Douglas co-authored a state ballot initiative that created a coastal commission charged with controlling development along 1,100 miles of shoreline. He later helped draft the 1976 Coastal Act, designed to protect and provide public access to the California coast.

Douglas served as executive director since 1985. Under his guidance, the quasi-judicial commission transformed into one of the nation's most powerful land-use authorities, tackling issues from coastal construction to

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi volleyball remains in top 5

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica's boys' volleyball team may have slipped a bit since opening the season ranked No. 1 in CIF-Southern Section Division 4, but they haven't tumbled too far.

The Vikings sit at No. 4 in the latest poll, it was announced on Monday.

The defending champs in the division have the next two weeks off for spring break, but will resume Ocean League play on April 17 at rival Culver City.

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LUNCH TIME

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Kids at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica are served meals Tuesday made by Neno Mladenovic, head chef at West Hollywood's Dan Tana's. The event was intended to teach the club's members about nutrition and healthy food preparation.

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A street by any other name

Editor:

A friend just saw that City Hall is proposing the change of Lincoln Boulevard ("Lincoln flirts with new name," March 30). Is this all you folks have to do, change the name of our streets?

Get some lighting on our dark streets, do something valuable for our safety. Get a grip. Where are your brains and common sense?

The more I think of this, the more insane it is.

Joyce Martino
Santa Monica

Gone but not forgotten

Editor:

Elyena de Goguel's article in the Daily Press evoked pleasant memories of my Santa Monica Junior College friend and classmate Nick Gabaldon ("Gabaldon remembered on film," March 27). During those casual years, boxing at the college was an annual student event supervised by long departed coach Cossman.

In the late 1940s when Nick asked me to assist him during the school's annual pugilistic tournament, of course, I accepted. In several bouts he fought very well but didn't become the school's heavyweight champ. After all, even at that time his heart and soul were engrossed in surfing, not prize fighting. Boxing involves beating people up. Nick was too convivial and happy-go-lucky to enjoy punching people around.

In those carefree days Buzzy Trent also got involved in boxing and banging, but, he too soon dedicated his honed athletic skills to surfing. Tom Zahn, another dedicated water man, was also my friend and neighbor. I was acquainted with the other lifeguards, but not very well.

I appreciated Ms. de Goguel's well written account of a bygone local icon and the other colorful characters, many of them departed but not forgotten.

Seamon Glass
Santa Monica

Support setting a standard

Editor:

A letter writer recently complained that "the City Council has no business telling a private business owner what to pay his employees" as "[t]here are minimum wage laws already in place ... ." The logic of this statement eludes me. He understands that government can set a minimum wage yet protests that the Santa Monica government cannot do just that.

California famously has set pollution emission standards higher than the federal government's Environmental Protection Agency requirements, and that has been confirmed in the courts. Why shouldn't the city of Santa Monica similarly set higher wage standards than the state?

One may disagree with the City Council on this and other matters, but it appears to me that our elected officials are properly trying to address significant issues that affect their citizens, and I for one am grateful for their difficult and often thankless work.

Murray Burk
Santa Monica





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Raise 'em Hollywood style

I'M NOT SAYING I'M ABOVE BUYING A celebrity-endorsed product. I have no idea what Spareavtale is, but I'd eagerly acquire it by the bushelful if it meant I, too, could inexplicably wake up with a 10-carat diamond ring that my über-sexy, affectionate and adoring new husband, George Clooney, furtively slipped on my finger right before giddily surprising me with images of the cozy and charming 10,000-square-foot house he bought for us to live in — just like in the Norwegian commercial for some product named Spareavtale in which he appears.

Celebrity endorsements must translate into real dollars because otherwise it wouldn't make fiscal sense for companies to shell out big bucks to people like Beyoncé (L'Oreal), Natalie Portman (Dior) and LeBron James (Nike) to shill their products. It seems as though the philosophy behind endorsements is that some celebrities are so admired for their talent, grace or athletic prowess that their legions of fans are anxious to buy what they can to look, smell or dress like their favorite stars.

But here's what I decidedly am above: turning to a celebrity for parenting advice based solely on the fact that I admire their talent, grace or athletic prowess. Or because, you know, I fantasize about waking up beside them in the morning. Even if the thread count on the sheets on our bed is in excess of 1,500.

I might like a song you sing, a movie you star in or how you brought a team I root for to victory. But what, exactly, does that have to do with how you raise your family, and why am I supposed to care about or copy your parenting style?

Mayim Bialik, who starred as a grounded yet eclectic teen in the '90s on NBC's "Blossom" and was recently seen playing a lesbian on HBO's "Curb Your Enthusiasm," is the author of a new book, "Beyond the Sling: A Real-Life Guide to Raising Confident, Loving Children the Attachment Parenting Way."

That she's apparently a neuroscientist in real life makes her seem marginally less crazy for thinking anyone will give a damn about how she thinks children other than her own should be raised. That is, if neuroscience plays any part in your decision-making process if you are among the vast minority who actually consider wearing your baby like a fifth limb, or breast-feeding until your kid hits puberty.

But what seems even more bizarre is that some people probably will buy her book and take her advice based solely on the fact that she starred as an adolescent girl known for wearing a flower in her hat or as the daughter of Larry David frienemy Marty Funkhouser. (By the way, if you actually take her advice, will you one day tell your kids that their childhood was brought to them in part by the co-star of Joey Lawrence, the guy known solely for repeating "Whoa!" over and over?)

Alicia Silverstone, who hasn't done much of note since starring in the film "Clueless," is making headlines, too, because she recently released a short video online that showed her chewing food and then gleefully depositing it from her mouth directly into that of her baby's like a mama bird would do to her baby bird. Except when Alicia does it, it's much more disgusting considering how Vitamix machines, Cuisinarts and blenders in general are readily available for purchase by actual humans.

Then there's January Jones, the former Mrs. Betty Draper from AMC's "Mad Men," who gushed to People magazine about how her placenta was dehydrated and made into vitamins after she gave birth — and she now consumes them.

I MIGHT LIKE A SONG YOU SING, A MOVIE YOU STAR IN OR HOW YOU BROUGHT A TEAM I ROOT FOR TO VICTORY. BUT WHAT, EXACTLY, DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH HOW YOU RAISE YOUR FAMILY, AND WHY AM I SUPPOSED TO CARE ABOUT OR COPY YOUR PARENTING STYLE?

"I suggest it to all moms!" she said.

And I'm supposed to take her advice because she attractively chain-smoked on camera while letting a pre-adolescent boy kiss her inappropriately? Does starring in a movie or TV show in which you play a kid or have a kid mean you are eminently more qualified to raise one in real life — and have people follow your lead?

If so, does that mean that I should also turn to the cast of "Grey's Anatomy" for medical insight? Should I try to track down Raymond Burr the next time I find myself on the wrong side of the law? And if I'm struggling in the boudoir with my real-life husband (or my pretend one, George Clooney), is Kim Cattrall the go-to gal for tips on how to spice things up?

If I want eyelashes like Beyoncé's, I might seek out the mascara brand she endorses at the drugstore's makeup counter. But if she ends up writing a book on how to give birth like she did, which is in a hospital suite that she allegedly had made over to the tune of $2 million, you can bet I'll be ignoring it in the bookstore.

And as much as I enjoy the fantasy of George Clooney, I wouldn't even take baby-rearing advice from him. Although if he were to offer baby-making advice, I'm all ears.

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Stunning shift on high speed rail

NOTHING EPITOMIZES THE ABJECT FAILURE of California governance more than the so-called High Speed Rail Project or, as it has been derisively labeled, "High Speed Fail."

