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THE MAY DAY ISSUE

Meter feeding days coming to an end

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET City Hall did shoppers a favor when it installed smart parking meters that eliminated the need for spare change, but those spending money in the city may be less thrilled about what's coming next.

City workers have begun installing sensors in parking spaces with the new smart meters that can tell whether or not a car has been moved within the time allotted for the spot, effectively ending the practice of meter feeding and forcing people out of prime parking spots.

"With the sensors, if you try to enter your

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U.S. not reporting all Afghan attacks

BY ROBERT BURNS
AP National Security Writer

WASHINGTON The military is under-reporting the number of times that Afghan soldiers and police open fire on American and other foreign troops.

The U.S.-led coalition routinely reports each time an American or other foreign soldier is killed by an Afghan in uniform. But The Associated Press has learned it does not report insider attacks in which the Afghan wounds — or misses — his U.S. or allied target. It also doesn't report the wounding of troops who were attacked alongside those who were killed.

Such attacks reveal a level of mistrust and ill will between the U.S.-led coalition and its Afghan counterparts in an increasingly unpopular war. The U.S. and its military partners are working more closely with Afghan troops in preparation for handing off security responsibility to them by the end of 2014.

In recent weeks an Afghan soldier opened fire on a group of American soldiers but missed the group entirely. The Americans quickly shot him to death. Not a word about

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CRACKING THE BOOKS: **Students study Monday at the library on Santa Monica College's main campus.**

Running out of options

Study shows community colleges have few places to turn to save summer school

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMC Santa Monica College officials released a report Monday showing that 15 community colleges in the Los Angeles area will have only a third of the seats open during the summer that they did four years ago, restricting students' access to classes and forcing them into the arms of for-profit universities.

According to the report, students will compete for 84,000 seats in summer classes this year, compared to 252,000 openings available in 2008.

Students that can't get classes during the normal school year, summer or winter sessions risk staying in school considerably longer, and it's a problem impacting all levels of California's higher education system.

Six of the 15 colleges had canceled their summer offerings outright. Santa Monica College fared the best of the group, with 754 classes offered this summer, according to the report.

It's a crisis, said Don Girard, senior director of government relations and institutional communications at SMC.

"Nobody has a memory of when it was good," Girard said. "This is a way to help us understand. It was only four years ago that we had a surplus of seats."

The report, available at www2.smc.edu/updates, sets the stage for a wider conversation on self-funded classes, a controversial policy that was postponed after SMC students raised concerns about the proposal's fairness and how it was communicated to the campus community.

Self-funded classes would allow the college to put on more classes during the summer by shifting the full cost of instructionn onto the student. That means that a single unit would cost $180 rather than the $46 that is normally charged.

The Board of Trustees voted in April to put the policy on hold until student, teacher and administrative groups could discuss the change and alternatives to what some derisively call the "two-tier" system, that promises advancement only to those that can afford it.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, May 1, 2012

Girls night out
Santa Monica Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 5 p.m. — 10 p.m.
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3301 Pico Blvd., 6 p.m.
A community meeting for all those interested in the 99%-ers. Those in attendance will discuss strategies for the May Day general strike and International Labor Day protest. For more information, call (310) 315-0056.

Wednesday, May 2, 2012

Childhood memories
Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The historic walls of the Merry-go-round Building at the Santa Monica Pier will be home to a new photography exhibit called "Child's Play" starting April 3. The exhibit will run through May 28 and explore the fun, awkward, whimsical, magical memories and moments of childhood featuring the collaboration of three local photo-artists. The exhibit is open to the public and children are welcome. Call (310) 458-8901 for details.

Get fresh
Downtown
Arizona Avenue, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Check out one of southern California's best Farmers' Markets, featuring fresh produce, brilliant cut flowers, breads, cheeses and other delicious foods. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Cut a rug
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
Dance to today's hits and old standards. Learn the waltz, fox trot, cha cha and more. Light snacks provided. Bottled water for sale. Admission: $10, $8 for students and USA Dance with ID. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

Thursday, May 3, 2012

Bow your heads
City Hall
1685 Main St., 7 a.m.
Participate in the 22nd annual public observance of the National Day of Prayer in Santa Monica. People will be gathered on the City Hall lawn to give thanks and pray for community and national leaders, the armed forces, family and for personal renewal. A light breakfast (for a suggested donation of $5) will be provided before the event. For further information, telephone (310) 365-8219.

