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THE TAKE COVER ISSUE

One airport, two visions

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City officials remained silent as the Airport Commission hosted a series of presentations Monday night examining how flights at Santa Monica Airport could be reduced or altogether ended and what could be done with the land afterward.

Each presentation was prefaced with the same disclaimer: "The views contained in this presentation are those of the presenter and not of the city of Santa Monica or the Santa Monica Airport Commission."

The evening was a sign of continued tension between residents of Santa Monica and surrounding communities impacted by operations at SMO, and City Hall, which is in the process of studying what the future of the airport will look like if and when it can win back some measure of control of the property from the federal government.

Those residents and the commissioners — all of whom live in close proximity to SMO — felt that the will of the public to

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NO CRUELTY

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Santa Monica native Efrain Gonzalez signs the window in front of Lush Tuesday as part of a nationwide campaign to draw attention to animal testing of cosmetics. Locations across the country took part in the event as part of the United Nations Day for Animals in Laboratories.

Getting paid for good grades

New program to pay students

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD The Pico Youth & Family Center plans to launch a new program next week that takes an unorthodox approach to improving students' grades — paying them.

The program, fittingly called Cash for Grades, promises 20 students $100 if they finish the year with an A in their math or English classes. A B will get them $50.

To qualify, they'll need to attend one study session a week with volunteer tutors at PYFC, said Oscar de la Torre, the center's director and a member of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District Board of Education.

The goal is to give youth that are struggling academically incentives to show up to the free tutoring resources that are already available to them.

"We have free tutoring, and they obviously have a need, so why are they not accessing the services that are free and that they need?" de la Torre said. "We're trying to answer that question."

Cash for Grades is the brainchild of two PYFC volunteers — Jason Eng and Jake Solomon.

In their day jobs, the two conduct research for a local think tank, and they brought those skills to bear when seeking out ways to encourage their tutoring students to get the most out of the extra help.

Eng discovered a paper by Roland G. Fryer, an economist with Harvard University, that studied the impacts on student learning and achievement when he literally paid them to do work.

Fryer's research took place in 203 schools located in Dallas, New York City and Chicago. In each city, he took a different approach.

In New York, he paid students based on their performance on certain tests. In Chicago, children got money for good classroom grades, and in Dallas they were paid for every book read.

Researchers distributed a total of $9.4 million across the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years to roughly 27,000 students.

The results were decidedly mixed.

According to the paper, students in New York City actually performed worse on tests

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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Happy day all around for Samohi Vikings

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

MEMORIAL PARK Somebody should have told Culver City it was Kelly Ricard's birthday.

On the same day Samohi's Ricard was celebrating her 18th year, her softball team celebrated a 9-1 win over rival Culver City at Memorial Park on Tuesday.

Not only did Ricard receive a victory for her special day, but the senior third baseman drove in three runs and collected a double to deep left. The only downside to her day was being thrown out at third base trying to extend her double into a triple.

"I feel wonderful," Ricard said. "Glad my

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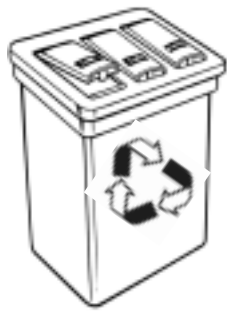
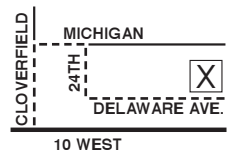

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, April 25, 2012

Talking toxins
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
How are toxins in the environment impacting your health? This will be the topic of Dr. David Allen's free presentation in the library's MLK Auditorium. You'll be surprised what you learn about the air we breathe and the water we drink. For more information, call (310) 445-6600.

Beer and dinner
West 4th & Jane
1432A Fourth St., 7 p.m.
West 4th & Jane is teaming with New York brewery Ommegang to present a night of unique beer pairings with modern-American cuisine from Chef Ryan Turner. Cost: $65. For more information, call (310) 395-6765.

Tap, tap, tap
Typhoon
3221 Donald Douglas Loop South,
8 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
The Sole Sisters will tap into Typhoon to entertain diners with their hoofing. They will be performing with the Max Wrightson Trio. There's no cover charge, but reservations are recommended. For more information, call (310) 390-6565.

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Carlin redux
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Kelly Carlin, only child of iconoclastic comedian George Carlin, chronicles over 40 years of her life with her famous father through storytelling, classic video footage, and family memorabilia in "A Carlin Home Companion." Cost: $20.
For more information, call (310) 394-9779 ext. 1.

It happened at the library
Montana Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Catch a free screening of Frank Capra's classic "It Happened One Night." Clark Gable stars as a newspaper man tracking a runaway heiress. The film will be followed by a discussion with Vivian Rosenberg. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

Friday, April 27, 2012

Live from the beach
Loews
1700 Ocean Ave., 6:30 p.m.
This signature Santa Monica hotel debuts its "Live from Loews: California Classics" concert series this Friday. Accompanied by music from classic rockers the John Brown Band, diners will be treated to locally-crafted beer, fine wine and coastal cuisine. Cost: $45 in advance; $55 at the door. For more information, visit www.loewshotels.com.

'Proof' on stage
The Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 8 p.m.
Upstart theater company Santa Monica Rep presents the 2001 winner of the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award, "Proof." With Santa Monica locals Ella Martin, Gugun Deep Singh, and Andrea Schell, as well as L.A. stage veteran John Ross Clark among the cast. The production runs through May 12. For more information, call (213) 268-1454.

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CORRECTION

The April 24 article "Union seeks to stop hotel over living wage" contained incorrect information. The City Council approved the development agreement for the proposed hotel at 710 Wilshire Blvd. on April 10.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

Real work experience

City Hall has launched a six-week information technology internship program designed to train local youth for a career in high tech.

Santa Monica's Youth Technology Program will give 12 students the chance to learn first-hand the computer skills necessary for success and experience the challenges of launching a startup.

Coloft, a local business incubator, will provide support, city officials announced Tuesday.

"This program will connect local youth with their government and provide them with skills they need for jobs in the local tech economy," said Jory Wolf, chief information officer for City Hall. "With the tech sector rapidly developing into one of the most important segments of our local economy, what better way to sustain it than to grow our own local tech workforce?"

Graduating seniors who live in Santa Monica are encouraged to apply online at www.smgov.net/youthtech. The deadline is May 20 for consideration in the 2012 summer program.

Students selected will be invited back the following summer after their first year in college for an internship opportunity with a local tech company.

The Youth Technology Program will offer experience in the following areas:

- Municipal government operations
- Enterprise technology in the public sector
- Strategies for startups
- Venture capital firm decision making
- Intellectual property rights
- Business risks
- Team building and collaboration
- Web development

KEVIN HERRERA

11TH STREET

Red Cross raises $500K

The American Red Cross of Santa Monica raised approximately $500,000, including in-kind donations, at its annual Red Tie Affair gala at the Fairmont-Miramar Hotel on Saturday.

More than 450 people attended the event, including celebrity honorees Jamie Lee Curtis (American Red Cross Crystal Cross Humanitarian Award), Denis Leary (Spirit of Service Award) and J.R. Martinez (Spirit of Inspiration Award).

Funds raised will go toward Red Cross disaster preparedness efforts.

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DOWNTOWN

Shop for the kids

If you need groceries, there's no better day to shop than this Thursday.

All three Whole Foods locations in Santa Monica will be donating 5 percent of net sales from April 26 to the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation, a nonprofit that helps fund music, arts and sports programs in local public schools.

For more information, go to www.smmef.org.

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✉WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Airport commissioner dies at 70

Brown had distinguished career in health, public policy

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL E. Richard Brown, former chair of the Santa Monica Airport Commission, died unexpectedly Friday after suffering a massive stroke. He was 70.

Brown served on the Santa Monica Airport Commission for over three years beginning in September 2008, but his legacy rests with his long career in the field of public health.

Brown founded the UCLA Center for Health Policy

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Photo courtesy Matthew Hynes

ON SCENE: **Santa Monica police, with the help of an LAPD helicopter, arrested a man early Tuesday morning for allegedly stealing a flat screen television from a restaurant on Main Street. The suspect was found hiding on the roof of a nearby building.**

Cops use helicopter to nab suspected burglar

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

MAIN STREET How heavy is a 50-inch plasma television?

Apparently not heavy enough to deter a man from breaking into a restaurant on Main Street and carrying the television to a nearby rooftop.

That's where police said they found Cori Hoffman, 33, and the flat-screen early Tuesday morning after a roughly one-hour search that involved an LAPD helicopter.

Hoffman, a Los Angeles resident, was arrested around 2:30 a.m. by Santa Monica police officers in the 2800 block of Main Street. He was booked for commercial burglary. His bail was set at $20,000.

