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THE CLOSE TO HOME ISSUE

Three caught in Montana Ave jewelry heist

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer


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MONTANA AVE Police have arrested three men suspected of robbing a jewelry store on Montana Avenue at gunpoint.

Darveyon Terrell Davis and Delina Frank Banks, both 24 from Reno, Nev., were arrested within an hour of each other in the same residential garage on the 2000 block of Centinela Avenue on Sunday night, police said.

The third, Donya Shannon Conner, 22, also of Reno, Nev., was taken into custody Monday morning in the bathroom of a McDonald's restaurant on the 2900 block of Pico Boulevard after police found a bicycle reported stolen at 6:25 a.m. abandoned in the parking lot.

Santa Monica police received an emergency call from a witness at 4:52 p.m.

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Suspect in shooting arrested at home

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief


GONZALEZ

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Police have arrested a Santa Monica man in connection with an alleged gang-related shooting in which a woman was hit in the arm as she sat in a car parked at a red light.

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AP Photo/Charles Krupa

TRAGIC: **Medical responders run an injured man past the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon following an explosion in Boston on Monday.**

Boston bombings: What it means for L.A. Marathon

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica officials in charge of security for the Los Angeles Marathon, which ends on Ocean Avenue, said procedures are in place to protect the public from an attack like the fatal one that took place Monday near the finish line of the Boston Marathon.

In that attack, three people were killed and at least 100 injured following two bomb blasts, race organizers and police said.

During the L.A. Marathon, which attracted roughly 23,000 runners last month, Santa Monica police officers are stationed at key points along the marathon route and restrict access, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesman for the SMPD. Officers also use bomb-detecting dogs throughout the course when it enters the city by the sea.

Movement at the finish line, where thousands of spectators gather, is also highly restricted, suspicious people are searched and pods where runners' clothing are stored are searched and under the watchful eye of police to ensure they are not tampered with, Lewis added.

But even with those and other precautions, "there's nothing to say [an attack] couldn't happen anywhere," Lewis said.

The Boston blasts had public safety officials in Los Angeles and across California reconsidering their plans for large-scale events.

Los Angeles Police Chief Charlie Beck said his department will increase officer deployments at sporting events, according to the L.A. Times, as did L.A. County Sheriff Lee Baca.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

Stories for babies
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 11:20 a.m.
Story series for babies ages 0-17 months accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Puppet time
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St.,
3:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Join Mr. Jesse and his gang of puppets for heartfelt stories and songs. Intended for children ages 3-7. For more information, call (310)458-8683.

It's a mystery
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
A discussion of "The Fallen Angel" by David Hewson will take place for the first meeting of the new book group for mystery fans. The group will meet every third Tuesday of the month. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

Discuss it
Montana Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
"My Happiness Bears No Relation to Happiness," a biography of poet Taha Muhammad Ali, will be discussed. Admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Jam of steel
Typhoon at the Santa Monica Airport
3221 Donald Douglas Loop South, Second Floor, 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.
Band Steely Jam will be performing twice. Admission is $7, and dinner reservations are recommended. For more information, visit typhoon.biz.

Planning Commission meets
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will be discussing the construction of a new, three-story science learning center for Crossroads School for Arts & Sciences, the construction of a new car dealership, and more. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Thursday, April 18, 2013

Shall we dance?
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
The "Trey McIntyre Project" will be showing. McIntyre is a choreographer known for how he puts freshness and vitality into classical ballet. Admission is from $49-$79. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit thebroadstage.com.

Create with Legos
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
A Lego block party will be held for all ages who are interested in being creative. Legos will be provided, and admission is free. For more information, visit smpl.org.

Under the sea
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 7:30 p.m.
An ocean-themed storytime and crafts event will be presented for children by the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. For more information, visit smpl.org.

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CORRECTION

Incorrect information appeared in the April 15 article "Officials take deeper look at filming policies." Filming hours in Santa Monica run from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Going to the (art) bank

City Hall's art collection on display at Annenberg Beach House

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

ANNENBERG BEACH HOUSE People tend to go to City Hall and other municipal departments with a mission in mind, so they can be forgiven if they don't take a long look at the multitude of framed artworks that decorate the walls of the historic Art Deco building.

If that's the case, a jaunt down to the Annenberg Community Beach House between now and April 28 may be in order.

The beach house is hosting a show of Santa Monica's city art collection, an accumulation of over 70 pieces in a variety of mediums and styles that normally hang on walls in city offices or wait in storage for an opportunity for display.

The collection is known as the Art Bank, and is comprised of works from pop artist Ed Ruscha, multi-media artist and sculptor Alison Saar and Santa Monica resident Michael McMillen, amongst many others.

The goal of the collection is to highlight Los Angeles-area artists and collect contemporary pieces, said Malina Moore, cultural affairs supervisor with City Hall, who looks after public art and exhibits at the beach house.

"The aim is to support local artists and

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LINCOLN BLVD

Photography comes to Boys & Girls Club

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica is introducing the National Photography Program, which teaches youth the art and science of photography.

The new program includes the ImageMakers National Photography Contest, which has been a part of Boys & Girls Clubs of America for more than 50 years. It also seeks to engage youth to explore and build their skills in photography, digital arts and self-expression, officials with the club said.

The program is sponsored by Sony Electronics, which is providing photography equipment so youth in Santa Monica have access to high-quality tools to use during the program. The package includes several Sony point-and-shoot cameras, Sony interchangeable lens cameras and Sony VAIO computers, as well as a stipend to help offset printing and other photography-related costs.

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica serves about 8,000 youth through membership and community outreach.

– ALEX VEJAR

14th STREET

Taking a stand against racism

Kesa Kivel, educator and activist, is teaming up with the YWCA Santa Monica/Westside to urge the community to participate in a rally against racism. The rally is open to the public.

Signs that are being made for the rally will read, "I Stand against Racism," "Racism Hurts Everyone," "Equality for All," and "Celebrate Diversity." Community members who are participating in the rally are being asked to make their own signs and bring them along.

The rally is set to take place on corner of 14th Street and Pico Boulevard on Friday, April 26 at 4 p.m.

For more information, or to organize your own rally, visit standagainstracism.org.

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OLD GLORY Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Homeland Advisory Group's Josh Bashioum raises the American flag over Real Office Center on Monday. It was the first time the flag flew over the building since Google moved out to Venice in 2011.

Likely tax cheats flock West, South

STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON Worried the Internal Revenue Service might target you for an audit? You probably should be if you own a small business in one of the wealthy suburbs of Los Angeles.

You might also be wary if you're a small-business owner in one of dozens of communities near San Francisco, Houston, Atlanta or the District of Columbia.

A new study by the National Taxpayer Advocate used confidential IRS data to show large clusters of potential tax cheats in these five metropolitan areas. The IRS uses the information to target taxpayers for audits.

The taxpayer advocate, Nina Olsen, runs an independent office within the IRS. She got access to the data as part of an effort to learn more about why some taxpayers are more likely to cheat than others.

The study also looked at tax compliance in different industries, and found that people who own construction companies or real estate rental firms may be more likely to fudge their taxes than business owners in other fields.

Many of the communities identified by the study are very wealthy, including Beverly Hills and Newport Beach in California. Others are more middle class, such as New Carrollton, Md., a Washington suburb, and College Park, Ga., home to a section of Atlanta's massive airport.