To recap, in 2008 voters narrowly approved a $10 billion down payment for the construction of a high speed rail network between the Bay Area and Los Angeles that promoters said would cost a total of $33.6 billion. A year later, the High Speed Rail Authority, the governing body overseeing the project, revealed that the train would actually cost $42.6 billion. Later, that estimate exploded to $98.5 billion, three times the original cost projection.

Even the project's more ardent supporters have expressed dismay at the mismanagement and lack of transparency at the High Speed Rail Authority. Particularly galling has been the failure of the authority to advance a credible business plan. Its efforts in this regard have been amateurish at best and, at worse, slick salesmanship with no substance.

It is truly sad — and unnecessary — that we're at this point. Prior to the 2008 vote, the Reason Foundation and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Foundation sponsored "A Due Diligence Study" of the HSR plan which found the high speed train would cost much more than promised, possibly as much as $100 billion or even more.

Corroborating the HJTF/Reason study, more recent reviews by the University of California and Legislative Analyst's Office have cast further doubts on the feasibility of project.

If this project were wholly within the purview of the private sector, it would have been terminated long ago. When private capital is at stake, there is a time at which responsible business managers grasp the folly of pouring good money after bad. Not so in the public sector — particularly as it relates to so-called "mega-projects." Indeed, the strategy of the authority is transparent: No matter how little sense this project makes, if they break ground and invest millions (or billions), California will have no choice but to complete the project.

Californians may have had enough of this foolishness. All available polling on the issue of High Speed Rail reveals that, if the measure were on the ballot today, it would fail. In short, the citizens of California want a "do-over." The cost is too high, the projections of ridership, speed and convenience were fantasy (and everyone knows it) and, in the current recession, there are so many more deserving places to send scarce taxpayer dollars.

Now, in a last ditch effort to save this boondoggle from an almost certain death, the authority announced at the end of last week that it has reduced the projected cost to about $68 billion. But they do this by changing the fundamental nature of the project which was sold to California voters as a standalone project with dedicated rails and stations. Although not entirely clear, it appears that the authority is melding the HSR system with traditional rail.

WHEN PRIVATE CAPITAL IS AT STAKE, THERE IS A TIME AT WHICH RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS MANAGERS GRASP THE FOLLY OF POURING GOOD MONEY AFTER BAD. NOT SO IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR – PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO SO-CALLED 'MEGA-PROJECTS.'

Does this make sense from the perspective of rational transportation policy? Probably not. But the bigger problem for the authority is that it is running out of options and there is very little time to study the latest iteration before the authority asks for bond financing from the Legislature.

What is undeniable about the latest plan is that it is most certainly not the project that the voters approved three years ago. For that reason, everyone — including HSR proponents and detractors — should get behind the effort by Sen. Doug LaMalfa to put the issue back before the public with a more realistic cost and performance projections.

In this era where both taxpayer dollars and legislative credibility are in short supply, Californians are entitled to nothing less.

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The Q Line

Dead mail

Faced with serious deficits, the U.S. Postal Service is recommending the consolidation of services in Santa Monica, which will most likely mean the historic Fifth Street post office will be shuttered and sold. Customers would have to go to the annex on Seventh Street or two other smaller locations in the city to purchase stamps, send packages or pick up their mail from a P.O. box.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Are you concerned about the possible closure of the Fifth Street office, or do you feel post offices are becoming more obsolete because of the Internet and should be closed?

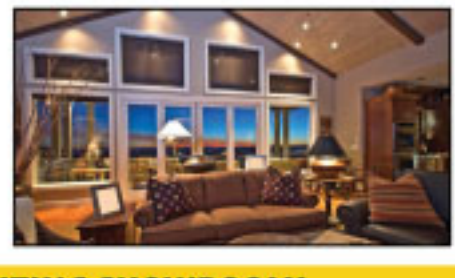
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Prosecutors reject charge in police shooting

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AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES Prosecutors tentatively rejected a request by Pasadena police Monday to file an involuntary manslaughter charge against a man who made a false report of being robbed by armed men.

The volatile case has been compared to the fatal shooting of Florida teen Trayvon Martin by a neighborhood watchman. Both cases involved shootings of unarmed black teenagers by those who said they believed they had guns.

Pasadena police were seeking a charge of involuntary manslaughter against Oscar Carrillo, the 911 caller who said his laptop and backpack had just been stolen by two men with guns.

Authorities said the call led two police officers, one on foot and one in a car, to shoot Kendrec McDade, a 19-year-old college student. They said he reached for his waistband, seeming to confirm the caller's report of a man with a gun.

A juvenile with McDade was charged with two counts of commercial burglary, one count of grand theft and one count of failure to register as a gang member as a condition of his probation.

Police said the teens matched descriptions provided by Carrillo, witnesses and surveillance footage.

The charge of involuntary manslaughter would be possibly unprecedented for making a false 911 call. Carrillo apparently was a robbery victim but he embellished the report by mentioning guns in order to get police to respond quickly.

Los Angeles district attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons said Monday the case needed further work.

"We have not filed a case pending further investigation and we are doing legal research," she said.

Pasadena police spokeswoman Lt. Phlunte Riddle said the case had not been sent back to her department but she understood that district attorney investigators might ask for further information.

"It's still in their ballpark," she said.

Meanwhile, Virginia Kice, spokeswoman for the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), said the agency had lodged an immigration detainer against Carrillo. She said a check of ICE's databases revealed that Carrillo was previously removed from the United States to Mexico in April 2006.

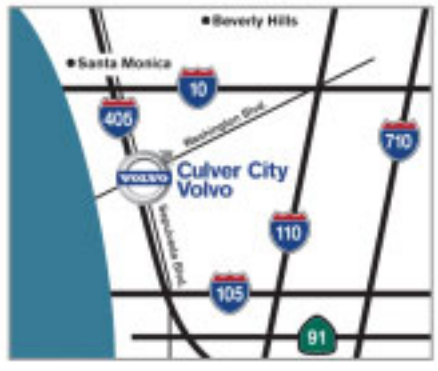
She said ICE has a priority on removing "individuals who exploit our immigration system, such as immigration fugitives and others who have been previously deported and illegally re-entered the United States."

A watchdog agency, the Los Angeles County Office of Independent Review also has agreed to review the case.

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Dog Scouts of America have troops in 22 states

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LOS ANGELES They've got badges and campouts, cookie drives and troops in 22 states. The Dog Scouts of America even has a motto or two as the half-human, half-hound organization goes about the business of doing good deeds.

One of the first badges for Jasper, a 3-year-old collie-lab mix, was disaster preparedness. After all, he lives with Robert and Misti Verdahl in Milpitas, southeast of San Francisco, where you have to be aware of earthquakes and other natural disasters.

Jasper and his humans belong to Troop 198 in Santa Clara and have earned 18 badges altogether. Each, the humans said, has made him a better dog.

"We go outside and I know he's going to be safe," Verdahl said. "If there's an emergency, I know he will listen to me."

There are 682 Dog Scouts who belong to 38 troops across the country. The organization has around 80 badges, but not all dogs can earn all badges, said DSA President Chris Puls of Brookville, Ind.

One of her dogs, a 3-year-old Malinois named Dazzle, is 24-inches high and had to jump twice his height to get his jumping badge, for instance. Long or heavy dogs aren't really suited to that.

"If it's not safe, we don't want you trying for it," Puls said.

Dogs are not required to earn badges beyond the first one, for basic obedience and appropriately called the Dog Scout badge.

The organization was founded by Lonnie Olson 13 years ago. Membership is $25 a year.

Kozette, Olson's boxer mix nicknamed "Kozi," is a model Scout with about 45 badges.