Police responded to a call of a burglary alarm going off at the Areal restaurant around 1:15 a.m. Officers spotted Hoffman on a nearby roof and police set up a perimeter and asked for assistance from an LAPD helicopter.

The suspect was spotted from the air with the television in his possession, police said. Hoffman was taken into custody without incident and the TV was recovered.

Betsy Mighell, manager at Areal, lives near the restaurant and heard the helicopter hovering overhead. She said the restaurant opened as usual Tuesday and that "everything [was] back to normal."

For the record: Several web sites had a 50-inch plasma weighing in at 60 pounds.

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Save place, save books

Editor:

This is an open letter to everyone who uses our wonderful library. It is not OK to dog-ear a book (fold over the page corner) to save your place. It is a form of defacement and if everyone did that the book would soon be useless. Please use a bookmark.

Andrew Goldstein
Santa Monica

Do not displace

Editor:

Christians and Jews have become victims of a well orchestrated hate crime in Santa Monica, which is in danger of being repeated and copied across the country unless City Hall abandons its complicity in this outrageous denial of free speech and religious persecution.

The next logical step if this continues would be to change the name of the city, which must be a thorn in the side of the atheist community. Perhaps the new name would honor a well-known atheist, such as Ayn Rand or Bertrand Russell, as cities such as San Diego, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Texas and San Francisco follow suit.

On the other hand, a more appropriate response might be to institute a new tradition of Easter scenes in Palisades Park, with displays from the same churches as the nativity scenes, including Passover scenes by the Jewish community. Of course, the atheist community of Santa Monica has a right to its own celebration, but the date(s) and location should not preempt the nativity scene tradition.

However, atheists from outside Santa Monica should not have standing to request participation. Perhaps the City Council should designate a date for the atheist display of their message of good will and civility. Would anybody object to April 1?

Robert R. Holden
Santa Monica

Not there when you need it

Editor:

There is no place to park in Santa Monica.

Even though there's an occasional empty blue space reserved for disabled drivers, we've all seen the yutz in the Maserati who roars into that spot, oblivious to the frail, walking-impaired motorist behind him, desperate for a space. Maserati guy feels he has the right to stop wherever and whenever he wants, because his car has the most testosterone on the block.

Seeing the growing fleet of parking enforcement vehicles all over our city, staffed by uniformed workers who get the most job satisfaction of anyone in America, I assume the city of Santa Monica makes most of its nut from citing selfish drivers who take disabled spaces. First offense: $250. Second: $750. Third time, toast.

However, I would hope the fine wouldn't be the reason for observing the law. Nonetheless, someday Maserati guy is going to get a badly needed brain transplant and feel the agony of every baby shuffle step he has to take, parking three blocks from CVS to buy heroin and a Fleet enema.

When it's his turn for the walker with the yellow tennis balls, let's see who's upset at whom for taking his blue parking spot.

Molly-Ann Leikin
Santa Monica



Your column here

Friends of Sunset Park Board of Directors Send comments to editor@smdp.com

No common ground found

IN RESPONSE TO JOAN WALSTON'S LETTER ("Not happy with NIMBY," Letters to the Editor, April 21-22) about Step Up on Second, Common Ground, and Friends of Sunset Park, here are a few facts:

Ms. Walston's comments regarding Step Up on Second are misleading and inaccurate. Step Up on Second opened Daniel's Place on Ocean Park Boulevard in Sunset Park in 1998. The city-recognized neighborhood organization, Friends of Sunset Park (FOSP), has never received any complaints about this facility from residents.

Step Up later looked into purchasing a Sunset Park home. The FOSP board did not take a position on this, but Step Up backed out of the deal when the city's Housing Division turned down their application for a grant to fund the purchase. Currently, the organization operates Step Up on Second, Step Up on Fifth, Daniel's Place, Daniel's Village on Santa Monica Boulevard, and Michael's Village on Sunset Boulevard in Hollywood.

Now for some facts about Common Ground (CG), which is currently refurbishing its new facility at 2401 Lincoln Blvd. in Sunset Park:

The FOSP board and residents living near 2401 Lincoln (the Cedar Community Coalition) support the CG mission of HIV testing and prevention. The city of Santa Monica requires social service agencies, such as CG, that receive city funds for providing homeless services, to enter into Good Neighbor Agreements with the surrounding neighbors. After talking to public safety officials, Human Services staff, and residents and businesses near CG's former location at 2012 Lincoln, the FOSP board and the Cedar Coalition asked for five basic things to be included in the agreement.

Those include moving CG's needle exchange and homeless youth (HYPE) programs away from residential neighborhoods, limiting operations to normal business hours (the homeless youth program had been operating three days a week until 8:30 p.m.), improving security, and signing a legally binding Good Neighbor Agreement. We have been meeting with CG and city officials since February to negotiate the agreement, and the next meeting is scheduled for April 25 at 7 p.m. at Olympic High School.

Meanwhile, on April 18, the CG board president informed FOSP that while CG had decided to relocate the homeless youth program to Venice and is operating its needle exchange program off site, as required by the L.A. County Department of Public Health, the CG board refuses to commit to make these decisions permanent. In other words, CG insists on reserving the right to reverse these decisions. In addition, CG refuses to commit to limiting hours of operation, or to signing a legally binding Good Neighbor Agreement.

He also stated that City Hall had approved CG's latest version of the Good Neighbor Agreement before it had been submitted to neighborhood representatives for review, and that if FOSP won't sign it, since our requests have been rejected, he has 20 residents who will sign. When asked how many of those 20 live within one block of 2401 Lincoln, the answer was "one." This came at a time when more than 200 residents, who actually live near 2401 Lincoln, had expressed their concerns about CG in writing to the City Council.

Why did the FOSP board and the nearby residents make those five requests to begin with?

The Santa Monica Police Department told us that, in response to neighborhood complaints, they had held four community meetings to discuss ongoing problems at CG's former location at 2012 Lincoln. The Human Services Division told us they had submitted an information item about Common Ground to the City Council in 2005, which included complaints from neighbors and CG's request that the city help them find a new location for the homeless youth program that was not adjacent to a residential neighborhood.

A video posted online showed CG staff recruiting homeless youth from Venice Beach to come to its former Santa Monica location. Residents and business owners near 2012 Lincoln talked to us and wrote letters describing the behavior of some of the participants in CG's homeless youth program: used syringes, condoms, women's underwear, and human waste left outside the facility; homeless encampments in the parking lot; public urination in front of neighborhood children; harassment of nearby business customers; burglary; a gun left on a resident's front lawn; and an incident in which a youth assaulted a resident with a stolen hammer and then hid in the CG facility until he was arrested. In the last few years, the Santa Monica Fire Department reported that they sent paramedics 12 times to 2012 Lincoln, and the police department was called 26 times.

In addition, when Common Ground announced its move to 2401 Lincoln, the L.A. County Department of Public Health declined to certify the county-funded free needle exchange program because the new location is only a few hundred feet from three preschools and Olympic High School. County guidelines prohibit funding such a program within 1,200 feet of schools. Common Ground subsequently announced that the needle exchange and homeless youth programs would be located elsewhere. But there is no commitment to make those new locations permanent.

The FOSP board and residents have been negotiating a Good Neighbor Agreement with Common Ground since February, and we were looking forward to getting closer to an agreement at the April 25 meeting. We will be there, ready to talk. It remains to be seen whether Common Ground officials want to talk, or just play games.

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Not quite the end of the innocence, but close

"I LOVE YOU," I COOED PLAYFULLY TO my 3-year-old daughter Petunia the other day. "Do you love me?"

"No," she snapped back with a mischievous grin. "Sad Mommy?"

I didn't start weeping on the spot, probably because "Sad Mommy" is an unofficial game we play on occasion in which I mock sobbing, which in turn causes her to double over with peals of laughter. But that she knew there was any other response besides "yes" to that particular question — for quite possibly the first time ever — made me realize that her little coat of early-childhood innocence is starting to show signs of fading and peeling.

One of the few saving graces I've had with Petunia these days, in light of the fact that she stubbornly continues to star as the poster child for the Terrible 3s, is that she is unknowingly and involuntarily clinging to the last stages of bona fide purity. Like, she doesn't know what a lie is just yet. (I know this because when a friend recently accused Petunia of lying about purposefully snatching a princess dress away from her during a play-date, the denial was absurdly adorable: "No! I did not do a lie!" she insisted. "My panties are clean!")

She also continues to strip down naked without worrying who sees her, which I find delightful. Sure, my husband would have preferred she didn't do it in the checkout line at the supermarket last month. (And really, he shouldn't have let her, as Chris Rock has said so eloquently: A father's only goal is to keep his daughter off the stripper pole.) But that she's comfortable in her own skin and doesn't know to care who sees her bum in all its glory makes me inexplicably giddy.