Steve Rosansky, president and CEO of the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce, said business owners in his city are probably targeted because many have high incomes. The likelihood of an audit does increase with income, according to IRS data.

"I imagine it's just a matter of them going where they think the money's at," Rosansky said in an interview. "I guess if I was running the IRS I'd probably do the same thing."

The study focused on small-business owners — sole proprietorships, to be specific — because they have more opportunity than the typical individual to cheat on their taxes. Many small businesses deal in cash while most individuals get paid in wages that are reported to the IRS.

The IRS only audits about 1 percent of tax returns each year, so the agency tries to pick returns that are most likely to yield additional tax money.

The IRS will not say much about how agents choose their targets. But as millions

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Got your back

Editor:

I do not know Arthur Jeon, but I recognize in him a kindred spirit ("Pump the brakes on development," Letters to the Editor, April 4). To those of us – increasing in number daily – who are deeply concerned with the rampant, profit-driven plague of overdevelopment in our beloved city, it is warming to have a new, articulate and thoughtful voice added to the conversation. Mr. Jeon would be warmed by the number of friends and colleagues I heard commending and quoting his letter over the weekend.

As one who often feels when she speaks at float-ups and other public meetings that decision makers are thinking, "There she goes again," I welcome a new ally. Mr. Jeon has spoken eloquently for many of us and I hope the City Council will listen. Let us indeed "pump the brakes on development;" let us indeed declare a moratorium and move forward, "saving what makes Santa Monica special."

Eleanor Blumenberg
Santa Monica

Bus stop roulette

Editor:

I live in Santa Monica and gave up my car a year or so ago. It was then viable to use the bus system and walking was a pleasure. Having a car in Santa Monica meant being always stuck in a gridlocked nightmare.

Forget about bussing it now. Finding the ever changing bus stops is a true game of hide and seek. Daily, bus stops are moved to new locations as yet another construction site begins work. The paper signs posted to where they have moved are often torn off and one does not know where to go. Just take a look at the Blue Bus online temporary bus stop info and you can see how the massive construction work has made taking the bus so frustrating.

Santa Monica is a big ugly mess and getting worse. Oh yes, I forgot to say how even walking around Downtown has become nightmarish. If you aren't knocked down by demonic skateboarders and roller skaters you are dodging the ever increasing arrogant bicyclists using the sidewalks as well. And people wonder why others are not giving up their cars. In a way I'm sorry I did.

Louise Steiner
Santa Monica

They'll complain about anything

Editor:

There sure are some miserable people in this town. Who in the world would object to mini-bars in hotel rooms ("Palihouse: A bad deal for neighbors?" My Write, April 7)? I bet the people objecting to the Palihouse Hotel mini-bars and bar for guests would object if they weren't proposing these things. My advice to them is to find a hobby and do something constructive or move out to the woods. On second hand, that probably wouldn't work. I bet they would complain about the birds.

Frank Greenberg
Santa Monica



That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The coming micro-drone revolution

AMERICA WILL NEVER BE A "NO DRONE zone."

That must be acknowledged from the outset. There is too much money to be made on drones, for one, and too many special interest groups — from the defense sector to law enforcement to the so-called "research" groups that are in it for purely "academic" reasons — who have a vested interest in ensuring that drones are here to stay.

At one time there was a small glimmer of hope that these aerial threats to privacy would not come home to roost, but that all ended when Barack Obama took office and made drones the cornerstone of his war efforts. By the time President Obama signed the FAA Reauthorization Act into law in 2012, there was no turning back. The FAA opened the door for drones, once confined to the battlefields over Iraq and Afghanistan, to be used domestically for a wide range of functions, both public and private, governmental and corporate. It is expected that at least 30,000 drones will occupy U.S. airspace by 2020, ushering in a $30 billion per year industry.

Those looking to the skies in search of Predator drones will be in for a surprise, however, because when the drones finally descend en masse on America, they will not be the massive aerial assault vehicles favored by the Obama administration in their overseas war efforts. Rather, the drones coming to a neighborhood near you will be small, some nano in size, capable of flying through city streets and buildings almost undetected, while hovering over cityscapes and public events for long periods of time, providing a means of 24/7 surveillance.

One type of drone sensor, the Gorgon Stare, can keep track of an area 2.5 miles across from 12 different angles. Another sensor system, ARGUS, can find an object that is only 6 inches long, from 20,000 feet up in the air. A drone equipped with this kind of technology could spy on an entire city at once. For example, police in California are about to begin using Qube drones, which are capable of hovering for 40 minutes at heights of about 400 feet to conduct surveillance on targets as far as 1 kilometer away. Michael Downing, the LAPD deputy chief for counter-terrorism and special operations, envisions drones being flown over large-scale media events such as the Oscars, using them to surveil political protests, and flying them through buildings to track criminal suspects.

These micro-drones will be the face of surveillance and crowd control in the coming drone age.

Modeled after birds, insects, and other small animals, these small airborne surveillance devices can remain hidden in plain view while navigating spaces off limits to conventional aircraft. Able to take off and land anywhere, able to maneuver through city streets and hallways, and able to stop and turn on a dime, these micro-drones will still pack a lethal punch, equipped with an array of weapons and sensors, including tasers, bean-bag guns, "high-resolution video cameras, infrared sensors, license plate readers, [and] listening devices."

You can rest assured, given the pace of technology and the fervor of the drone industry (and its investors), that the sky is the limit when it comes to the many uses (and abuses) for drones in America. Here are a few that are currently in use.

Hummingbird drone. Shaped like a bird, the "Nano Hummingbird" drone is negligibly larger than an actual hummingbird and fits in the palm of one's hand. It flits around effortlessly, blending in with its surroundings. DARPA, the advanced research division of the Department of Defense, gets the credit for this biotic wonder.

Samarai drone. Lockheed Martin's compact "Samarai" drone, inspired by the design of a maple seed, is capable of high speeds, low battery consumption, vertical movement, and swift ground deployment.

MicroBat drone. Additionally, CIT Group, Aerovironment, and UCLA have produced a "MicroBat" ornithopter; it was designed in part by zoologists who have attempted to make the MicroBat mimic the movement of birds and other flying animals.

Black Hornet Nano drone. Weighing in at roughly half an ounce and four inches long, comparable to a finch, the Black Hornet Nano helicopter drone was designed to capture and relay video and still images to remote users, and can fly even in windy conditions.

With 63 active drone sites across the nation and 56 government agencies presently authorized to use drones, including 22 law enforcement agencies and 24 universities, drones are here to stay. Indeed, the cost of drones — underwritten by a $4 million Homeland Security program which encourages local law enforcement to adopt drone technology as quickly as possible — makes them an easy sell for most police departments. Moreover, while manned airplanes and helicopters can cost $600/hour to operate, a drone can be put in the sky for less than $25/hour. That doesn't even begin to cover drone use by the private sector, which is already chomping at the bit at the prospect.

No matter what the future holds, however, we must ensure that Americans have a semblance of civil liberties protections against the drones. Given the courts' leniency toward police, predicating drone use on a warrant requirement would provide little to no protection. Thus, the only hope rests with Congress and state legislatures that they would adopt legislation specifically prohibiting the federal government from using data recorded via police spy drones in criminal prosecutions, as well as preventing police agencies from utilizing drones outfitted with anti-personnel devices such as tasers and tear gas.