Community service is part of any good Scout program, Olson said. The DSA members make about $10,000 a year for the Salvation Army and participate in several Christmas projects. Most troops also work with local groups to do whatever is needed in their hometowns.

Olson's 80-acre St. Helen, Mich., property is converted into one of numerous week-long camps every summer. Puls is a former police officer who teaches and certifies badges at all the camps.

She has three dogs who have earned 122 badges between them. One, a 12-year-old cattle dog named Coyote, is retired with 48 badges.

Because cattle dogs often go deaf, Puls and Coyote worked hard on the sign language badge. Then Coyote went blind instead of deaf.

More than a decade ago, the Scouts decided to sell human-grade, dog-safe cookies, she said, but the group took a break from cookie sales to streamline operations.

Verdahl joined DSA because he'd taught Jasper everything he knew and the dog wanted more.

Jasper could put laundry in the washer and (plastic) dishes in the dishwasher. He could stack bowls, open blinds, flip a light switch and open a door, Verdahl said.

There is no housekeeping badge, but Verdahl figures Jasper can qualify for about 50 badges that are available.

The family's favorite so far is geocaching, an online treasure hunt in which players try to locate hidden containers or geocaches using GPS devices.

"Geocaching has taken us all over the place. We are experiencing things in our local area we never knew existed," he said.

Who has done more work to get the badges? "Me for sure. It's all play for him," said Verdahl, a nurse.

He said he and his wife are healthier because of Scouts. "I haven't lost any weight but my enjoyment in life has increased, I laugh and smile more."

Many badges are earned in camp. All of Jasper's were submitted on videotape because he is far from the nearest camp. He holds the record for videotape badges, Olson said.

But there are some he can't claim because he doesn't have the obstacle courses or water parks.

In the water, dogs can be puppy paddlers, beach buddies or boaters. They can qualify in rescue, racing or retrieval. Puls said one of the Scout pairs who started dock diving in camp have gone on to compete nationally.

The earth dog badge, mostly for terriers, is awarded if a dog stays focused while chasing a (protected) rat into an 8-foot earth tunnel, negotiates a 90-degree turn and continues the chase through another 8-foot tunnel without losing interest in the quarry.

"These are not 'gimme' badges, not a walk in the park," Puls said. "A dog with a lot of badges has put a lot of time and training into it."

The Scouts have two mottos. For humans: "Our dogs' lives are much shorter than our own. We should help them enjoy their time with us as much as we can." For dogs: "Let us learn new things that we become more helpful."

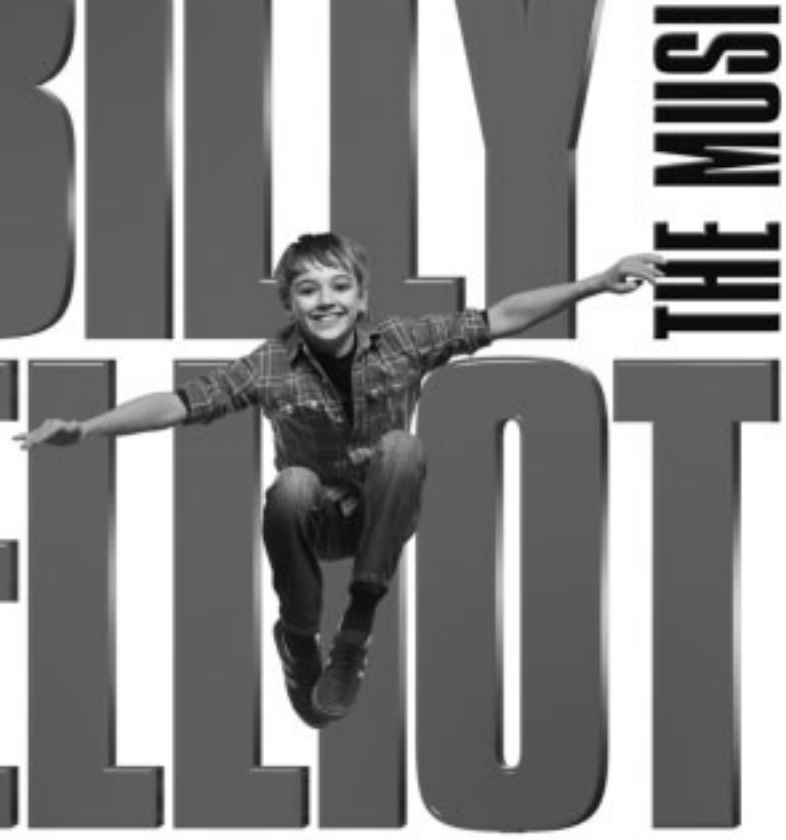
Both serve as inspiration for the group's grossest badge: "Clean Up America."

It consists of picking up piles left behind by other dogs on trails, parks and beaches.

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Monitoring ex-cons off to rough start

About 10 percent of ex-convicts whose probation is now being supervised by Los Angeles County authorities are not attending required counseling meetings or have simple gone missing.

The Los Angeles Times says shifting responsibility for released prisoners from state to local authorities has gotten off to a rocky start since the realignment law was signed by Gov. Jerry Brown a year ago.

Realignment was designed to cut state costs and reduce prison overcrowding by keeping nonviolent felons in local jails instead state prisons. Supervision of probationers was also shifted to counties.

Los Angeles County figures show about a quarter of its probationers have been arrested for new crimes, which is below the previous state average for probationers.

But critics are concerned arrests could climb because so many released convicts are skipping meetings or have gone missing.

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LOS ANGELES

Anschutz exec says developer committed to stadium

An executive for the company that wants to build an NFL stadium in downtown Los Angeles says the developer is committed to the idea and willing to buy a team himself in order to make the deal work.

Anschutz Entertainment Group President Tim Leiweke told the Los Angeles Times Monday that developer Philip Anschutz is ready to write a check for both the downtown stadium and a team as long as he can get a "reasonable" deal out of the football league.

The Times say Leiweke downplayed recent reports that NFL executives are dissatisfied with the terms of AEG's proposal for a team.

On Thursday the company plans to issue a 10,000-page environmental impact report for the stadium project. That will be followed by a 45-day public comment period.

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LOS ANGELES

Water mains break in Hollywood area

Los Angeles officials say five water main breaks that flooded streets in the Hollywood area were related to pressure changes caused by the inspection of a reservoir.

The breaks in 6- and 8-inch pipes Tuesday morning sent water gushing onto streets in Hollywood.

The Department of Water and Power says a reservoir was taken offline for inspection by a diver and the switch to other water supplies may have stressed older or corroded pipes.

Crews are working to repair the pipes.

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RANCHO PALOS VERDES

New dog beach may be doomed because of popularity

The popularity of a newly-christened Los Angeles County off-leash dog beach may lead to its demise.

The Rancho Palos Verdes City Council approved a yearlong pilot program on Feb. 21 to allow dogs on the 5-acre beach below the Ocean Trails Reserve and Trump National Golf Course.

There are only two other beaches in the county — Long Beach and Malibu — that allow dogs.

The Torrance Daily Breeze says word spread quickly and dog owners have been crowding the area.

Trump golf club general manager Lili Amini wrote the council saying they have lost business because of complaints about dog feces and parking, among other things.

City officials are expected to decide Tuesday night if the pilot program will be rescinded.

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LOS ANGELES

County assessor supporter paying less tax

A contributor to the campaign of Los Angeles County Assessor John Noguez has saved nearly $200,000 on the tax bill for his mansion because the assessor hasn't updated its value.

The Los Angeles Times says Jordan Kaplan bought the Pacific Palisades home nearly two years ago for $21.5 million.