But like with the "I love you" rejection, there are undeniable chinks in the armor.

Like how quickly she's becoming a master manipulator. Sure, humans know from birth how to get what they want (the sound of incessant crying in the middle of the night helps you figure out pretty quickly how to decode the secrets of newborns, who undoubtedly smirk inside every time you fall into their trap and pick them up), but she's taking it to the next level with tremendous aptitude.

For example, she has revealed a freakish ability to extract an adhesive strip out of whoever will break first at the sound of their name being uttered in her tearful, most pathetic voice at nighttime.

"I bumped my knee!" she'll cry roughly every other evening from her room minutes after she has been put to bed. "I am hurt!"

"Go to sleep!" one of us will yell from downstairs, emotionally spent after trying to get her for what always feels like an eternity to be done for the day.

"Daddy!" she'll cry (or "Mommy," if she thinks I'm the weaker parent that night). "I sick! I need a Dora Band-Aid."

She has developed a knack for smelling blood and figuring out who is most hungry for it. Gone are the days when she didn't know from playing one parent against another.

Still, I take comfort in knowing it could always be worse. Like she could be on a trajectory to be as corrupt as the young daughter of a woman known as the "Human Barbie" who received a $7,000 liposuction voucher in her stocking for Christmas, which was preceded on her seventh birthday last year by the promise of a boob job.

News reports last week revealed the Human Barbie (named such for having gone under the plastic-surgery knife to the ugly tune of more than half-a-million dollars) is now planning parties for girls ages 7 to 13 in Botox clinics, where they can receive spray tans and hair extensions, among other beauty treatments. (I'm sure it's only a matter of time before they add bikini waxes, teeth bleaching and rhinoplasty certificates to the loot bags.) Yes, Petunia likes having her nails polished, but she has yet to ask for fake eyelashes or a tramp stamp, so I consider us winning on the virtuous beauty front.

Of course not all little girls are doomed to a lifetime of innocence gone wrong, like a 9-year old I know who was at a Taylor Swift concert this winter and reported back about how the two women making out in the row in front of her were "doing S-E-X." I should be so lucky if my daughter still thinks in a few years' time that S-E-X is nothing more than kissing.

But birthday parties with fake baking and fake hair? I'm so grateful Petunia has her fourth birthday party planned out already for this summer and it includes nothing more sinister than a clown (although, of course, clowns actually can be quite sinister), animal balloons and musical nursery rhymes.

It's hard to deny the innocence of a little girl whose idea of a good time is singing the alphabet song. It's just unfortunate there will inevitably come a time soon when Sad Mommy is sad for reasons a lot less innocent than a fake declaration of unrequited love. Hopefully there's a Dora Band-Aid for that.

More at www.meredithcarroll.com.

The Q Line

To rent or not to rent?

There's a movement afoot to ease City Hall's restrictions on allowing residences to be rented out as vacation homes. City officials are actively trying to shut the practice down, but plenty of owners would like the chance to make some extra money.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think homeowners should be allowed to rent their properties out or should the practice remain illegal?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.


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California's voters get chance to abolish death penalty

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO California voters will soon get a chance to decide whether to replace the death penalty with life in prison without the possibility of parole.

A measure to abolish capital punishment in California qualified for the November ballot on Monday, Secretary of State Debra Bowen said.

If it passes, the 725 California inmates now on Death Row will have their sentences converted to life in prison without the possibility of parole. It would also make life without parole the harshest penalty prosecutors can seek.

Backers of the measure say abolishing the death penalty will save the state millions of dollars through layoffs of prosecutors and defense attorneys who handle death penalty cases, as well as savings from not having to maintain the nation's largest death row at San Quentin State Prison.

Those savings, supporters argue, can be used to help unsolved crimes. If the measure passes, $100 million in purported savings from abolishing the death penalty would be used over three years to investigate unsolved murders and rapes.

The measure is dubbed the "Savings, Accountability, and Full Enforcement for California Act," also known as the SAFE California Act. It's the fifth measure to qualify for the November ballot, the secretary of state announced Monday. Supporters collected more than the 504,760 valid signatures needed to place the measure on the ballot.

"Our system is broken, expensive and it always will carry the grave risk of a mistake," said Jeanne Woodford, the former warden of San Quentin who is now an anti-death penalty advocate and an official supporter of the measure.

The measure will also require most inmates sentenced to life without parole to find jobs within prisons. Most death row inmates do not hold prison jobs for security reasons.

Though California is one of 34 states that authorize the death penalty, the state hasn't put anyone to death since 2006. A federal judge that year halted executions until prison officials built a new death chamber at San Quentin, developed new lethal injection protocols and made other improvements to delivering the lethal three-drug combination.

A separate state lawsuit is challenging the way the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation developed the new protocols. A judge in Marin County earlier this year ordered the CDCR to redraft its lethal injection protocols, further delaying executions.

Since California reinstated the death penalty in 1978, the state has executed 13 inmates. A 2009 study conducted by a senior federal judge and law school professor concluded that the state was spending about $184 million a year to maintain Death Row and the death penalty system.

Supporters of the proposition, such as the American Civil Liberties Union, are portraying it as a cost-savings measure in a time of political austerity. They count several prominent conservatives and prosecutors — including the author of the 1978 measure adopting the death penalty — as supporters and argue that too few executions have been carried out at too great a cost.

"My conclusion is that he law is totally ineffective," said Gil Garcetti, a former Los Angeles County district attorney. "Most inmates are going to die of natural causes, not executions."

Garcetti, who served as district attorney from 1992 to 2000, said he changed his mind after publication of the 2009 study, which was published by Judge Arthur Alarcon of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and law professor Paula Mitchell.

Opponents of the measure, such as former Sacramento U.S Attorney McGregor Scott, argue that lawyers filing "frivolous appeals" are the problem, not the death penalty law.

"On behalf of crime victims and their loved ones who have suffered at the hands of California's most violent criminals, we are disappointed that the ACLU and their allies would seek to score political points in their continued efforts to override the will of the people and repeal the death penalty," said Scott, who is chairman of the Californians for Justice and Public Safety, a coalition of law enforcement officials, crime victims and others formed to oppose the measure.

The Criminal Justice Legal Foundation, meanwhile, remains one the biggest backers of the death penalty in the state and opposes the latest attempt to abolish it in California. The foundation and its supports argue that federal judges are gumming up the process with endless delays and reversals of state Supreme Court rulings upholding individual death sentences.

The foundation on Thursday filed a lawsuit seeking the immediate resumption of executions in California. The foundation's lawsuit, filed directly with the state Court of Appeal, argues that since the three-drug method has been the subject of so much litigation — and the source of the execution delays — a one-drug method of lethal injection like Ohio uses can be substituted immediately.

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Settlement clears way for cross in Mojave Desert

ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES A veterans group can restore a memorial cross in the Mojave Desert under a court settlement that ends a decade-old legal battle, the National Park Service said Tuesday.

A federal judge approved the lawsuit settlement on Monday, permitting the park service to turn over a remote hilltop area known as Sunrise Rock to a Veteran of Foreign Wars post in Barstow and the Veterans Home of California-Barstow.

The park will give up the acre of land in exchange for five acres of donated property elsewhere in the 1.6 million acre preserve in Southern California.

The swap, which could be completed by the end of the year, will permit veterans to restore a cross to the site and end a controversy that became tangled in the thorny issues of patriotism and religion and made its way to the U.S. Supreme Court in 2003.

The last cross was ordered removed by the park service in 2010 because of a court order.

The donated land is owned by Henry and Wanda Sandoz of Yucca Valley.

Henry Sandoz, 72, cared for and replaced several crosses at the hilltop site over the years that were later defaced or stolen. He has a replacement 7-foot steel cross ready to go, said his wife, Wanda, 68.

"We're very hopeful. We've been disappointed in the past," she said in a telephone interview. "We thought when the Supreme Court ruled that we'd be out there within days putting it back up. Things move kind of slow but we really think this is it this time."

Once the swap is complete, the park service will fence the site, leaving entrances for visitors, and post signs noting that it is private land. A plaque will be placed on the rock noting that it is a memorial for U.S. war veterans.

"We want to wrap this, we want to get it done," Mojave National Preserve spokeswoman Linda Slater said of the controversy. "No cross can go up until the exchange is complete."

Wanda Sandoz said a wooden cross was first erected on Sunrise Rock in 1934 by a World War I veteran, Riley Bembry. He and other shell-shocked vets had gone out to the desert to recover and would hold barbeques and barn dances near the site, she said.

Her husband knew Bembry and promised the dying vet that he would look after the cross, Wanda Sandoz said. He kept the promise for decades.