Either way, we'd better get ready. As Peter W. Singer, author of "Wired for War," a book about military robotics, warns: "The debate over drones is like debating the merits of computers in 1979: They are here to stay, and the boom has barely begun. We are at the Wright Brothers Flier stage of this. There's no stopping this technology. Anybody who thinks they can put this genie back in the box — that's silliness."

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Are We Really Out of Iraq?

Kelly Hayes-Raitt
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Heading back to Baghdad

IT'S BEEN 15 MONTHS SINCE THE U.S. military pulled out of Iraq. But, are we really out of Iraq? I'm going back in August to find out.

Iraq first captured me in February 2003, five weeks before my country captured it. I returned three months after the U.S.-led invasion to find the Iraqis who had so deeply touched me.

This newspaper ran columns I wrote about my encounters. That was 10 years ago.

In the interim, I've run for public office, taken a sabbatical from my political consulting career, nearly finished a book about my experiences in the Middle East with Iraqi and Palestinian refugees and addressed hundreds of audiences in seven countries about the Iraqis I've met.

In the interim, I've navigated Palestinian schoolchildren through checkpoints in the West Bank (and was held at gunpoint myself), consoled mothers in Lebanese Palestinian refugee camps whose families were murdered during the 1982 war, played with Iraqi refugee kids in Damascus, and helped clean up New Orleans' ravaged Ninth Ward, where I heard the same sentiments from Louisiana's evacuees as I did from Syria's Iraqi refugees: "Our families are scattered. Our histories are lost. Our lives are in limbo."

In writing about these people in "limbo," I've connected with their desire to make their loss worth something, to make their new lives bigger somehow than the lives that were taken from them.

As "at home" as I feel among the world's homeless, I'm still haunted by Iraq, haunted by the shameful and deceitful profiteering from a handful of politically connected weapons contractors and the impact the invasion and occupation had — still has — on moms and dads and kids. For years, I've asked a friend in Baghdad if it were safe enough for me to return and he's steadfastly put down his foot. Now, he says, it just might be.

Abdullah moonlighted as a waiter at the hotel where I stayed during my first, pre-war trip. He stayed in touch with many in our group of American peace activists. During my second trip, we shared sticky chai at the Palestine Hotel, where he was the head gardener — and where he had cleaned the room in which two German photojournalists were shot and killed by U.S. troops as they documented the tanks' entrance into Baghdad.

Five years later, Abdullah and I met again in Damascus to where he and his family had fled a month before my arrival. For my book, Abdullah organized a series of interviews to illustrate a day in the life of an Iraqi refugee. "It's all lines," he told me as we sketched out my visit to a health clinic, a pharmacy and United Nations giveaways.

Now, Abdullah is back in Baghdad and will facilitate the logistics of my return trip. "It's all walls," he warns me of the barriers and checkpoints erected throughout the city to separate extremist factions.

I have my own personal walls to scale to make this trip in August. Logistical, financial and emotional walls. During the next few months, I'll roll out these considerations in a monthly column for Daily Press readers.

Right now, I'm looking at the finances. I've budgeted $20,000. Abdullah wants me to stay at a hotel with a security guard; I want a hotel with reliable Internet. Neither is a luxury; no one wants me at an Internet café at 10 at night. Rooms in these hotels cost an eye-popping $300 a night! For a 10-day trip, that's $3,000 just for me and another $3,000 for Abdullah, who I don't want traipsing home to his dicey neighborhood after a day of helping an American. (And, selfishly, I'll feel safer with an English-speaking ally to help me if there's a late-night emergency. During my last trip to Baghdad, the nights shook me the most — explosions that rippled through my body, sudden darkness as electricity died, late-night feelings of isolation and vulnerability.)

I will stay only 10 days; after that more onerous visa requirements kick in. For example, blood samples are required — presumably to limit HIV — from longer-staying visitors.

I will need to pay for a translator and a driver, costs that get inflated to incorporate the danger of assisting an American that these Iraqis face long after I've left the country. I'll cover daily meals for all of us. And gasoline.

Incorporated in my budget is Hostile Environment Training. Former U.K. soldiers train reporters, freelancers, aid workers and contractors in situational awareness and emergency first aid. Trainers put participants through actual kidnapping scenarios by hooding them and holding a gun to their heads. Cost: $3,000-plus.

I'll be blogging at www.LivingLargeInLimbo.com/blog. Folks who donate $5 or more to my trip will have access to a special subscriber, behind-the-scenes blog of my private thoughts, preparations and trepidation.

Additionally, I'll be conducting a pre-trip media tour to engage more people in the question, "Are we really out of Iraq?"

It's tough. We have so much bombarding us every hour, who can keep up with the impact of a decade-old foreign policy? We might — or might not — be out of Iraq, but are Iraqis really better off now?

I'm going back to Iraq to find out.

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The Q Line

Closing time

The City Council last week agreed to allow the redevelopment of Village Trailer Park much to the dismay of tenants who have been fighting the park's closure for years.

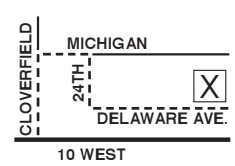
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Attorney general seeks drug database funding

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. Attorney General Kamala Harris promoted legislation Monday that would impose fees on medical care providers, drug manufacturers and health insurance plans so California can continue operating its substance-abuse tracking system.

The lack of funding for the system has been a concern because of the number of patient deaths linked to doctors overprescribing certain medications.

The state's database allows doctors and pharmacists to quickly review patients' substance history as a way to deter drug abuse. Harris wants money to maintain and upgrade the database and to pay for teams of agents that would track doctors who improperly prescribe large quantities of controlled substances.

Harris and other proponents said it is needed to combat a growing problem in which prescription drug abuse has overtaken illicit drugs and accidents as a leading cause of deaths.

"This is literally about saving lives," Harris said at a Capitol news conference before the bill received its first hearing in the Senate Business, Professions and Economic Development Committee. "We have an epidemic."

Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord, said the program will end in July unless lawmakers approve his SB809, which would raise nearly $9 million annually. Providers would pay a 1.2 percent premium on their annual licensing fees, ranging from $2 for pharmacists and registered nurse practitioners to $9 for physicians and $10 for podiatrists.

California was the first to adopt a prescription drug tracking program, he said, but would be one of just two states that lack such a program if it is allowed to lapse.

Previous bills that would provide permanent funding for the program died in two previous years. This year's version is supported by law enforcement groups and the California Pharmacists Association. However, it is opposed by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, which represents the prescription drug trade.

The California Medical Association said it could support the bill if it is amended. The doctors' lobby has previously said physicians should be disciplined by the state medical board rather than face investigation and prosecution by state drug agents.

Harris and DeSaulnier said the problem has grown well beyond individual doctors or patients abusing drugs. The sale of illegal prescription drugs funds the operations of organized crime organizations, they said, and merits attention from statewide law enforcement.

Connections hamper jury selection in Jackson case

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LOS ANGELES The extensive connections of Michael Jackson, his family and friends became a challenge Monday for a judge trying to seat an impartial jury for his mother's wrongful death lawsuit against the company that promoted Jackson's ill-fated "This is It" concert.

As individual questioning finally began, some jury prospects who had passed the written portion of the process had to be excused because of personal connections.

Among them was David Walsh, a Canadian singer-songwriter who said he had met members of the musical Jackson family and was friends with Lisa Marie Presley, Jackson's ex-wife. He said his own manager was on the witness list.

"I've had friends in Michael's band and my best friend was a backup singer on the "This Is It" concert," Walsh said.