Snapping pics
SMC Emeritus College Art Gallery
1227 Second St., 5 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
Santa Monica College's Emeritus College is pleased to present the 2012 Student Juried Photography Exhibition, Part II, showcasing the exceptional talent of students, that will be held May 3-31. This is the opening reception. Regular gallery hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Comprised of color, black-and-white and digitally manipulated photographs, the exhibit was juried by Emeritus College instructors Ken Buckner and Jerry Schneir. For information, call (310) 434-4306 or visit www.smc.edu/emeritus.

Spring sing
JAMS
2425 16th St., 7 p.m.
MS Theatre Co., in partnership with the Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation, is proud to present its spring show — "Grease." Don't miss everybody's favorite 1950s musical, which includes favorite songs: "Summer Nights," "We Go Together," and "Hopelessly Devoted to You." "Grease" features 51 actors, singers, and dancers from John Adams Middle School and Santa Monica Alternative School House, in four performances with two different casts! Show runs through May 5. Friday and Saturday performances feature the JAMS Jazz Band. Tickets available at the door: $10 for adults, $5 for students.

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Even for Ellen, vegan road not always easy

BY MICHELE KAYAL
For The Associated Press

Ellen DeGeneres may be an outspoken vegan today, but a life without meat or dairy wasn't always easy for her to, er... digest.

Raised in New Orleans and Texas, the talk show host says she always had a healthy appetite for sausage-laden red beans and rice, as well as for thick, juicy steaks. She first tried to quit meat 15 years ago, she said in a telephone interview, but lasted only six months.

"I've always called myself an animal lover. And yet I ate them," she said. "Until four years ago I would be driving past these cows on pastures, and think 'What a lovely life that is,' and I'd go and order a steak. It takes a click, just one light bulb, and you're like 'I can't do that anymore.'"

The click that lit that bulb for DeGeneres came by way of chicken four years ago. "Someone mentioned 'If you knew what chicken looked like or you knew how chicken was made, you'd never eat it again,'" said the Emmy award-winning comedian. "Something snapped."

Since then, DeGeneres and her wife, actress Portia de Rossi, have purged their diet of all animal products, including milk and eggs. It wasn't easy this time around, either.