"We love the cross," she said. "It's in a beautiful spot. ... My husband is not a veteran but he feels like this is something he can do for our country."

The wooden cross was eventually replaced with one made of steel pipes. However, the site became part of the national preserve in 1994 and that meant the cross was then on public land.

The settlement involves a lawsuit filed in 2001 by the American Civil Liberties Union on behalf of a retired park service employee who argued that the Christian religious symbol was unconstitutionally located on government land. Federal courts ordered the removal of the cross.

In 2003, Congress stepped in and ordered the land swap. But the courts said the transfer was, in effect, an unacceptable end run around the constitutional problem.

The issue wound its way up to the U.S. Supreme Court, which in April 2010 refused to order removal of the cross and directed a federal judge to look again at the congressional transfer plan.

Justice Anthony Kennedy, siding with the 5-4 majority, wrote that the cross evokes more than religion.

"It evokes thousands of small crosses in foreign fields marking the graves of Americans who fell in battles, battles whose tragedies are compounded if the fallen are forgotten," he said.

Justice John Paul Stevens, one of the dissenters, wrote that troops killed in battle deserve to be honored, but government "cannot lawfully do so by continued endorsement of a starkly sectarian message."

Weeks after the court decision, the metal cross — which had been covered up to comply with court injunctions — was stolen. A replica mysteriously appeared on the site, but park service officials ordered it taken down because of a court order against displaying a cross on the site.

A second lawsuit was filed last year against the federal government on behalf of the veterans. That suit pushed for the land swap and will be dropped once the exchange is complete, said Gregg Wooding of the Liberty Institute, a Texas-based nonprofit legal organization that filed the suit.



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Pet rehab helps transform four-legged survivors

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Snarf was underweight with a heart murmur and a possible ulcer when he was rescued from a Kentucky puppy mill. He had hookworm, fleas and ticks, infections in his eyes and ears, red skin and patchy hair.

The 10-year-old Japanese chin wasn't house trained and didn't know how to play with people. He hardly seemed like anyone's idea of a pet.

But thanks to several months of rehab, he is.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals set up a rehab center for Snarf and the other 117 dogs rescued in October from a Kentucky puppy mill.

The ASPCA is the only national animal welfare organization with a behavior team dedicated solely to rehabilitating cruelty and disaster victims. Last year, the anti-cruelty behavior team coordinated rehab for more than 1,200 cats and dogs.

Many pets who end up in rehab are victims of abusive owners who have been arrested for dogfighting, hoarding or puppy mill violations. Other animals survive natural disasters.

Snarf had been crated, isolated and used for breeding all his life before he spent six months in rehab.

His medical conditions were treated and he was taught how to socialize and play with humans and animals, how to walk on a leash and to urinate outside of his crate.

Hoarded or mill dogs have been trapped in small spaces and denied human contact so they lack social skills and are often afraid of sights, sounds and experiences, said Pamela Reid, an animal behaviorist and vice president of the ASPCA's anti-cruelty behavior team.

Another rehab graduate is Timmy, a 5-month-old dachshund born with a growth defect after the dogs were seized. The radius and ulna in both front legs are deformed, said Andrea Blair, director of communications for the Kentucky Humane Society, so Timmy appears to be running on his elbows. He also had surgery to repair a hernia.

In foster care, he's gained strength and muscle tone and now has a potential owner and an appointment with an orthopedic specialist.

Can rehab save every animal? "Saving depends on your definition. We certainly save them from cruel and inhumane situations," Reid said. "There are medical cases where it's more fair to the animal to euthanize than to attempt treatment or treatment is not possible and the quality of life they are suffering is too great."

In February, 692 cats were seized from Caboodle Ranch, an overwhelmed Florida sanctuary. At a temporary shelter in Jacksonville, 13 cats were euthanized for severe medical problems, and treatments started for others.

All of the cats got regular meals and visits from volunteers.

Dogfighting and disasters can be more challenging. Fighting dogs might show aggression toward other animals, but appear sweet and friendly with people. Disasters each bring their own kind of fear.

Reid's behavior team watches how each dog reacts to pleasant greetings and unpleasant greetings. They watch as workers clip its nails, pull a burr from its fur, give it a toy and food and take them away. They expose the dog to a toddler-size doll and a life-size dog mannequin, scold it and watch it interact with other dogs.

Behaviorists look for eye contact, posture, the dog's tail and ears and what it does when it sees a person it knows.

A dog has to do well with the doll before behaviorists will recommend it for a home with children, Reid said.

With puppy mill, hoarding and disaster dogs, the emphasis is on new or frightening experiences.

The behaviorist might put food down and then open an umbrella nearby. They watch the dog to see how long it takes it to recover and get back to the food or leave the food and go to the umbrella.

"Either is OK," Reid said. "Those that go into a corner and shut down are the ones we are concerned about."

Whatever their problems, you just have to keep working with animals, Reid said. Sometimes they will partner a troubled animal with a friendly animal. "Dogs are very good at picking up on the emotional state of their companions," Reid said.

Many of the ASPCA's shelter partners, including Kentucky, have full-time behaviorists who take over for Reid and her team. Every dog that arrives at the shelter, which places 6,000 animals a year, is evaluated for adoptability, Blair said.

Puppy mill dogs are fairly easy to place, Blair said. They come with a lot of publicity and they aren't really second chance pets, like most shelter animals. "These dogs have never had love or a forever home, so this is the first time around for them."

Cats have more trouble adjusting, Reid said. They are more likely to hide than show aggression, so you have to spend more time with them.

As for Snarf?

In March, 65 of the rescued dogs, including Snarf, were sent to the Kentucky shelter. Almost all have been placed, Blair said.

Scott Franke and his wife Andy Kyle, from New Albany, Ind., saw Snarf's picture on the shelter's website. "When we went and saw him, it was love at first sight and we had to have him," Franke said.

In his new home for about a month, Snarf loves to curl up on the floor close to the couple. If they mention his (ASPCA-given) name, he raises his head and wags his tail.

"We hope to give him the happiest rest of his life we can," Franke said.



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explore all options regarding the airport, particularly reducing or ceasing operations there, had been ignored.

In response, they created a new, parallel process completed primarily by those living near SMO.

The exception: A team of land use students from Cal Poly and their advisor who created a menu of options of what could be done with the land should City Hall succeed in closing down most or all operations at SMO.

Rather than weigh in on the information presented Monday, City Hall stayed out of it.

"Staff will not be attending the workshop and cannot vouch for the veracity of any of the opinions and conclusions generated from the commission's workshop," City Manager Rod Gould wrote in an e-mail Friday.

The meeting launched with the results of two surveys conducted by the Ocean Park Association and Community Against Santa Monica Airport Traffic (CASMAT) meant to gauge the community feeling regarding SMO.

Results of the CASMAT survey, which included a wider breadth of people including some pilots, pointed to a desire to close the airport and replace it with a "green" use, like a park, said John Fairweather, who compiled the report.

"SMO continuing essentially 'as is' is not acceptable to the community," Fairweather wrote in the report.

The survey also reflected a fear on the community's part that the closure of the airport could result in something almost as bad — heavy development and the traffic snarls that come with it.

Two students from Cal Poly — David Koo and Matthew Ottoson — explored possible alternatives to that fate, including a functioning but diminished airport with more green space and a shorter runway, an urban park and an eco-village where people could live and work.

The last two options required full closure and a great deal of investment, the students said.

Possibly the most popular presentations of the night came from attorneys Phillip Tate and Jonathan Stein, both of whom live near the airport.

The audience cheered and laughed as the presenters gave them what they wanted — legal opinions that the airport could be closed or severely restricted.

Tate, the more restrained of the two, focused on proprietary rights, the idea that City Hall could impose harsh regulations to limit operations at the airport if it did not discriminate against any particular kind of use.

That could mean imposing environmental restrictions regulating the amount of carbon produced at the site, or prohibit planes from idling by neighborhoods.

Toward the end of the evening, Vice Chair David Goddard suggested a few, including a requirement that planes get a permit for every time they take off and land, increase the cost of landing fees and a requirement that every plane user get insurance to protect City Hall against health-related lawsuits.

Jonathan Stein, who spoke on City Hall's land use rights, was less moderate.

"How many people think Santa Monica Airport represents a failure of democracy?" he asked the crowd.

Stein suggested that while options may be limited now, City Hall will have the authority to shut down a city-owned parcel of land that comprises most of the runway come 2015, severely restricting the ability of planes to use SMO.

FAA spokesman Ian Gregor said the administration chose not to respond to Stein's comments on Tuesday since it had no representative present and did not know exactly what had been said.

"The FAA reaffirms its position that the city of Santa Monica must maintain the airport, as a public use airport, in perpetuity unless otherwise released by the FAA from the obligations of the surplus property agreements," Gregor wrote in an e-mail.