Walsh said he had formed opinions about the case that were probably unshakable.

Katherine Jackson's suit claims AEG endangered Jackson's life by hiring an incompetent doctor, Conrad Murray, to look after the superstar singer. AEG lawyers are expected to argue that Jackson was complicit in his own demise by insisting on hiring Murray and demanding the anesthetic propofol to help him sleep.

The latest phase of jury selection came after jurors filled out questionnaires about their views on Jackson, his family and his life and death.

A preliminary group of 104 prospects was immediately reduced by six when members reported hardships or acquaintances on the witness list.

A medical student said one of her UCLA professors was on the list, but she was allowed to remain when she said she would have no bias about the testimony.

Another panelist said she and her husband do business with one of the law firms involved in the case and that would get in the way of her impartiality.

Murray is serving a prison term after being convicted of involuntary manslaughter in Jackson's death from an overdose of propofol. Jackson died in his bed in June 2009 at the age of 50.

Complicating the case is the fact that neither Jackson nor AEG had signed Murray's $150,000 a month contract. Jackson died before Murray was paid.

Katherine Jackson's lawyers contend AEG was negligent in failing to investigate Murray's qualifications before hiring him.

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SAFETY
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"While the cause of the explosions this morning at the Boston Marathon are still under investigation, our vigilance has been raised," Baca said in a statement.

"The heightened alert of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department includes increased patrols to create a more visible presence where people congregate, such as government buildings, shopping centers, athletic events, and public transit," he added.

British police are reviewing security plans for Sunday's London Marathon, the next major international marathon, because of the bombs that killed two people at the race in Boston. But there is no known specific or credible threat against the London race at the moment, a security official said.

The London Marathon is a hugely popular event. Last year, some 37,500 athletes competed, with many more watching the springtime event.

London has long been considered a top target for international terrorists, with the government saying the threat level is "substantial." In 2005, a series of suicide attacks on the public transport system in the British capital killed 52 people.

Public safety officials in Santa Monica begin preparations for the L.A. Marathon at least six months in advance and hold many meetings in the weeks leading up to the event, which has ended in Santa Monica four years running. Lewis said the Boston bombing will "definitely be a topic of concern as we address security needs of the marathon."

It's too early to tell if any new security measures will be enacted. Lewis said SMPD officers will be in contact with law enforcement from other agencies involved in the marathon to determine the best course of action.

Officials with the L.A. Marathon could not be reached for comment.

In the event of a terrorist attack or significant incident, Santa Monica's Emergency Operations Center goes into full swing, coordinating response and disseminating information to law enforcement, event organizers and participants and their families.

"First of all, we worry about the protection of life and property," said Paul Weinberg, emergency services coordinator for City Hall. "Then, we're coordinating information … . Following up on that is getting public information out: how to locate families, letting people know that the city is doing everything we can to respond."

Weinberg and his team would also be coordinating with other law enforcement agencies to assess resources and determine who needs support and where. Hospitals would also be brought into the loop.

"I watched it, and I feel for the people in Boston," Weinberg said. "This is a reminder of people needing to be prepared, trained and listening through officials. If it were to happen here our police officers would take the lead."

Those who have family in Boston, including local school board member Ralph Mechur, whose daughter Jayme, 31, was running in the marathon, can use the Red Cross' Safe and Well feature (safeandwell.communityos.org/cms/index.php)on its website to find family members or use the Google person tracker (google.org/personfinder/2013-boston-explosions/).

Mechur's daughter was not injured in the bombings, he wrote on his Facebook page. She was a half-mile from the finish line when the bombs exploded.

A total of 22 Santa Monica residents were registered to run in the marathon, according to the Boston Marathon entry list.

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ARRESTS
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Sunday who reported that three African-American men had entered Tala Jewelry on the 1300 block of Montana Avenue with a sledgehammer, and could be seen smashing display cases inside.

They also displayed a handgun, and fled with an undetermined amount of property, investigators later learned. Police have recovered the gun, and say that the effort appeared to be coordinated.

Officers responded to the location, but the suspects had fled in a white Dodge Charger, officials reported Monday.

Officers located the suspect vehicle on the east end of the city limits near Centinela and Delaware avenues and attempted to stop the car. The suspects made a quick turn and all three got out of the car and ran on foot toward the 3300 block of Exposition Boulevard, officials said.

The car was still in drive and collided with a fence, but caused no damage, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, a spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department.

Police established two perimeters in the area. The first was boxed in by Centinela Avenue, Dorchester Avenue, Exposition Boulevard and the Interstate 10 Freeway. The second included the area between Centinela Avenue, Carmelina Avenue, Exposition Boulevard and Pico Boulevard.

The first suspect, Davis, was found by a canine search team hiding in a residential garage on the 2000 block of Centinela Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

An hour later Banks was found in the same location.

Police closed in on the third suspect, Conner, after a resident called at 6:25 a.m. to report that an African-American male had stolen his bicycle from his back yard and was fleeing west.

Conner, Davis and Banks were booked on suspicion of kidnapping, robbery and conspiracy to commit a crime, and are being held on $1 million bail. Davis and Conner were also booked on resisting arrest.

The three men have connections to the Southern California area, police said.

Representatives from Tala Jewelry did not want to comment for this article.

The case is still under investigation. Forensic personnel have examined evidence at the jewelry store, the abandoned vehicle and the garage where Davis and Banks were found.

Investigators recovered evidence taken from Tala Jewelry and a handgun believed to have been used in the crime. This is an ongoing investigation and anyone with information regarding the robbery is asked to contact Detective Dan Larios at (310) 458-8937; Sergeant Ira Rutan at (310) 458-8959 or the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8495.

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ART
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to enhance our community," Moore said.

The Arts Commission created the Art Bank in 1984 to bring contemporary art into the community and help both emerging and established artists by supporting and purchasing their work.

The commission chooses works through an appointed jury of professionals composed of arts administrators, artists and art organizations who scour local galleries and follow up on leads to hunt down works to add to the collection.

They then create a proposal to use funds available in the "Percent for Art" budget, a program created in 1986 that directs 1 percent of the total budget of all eligible capital improvement projects in the city toward the arts.

The heart of the collection came to the city in 1950, a number of 18th and 19th-century oil paintings and landscapes donated to the Santa Monica Library by William and Margaret McManus.

The couple had hoped it would be the basis of a municipal gallery, Moore said.

Although that has not yet come to fruition, the works remain popular and come out for display in shows like the one at the beach house.

Hanging immediately across the hall from one of the McManus pieces hangs the Art Bank's newest acquisition, called "Ophioderma Cielo," a 2005 Lita Albuquerque lithograph, an ethereal squid-like black figure partially circumscribed in a thin, white circle against a blue, black and white background.

The piece represents both the success of the arts program in Santa Monica and its greatest weakness.

"Ophioderma Cielo" was a gift of the Santa Monica Arts Foundation in recognition of contributions of three local leaders — patron Abby Sher, local artist Jon Swihart and Bergamot Station founder Wayne Blank — who contribute to Santa Monica's arts community, the first such Arts Leadership Award given by the foundation.

Although Santa Monica has a vibrant arts community, with 43 percent of its residents employed in the arts, according to a 2010 report, money to support the acquisition and repair of local artwork is in short supply.

The budget for the last Art Bank artwork purchase was $25,000 for eight works, including sales tax and framing, Moore said.