But the paper says Noguez still hasn't taken the typically routine step of replacing the property's previous assessed value with that of the sale price — a $10 million-dollar difference.

Prosecutors are examining allegations that property valuations — and subsequent tax bills — were lowered for favored clients since Noguez was elected

However, the assessor's chief of staff, George Renkei, says the delay in reassessing Kaplan's property has nothing to do with his contributions.

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SMC
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dents or student representatives, who should have a voice in any decision that alters the availability or cost of much-needed courses, Wills said.

Instead, the Board of Trustees approved it with little warning on March 6 over the protests of students who came to decry the move.

"This is a move away from equal access," Wills told reporters and students.

College officials, however, hold that the self-funded courses provide students more opportunities to get classes that have been cut to balance the books after significant funding decreases to the tune of 13 percent to the entire community college system since 2008.

Students have been forced to stay in the community college system longer than intended because they can't get into the classes they need to advance to the California State or University of California system.

If a tax initiative set for the November ballot fails, the system will face another 5.5 percent funding cut, which would mean another $5 million missing from the SMC budget and potentially more lost classes.

Students noted that in the same time, administrators have received a 30 percent pay increase — or approximately $2 million — while 1,000 courses were cut.

One of the demands that will be presented to the Board of Trustees includes rolling back those pay increases.

The college did make an adjustment to salaries to a large number of positions in 2007 after a study was conducted that showed that the college was paying its employees less than other campuses of similar size, said Bruce Smith, a spokesperson for the college.

"We are indeed proud of the fact that we have one of the highest-paid faculty and staff in the state, and that's kind of across the board where we know we want to pay what we can to get the best people," Smith said.

Although Smith was unsure what numbers the students were using to come up with the 30 percent or $2 million figures, returning salaries to what they were five years ago would not solve the larger funding problem, he said.

SMC officials also dispute the claim that the proposition for self-funded courses came without warning to the student body. A similar program has been in place for international students since 2010, and was discussed for a broader audience before the Academic Senate at the same time.

Furthermore, the Board of Trustees held a study session on the topic in February, at which point the student trustee representative, Joshua Scuteri, was given a packet explaining the proposal, Smith said.

Scuteri did not attend that meeting.

Eight days after the board voted to move forward with the self-funded programs, the matter went to the District Policy and Advisory Committee, or DPAC, for review. Wills sits on that committee, which he felt should have been informed before the trustees voted.

Though the college does have a shared governance policy in place, it has no responsibility to run every proposal through the process, Smith said.

"Sometimes the board has to make a decision," he said.

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ROUNDUP
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Cross-town Crossroads is listed among three teams not ranked, but included on the poll as "others," which are schools poised to enter the top 10.

San Gabriel, the team Samohi beat last year to win the championship, is also listed among the others.

CROSSROADS SOFTBALL RANKED

Crossroads' softball team maintains its No. 9 ranking in the latest CIF-SS Division 7 poll, it was announced this week.

They are currently off for spring break, but will resume play on April 10 at Marlborough.

NEW ROADS ALONE IN BASEBALL POLL

New Roads has the distinction of being the only Santa Monica-based baseball team ranked by the CIF-SS.

The Jaguars are ranked No. 6 in the latest Division 7 poll released this week.

New Roads returns to action following spring break against Buckley on April 11. They are 6-3 overall and 2-0 in Coastal League play.

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Last August, Douglas announced he was taking sick leave and planned to retire.

"I'm at peace with it," he told The Associated Press in an interview. "It's been a meaningful, purposeful legacy."

Douglas' tenure was punctuated with showdowns with developers and property owners.

Critics accused the commission of being too narrowly focused and mismanaging its funding by meddling in minor land use issues that should be left to communities. Douglas survived nearly a dozen attempts to unseat him over the years.

Born in Berlin on Aug. 22, 1942, Douglas fled the Nazis with his family when he was a child and settled in Southern California. He earned his bachelor's and law degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles.

Douglas was known for wearing bolo ties and hiking pants and driving an old, biodiesel Mercedes.

Douglas is survived by his former wife, two sons and a sister and brother.

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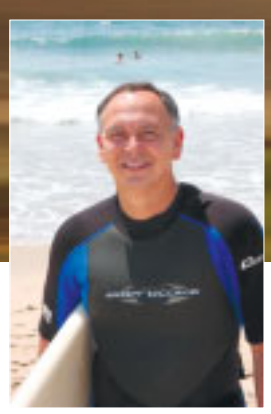
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wrote.

"It's hard to accept the claim that we sued too soon when the city took three months to act on the application," Diamond said. "They were nit picking, and asking for more information. They wanted to know whether he had any kind of approval from the state or federal government to operate the lab to test medical marijuana."

The federal government takes a dim view of medical marijuana, a substance that it holds to be illegal and a class one narcotic.

The judge also dismissed Diamond's claim that the medical marijuana testing facility was an "authorized use" under two California state laws, the Compassionate Use Act of 1996 and the Medical Marijuana Program Act.

The Compassionate Use Act was a voter-approved initiative that legalized marijuana for medical use. While it does authorize a person with a doctor's recommendation to possess marijuana, nowhere does the law state that a testing facility is an acceptable use of that drug.

None of the case law cited by Diamond interprets either law as authorizing a medical marijuana facility, the court asserted, and in fact previous decisions from the California Court of Appeals have resisted attempts by pot advocates to widen the interpretation of the Compassionate Use Act.

After the court's decision came down, a lawsuit claiming damages was filed with City Hall, Diamond said.

In the meantime, McDonald will have to appear before either a hearing officer or administrative judge to appeal the denial of the business license. He has voluntarily shut his business down pending the outcome of that appeal.

"He shut down because he doesn't want to be arrested by the police and never got assurances from the city that they will allow this to go on," Diamond said.

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Student's profane tweet stirs free-speech debate

CHARLES WILSON
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS Austin Carroll was fighting insomnia when the Indiana teenager turned to Twitter for relief and casually dropped the F-word multiple times, apparently to demonstrate to his followers that the expletive would fit almost anywhere in a sentence.

But his middle-of-the-night profanity quickly cost him. A few days later, Carroll was expelled from high school over his foul-mouthed lapse, even though the word wasn't directed at anyone, and he says the tweet didn't involve his school.

Now the 17-year-old senior is at the center of a debate over how closely school officials may monitor students' online activities when they aren't in class or even on school property, an issue that has frustrated administrators and confounded courts.

Carroll insists he made the tweet on his own time using his own computer, making it none of the school's business. But school officials in the small city of Garrett, about 20 miles north of Fort Wayne, contend that the teen used either his school-issued computer or the school network. The details could spell the difference between a routine school discipline case and a broader First Amendment dispute.

School officials say they cannot discuss a student's disciplinary record and will not say why Carroll was expelled March 19 from Garrett High School, a 600-student school where younger students are given iPads and older ones are sent home with MacBooks.

His mother, Pam Smith, believes it was in retaliation for her son's previous misbehavior, which included a suspension earlier in March for violating the dress code by wearing a kilt to school and a suspension last fall for using the same expletive on a school computer. Then on March 16, her son tweeted the F-word again.

Carroll, who did not respond to interview requests from The Associated Press, told Fort Wayne television station WPTA that he was just trying to be funny.

"If my account is on my own personal account, I don't think the school or anybody should be looking at it. Because it's my own personal stuff, and it's none of their business," he told the station.

He posted on his Facebook page that he "shouldn't have done it" but said the punishment was too harsh.

First Amendment and students' rights experts agree with him. If Carroll was using his own computer and network to send the tweet, the school's action was "an incredible overreach and overreaction that arguably raises not only First Amendment but Fourth Amendment issues," said David Hudson, a scholar at the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. The Fourth Amendment protects citizens against unreasonable searches and seizures.