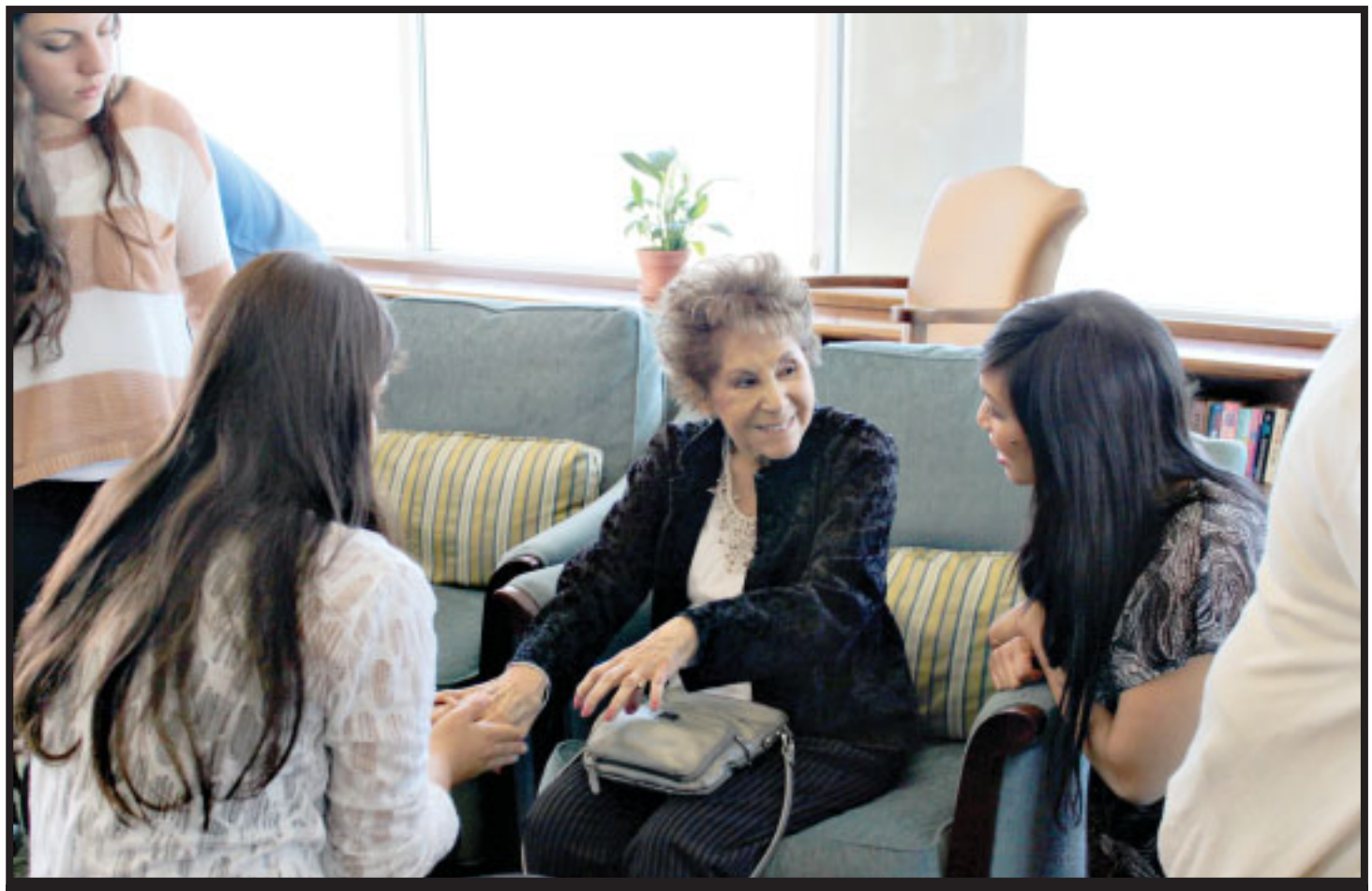
"It's like anybody who's trying to make a change, especially a habit like eating food every day," she said. "It's hard to make a change."

But this time, she says, she forced herself to watch gruesome video footage and undercover documentaries shot by opponents of the meat industry, and to read books on the subject. The images that stuck in her head from the films and the books helped her stick to her choice. But so did something much simpler — good food.

It helps that she and De Rossi have a personal chef.

Roberto Martin, author of the new book "Vegan Cooking for Carnivores" (Grand Central Life and Style, 2012) — which includes many of the recipes he created for the couple — made the transition easier by serving them dishes such as sliders made with veggie patties and smoked tempeh, Greek salad with "tofeta" (vegan feta cheese

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RESPECT YOUR ELDERS

Photo by Sam Sagara

GlamourGals volunteer Ashley Khorsandi gives Ocean House resident Clarita Kern a hand massage Saturday. GlamourGals is a nonprofit that fosters self-esteem and mutual respect among two generations, believing teenage girls and older adult women can bring out the best in each other.

Residents form united front in fight to close SMO

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK A new group of old anti-airport activists held its first meeting Saturday to layout parameters for the coalition and strategies for getting Santa Monica Airport out of the picture by 2015.

NoSMO, as it's called, is a coalition of representatives of groups in Santa Monica and Los Angeles that dislike Santa Monica Airport and are working to see its operations severely restricted or shut down entirely.

The members, galvanized by long-time airport activist Martin Rubin of West L.A., came together to discuss areas of common ground with which they could show a unified front to state, federal and local lawmakers about their opposition to the airport.

"Getting the groups together has been a challenge," Rubin said Monday.