City Hall often commands better prices than a private collector, mainly because artists know that a local government can't pay the rates of wealthy individuals and also because civic-minded artists like the idea of exposing a maximum number of people to their work, Moore said.

Even bargains come at a cost the budget can ill-afford, however.

The loss of the city's Redevelopment Agency hit the arts budget hard, as have past and future cuts to the Community & Cultural Services Department.

"With the arts, there's so little money for so many needs," said Michael Myers, chair of the Arts Commission.

Myers, who spends his days running the Ruskin Group Theatre and associated acting school, has spent his eight years on the Arts Commission trying to balance a multitude of priorities facing Santa Monica's artist community.



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JUST A TASTE OF WHAT'S INCLUDED: **City Hall's Art Bank includes sculptures by Eugenia Everett (left and right) and even a picture of Norma Shearer and Jimmy Stewart in a row boat in Marion Davies' swimming pool, which is now part of the Annenberg Community Beach House.**

Acquisition of new works can't always top that chart, particularly when the same dollars must also go to the repair of publicly-owned artwork. The department is about to embark on a complete review of its public art collection to identify repair needs and begin working them into future arts budgets.

Instead, they're using innovative partnerships, such as one with the Herb Alpert Foundation to place two statues on Olympic Boulevard for two years on a loan, Myers said.

"They're so entrepreneurial, and so creative," he said, referring to the cultural affairs staff who care for the city's art collection while also planning 2013's Glow, an internationally-recognized public art event that will take place in September.

Although Myers doesn't see the art collection expanding any time soon, the availability of high-quality work in public locations is a boon to the community.

"It makes high-quality art accessible to people who might otherwise not be able to see it," he said. "Anything we can do to give people access to the arts is a good thing."

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FLYING HIGH

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Visitors enjoy making and flying kites during OTIS College's Annual Kite Festival at the Santa Monica Pier on Sunday afternoon. Over 2,000 kites were given to guests.

SUSPECT

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Jeremy Emmanuel Gonzalez, 21, was arrested at his home on the 2200 block of Delaware Avenue on April 9 on suspicion of attempted murder, shooting at a vehicle, assault with a deadly weapon and promoting street gang activity, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesman for the Santa Monica Police Department, which announced the arrest in a press release issued Monday.

Gonzalez is being held without bail at the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic, Calif., according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The shooting took place on April 2 at the corner of 20th Street and Delaware Avenue around 8 p.m. Police said a known local gang member was stopped at a red light with two adult passengers when the suspect walked up and opened fire with a handgun. The vehicle sped off and the suspect ran eastbound on Delaware and out of sight, Lewis said.

Initially the suspect was described by witnesses as possibly an African-American male with a mustache.

During the investigation, police learned that a woman had been dropped off at a local hospital with a non-life threatening wound to the shoulder. Investigators went to interview her but she was uncooperative, Lewis said.

As the investigation continued, detectives were able to identify a possible suspect and placed Gonzalez under arrest as he stepped out of his home.

His next court date is set for April 17.

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of procrastinators scrambled to meet Monday's deadline to file their taxes, the agency is running every tax return through a confidential computer program to determine the chances of collecting more money from an audit.

Each tax return is assigned a score. The higher your score, the more likely you are to get audited because, according to the IRS, the more likely you are cheating on your taxes.

The score is called the Discriminant Inventory Function, or DIF. A high DIF score does not guarantee you are a tax cheat but the IRS claims it's reliable.

"If your return is selected because of a high score under the DIF system, the potential is high that an examination of your return will result in a change to your income tax liability," says an IRS publication that explains the auditing process.

How do you get high score? The IRS won't say, but veteran tax preparers and former IRS workers believe they have a pretty good idea.

"If you're reporting $8,000 of charitable contributions when you're only making $50,000, that's a red flag," said Bob Meighan, vice president of TurboTax, an online tax preparation service. "Likewise if you're reporting business or employee expenses that are out of the ordinary for your income range, that would attract the interest of the IRS as well."

The bottom line, according to the experts: People who take unusually large deductions for their income get a high score. Also, business owners who claim unusually large expenses for the size and type of their business get a high score.

"I had a case here where the person made about $40,000 and they claimed $25,000 of employment-related expenses," said Elizabeth Maresca, a former IRS lawyer who now teaches law at Fordham University. "Most people don't spend $25,000 to earn $40,000. That's an unusual number."

DIF scores can vary across industry, according to the study by the taxpayer advocate. For example, people who owned construction and real estate rental companies were more likely to have high scores. Lawyers, accountants and architects and people who provided other professional services were more likely to have low scores.

Olsen said construction and real estate rental companies probably deduct more expenses that are not independently reported to the IRS. The IRS does not like those kinds of expenses because they are harder to verify without an audit.

"Construction for sole proprietors has been historically a cash business," Olsen said.

The study, which was included in Olsen's annual report to Congress in January, used data from 2009 tax returns to plot the DIF scores for sole proprietorships across the country. The city where you live is not a component of the score, according to the study. Nevertheless, researchers were able to identify clusters of likely tax cheats.

Sole proprietorships make up about two-thirds of all U.S. businesses. Sole proprietors report business income on their individual tax returns and, the IRS says, they account for the biggest share of the tax gap, which is the difference between what taxpayers owe each year under the law and what they actually pay.

The tax gap was $345 billion in 2006, according the latest IRS estimate.

In all, researchers identified clusters of potential tax cheats in more than 350 communities in 24 states, mostly cities and towns but some neighborhoods, too. About one-third of them were in California, with most near Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Most of the others were in communities near Houston and Atlanta, and in the Maryland suburbs of Washington. There were relatively few in the Midwest or the Northeast.

The researchers also looked for areas with high concentrations of small business owners who were very unlikely to cheat on their taxes.

They came up with four: the Aleutian Islands in Alaska; West Somerville, Mass., a neighborhood in Somerville, a suburb of Boston; Portersville, Ind., an unincorporated town in the southern part of the state; and Mott Haven, a neighborhood in the Bronx, one of New York City's boroughs.

Stephen Mackey, president and CEO of the Somerville Chamber of Commerce, said he's glad the business owners in his community excel at civic virtue. But he was at a loss to explain why they stood out from so many others across the country.

"I'd like to think we're not alone in terms of the civic engagement of business people," said Mackey. "But I would say two things. One is they are very close to the community inside and outside their businesses. At the same time, it's not small town America. It's minutes from downtown Boston."



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Chicago schools worry about gang territories in closure plan

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CHICAGO The Rev. Robin Hood stands in front of an elementary school in what's known as "The Holy City" — the Chicago neighborhood where the notorious Vice Lords street gang got its start decades ago and still one of the city's most dangerous areas. Half a block away, a group of men hang out in front of a store where they sell dope.

"Someone was shot right there last week," the anti-violence activist says, motioning to a corner across the street, in front of a restaurant where bars cover the windows.

While he talks, kids spill out of the school at the end of another day. Most head off on foot in small groups — older students with younger ones — walking home past boarded-up buildings and vacant lots strewn with trash.

As Chicago prepares to close 54 schools in an attempt to rescue an academically and financially failing educational system, one of its greatest challenges will be safely maneuvering thousands of students to and from class through the patchwork of rival gang territories that cover large parts of the nation's third-largest city.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and his schools chief, Barbara Byrd-Bennett, have acknowledged the danger of mixing young people from different neighborhoods. Byrd-Bennett agreed in January not to close any high schools. And the district consulted maps of gang lines when choosing where to send elementary students whose schools were closing.