Since 1969, the U.S. Supreme Court has generally ruled that students have free-speech rights, and schools can prohibit their speech only if it is vulgar or disruptive to schoolwork or other people. But that power doesn't reach far beyond school property.

"I think it makes a big difference where this was done," said Ken Falk, legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana.

Carroll insists he was not using his school-issued computer and was not logged onto the school network. His mother said her son had insomnia and was up tweeting at about 2:30 a.m. "What are they doing, following him 24/7?" she said.

School officials insist they are not.

"It was either on the school network or one of the school computers," said President Tony Griffin, vice president of the Garrett-Keyser-Butler school district. "It wasn't any of his own personal network or computer that caused this."

Superintendent Dennis Stockdale said the school computer network has a federally required filter that flags certain prohibited content, whether it's foul language or a pornographic website, anytime a student or teacher posts or accesses it.

Students must sign a "Respectable Use Policy" in which they agree not to visit websites or forward communications that are "inappropriate," but the document doesn't specifically mention language and says nothing about students' own posts.

Stockdale was uncertain whether a school computer might download Internet content that had been posted from a personal device earlier when a student logged onto their Twitter or Facebook account at school.

"Whether it's already on there or not ... if they bring it up on their school computer then, then it's a school issue," Stockdale said.

Legal experts say schools aren't getting much help from the courts. Lower court rulings have varied widely, and the Supreme Court has declined three times this term to review similar student off-campus speech.

"School officials don't really know what legal standard applies," said Emma Llanso, policy counsel at the Center for Democracy and Technology, a nonprofit public interest group in Washington.

With little help from the courts, school officials and state lawmakers across the U.S. are groping for any kind of guidance on the issue.

New Jersey legislators last year passed a law aimed at curbing cyberbullying that also compels administrators to track students' online behavior away from school.

"I think it's such a reach that it's absurd," said Charles Maranzano, superintendent of the Hopatcong, N.J., school district. "I think it's completely illegal that we're being asked to investigate into the private lives of people outside the schools."

Indiana lawmakers this year considered a bill that would have increased school officials' authority over off-campus behavior. Supporters said it was motivated by concerns over bullying, but critics contended it was a response to a federal court ruling last August that found a northern Indiana school district violated the First Amendment rights of two teenage girls by punishing them for posting sexually suggestive photos on MySpace during their summer vacation.

The bill bogged down over First Amendment concerns and was referred to a study committee.

"As we got deeper and deeper into the subject, we found it becoming very complex ... particularly concerning technology," said the bill's author, Republican Rep. Eric Koch of Bedford.

The committee's work will be too late to help Carroll, who will wrap up his year in an alternative school.



Stocks fall after dimmer outlook from Fed Reserve

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AP Business Writer

U.S. stocks and Treasury prices dropped Tuesday after Federal Reserve policymakers said they were worried about a slowdown in hiring and appeared to resist buying more bonds to help the economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down as much as 133 points after the Fed released minutes of the March meeting of its Open Market Committee, which sets interest rates and monetary policy. It had been down 45 points before the minutes were released.

The Dow bounced back by the close to a decline of 64.94 points, or 0.5 percent, at 13,199.55. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 5.66 points to 1,413.38.

The Nasdaq composite index dropped 6.13 to 3,113.57. It was the fifth loss for the Nasdaq in six trading sessions, but the index remains up almost 20 percent for the year, compared with 12 percent for the S&P.

Utility stocks barely rose. The other nine industry groups that make up the S&P 500 fell, led by energy stocks, which declined about 1 percent as a group.

The Fed minutes showed that policymakers fear hiring could slow if economic growth doesn't improve. The country added an average of 245,000 jobs per month from December through February, the strongest three months since the Great Recession.

Only two of 10 voting committee members on the Fed committee said they would support another round of bond purchases, and only if the economy weakened significantly.

The minutes did not address the logistics of more bond-buying, troubling traders of stocks and bonds who anticipate more action from the Fed, said John Canally, an economist for LPL Financial.

The release of the minutes reduced demand for government bonds, driving prices down and yields up. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.31 percent from 2.16 percent earlier Tuesday. That was its highest since March 20.

The Fed has embarked on two previous rounds of bond-buying, most recently in August 2010, to drive down long-term interest rates. Low bond yields generally encourage profit-hungry investors to buy stocks.

When it appears that bond-buying is unlikely, demand for Treasurys tends to fall. That's because the Fed is the biggest player in the market for U.S. government debt. Traders try to front-run the Fed by buying bonds because they believe demand will be strong later.

Among the ripples in the financial markets after the Fed's announcement:

— The sell-off in Treasurys was broad. The price of the 30-year Treasury bond fell $2.53 per $100 invested, pushing its yield up to 3.44 percent from 3.32 percent before the Fed minutes.

— Gold fell $38 an ounce to $1,642 after trading almost unchanged earlier. The Fed minutes suggested inflation is under control, and traders sometimes buy gold as a hedge when they worry about inflation, driving the price up.

— The dollar rose against the euro, also after being virtually unchanged for most of the day. The euro was down 1.1 cents against the dollar to $1.322 in afternoon trading. Speculation that the Fed won't act typically helps the dollar. When the Fed buys bonds and other debt securities to keep rates low, that limits the returns available to investors who hold the dollar.

Many traders were in wait-and-see mode all morning before the Fed minutes were released. Stocks drifted lower despite solid reports on auto sales and factory activity.

Orders to factories bounced back by a solid 1.3 percent in February as businesses made more long-term investments, the Commerce Department said after the market opened.

The news bolstered earlier signals that U.S. consumers are feeling confident enough in the economy to buy higher-cost items like cars after years of putting off major purchases.

Chrysler said earlier that sales of its vehicles spiked by one-third last month, making March its best month in four years. Sales were helped by the introduction of small cars from the company's Fiat brand. Ford's sales rose 5 percent, General Motors' by 12 percent.

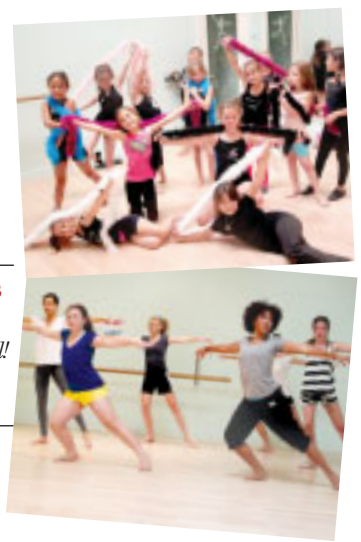
The afternoon selling doused any enthusiasm the market carried into the week after it closed its best first quarter in more than a decade. The Dow and S&P both finished at multi-year highs Monday.

Trading volumes have been light for about two weeks in part because there has been relatively little news to move markets. Many companies are quiet ahead of earnings season, which begins in earnest next week.

The government will release its March jobs report on Friday. Economists expect that hiring slowed modestly last month. The report's impact on the market might be muted because markets will be closed for the beginning of Easter weekend.

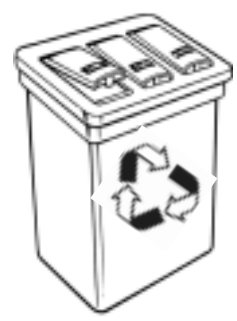
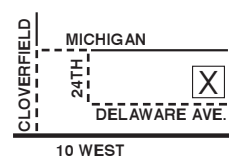
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NFL

League unveils new uniforms for all 32 teams

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NEW YORK For fans worried that Nike was going to give their favorite NFL team's uniform an extreme makeover, full-blown Oregon style, no need to fret.