While united in their distaste for the airport, residents of the various communities have problems with different aspects of the airport's operations, which has been the root of discord.

For instance, those downwind of SMO complain about the smell of jet fumes that pervade their neighborhoods, while others object to the sound of propeller planes buzzing overhead and the lead-based fuel that they use.

Residents from different geographic areas snipe at each other in public meetings, each claiming to suffer more than the others from the effects of SMO.

Rubin hopes that the new group will be able to come to some sort of consensus over what issues are the most important and everyone can agree on.

Some things will be kept off the table.

The short-lived 250 degree heading that sent planes departing from SMO over Santa Monica residents instead of West L.A. pitted the two groups against one another in an acrimonious debate that to this day has residents of Los Angeles saying that they get all of the noise and pollution of the airport while Santa Monica gets all the money.

"The name implies that people are interested in closing the airport," Rubin said. "We're coming from that perspective and assembling the information to back up why the community feels that the airport should be closed on all fronts."

That, at least, has already begun.

On Saturday, 38 people heard arguments from two attorneys detailing policy and environmental strategies that could severely restrict what could happen at SMO.

The first came from Santa Monican Jonathan Stein, who argued that come July 2015, when City Hall believes it will gain more control over the operations of the airport, officials could shut down two of the three parcels that are part of the airport campus.

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Good first step

Editor:

The City Council took the appropriate action last week by moving forward the process of evaluating the redevelopment of the Miramar hotel. City Hall will now review the hotel's proposal, explore alternatives and analyze the impacts – like traffic, parking, design, massing, shadows, views, economics, community benefits, etc.

Some of the nearby residents have expressed concerns about the views from their homes, the impact on property values and the affordable housing that is proposed (across Second Street from the hotel). The view impacts will be studied and property values may well rise with a rebuilt hotel. Views issues can be tricky to assess. Who knows how long it will be until the office buildings across the street are redeveloped. Frankly, if anything is out of scale in the area it is the 17-story Huntley hotel.

It is disappointing, but not surprising, that there are fears about the affordable housing proposal. Virtually all affordable housing in the city has been met with unfounded fears by some neighbors. Yet, the care we give to these buildings has made them assets, not detriments, to their neighborhoods. In this area, there are successful buildings on Third, Fourth and Fifth streets (in pretty much the same location north of Wilshire Boulevard). Housing like this Downtown helps to minimize traffic and parking impacts. However, there should be more than the proposed 12 units and they should be for families (who need them the most).

The hotel and the union need to be congratulated for their agreement that humanely protects the workers during the construction phase. Employees who want to return will get their old jobs back and maintain health benefits during the transition (the union is confident that it can get them temporary jobs in other hotels). The Miramar will continue to be a union hotel. This is quite a contrast to the Hotel Bel-Air and the Beverly Hills Hotel (among others) who fired their long-time unionized employees, rebuilt and reopened with a new non-union workforce.

A surprising number of the 80-plus speakers at the public hearing sounded like amateur architects critiquing the proposed design. Everyone, including the Miramar, says they want a world-class design, but it will be quite a challenge to get any consensus on one.

One of the features of the proposal is to provide a grand lawn on Wilshire and Ocean Avenue that will compliment Palisades Park and open to the public's view the magnificent Moreton Bay Fig tree (that is largely hidden now). The council will have to make sure that it will truly be a community benefit.

Hopefully, this process will enable the Miramar to continue to be an important asset to the city.

Paul Rosenstein
Santa Monica

Going downhill

Editor:

My office overlooks the speedy, downward incline of westbound Wilshire Boulevard at the entrance to Santa Monica. Cars and trucks, and some bicycles whiz by, interrupted by the occasional skateboarder slaloming down the center of the street, oblivious to the danger he is causing, to himself, and by inference, to all of those who legally use the road.

Should he fall, cars behind him will screech to an unanticipated stop, causing havoc behind them, or to the side of them. Skateboarders in the middle of the street, and going full tilt down the sidewalks, are dangerous to the community. What will Santa Monica do about these carefree folk? Is there a regulation?