The commission elected Goddard to represent their views to the City Council on May 8, when the council will hear the results of over 40 community meetings regarding the public's feelings about the airport.

The council will also tell staff on May 8 which options for the future of the airport they should study in the third phase of the three-phase process.

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GRADES
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during the experiment, while students in Chicago performed marginally better and English-speaking students in Dallas also saw test score improvements.

The research was inconclusive, Eng said, but there was a part that jumped out at him.

"There were times when students were very excited about the incentives, but didn't know how to get there," he said. "They were excited to get money for doing well, but there wasn't a structure and they didn't have a foundation to know how to get good grades."

That's what Eng and Solomon hoped to fix by including a mandatory tutoring component in their plan — to get money, kids would also have to show up to tutoring sessions to make sure they were working on the material they would later be tested on.

"It's my personal belief that everyone can work a little bit harder," Eng said. "That's where I stand. If incentivizing an output and requiring an input gets them to sit down more and work better, that's great."

Unlike Fryer's work, Cash for Grades doesn't have institutional support to put up the money needed to get the program off the ground.

Eng, Solomon and members of the PYFC team raised the money they needed through personal appeals to family and friends.

They'll be holding an informational session on Monday, April 30, at which point 20 students will be accepted into the program. It's mostly first-come-first-serve, de la Torre said, but there will be a preference for students enrolled in their school's free or reduced lunch meal program.

After that, students will have approximately six weeks to raise their grades for a shot at up to $200 a head.

There's no guarantee that the potentially controversial program will work, but as educators throughout Santa Monica struggle to raise test scores and close the achievement gap that exists between minority students and their white and Asian counterparts, Cash for Grades proponents feel like it's worth a shot.

"It might not work, it may work," Eng said. "Something is better than nothing. Let's try something and let's do something … let's see where this goes."

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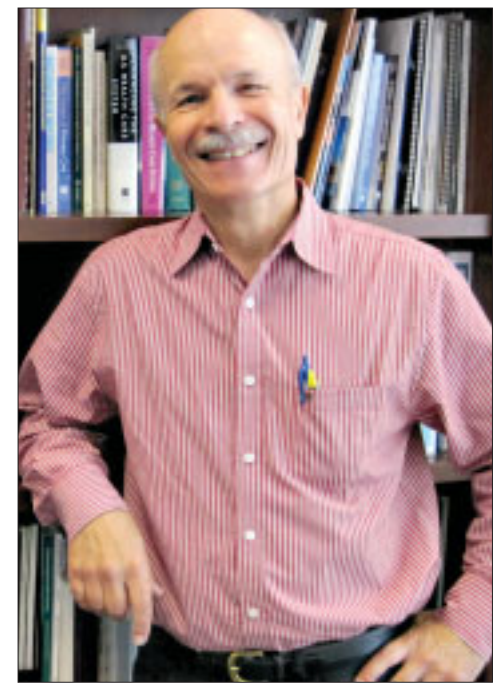
He was also a past president of the American Public Health Association.

Brown's research while with UCLA focused on health insurance coverage, mostly as it impacted the disadvantaged and minority communities.

He was also the principal investigator for the California Health Interview Survey, one of the nation's longest ongoing health surveys that provides information on health issues like chronic conditions, health behaviors, health insurance coverage and access to health care for Californians.

Brown's expertise made him the go-to expert on health policy for several presidential administrations and helped develop major health care reform proposals both for California and the nation.

According to an obituary released by the Center for Health Policy Research, Brown's passion for health policy came from his own experience growing up in a poor family that could not afford health care.



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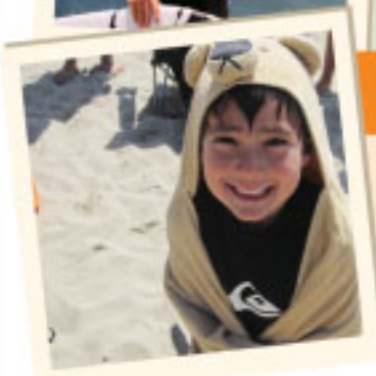
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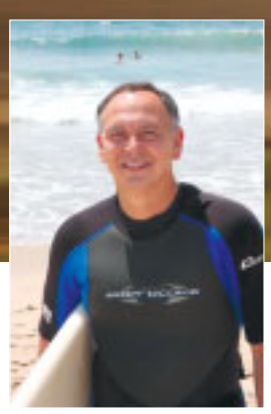
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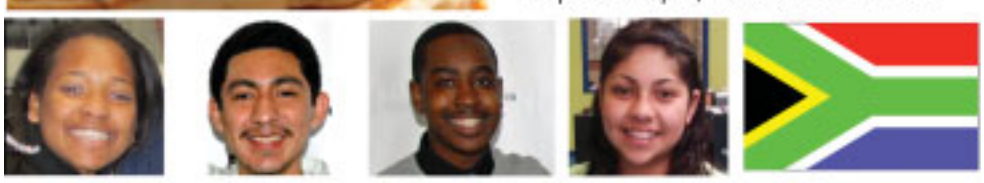

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SAFE! **Culver City catcher Lisa Kamba unsuccessfully tries to tag out Santa Monica High School's Sara Garcia at Memorial Park on Tuesday. Samohi went on to win the Ocean League game, 9-1, giving them sole possession of first place. Samohi travels to Inglewood on Thursday.**

SAMOHI
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team performed so well."

Ricard wasn't the only Viking who had a big day.

Sophomore pitcher Sara Garcia allowed just one run in going the distance to collect the win.

Her day at the plate wasn't bad, either. Garcia was 2-for-2 with a run batted in on a long triple to left field. She also scored three runs in the winning effort.

"She's really concentrating a little more," Head Coach Debbie Skaggs said of Garcia. "She's led our team all year."

The lone blemish for Garcia came during the top of the third inning when Culver City's Rosie Hernandez crossed the plate on an RBI single by Rose Kamba.

She settled down after the score, not allowing Culver City to mount much of a threat for the rest of the game. She did tend to work deep into counts against a number of Centaur batters, but still she was able to amass nine strikeouts on the blustery afternoon.

"It was tough to get strikes today," Garcia said of the umpire's strike zone. "But I was able to locate a few."

Skaggs said that Garcia's tendency of going deep into counts should be remedied with a little more experience. It's her second year on the mound, but she wasn't called on to pitch as often as she has done all season for the Vikings. Still, Skaggs said that she isn't worried about Garcia continuing to develop because of her aggressive approach to the game — both at the plate and on the mound.

The win improves Samohi to 5-0 in Ocean League play, sending Culver City to second place at 4-1.

Next for the Vikings is a tilt at Inglewood on Thursday. That game begins at 3:15 p.m.

After a slow start to start the preseason, Skaggs said that her Vikings are coming around at the right time.

"The chemistry is good," Skaggs said. "The kids have come a long way this year."



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BIRTHDAY GIRL MAKES PLAY: **Samohi senior third baseman Kelly Ricard makes a throw to first base against Culver City on Tuesday. Ricard ended the day with three runs batted. It was also her 18th birthday.**

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Feds make first arrest in BP Gulf of Mexico spill

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NEW ORLEANS A BP engineer intentionally deleted more than 300 text messages that said the company's efforts to control the Gulf of Mexico oil spill were failing, and that the amount of oil leaking was far more than what the company reported, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

In the first criminal charges related to the deadly explosion on the Deepwater Horizon rig in April 2010, the Justice Department arrested Kurt Mix and charged him with two counts of obstruction of justice for allegedly destroying evidence sought by federal authorities, officials announced in a statement.

The charges came a day before a federal judge in New Orleans was to consider preliminary approval of a $7.8 billion settlement between BP and a committee of plaintiffs in a civil case. Shrimp processors have raised objections, saying the settlement does not adequately compensate them.

Having an accurate flow-rate estimate is key to determining how much in civil and criminal penalties BP and the other companies drilling the Macondo will face under the Clean Water Act.

In an emailed statement, BP said it would not comment on the case but is cooperating with the Justice Department and other investigations into the oil spill. "BP had clear policies requiring preservation of evidence in this case and has undertaken substantial and ongoing efforts to preserve evidence," the statement said.

Mix, 50, of Katy, Texas, appeared before a judge in Houston and was released on $100,000 bail. Mix, who no longer works for BP, said very little during the hearing, answering routine questions about the charges. His attorney declined comment after the hearing. If convicted, he faces up to 20 years in prison and a fine of up to $250,000 on each count.

The engineer deleted more than 200 messages sent to a BP supervisor from his iPhone in October 2010 containing information about how much oil was spilling out — and then erased 100 more the following year after receiving numerous legal notices to preserve the information, the Justice Department said in a news release.