Ben Roethelisberger still looked very much like a member of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Nobody would have mistaken Jermichael Finley for anything but a Green Bay Packer. And the Browns' jersey wore by Joe Haden was still brown.

Going for a slightly sleeker but very familiar look, the NFL unveiled its new uniforms Tuesday. Nike, the league's latest apparel maker, stayed away from the wildly experimental designs it uses with the University of Oregon, get-ups that sometimes make it hard to identify the Ducks.

"You look good, you play good," said Finley, Green Bay's star tight end. "Hopefully that kicks into effect this season."

Nike put on a gridiron-themed fashion show at a Brooklyn film studio, with a player from each of the 32 franchises modeling his team's new threads.

No, Big Ben and Brian Urlacher from the Bears didn't walk the runway.

Instead, after a handful of Nike big wigs worked their way through half-hour presentation that could have been dubbed "The Making of the Uniforms," the players walked out onto an artificial turf-covered mini-field, suited up from shoes to shoulder pads and lined up in four rows. After the house lights went up, their helmets went on.

There were no surprises.

Commissioner Roger Goodell said the goal of the redesign was to combine "tradition with innovation."

"Some teams will lean more toward the traditions," Goodell said. "But you can see here you can put innovation into the uniform without changing the look, necessarily, about it."

In college football, flashy uniforms, with non-traditional colors and patterns are all the rage these days. Oregon, the alma mater of Nike founder Phil Knight, has made the cutting-edge — some would say over-the-edge — look its calling card. Nike outfits dozens of major college football teams and while few have gone all-in the way Oregon does, it seems dozens of schools are at least dabbling in funky gear.

Those gloves that create a school's logo when a player hold his hands together, palms out, and which have popped up on campuses from Alabama to Notre Dame, will now be on display at every NFL game. And, of course, available in stores — along with all kinds of new team gear from jackets to hoodies to T-shirts.

But only the Seattle Seahawks, who took the unveiling of the uniform as an opportunity to start a rebranding campaign for the franchise, made significant alterations to their uniforms, adding some neon green trim down the sides of the pants and numbers

"I like the fact that there are teams that are pretty much staying more in line with where they've been and there's other teams that are starting to push a little bit more," said Nike CEO and President Mark Parker. "We see that happen at the college level perhaps even more aggressively, but I think you'll see the NFL evolving and Nike being an exciting partner in actually helping make that happen."

The Seattle uniforms, modeled by defensive back Kam Chancellor, were definitely a winner among the other players.

"Seattle has the hottest uniform right now," Saints running back Pierre Thomas said. "So I'm a little jealous. But I still love my all black. I think it looks nice."

Aside from a sharp look, Todd Van Horne, Nike's creative director for football and baseball, said the players wanted the uniforms to be as light as possible.

"They don't want anything weighing them down. They want to be faster," he said.

The second-most important quality was fit. "They want it to stretch and move with them," he said.

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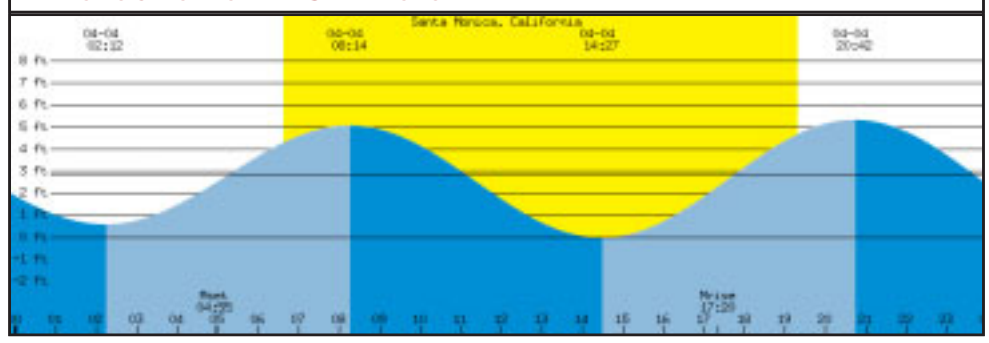
SWELL FORECAST

Looks like a chest high day most everywhere with the best size though at south facing breaks.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

NW WIND AND GROUND SWELL ARE DUE, WITH HEAD HIGH SURF AT WEST FACING BREAKS EXPECTED. **SW** SWELL SHOULD BACK DOWN TO WAIST HIGH, WITH PLUSES AT SOUTH FACING BREAKS ABLE TO WORK THE **NW** WRAP.

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BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **March 28, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 26 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	F
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 21672 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (beach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	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 Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	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+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	B
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	A
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	B	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	B
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+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	C
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	B
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
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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MOVIE TIMES

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

McCabe & Mrs. Miller (R) 2hr
7:30pm

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

Titanic 3-D (PG-13) 3hr 16min

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
2:45pm, 6:15pm, 9:45pm

Intruders (R) 1hr 40min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:55pm

Dark Tide (PG-13) 1hr 34min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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

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

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
10:45am, 12:05pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 8:45pm, 10:30pm

Mirror Mirror (PG) 1hr 46min
11:50am, 2:40pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm

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

Titanic 3-D (PG-13) 3hr 16min
11:50am, 4:15pm, 8:30pm

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

Detachment (NR) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

Jiro Dreams of Sushi (PG) 1hr 21min
1:30pm, 3:40pm, 5:50pm, 8:00pm, 10:10pm

Separation (Jodaeiye Nader az Simin) (PG-13) 2hrs 03min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Manzanar Fishing Club (NR) 1hr 14min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:30pm, 9:40pm

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

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

Wrath of the Titans 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
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6:45pm, 9:30pm

Jeff, Who Lives at Home (R) 1hr 23min
10:00pm

Friends With Kids (R) 1hr 40min
11:05am, 4:00pm

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

Casa de mi Padre (R) 1hr 24min
1:50pm

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Break your routine, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ All work and no play might not suit you. Something that occupies your time could feel like a must-do. An issue you believed to be resolved actually might not be, as time reveals. Tonight: Try a tension-buster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Manifest some of your creative solutions, and you'll make a difficult situation or task easier. Don't be so surprised that you have many people who like being close to you. Tonight: Break your routine.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Stay close to home if you can. Somehow, the idea of being out and about might not appeal to you. A change in the ether helps straighten out a difficult situation or problem. Tonight: Spontaneity rules.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ It is time to communicate what is on your mind. You could be confused by a situation. Perhaps the best way to clear it out is to start sharing. That statement alone could open up a difficult situation. Tonight: Chat over a drink and munchies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You could be taken aback by someone's sharing. Clear the air now that you have more understanding. If you hold back, you could be inviting more problems. Think carefully. Someone you admire or trust drops a nugget of wisdom. Know what works. Tonight: Your treat.

VIRGO (Aug. 2 3-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Feel free to have a long-overdue discussion later in the day. The reaction you get might be a little over-the-top, but you are on your way to clearing out a misunderstanding. Both of you will be much happier as a result. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Read between the lines with a special person in your life. You might wonder why you are acting the way you are. Be open and authentic, and you can't go wrong. You could be resolving quite a few issues in the next few months. Tonight: Get some extra sleep.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want by late afternoon. After recent confusion and setbacks, you might want to discuss an issue. Listen to your inner voice when speaking to a child or loved one. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Delve into a new interest that could develop into a commitment. Whatever it is, be sure you want to become involved, as getting out could be a lot more difficult. A person in your daily life makes quite an offer. Listen, then decide. Tonight: In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You are experiencing a change within a relationship, and also within yourself. You will start to see life from an even broader perspective and drop some self-imposed restrictions. Let your creativity flow. Tonight: Add spice to your life.