The fear is that younger students may get caught in the crossfire of gang conflicts or be victimized in other ways. Officials know it's not unheard of for kids as young as 10 years old to be involved in gangs.

The district has dedicated about $16.1 million to expand a program known as Safe Passage aimed at assuring that children arrive safely at their new places of study. The program stations adults to stand watch along key routes and alert police of any problems.

But some parents, teachers and community members fear it may not be enough. They insist the concerns that kept high schools off the closing list also exist for students in kindergarten to eighth grade — 30,000 youngsters who will be affected by the closings announced last month.

People such as Eular Hatchett, whose nephew attends another school in the area that's slated to be closed, say they're considering keeping their children at home.

"I don't want them going through that," Hatchett said. "It's not just mine. I'm worried for all the kids."

Hanging over the conversation is the memory of the 2009 beating death of Derrion Albert, an honor student at Chicago's Fenger High School who was repeatedly kicked and hit with a wooden plank while a mob of his classmates gathered around. The attack — the result of tensions among students from different neighborhoods thrown together in the same school — was caught on grainy cellphone video broadcast around the world.

The district expanded an early, less formal version of its Safe Passage program after Albert's death, adopting a model similar to initiatives in New York and Los Angeles.

Jadine Chou, the district's chief safety and security officer, says the program is working. In the past two years, criminal activity has dropped 20 percent in the immediate area of the 35 high schools and four elementary schools that currently have Safe Passage, and attendance has increased because students feel safer walking to school.

Byrd-Bennett has pledged that the program will expand next year to all 55 "welcoming" schools — those buildings that will receive students from schools that are being closed.

"I will not waver in my commitment to ensure our students have the high-quality education that allows them to succeed regardless of where they live, and we will never improve education at the expense of student safety," Byrd-Bennett said when the plans were announced in late March.

The schools chief has said the district will also invest in additional cameras, metal detectors, alarm systems and other security measures inside the welcoming schools. Each school will also have an individualized safety plan.

Emanuel asked the police department to enact an operational plan for the closings similar to what it did for the city's hosting of a large NATO summit last year. Deputy Chief Steve Georgas, who led the department's operations during the summit and developed Chicago's school-safety plans in response to the 1999 shootings at Columbine High School, is overseeing the expanded Safe Passage program, along with district officials.

Their success will rely heavily on people like Rev. Hood, who grew up in Chicago's North Lawndale neighborhood — a.k.a. "The Holy City." He's lost two siblings and uncle and two cousins to gun violence over the past 20 years.

In addition to preaching, Hood works with organizations such as Mothers Opposed to Violence Everywhere and another group called CeaseFire to ensure that students and staff get to and from North Lawndale's schools safely and to help reduce truancy.

The seven-day-a-week job involves working with former gang members — experts in gang behavior he calls his "street epidemiologists" — to gather intelligence about where problems may be brewing and to try to negotiate resolutions. He and Derek Brown, a former Vice Lords chief, also run an after-school boxing program to give young kids an option to being on the streets and getting in trouble.

Gangs have changed since the days when the Vice Lords started running the streets, Hood says.

Back then, rival gangs had organized and hierarchical power structures and large swaths of territory. Today, the groups are smaller and often blend with one another. They move from block to block or one side of the street to another, making it more difficult to predict where violence might break out on a given day.

The areas that see the most criminal activity — those that police and the community call "hot" — can change from day to day. That's what brought Hood and Brown on a recent afternoon to the street corner in front of Dvorak Technology Academy.

"This street here is very, very hot," Hood says.

As aware as he is of the dangers, he believes the Safe Passage program will work. He says they successfully got the guys selling dope in front of the store to move farther away from the school than they used to be, and there's an agreement in the neighborhood that there won't be any shooting during school hours, including when kids are coming and going.

Stock market takes biggest drop this year

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NEW YORK A steep fall in commodity prices led the stock market to its worst day this year on Monday, as worries about the global economy resurfaced.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 265 points, its biggest loss in five months.

The first trigger came from China. News that the world's second-largest economy slowed unexpectedly pummeled oil, copper and other commodities. In the stock market, companies that produce oil and mine for metals fared the worst. A slowdown in China, a huge importer of basic materials like copper, would stymie profits at those companies.

"The weak data out of China is spooking a lot of investors," said Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at the brokerage BTIG.

Oil prices hit their lowest level since mid-December, and gold plunged below $1,400 an ounce for the first time in two years as a sell-off in metals continued from last week. Concerns that Cyprus and other troubled European countries may sell gold to raise cash have also weighed on prices for precious metals, Greenhaus said.

The Dow lost 265.86 points to close at 14,599.20, a drop of 1.8 percent. Caterpillar, a maker of heavy equipment used by miners, led the Dow lower, falling 3 percent to $82.27. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slumped 36.48 points to 1,552.37, a loss of 2.3 percent.

It was the biggest drop for the stock market since Nov. 7 — Election Day — last year.

China's economy expanded 7.7 percent in the first three months of the year, well below forecasts of 8 percent or better. That news pummeled copper, oil and other commodities. Crude oil slid $2.58 to finish at $88.71 in New York trading

The plunge in commodity prices hit mining and energy stocks. Cliffs Natural Resources lost 8 percent to $17.61. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold fell 8 percent to $29.27, the worst drop in the S&P 500. Analysts at Citigroup placed a "sell" rating on the mining giant on the expectation that copper prices will continue sliding.

Of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500, materials and energy stocks fared the worst, losing 4 percent. Indexes of small companies and transportation stocks, which are more vulnerable to swings in the economy, also fell 4 percent.

The Nasdaq composite fell 78.46 points, or 2.4 percent, to 3,216.49.

Gold prices dropped $140 to $1,361 an ounce, a 9 percent fall. Gold has now slumped $203 an ounce over the past two days.

Frank Fantozzi, CEO of Planned Financial Services, a wealth management firm, says people had bought gold since the financial crisis on the belief it was safe place to keep money. But now that the metal has slid 20 percent this year, they're jumping out.

"I think you're getting some panic selling right now" in the gold market, said Fantozzi. "People who have been holding on to gold expecting a rebound are now thinking, 'I better get out.'"

Cetin Ciner, a finance professor and expert in precious metal markets at the University of North Carolina, Wilmington, said others bought gold as a protection against rampant inflation when the economy recovered. They helped push gold prices as high at $1,900 in 2011. But the high inflation they worried about still hasn't hit.

Gold "was bound to collapse at some stage," Ciner said. "People were waiting and waiting for higher inflation, and they finally realized it's not happening."

Just seven stock rose in the S&P 500 on Monday. Among them, Citigroup inched up 9 cents to $45.87, after the country's third-largest bank reported earnings that beat analysts' estimates. Stronger revenue from trading and investment banking lifted the bank's results.

Sprint Nextel jumped after Dish Network offered $25 billion to buy the company. Dish's bid is aimed at beating an offer from the Japanese phone company SoftBank. Sprint surged 14 percent to $7.06, and Dish fell 2 percent to $36.77.

Thermo Fisher Scientific offered $13.6 billion to buy genetic testing equipment maker Life Technologies. That works out to $76 in cash for each share of Life Technologies. Thermo Fisher's stock fell 1 percent to $78.58, while Life Technologies rose 7 percent to $73.11.

In the market for U.S. government bonds, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note retreated to 1.69 percent, its lowest level of the year. That's down from 1.72 percent late Friday.