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Three Innocents Abroad

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Past the expiration date

Editor's note: Longtime Santa Monican Charles Andrews is traveling across Europe in a camper van for one year, with his family

VERY. NEARLY. BUSTED. BY IMMIGRATION. Very nearly banned and sent home.

Where did this happen? Morocco? Slovakia? Slovenia? Formerly Franco Spain? Formerly Communist Poland? Until-recently-still-Communist Albania? War-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina? Montenegro? Macedonia? Vatican City? (Did they know we haven't been to mass lately or confession for a few decades?)

We've been to all those countries and more, 27 nations and probably 60 to 70 border crossings, in the last nine months.

Most border crossings have been a big nothing. Since we've been cruising around the European Union (plus Morocco), there's usually not even anyone there at the border, just a "Welcome To" sign and that cute blue EU logo with the gold stars.

It's been a disappointment to us. Where's the excitement of entering a new nation? The first encounter with a uniformed representative, a new language, anticipation of new landscapes and customs?

And where are the passport stamps? It used to be that your passport was like a diary, earning worn pages jammed with distinctive black insignia and exotic languages or even alien alphabets, speaking in shorthand page after page of the checkered trail of your journey abroad. THE official document to evoke memories and testify yes, I was there.

But this time our passports betrayed us. They clearly revealed what date we entered Europe, and the fact that we were still there more than 90 days later. That's not allowed.

Does that surprise you? Didn't you think an American could travel around Europe without any restrictions, certainly for more than 90 days?

It didn't surprise us at that point, exactly, though I weakly feigned ignorance to the border officer. In the last stages of four years of research and planning for this family adventure, I encountered the Sch_ _ _ rule. (I'm not naming it because I don't want a Google by some bored customs person somewhere to result in our names on a scofflaw list.)

I couldn't believe what I was reading. We're not allowed to travel in European Union countries for more than 90 days in a 180-day period? Why hadn't I come across this heavy little piece of information before? After all we went through to arrange a campervan for a year, to put all of our affairs in order, to finally get tenants at the last minute for our Santa Monica condo for that exact one year period, now the whole thing is going to be shot down because of this?

Further research allayed my panic and fears. Mostly. I mentioned it to my wife and daughter but played it down because every place I found a reference to it from individuals who had traveled, they dismissed it — don't worry, it's never enforced, never even brought up unless you're a "suspicious character" (Muslim entering from a "dangerous" country). White folks from Santa Monica need not even think about it. Contemptible racism, but in this case a saving grace for us.

So when the customs official at the ferry to Dover, England started asking a lot of questions, and the questions got more detailed and personal ("Where are you going after you leave England?" and "How are you paying for this trip?"), I was a little slow to catch on that she had an agenda, that this was a crisis point and had to be managed delicately. I was beginning to chafe at the nature of the questions and for a brief moment thought of responding in a knee-jerk, I'm-a-free-American way: "None of your business!" But didn't, got wise and a lot more conciliatory because this was serious and this woman was tough.

"You can be banned for 10 years from Britain, you know," she sternly informed us. "That happened to a man here this morning. You could be banned for life." Pleading ignorance only got me another stern admonition, especially when she found out I was a journalist. "You of all people really should know better! Don't you find out about the rules of a place before you go there? What do you think would happen to me if I went to your country and overstayed my limit? I'll tell you: I'd be thrown out instantly, and not allowed back."

Properly censured and very thankful to have dodged the bullet, I was left with an odd feeling of how did that happen to us? We're Americans, a family. We're not dangerous, or even suspect. Of course that was a gut reaction, ignoring what I know about decades of bombings in Europe and our own home-grown terrorists (Timothy McVeigh, Ted Kaczynski, too many defiant murderers of physicians).

When I mentioned the incident to my friend Nigel, a successful film producer who lives outside London, his reaction was, "Well, you've never been through U.S. customs, have you? They can get quite personal and confrontational. When I was younger and a bit scruffier, they were even worse."