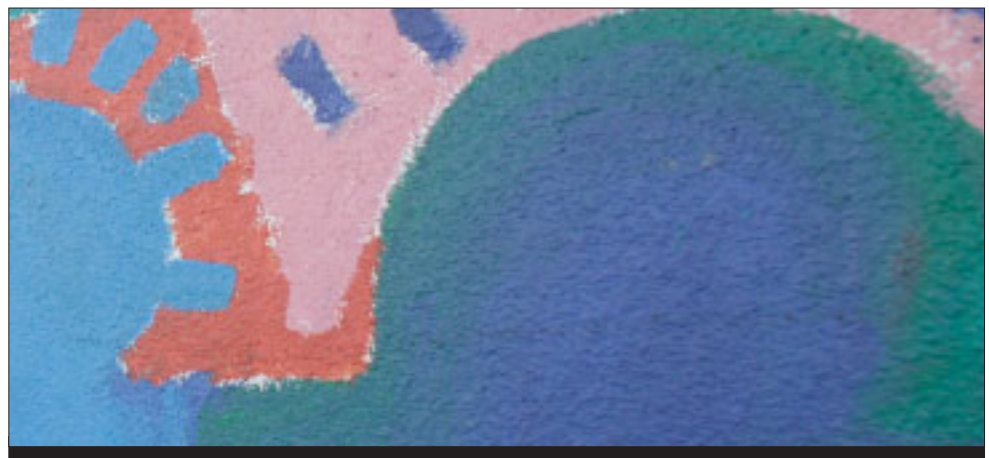
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Just when you are about to toss your hands in the air, you'll discover that there is another solution or way. You come from a point of creativity and high energy. Now you can really talk turkey with a key loved one. Tonight: Follow someone else's lead.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ For now, lie back and allow others to demonstrate their true colors. A key friendship could be changing right in front of you. Don't fight what is happening; rather, ride it out. You finally might be able to clear up a misunderstanding. Tonight: Take your cue from a friend or loved one.

Happy birthday

This year frustration plays out with confusion. You have the ability to find clarity by asking questions and confirming what you hear. By your next birthday, you could become a master of communication. You will make the right financial choices. If you are single, someone quite desirable pops into your life from summer on. In fact, you might even have two choices. If you are attached, the two of you become closer as you learn to communicate more effectively. VIRGO makes a great co-worker or pal.

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

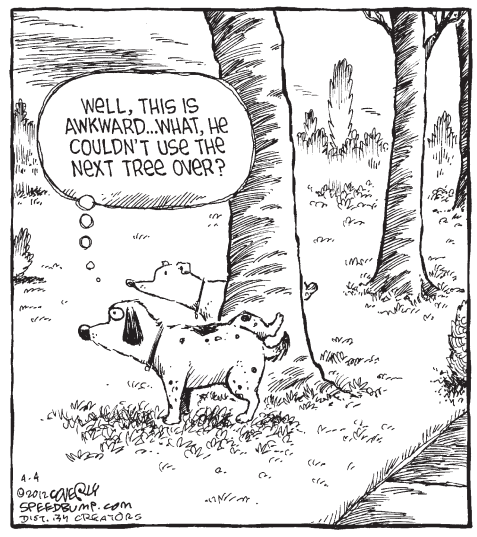


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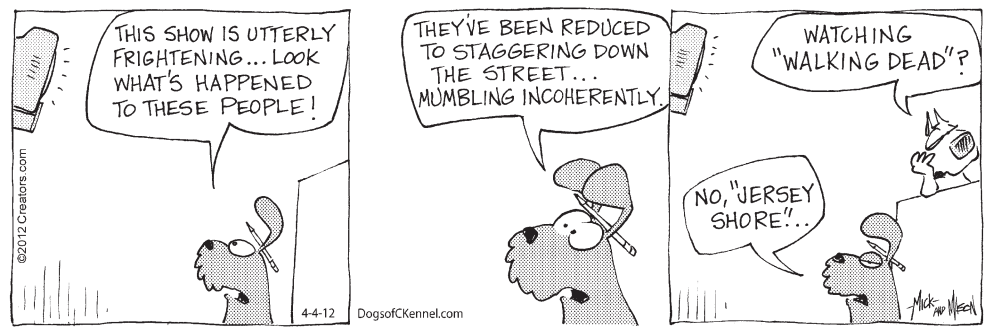
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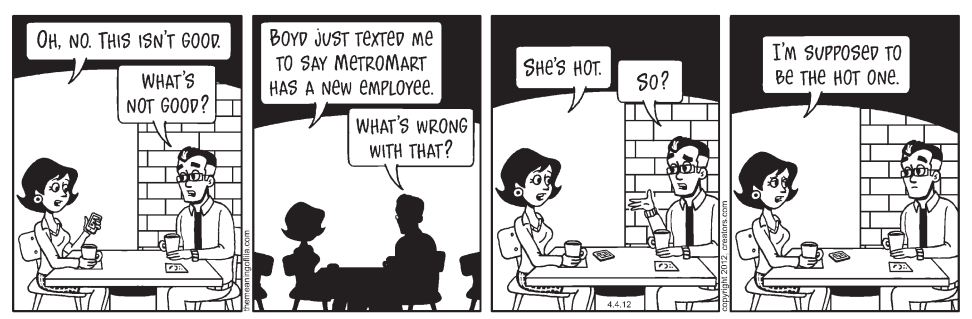
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Sudoku

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 ★★★

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

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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

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

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1 Romulus' twin
6 Snare
10 Laughable
11 Eat away
12 Danger
13 Distance runner
14 Throw off
15 Artemis' twin
16 Plop down
17 Big head
18 Filming site
19 Level
22 Wallop
23 Snaky swimmers
26 Reduce
29 Hurried flight
32 "— folly to be wise"
33 Last letter
34 Newspaper worker
36 Yard units
37 Book's page number
38 Calendar page
39 Batting game for kids
40 Harmon of TV
41 Mailed
42 Take the helm

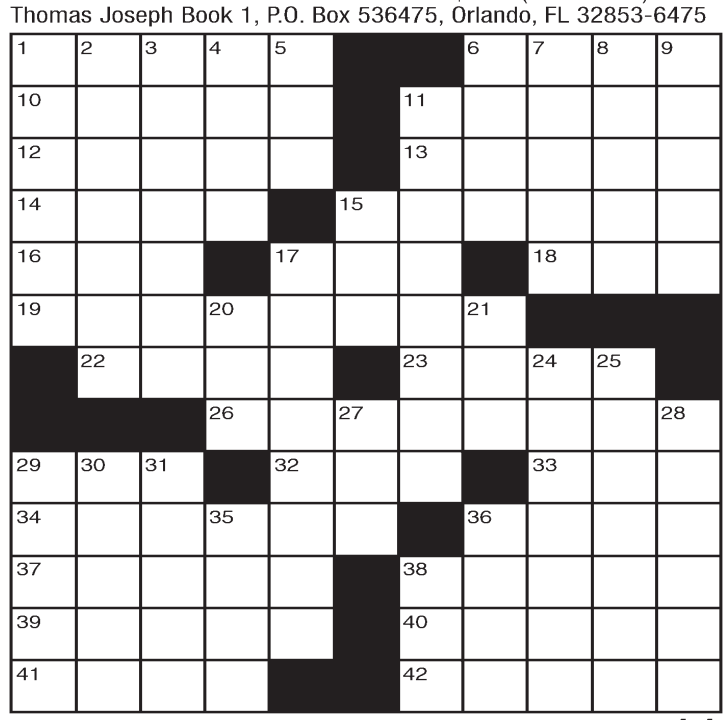
DOWN

1 Best for picking
2 Foes
3 Kind of bliss
4 Army group
5 Salt, to Simone
6 Jazz combo
7 Bakery buys
8 "Rolling in the Deep" singer
9 Candidate of the '90s
11 Authorizes
15 Previously
17 Chisel or axe
20 Weaver's creation
21 Homer's neighbor
24 Cough drop
25 Honey
27 Vacuum lack
28 Lower
29 Some turns
30 Earthen brick
31 Lombardy city
35 Incline
36 Layout choice
38 Barker and Kettle