On the first day BP began to use the "top kill" method to plug the leaking well, Katy estimated in a text to his supervisor that 15,000 barrels of oil per day were spilling — an amount greater than what BP said the method could likely handle. The "top kill" method involved pumping heavy mud into the blown-out well head to cap it, and it was one of many unsuccessful attempts to plug the well. The well was ultimately capped July 15, 2010.

The BP-leased rig Deepwater Horizon exploded the night of April 20, 2010, killing 11 workers and setting off the nation's worst offshore oil disaster. More than 200 million gallons of crude oil flowed out of the well off the Louisiana coast before it was stopped.

As the spill grew into weeks and months, and soiled fishing grounds, beaches and coastal marshes, independent scientists questioned the official flow rates. Academics, environmentalists and federal investigators accused the Obama administration of downplaying scientific findings and misrepresenting data as well as misconstruing the opinions of experts it solicited.

A deepwater drilling moratorium was also put in place, a painful move for the industry and the Gulf states that rely on drilling for jobs and tax revenue.

Meanwhile, BP chief executive Tony Hayward was forced to step down after making a series of gaffes related to the spill. BP's attempts to create an environmentally friendly image were crushed, and independent gas station owners with BP-branded stations lost business from upset customers.

Recently, scientists said they have found fish in the Gulf with open sores, parasitic infections and chewed-up fins — injuries they suspect are from the effects of the petroleum. The evidence is not conclusive, but it could mean that the environmental damage to the Gulf from the BP disaster is still unfolding and the picture isn't as rosy as it might have seemed just a year ago.











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Police chief in Martin case remains under scrutiny

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SANFORD, Fla. While George Zimmerman is free on bail, the police chief criticized for not charging him after Trayvon Martin's slaying remains under scrutiny, as city commissioners want to wait for the results of a federal investigation to decide if they will accept Chief Bill Lee's resignation.

It could take months before Sanford city commissioners have the information they say they need.

That's because the U.S. Department of Justice is expected to make a thorough analysis of how the city's police department handled the investigation into the Feb. 26 killing of the 17-year-old Martin, including studying when officers arrived to the scene of the shooting to the actions that Lee and other officials took in their ultimate decision not to arrest Zimmerman. Lee remains on paid leave.

"The city commission spoke," city manager Norton Bonaparte said. "They were not ready to have the resignation. So we'll move forward."

Meanwhile, the city needs someone to lead its police department. Mayor Jeff Triplett — one of the three city officials who voted 3-2 Monday not to accept Lee's resignation — said he'd like to see an interim police chief serve before the commission makes a final decision on Lee's proposed resignation.

An interim chief could be hired as early as next week, Bonaparte said. He hedged, however, when he was asked if he thought an interim chief could be effective.

"That'll be up to the community," he said. "It's a challenge. ... We'll move forward to see if we can get a speedy investigation from the United States Department of Justice or some other entities. That's what I heard from the city commission."

Bonaparte presented commissioners with a signed resignation agreement that he prepared with Lee prior to Monday's meeting. Lee stepped down temporarily in March because he said he wanted to let emotions cool in the aftermath of Martin's slaying.

It seemed likely commissioners would sign off on Lee's resignation — after all, they previously gave him a "no confidence vote." Yet the panel decided not to accept the resignation agreement, which would have included four months of severance for Lee. The majority of commissioners said they wanted to wait for the outside investigation to conclude.

The lack of an arrest in the Martin case led to protests across the nation and spurred a debate about race and the laws of self-defense. Zimmerman's father is white and his mother is from Peru. Martin was black. The shooting also led to the local prosecutor recusing himself from the case, prompting the governor to appoint special prosecutor Angela Corey, who eventually charged Zimmerman.

The majority of commissioners Monday blamed the polarization over the Martin case and its handling by the police department on outside groups. Lee's supporters wore "Bring Back Billy" T-shirts to the meeting, though there were detractors as well.

"I'm disappointed but not surprised," said Velma Williams, the lone black representative on the commission who voted to accept the resignation.

Earlier Monday, Zimmerman, who slipped out of jail on $150,000 bail in the early morning darkness, went back into hiding and likely fled to another state to avoid threats as he awaits his second-degree murder trial. He has entered a written plea of not guilty.

Martin was unarmed and was walking back to the home of his father's fiancee's home when Zimmerman saw him, called police and began following him. A fight broke out — investigators say it is unknown who started it.

Zimmerman says Martin, who was visiting from Miami, attacked him. Zimmerman says he shot Martin in self-defense, citing Florida's "stand your ground" law, which gives broad legal protection to anyone who says they used deadly force because they feared death or great bodily harm.

Zimmerman was not charged for more than six weeks, sparking nationwide protests.

Even though authorities can pinpoint Zimmerman's location with a GPS ankle bracelet that he must wear round the clock, the public may not see him again for some time. Zimmerman has waived his appearance at his upcoming arraignment next month, so he can stay underground if he wants.

"He's doing well, he's very glad to be out, trying to get settled in, still worried about his safety, but, you know, talking to his family and feeling much better than being in" jail, Zimmerman's attorney, Mark O'Mara, said Monday night on CNN's Anderson Cooper 360.

O'Mara declined to say if Zimmerman was in Florida, only saying his client will travel to several locations for his safety. O'Mara did not immediately return phone calls Monday by The Associated Press.

The attorney also said on the CNN program that he didn't realize that Martin's family did not want to have Zimmerman apologize at Friday's bail hearing. He denied that the apology was done just to have bail granted for his client.

"Had I known — had George known — the family would not have accepted or didn't want it, we never would have done it," O'Mara said.

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Romney super PAC gift among mysterious donations

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON A once-mysterious $400,000 check written to a "super" political action committee supporting Mitt Romney's presidential campaign rekindled a nagging question this election season: Just how much disclosure is enough to satisfy transparency?

The Florida husband and wife behind the contribution were identified Monday as the beneficiaries of an investment fund and are among Romney's top Florida fundraisers. But up until then, the donation to the Restore Our Future super PAC — which reported the contribution from an unknown Florida firm called SeaSpray Partners LLC — left more questions than answers.

Inquiries about the donation intensified over the weekend after a Florida man who owned a similarly named company in Palm Beach told news organizations he never donated to the pro-Romney group. It turned out that Restore Our Future listed the wrong address for the actual SeaSpray donor.

The super PAC at first declined to disclose more about the mystery donors, but as the controversy grew, the committee on Monday acknowledged the Florida couple's role. Restore amended its federal filings Tuesday, naming the Florida couple as the two donors.

Welcome to the reality of recent federal rulings that have changed rules on how federal elections are financed. Those court cases, including the Supreme Court's 2010 ruling in Citizens United, gave a green light to corporations and labor unions to spend unlimited amounts of cash to support or defeat candidates.

The federal rulings upheld longstanding disclosure requirements, and super PACs that receive that cash still file periodic reports with the Federal Election Commission. But regulations require that only basic information about a company be reported; as such, SeaSpray's history and background effectively remained anonymous.

"Citizens United has not only allowed unlimited corporate spending, but has also opened many loopholes in disclosure laws," said Tara Malloy, associate legal counsel for the watchdog group Campaign Legal Center. "We see this when corporations give to transparent vehicles like a federal political committee. And this case underscores how porous the disclosure laws are."

An Associated Press review of financial documents found SeaSpray is, in fact, a financial fund managed by Boston-based Hellman Jordan Management. One of the firm's top executives, Gerald Jordan, and his wife, Darlene, received $200,000 apiece in unspecified "disbursements," company executive Susan Lynch told The Associated Press, and asked that the money be sent directly to Restore Our Future rather than to the couple's personal bank accounts.

"We were happy to do that," Lynch said. The amended report that Restore Our Future filed Tuesday confirmed that the Jordans had donated $200,000 apiece.

Restore Our Future acknowledged the Jordans' involvement Monday after the AP confirmed the couple's role and raised questions about their involvement with the group. Super PAC spokeswoman Brittany Gross attributed the mistake to a clerical error and said the super PAC would file an updated report with the Federal Election Commission.

But earlier, Restore Our Future said it would not identify the donors and would only update the firm's address, which it said met federal disclosure rules. That set the stage for a detective-worthy whodunit among news organizations and watchdog groups that follow the campaign closely.

The revelations about the $400,000 donation — and the super PAC's reluctance to identify such wealthy supporters — illustrate the loosened rules overseeing the federal campaign finance system in the wake of a series of court rulings in recent years. In the current presidential campaign, most donors identify themselves, but in some cases corporate donors are able to disguise their names using limited liability partnerships.

"We've disclosed all the information that the FEC required," Carl Forti, the super PAC's founder and chief strategist, said last week after his group first posted the mystery $400,000 donation. "I can't tell you anything more about the company."