Yes, the world has changed, but I was reminded that it was never what most naïve Americans thought it was, either. So when you pack your bags for your extended European visit, don't forget to include perspective, humility and up-to-date information.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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All in good taste

WHEN I WAS GROWING UP IN ORINDA, Calif., my wrestling coach was one of the select men who helped mold me. I thought he was awesome. He was strong and silent, yet still a tremendous motivator. In high school when I was outed as gay, and then harassed mercilessly, he was a source of great support. We used to ride to the meets together in his little red pickup and we would talk about the world as he had seen it. He was well traveled and very intelligent, but a bit of a snob at times.

One of the things that he used to say about people who had no class or intelligence was that "all their taste is in their mouth." It took me awhile to figure that one out, but when I did, I adopted it and loved it.

Living in Santa Monica we have the opportunity to be exposed to many wonderful things that can expand our culture and our tastes. This past weekend was a culture vulture weekend for me. And it looks like this summer is going to be a very busy season of events.

Friday night I was attending Live From Loews: California Classics where I dined on some awesome sushi rolls and delicious appetizers like walnut shrimp and taquitos that were not overcooked and had actual flavor. The pool deck was smoking hot with Kobe beef sliders that were done the way you want them. The best/worst part of the night was the desert station with cinnamon roll sundaes that were beyond addicting. I'll be spending some quality time with a treadmill thanks to the two I had.

The live music provided by the John Brown Band showed why they are named one of the best bands in the South Bay; the classic rock favorites and California dreamin' surf tunes had people singing along and dancing.

This event was a definite winner and I look forward to the next Friday night Live in May.

But culture in southern California goes beyond just food. We have amazing opportunities all around us to expand our hearts and minds. On Saturday night I had the good fortune to attend a spoken word event at Antioch University which featured my friend In-Q. I wrote about him a couple of years back. He's this local boy who is also a national name in the hip-hop/poetry/spoken word world.

Saturday he was performing with Jaha Zainabu, BessKepp, and Gina Loring at Antioch on the anniversary of the riots that were sparked by the beating of Rodney King. It was an amazing experience to be in a room with about two dozen other people listening to these artists share their words and life experiences. Jaha did an opening piece about life in her community and the in-fighting of the black community and how it is destroying lives; while at the same time poignantly presenting the strength of those who continue to live their lives despite the pain. She was astounding.

BessKepp is an educator and a poet who rocked the house with his pieces of life and kids. It's easy to see why he produces an open mic in Pomona called A Mic and Dim Lights.

Gina Loring is a recent graduate of Antioch's Fine Arts program and with her newly minted master's degree she was doing that school proud with her poetry that spoke of Michael Jackson and his pain, to socio-political commentary.

My friend In-Q did not disappoint me. I met him about three years ago and was mightily impressed with him then and he has done nothing but improve. His style is David Mamet on speed, with the vocal variety of Rich Little. He climbs on stage like your hip younger brother, seemingly a bashful boy, he stands with his hands in his pants pockets and starts to speak. His first words slide out smoothly and slowly, languishing at a conversational pace, and then they build into a rapid fire crescendo of emotionality, as he seamlessly slips from male to female characters, from old to young and black to white. It was a stupendous example of characterization, memorization and presentation. He is clearly going to be a much bigger star than he already is.

Life in southern California is as varied and invigorating as you want it to be. With a multitude of events at our disposal there's no excuse for us to have "all our taste in our mouths."

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The Q Line

Making the grade pay

The Pico Youth & Family Center plans to launch a new program that will offer 20 students who enroll $100 if they finish the school year with an A in their math and English classes. The goal is to motivate kids to access free tutors and be more engaged in their classes.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What are your thoughts on paying students who get good grades? Is this a practice you endorse or do you think it is a bad move?

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**.

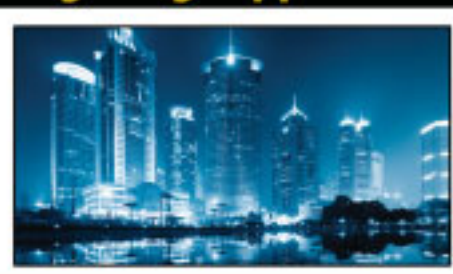

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DISTRICT: SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above-named California Community College District ("District") will receive applications to pre-qualify prospective bidders for the Projects generally described as **Performing Arts Center –East Wing & Information & Technology Relocation as well as Applications for the Business Services Building.**

The Performing Arts Center – East Wing project consists of a new two-story facility that would include a multi-purpose room, additional instructional space, offices, lighting, utility and signage improvements. A tentative Project budget has been set at $11,000,000.