The last time the 10-year yield hit 1.69 percent was April 5, when the government reported that U.S. employers hired far fewer workers than expected in March.

People buy U.S. government bonds when they're concerned about the economy.



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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **57.6°**

TUESDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **3-5 ft** waist to head high occ. 6ft
More S swell shows at well exposed spots, small NW windswell. Cleanest at the pointbreaks with WNW wind protection with fair+ conditions there

WEDNESDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **3-4 ft** waist to shoulder high occ. 5ft
S swell is easing; NW windswell also fades; Cleaner am conditions expected;

THURSDAY – **FAIR TO GOOD** – SURF: **2-4 ft** knee to shoulder high
S swell fades; minor NW windswell mixing in; Clean AM conditions

FRIDAY – **FAIR** – SURF: **1-3 ft** ankle to waist high
Leftover S swell; minor windswell; New long period S swell starts to show before dark. with some 3'+ sets then

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 **April 10, 2013**

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

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 -- 32 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcurGUY, SIMA and Grousbeck Family Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alloe creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	C	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	C	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	C	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	A+
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19548 PCH stairs.	B	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	F	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A+
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	D	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+

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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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Pro athletes fight limits on state's workers' comp

LAURA OLSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Professional athletes who spent years getting pummeled on the field and wearing out their muscles on the court are fighting a proposal in the California Legislature to prevent players for out-of-state teams from collecting workers' compensation benefits in California.

California is one of nine states that allow professional athletes from out-of-state teams to seek workers' compensation awards, which are paid by their employers. A bill by Assemblymen Henry Perea, D-Fresno, would allow only players from California teams to claim workers' compensation and would shorten the filing period for claims.

Proponents of AB1309 say out-of-state players abuse California's broad workers' compensation rules by filing claims here even when they have received awards elsewhere. Allowing non-residents to use the system increases costs for state taxpayers, they say.

"Professional athletes have every right to file for workers' comp benefits — but they should do so in their home state or in the state where they were principally employed," Perea said in a news release promoting the bill.

A dozen of the state's professional sports teams, including the San Francisco 49ers and the Los Angeles Lakers, and several insurance companies are backing the measure.

More than 30 former athletes, including former San Francisco 49ers wide receiver J.J. Stokes and ex-Los Angeles Rams quarterback Jim Everett, were expected to speak out against the measure Monday at an event outside the state Capitol. The former professional football and basketball players will be joined by the executive director of the National Football League Players Association, the union representing those athletes.

The California Labor Federation and Consumer Attorneys of California are backing the players and opposing the legislation. They argue that some injuries athletes suffer while playing may not be apparent for years, forcing players to turn to California's system.

"Due to the multi-year latency period of many of these disorders, by the time a retired player is diagnosed, it's too late to file a claim in most states," wrote Dick Stemerman, a workers' compensation attorney from Monterey, wrote in a recent op-ed.

Under Perea's bill, workers' compensation claims would have to be filed within year of an athlete's final game or of a physician diagnosing the condition, whichever is later.





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MOVIE TIMES

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

Midnight's Children (NR) 2hrs 26min
7:30pm

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

Croods (PG) 1hr 38min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:20pm

Oz The Great and Powerful (PG) 2hrs 07min
12:25pm, 7:00pm

Tyler Perry's Temptation (PG-13) 1hr 51min
2:45pm, 5:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Place Beyond the Pines (R) 2hrs 20min
11:45am, 12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Oz The Great and Powerful in 3D (PG) 2hrs 07min
3:45pm, 10:15pm

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

Scary Movie V (PG-13) 1hr 25min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Evil Dead (R) 1hr 31min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:05am, 4:15pm, 10:20pm

Jurassic Park 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:45pm

42 (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
11:55am, 1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

G.I. Joe: Retaliation 3D (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:40pm, 7:00pm

Croods 3D (PG) 1hr 38min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

Olympus Has Fallen () 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:50pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

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

Room 237 (NR) 1hr 44min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Sapphires (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Upstream Color (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Trance (R) 1hr 41min
1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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Happy Birthday

Sean Paul: Local resident, gym rat

Relax tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Listen to news with an open mind. You could be surprised at what needs to be done in order to complete the final product. Your creativity flows. Self-discipline will be necessary in order for you to face and deal with the unexpected. Do not overreact. Tonight: Head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Speak your mind, and know full well that it could trigger some less-than-desirable reactions and/or responses. A partner might pull back rather than talk about what is bothering him or her. Expect the unexpected with this person. Tonight: Touch base with a neighbor.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Be willing to go a little overboard and indulge someone you care about. A sudden change involving a meeting or a friend initially could surprise you. Adjust your thinking, and try to understand where this person is coming from. Tonight: Relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You beam in any situation -- even if there is a disruption. The unexpected is likely to affect your work, an older relative or a commitment. Know that nothing is written in stone; changes could occur often. Remain confident. Tonight: Go for what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Sometimes the less said, the better. In the future, you might want to keep more information to yourself. In light of new information, re-evaluate a recent decision you've made. Listen to news as a cynic. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Put your ear to the ground, and listen to the inner workings of a situation. Your perspective will transform as a result. You might be worried about a personal matter, or an unexpected development could shake you up. Tonight: Hang out where there are crowds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You know what you want, and you know what you expect. Stay level, as many responsibilities seem to drop on you. Understand where you are heading with a personal matter. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You need to follow someone's lead, even if you would prefer not to. You might be quietly or overtly cynical, but make an effort to follow through as this person might want. Tonight: Refuse to get into a power struggle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to reconsider a suggestion involving a loved one. A child could cause a problem, depending on how rigid you are right now. If you are single, be careful around someone you meet today -- the unexpected could occur. Tonight: Make time for a special person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You need to honor a change within your immediate circle. People seem to want different things. Understand what is happening, and know that nothing is written in stone. Honor a change on the homefront. Tonight: Go with a pal's suggestion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Focus on getting the job done. You could be distracted by calls, an unexpected development and/or a possible change of plans. A boss or higher-up might notice how distracted you are. Pull back and get focused. Tonight: Visit with a co-worker or a friend.

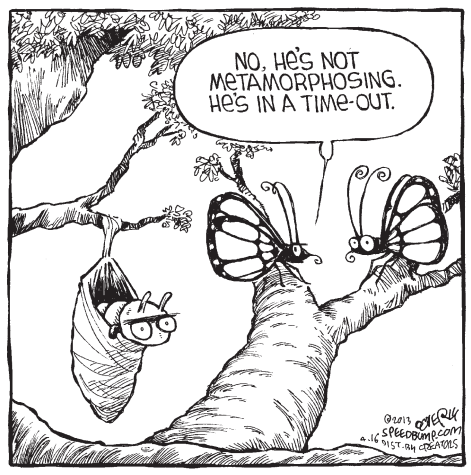
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Allow your creativity to flow. Sometimes you take yourself far too seriously. Lighten up, and understand that you can't go wrong if follow your intuition. Use care with your finances. Tonight: Add more spice to your life.

Tuesday, April 16, 2013

This year you can swing from being too rigid or restrained to suddenly becoming a "wild thing." Others often might react strangely, as your behavior could catch them off-guard -- they never know what to expect! If you are single, your moodiness sometimes works against you. Some people can't tolerate your swift emotional changes, but trust that the right person will. You could meet someone significant after July 1, 2013. If you are attached, be kind to your sweetie, as he or she might need some indulgence. CANCER loves to be by the water.