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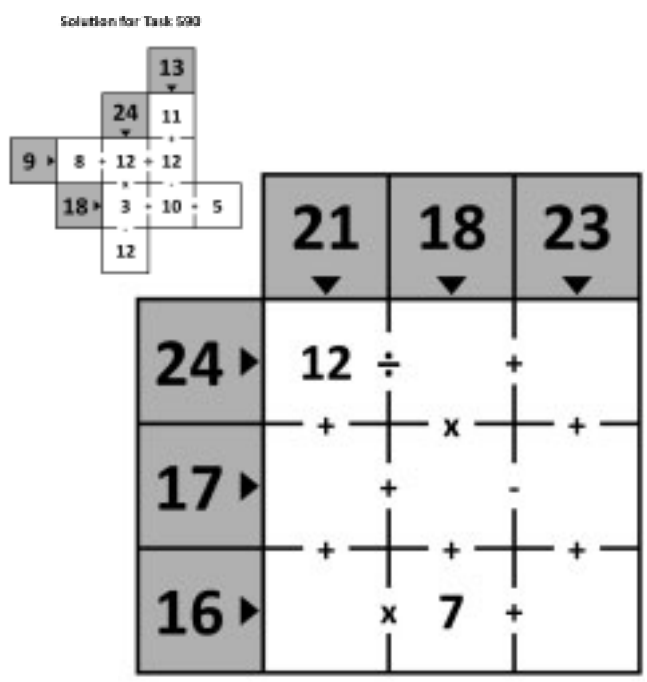
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Solution for Task 598



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Men (almost never a woman) Who Accidentally Shot Themselves Recently: Lee Miars, 30, Myrtle Creek, Ore., while pointing a gun at his head to illustrate a story for friends (January). A 22-year-old Navy SEAL, San Diego, Calif., while pointing a gun at his head to convince friends it was unloaded (January). Riki Ingram, 18, Baker, La., shot his leg while "holstering" his gun to his pocket following a robbery (December). Ethan Bennett, 36, Monroe, Wash., aiming at a squirrel running up his leg, shot his foot (November). Special Deputy Ted Maze, Bedford, Ind., shot his hand while reloading at a training session (June). Kenneth Fortson, 21, Atlanta, was killed in a police chase following a home invasion (by, apparently, holding a gun as his pickup truck hit a tree and jarred his trigger finger) (October). Larry Godwin, 68, Redfield, Iowa, shot himself twice firing at a raccoon in a live trap (February).

■ The town of Betws-y-Coed, Wales, holds the distinction of having its name likely butchered by more misspellings on Internet search inquiries than any other. Website managers told BBC News in February that they have compiled a list of 364 different spellings from people ostensibly looking for the town. The most common references were to "Bwtsy Code" and "Betsy Cowed." [BBC News, 2-16-2012]

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1865 – American Civil War: A day after Union forces capture Richmond, Virginia, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln visits the Confederate capital.

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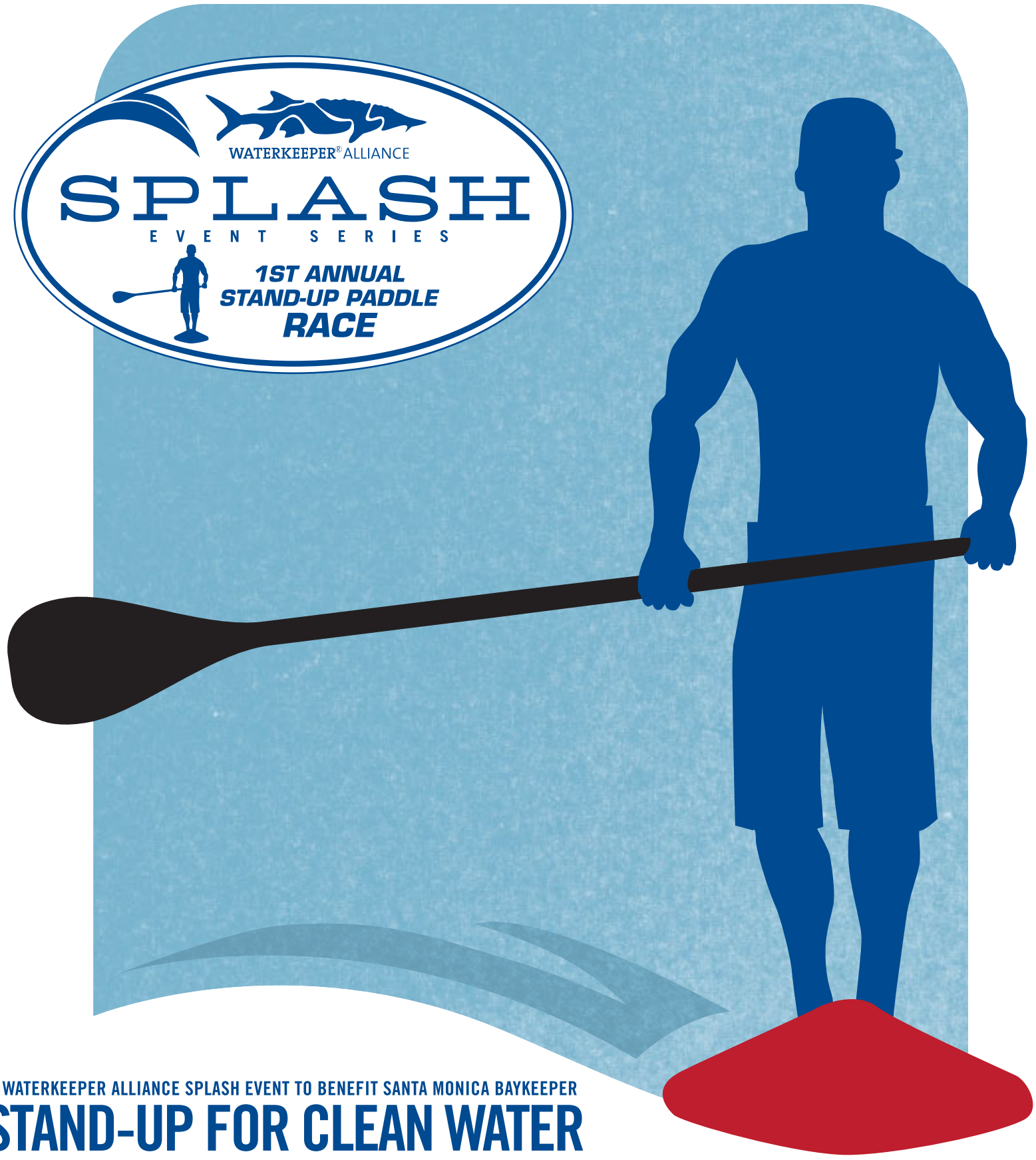
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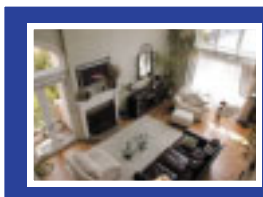
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