Indeed, the Jordans are hardly strangers to Romney and his presidential campaigns. The couple hosted a $50,000-per-couple fundraising event for Romney at their Florida home last week, and Darlene Jordan was listed in an invitation as a host of an Orlando fundraiser last August for the former Massachusetts governor.

The two have also offered financial support to Romney and the Republican Party. Gerald Jordan gave $2,500 to Romney's presidential campaign in June and April 2011, and Darlene Jordan contributed the maximum $30,800 to the Republican National Committee in December. Gerald Jordan also contributed more than $40,000 to a fundraising account for Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., a possible running mate for Romney.

Last summer, Restore Our Future refused to identify the source of its first $1 million contribution. Controversy flared until the secretive donor, a retired executive from Romney's old firm, Bain Capital, stepped forward and acknowledged the donation.

In its latest financial reports listing more than $8.6 million in donations in March, the super PAC supporting Romney listed several large donations without donor identities, including the $400,000 donation and a $250,000 donation from a Montana firm, Fair Oaks Finance LLC.

State records show Fair Oaks is registered to investment brokerage head Charles R. Schwab, who along with his wife, Helen, each gave $125,000 to the super PAC. Schwab has also given more than $80,000 to Republican candidates and causes in the current election cycle, including two $2,500 donations to Romney's presidential campaign.

Restore Our Future also received a $1 million gift from Huron Carbon LLC. That firm's identity turned out to be the West Palm Beach headquarters of Oxbow Carbon LLC, a fossil-fuel processor and mining firm headed by William Koch, who had already given $1 million to the pro-Romney group.

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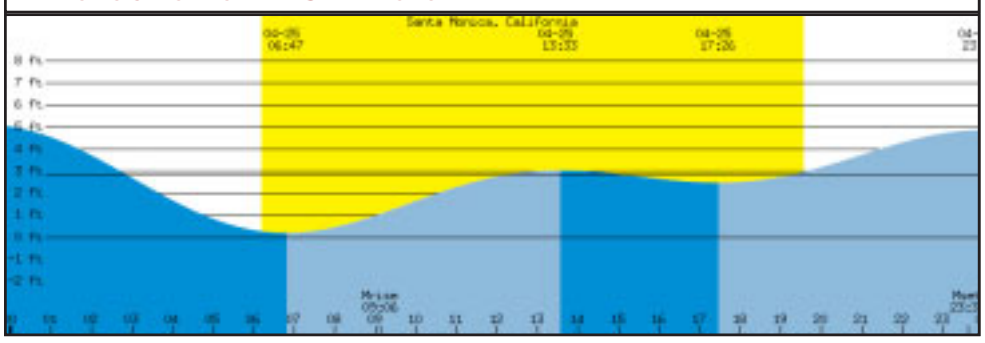
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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	B	A
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	A+	C
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	B
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	A
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	B	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	C
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A
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Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	A
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
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Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A

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Clemens lawyer criticizes government's prosecution

JOSEPH WHITE
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON Roger Clemens' lawyer wagged his finger. His voice cracked. He called himself Columbo. He claimed evidence had been manipulated. He appealed to the jurors' hearts as well as their heads in his opening statement Tuesday in defense of the seven-time Cy Young Award winner.

"God help me if we have reached a stage in this country where we make a federal case of denying you committed a crime," Rusty Hardin said in a hushed voice at the end of a presentation that lasted more than an hour and drew no fewer than four objections from the government.

"Our government should never, ever prosecute somebody for saying 'I did not do it.'"

Less theatrical, but just as self-assured, was the voice of Clemens himself, heard on an audio tape in one of the first pieces of evidence presented at the trial.

"I have never used steroids," Clemens is heard saying without hesitation during a 2008 deposition on Capitol Hill. "Never performance-enhancing steroids."

Clemens' confidence and Hardin's Texas charm featured prominently on Day 6 of the retrial that seeks to determine whether Clemens lied to Congress — at the deposition and at a hearing that followed — when he denied using steroids and human growth hormone. The first attempt to bring the case to court ended in a mistrial when the government introduced inadmissible evidence.

The jury also heard from the trial's first witness, congressional staffer Phil Barnett, who happened to be on the stand when the mistrial was declared last July. The government is using Barnett to help establish that Congress had the right to conduct its hearings on drug use in sports.

The court adjourned early in the afternoon for the rest of the week because the judge had a previously scheduled out-of-town trip. The trial is scheduled to resume Monday.

Hardin's opening statement was a contrast to the more pedantic approach Monday from prosecutor Steven Durham, who attempted to link together many dates and facts designed to portray Clemens as an all-star who took performance-enhancing drugs to lengthen his career and then became "trapped in a web" of lies to cover up his actions.

Hardin is known as a master of connecting with jurors, and he had no trouble grabbing their attention. He was at his most riveting when he displayed a map of the United States showing all the locations of the people the government had interviewed in an attempt to gather evidence against Clemens.

"One hundred three federal law enforcement officers over whether a baseball player used steroids!" said Hardin, his voice rising and his index finger raised emphatically in a not-so-subtle attempt to play to the popular notion that the case is a waste of taxpayer money.

At one point, Hardin fumbled at the podium, looking for a piece of paper. "I'm not acting like Columbo. I am Columbo," he said to the jurors, some of whom smiled at the reference of the 1970s television detective show.

Hardin called the case "a tale of two men" — Clemens and Clemens' former strength coach, Brian McNamee. McNamee, the government's key witness, has said he injected Clemens with steroids and HGH and kept a needle and some gauze from one of the injections.

Hardin said the evidence collected by McNamee is a "mixed-up hodgepodge of garbage," and showed a photo of a slightly crushed beer can in which some of it was kept. He contended that the needle was used to inject Clemens with vitamin B12 and later altered by McNamee to make it appear that it had been used for steroids.

The lawyer tried to call into question McNamee's motives, showing the jury the cover of an unpublished manuscript called, "Death, Taxes and MAC: The Autobiography of Brian McNamee," with the "X" in "Taxes" formed by two crossed syringes.

"Is there any market for this book if he hadn't made these allegations about Roger Clemens?" asked Hardin, who also showed a picture of McNamee appearing on the Howard Stern show in 2009.

Hardin also challenged the notion that Clemens testified voluntarily in 2008. He said that Clemens appeared after receiving an invitation from the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee because he knew he'd be subpoenaed if he refused. Clemens didn't want to testify, Hardin said, but did want "the world to know he hadn't done what he had been accused of."

But in one of the recordings of the deposition the prosecution played, Barnett tells Clemens at the outset: "We thank you very much for being here today and being here voluntarily."

Barnett said the Clemens testimony during the deposition was important to the committee as it evaluated whether the 2007 Mitchell Report was an accurate barometer of the steroids problem in baseball — and what actions the committee needed to take to respond. His testimony is meant to counter claims by Clemens' defense that the 2008 hearing was a "show trial."

Clemens, wearing a pinstriped suit, sat at the defense table, occasionally taking notes, and watching the exhibits on a small monitor. Jurors might have been puzzled at how old he looked: Hardin twice referred to Clemens as being born in 1982 — instead of 1962.

Hardin also had to back down from his previous day's criticism of the judge for not allowing Clemens' wife to sit in the courtroom for opening statements. Hardin initially claimed that Debbie Clemens was permitted to stay for opening statements last July; she was not.

"I apologize. I misremembered," said Hardin, drawing laughs for reprising the word used famously by Clemens at the 2008 hearing. "The only thing I ask is that you not charge me with perjury."