The Information & Technology project consists of approximately 14,000 s.f. of new construction and 11,000 s.f. of renovation housing the programming, technical staff and the main server room. A tentative Project budget has been set at $11,000,000.

The Business Services Building project consists of seismic retrofit and renovations of two stories of office over a mixed parking and office use at grade level over one level of subterranean parking. A tentative Project budget has been set at $5,000,000.

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE: 10:00 AM, Wednesday, May 2, 2012

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION: 2:00 PM, TUESDAY, June 5, 2012

APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT:

Request the Pre-Qualification Application for the Performing Arts Center –East Wing & Information Technology Relocation by email at rcpq@smcbondprogram.com. Include the words "PERFORMING ARTS CENTER-EAST WING & IT RELOCATION" in the subject line. For the Business Services Building application include the words "BUSINESS SERVICES BUILDING". You will receive the application via email on the date that it becomes available.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The District has determined that all bidders on the Project must be pre-qualified prior to submitting a bid on the Projects. It is mandatory that all Contractors who intend to submit a bid, fully complete the pre-qualification questionnaire, provide all materials requested therein, and be approved by the District to be on the final qualified Bidders list. No bid will be accepted from a Contractor that has failed to comply with these requirements. The last date to submit a fully completed questionnaire is 2:00 p.m. on June 5, 2012

The District may refuse to grant pre-qualification status where the requested information and materials are not provided by 2:00 p.m. on June 5, 2012. There is no appeal from a refusal for an incomplete or late application, but re-application for a later project is permitted. The closing time for bids will not be changed in order to accommodate supplementation of incomplete submissions, or late submissions.

Bill cuts college tuition by closing corporate loophole

BY HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Democratic lawmakers are offering a way to help California's middle class families cope with soaring college tuition: close a corporate tax loophole and use the money for scholarships.

But the "Middle-Class Scholarship Act," which receives its first committee hearing this week, already is facing several obstacles. Five out-of-state corporations are lobbying against it, and Republican lawmakers are promising to block Democrats from reaching the two-thirds majority vote they need in the Legislature.

AB1500 and AB1501, by Assembly Speaker John Perez, would reduce tuition by more than half for families whose annual household income exceeds the cap for getting a free ride at California's public universities ($70,000 a year for CSU and $80,000 for UC) but is less than $150,000.

"This is not just an issue that impacts students; it's not even just an issue that affects parents who have children in college. This is a broader question about opportunity in the state," Perez, D-Los Angeles, said in a telephone interview.

Tuition for the University of California and California State University systems is three times what it was a decade ago.

Total for tuition and fees for undergraduates at the 10 University of California campuses is expected to be $13,000 next year. The Perez plan would save those students at least $8,000 a year.

The plan would save at least $4,000 annually for students at the 23 California State University campuses, where tuition and fees will be $7,000 next year.

Community colleges, where fees generally are less than $1,500 a year, would receive $150 million to reduce costs to students.

The act is expected to benefit about 200,000 college students and could take effect as soon as this fall if it passes the Legislature and is signed by the governor. Lawmakers have their first chance to weigh in Tuesday, when one of the two bills comes before the Assembly Higher Education Committee.

The legislation's divisiveness stems from how it funds the scholarships. To do so, it eliminates a $1 billion corporate tax break the Legislature approved in 2009 as a way to get a handful of Republican lawmakers to vote for the annual budget.

The deal, constructed during the height of the state's budget crisis, allowed companies operating in multiple states to choose the cheaper of two formulas for calculating their tax liability in California. They can use an option that considers sales, property and payroll, or a "single-sales" formula based on product sales in California.