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

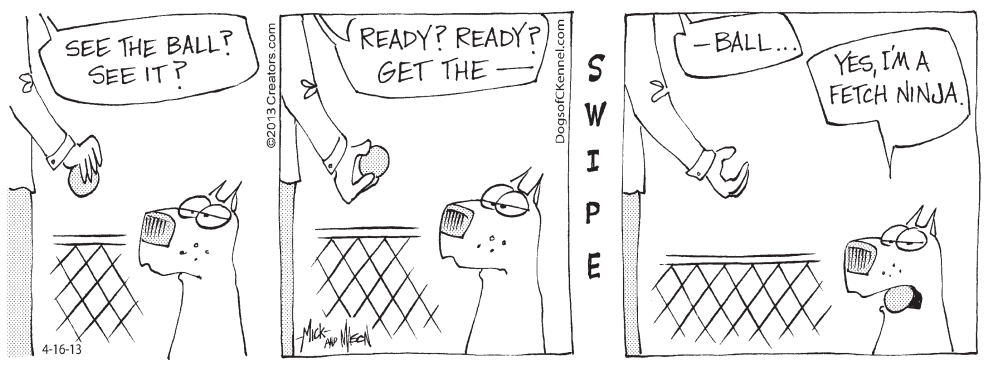
Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★

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

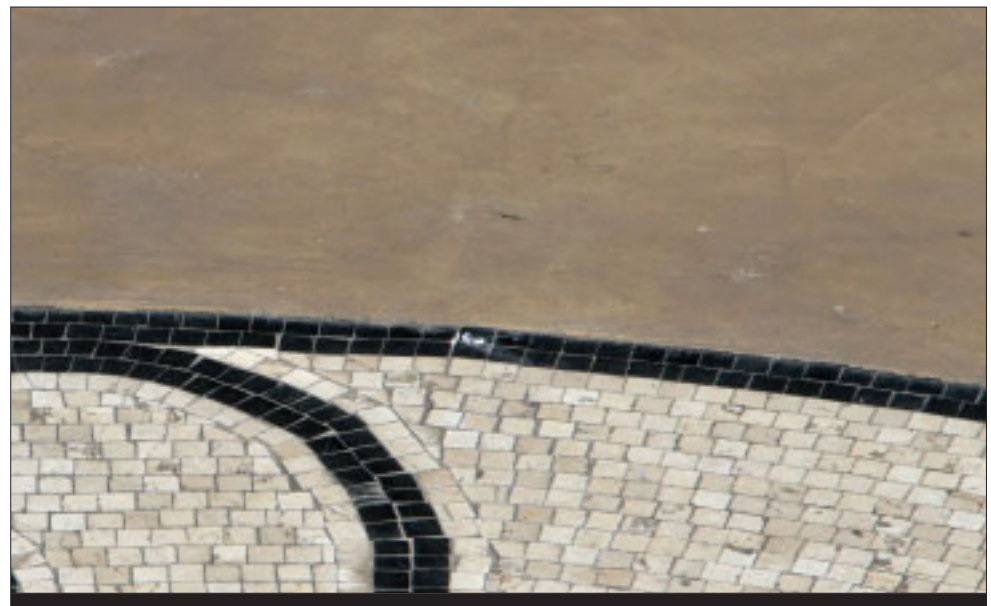
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Rustic homes
7 Try for a fly
11 Police order
12 Walk nervously
13 Remained unused
15 Playful mammal
16 Madcap
18 Tiny
21 Computer network junction
22 Vineyard bunch
24 "Put — happy face"
25 Future flower
26 Scoundrel
27 Wish undone
29 Grant of films
30 Forest grazer
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34 Began to be printed
40 Soothing plant
41 Close tightly
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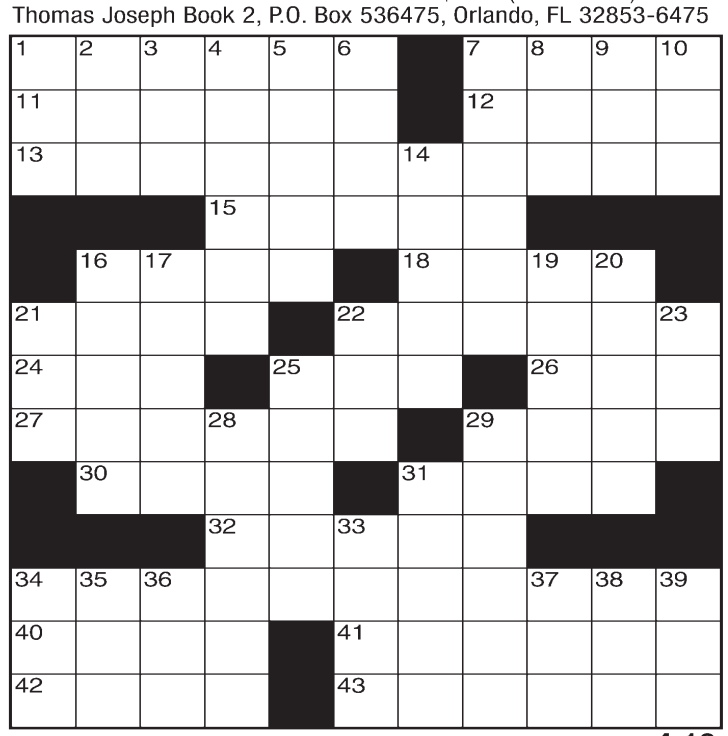
DOWN

1 Farm grazer
2 Orangutan, for one
3 Writer Jonson
4 Chant
5 Off one's rocker
6 Location
7 Rival of Athens
8 Used to be
9 Play part
10 Golf support
14 Peculiar
16 Like urban areas
17 Wise words
19 Jack of rhyme
20 Decade divisions
21 Neither follower
22 Stomach
23 Pig's place
25 Floppy cap
28 Drink made from rooibos
29 Mustang's place
31 Indian coin
33 Terrarium growth
34 Fighting
35 Yale student
36 Word of denial
37 Building wing
38 Deli order
39 Secret agent

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Each year, Oklahoma is among the states to receive $150,000 federal grants to operate small, isolated airfields (for Oklahoma, one in the southern part of the state is so seldom used that it is primarily a restroom stop for passing pilots). The payments are from a 13-year-old congressional fund for about 80 similar airfields (no traffic, no planes kept on site), described by a February Washington Post investigation as "ATM(s) shaped like (airports)." Congress no longer even requires that the annual grants be spent on the actual airports drawing the grants.

■ During the massive February Southern California manhunt for former Los Angeles cop Christopher Dorner, nervous-triggered LAPD officers riddled an SUV with bullets after mistakenly believing Dorner was inside. Instead there were two women, on their early-morning job as newspaper carriers, and LAPD Chief Charlie Beck famously promised them a new truck and arranged with a local dealership for a 2013 Ford F-150 ($32,560). However, the deal fell through in March when the women discovered that Beck's "free" truck was hardly free. Rather, it would be taxable as a "donation," reported on IRS Form 1099, perhaps costing them thousands of dollars.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1972 - Apollo program: The launch of Apollo 16 from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

1990 - The "Doctor of Death", Jack Kevorkian, participates in his first assisted suicide.

1992 - The Katina P. runs aground off of Maputo, Mozambique and 60,000 tons of crude oil spill into the ocean.

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