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11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:55pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:55am, 3:00pm

Think Like a Man (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
11:00am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

American Reunion (R) 1hr 53min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:40pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Metropolitan Opera: Manon (Encore) (NR) 4hrs 10min
6:30pm

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My Way (NR) 1hr 30min
1:30pm, 9:40pm

Jesus Henry Christ (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:40pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Hit So Hard (NR) 1hr 43min
9:45pm

Footnote (Hearat Shulayim) (PG) 1hr 43min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm

Kid With a Bike (Le Gamin au Velo) (PG-13) 1hr 27min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:30pm

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4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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

Lockout (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Mirror Mirror (PG) 1hr 46min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Lucky One (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:15am, 12:15pm, 2:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:45pm, 5:45pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm

Simple Life (Tao jie) (NR) 1hr 59min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

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Take a midweek break, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Ask questions, even if you already believe you know the answers -- you could be surprised by what comes up. Reorganize your plans or a project with more accurate information. Tonight: Chat the night away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Be aware of what you have to offer, and do not minimize those gifts. Someone you respect presents a new idea. Fatigue with the status quo could be wearing you down. Think of ways to reinvigorate areas of your life that might be a bit dull. Tonight: Buy that item you have been looking for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are all smiles. The unexpected occurs with a child or loved one. This unpredictable energy also could come out in a creative endeavor. Discuss a change more openly and recognize your goals. Tonight: Live it up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Sometimes by backing out you'll gain a new perspective. Try not to play into someone's controlling ways. You will feel better and start to establish stronger boundaries. Relax. Tonight: Do your thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want with little fear as to what the reaction could be, and unexpected benefits might result. You might consider pushing away from someone who always insists on having things go his or her way. The distance could be refreshing. Tonight: Join your pals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You resent being manipulated. You'll try to communicate this attitude to controlling people but might not always succeed. Toning down strong feelings might be imperative to restoring peace in your daily life. Focus on a child or imaginative project. Tonight: A must appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone you cannot seem to get a hold of. This person might not be directing this estrangement toward you; he or she simply needs space. Tonight: Make sure you are surrounded by music you love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Deal directly with key people who could have a great deal of impact on your life. Sometimes passing on a message might not be enough. Discussions could become animated and difficult, but you have the ability to resolve conflicts easily. Tonight: If you don't like the message, don't respond.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others continue to take the first step. Start using the word "no" when you do not want to go along with an idea. Your sense of humor has an edge to it. Be careful, as someone could be quite reactive. Tonight: Look at your invitations, then decide.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Rethink a decision. You might be insecure and looking to become more demanding or controlling. Your way of dealing with issues might be pushing others away right now. Tonight: Get some exercise, a good meal and sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be willing to explore different paths to achieve your goals. Manipulation will not work, as you'll only gain someone's resentment. Do not make assumptions. There are many reasons why someone would appear unresponsive. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You are coming from a good place; however, others simply aren't in the mood to listen. Don't keep pushing. Go off and enjoy yourself instead. Someone still might be uptight when you return. Let it go, and do not make a big issue of it. Tonight: Relax at home, then decide.

Happy birthday

You often are more serious than you need to be. On the other hand, you make good choices. Tap into your innate intuitive ability to help guide you. Be aware of someone whose information or perspective could be off. If you are single, your charisma flashes a "come hither" message. Proceed carefully, as you have so many choices. If you are attached, the two of you need to plan frequent vacations close to home, but without all the people you interact with on a daily basis. CANCER understands you better than you realize.

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



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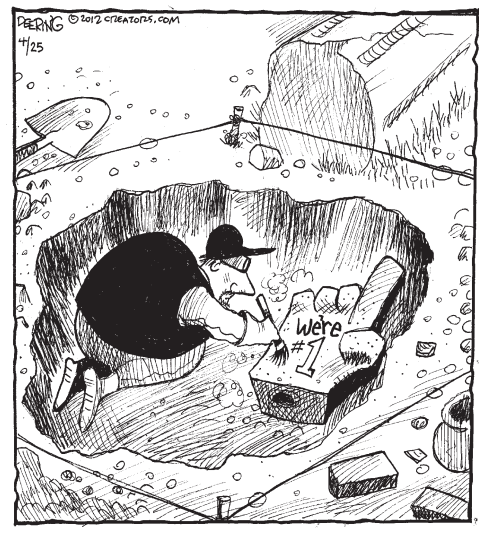
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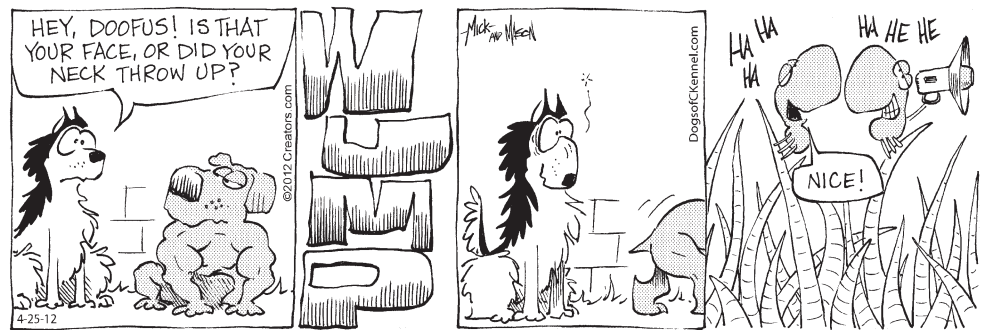
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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		8		9		5		
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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 January gemstone
7 Influence
11 Not out
12 Refer to
13 Illinois city
14 Avenue liners
15 Maroon
17 Jail cell
20 Command to Fido
23 Previously
24 "South Pacific" song
26 Milne youngster
27 Memorable time
28 Travel stop
29 How some beer is served
31 Undoing word
32 Memory units
33 A long time
34 Round storage item
37 Sweeping story
39 Francis of game shows
43 Departed
44 Butler of fiction
45 Meringue base
46 Good qualities

DOWN

1 Mountain pass
2 Feasted
3 Pi follower
4 Like Thor
5 Throw off
6 Eye drop
7 Play opener
8 Hit for The Troggs
9 Money machine
10 Agreeable answer
16 Black key above G
17 Chocolate substitute
18 Torment
19 Hit for Fine Young Cannibals
21 River vessel
22 Pointers
24 Monster
25 Sandy sound
30 Shows surprise, e.g.
33 Wheel connectors
35 Mexican region
36 Mineral sources
37 Farm female
38 Coat-rack part
40 Cain's mother
41 Take in
42 Snaky shape

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Yesterday's answer

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13						■	14			
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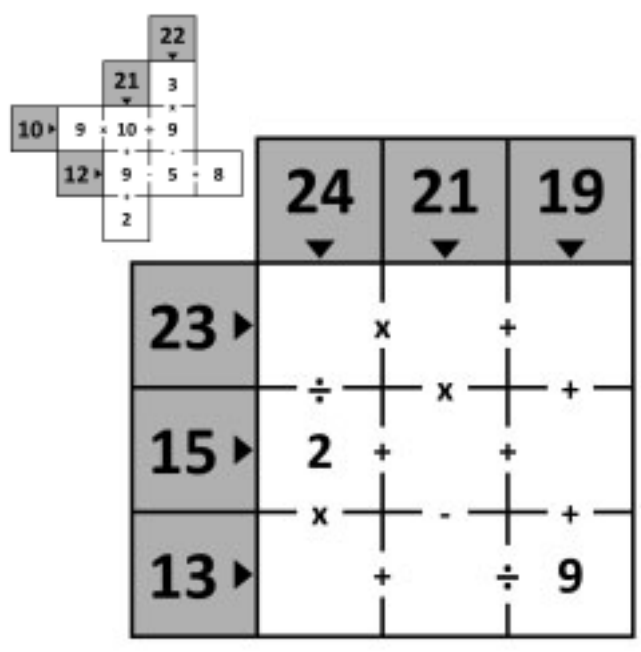
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Solution for Task 593



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EVENING: 3 7 3

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The Monell Chemical Senses Center in Philadelphia recently won a $36,000 grant to study the genetic basis of Trimethylaminuria, otherwise known as the disorder that causes sufferers to smell like dead fish. The first case reported in medical literature was in the 1970s, but according to a Science News report, "an ancient Hindu tale describes a maiden who 'grew to be comely and fair, but a fishy odor ever clung to her.'"

■ Eight to Go: (1) After the year-old house cat Sugar survived a 19-floor fall at a Boston high-rise in March, an Animal Rescue League official explained to MSNBC that extra fur where the legs attach to the body enables cats to "glide" and partially "control" their landing. Research suggests that steep falls are thus easier to survive, as cats have time to spread themselves out. (2) The 5-year-old cat Demi survived a 40-minute tumble-dry (temperature up to 104 F) in Whitchurch, England, in March (although she needed oxygen, fluids and steroids to recover). Jennifer Parker, 45, had tossed a load of clothes in, unaware that Demi was in the pile.

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1938 – U.S. Supreme Court delivers its opinion in Erie Railroad Co. v. Tompkins and overturns a century of federal common law.

1939 – DC Comics publishes its second major superhero in Detective Comics #27; he is Batman, one of the most popular comic book superheroes of all time.

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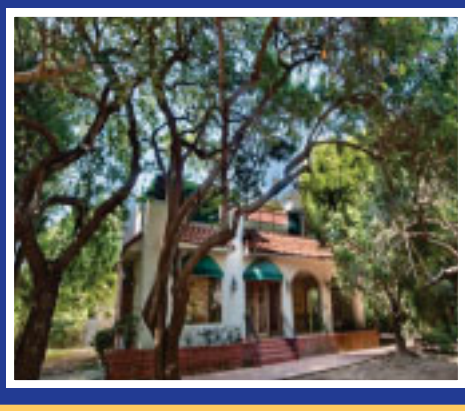
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