In the years since the deal, Democrats have sought to force corporations to use only the single sales factor, a change the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office has endorsed. At least 11 other states, including Texas and New York, require that corporations calculate their tax obligations this way, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators.

Last year, Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, tried to pass a single-sales requirement through the Legislature, but his measure failed to get GOP support in the Senate. This time, a coalition of corporations is lobbying against Perez's plan, say it will hurt middle class jobs.

Chrysler, General Motors Corp., International Paper, Kimberly-Clark Corp. and Procter & Gamble Co. have formed a coalition called California Employers Against Higher Taxes. The group has done little more than build a website so far, but spokesman Peter DeMarco said residents can expect more activity in the months ahead.

The California Chamber of Commerce also opposes the plan on the grounds that it might make California less hospitable to business, but did not include the act on its highly-watched list of "job killers." Two other proposals also are taking aim at the corporate tax loophole this year.

An initiative proposed for the November ballot would close the loophole and dedicate a portion of the additional revenue to clean-energy projects. Separately, the "Keep Our Promises Act" by Sen. Mark DeSaulnier, D-Concord, would use the additional revenue to bolster veterans' services.

Senate Republicans are upset about what they see as an attempt by Democrats to undo a previous budget deal. They also say Democrats are trying to create conflict between college students and outside corporations.

"I don't see any support on it. It's a billion dollar tax increase, and it's unnecessary at this time," said Senate Minority Leader Bob Huff, R-Diamond Bar.

Perez's legislation has strong support from Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, who has introduced a bill to lower the cost of college textbooks. Perez said he is confident that the urgent need to increase access to higher education will help him muster the few GOP votes required to get the act to the governor's desk.

"When all of this is done, my colleagues are going to be more motivated to help middle-class students than they are to create a tax loophole for out-of-state-corporations," he said.

Perez has been touring campuses throughout California to promote the scholarship legislation. Last week, he told more than 100 students packed into a room at California State University, Sacramento that the act would face a "struggle" in the Senate and that he would need their help.

Among the attendees was Benjamin Brumer, a 20-year-old sophomore who said he has taken out $50,000 in loans to finance his education.

"I need the scholarship just to get through the next two years," said Brumer, whose parents are high school teachers in Davis. "I'm part of the group that will support the economy."

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Woman confirms husband is 3rd victim in fatal race

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

ENSENADA, Mexico The wife of a yachtsman killed with two others during a 124-mile race between California and Mexico said Monday that her husband was a veteran sailor and the destruction of their boat is a mystery.

Leslie Rudolph of Manhattan Beach confirmed that Kevin Rudolph, 53, was the third sailor who died in the weekend race between Newport Beach and Ensenada.

The others were William Reed Johnson Jr., 57, of Torrance, Calif., and Joseph Lester Stewart, 64, of Bradenton, Fla. A fourth sailor was missing.

Wreckage of the yacht Aegean was found Saturday near the Mexican border and there is speculation that a freighter or other large boat hit it in the middle of the night. No distress signals were sent.

His wife said Rudolph was competing in the race for the third time with the Aegean's skipper, Theo Mavromatis of Redondo Beach.

"I didn't like him doing the races," she added. "I never liked it. I mean, they were out in the middle of the ocean. I always used to worry."

However, Rudolph had no qualms about the event and trusted his friend, she added. "He was a very experienced captain. Nobody understands how this could happen," she said.

The Rudolphs would have celebrated their 27th anniversary on May 26 and he leaves two grown children, his wife said. Rudolph and other crewmembers worked for the Raytheon company in El Segundo, she said.

In addition to yachting, Rudolph sponsored robotics competitions, and loved to cook, fish and play the harmonica in a band, his wife said.

"He just loved life," she said.

Authorities on Monday were still trying to determine what caused the yacht's destruction.

Sailboat shards, mostly no more than six inches long, floating in the ocean were the first sign something was wrong. Eric Lamb spotted them while on safety patrol for the race.

It was California's second deadly yacht race accident in a month. A boat that smashed into rocks and capsized during a race off Northern California two weeks ago prompted the Coast Guard to temporarily stop races in ocean waters outside San Francisco Bay.

Farther south though, the Newport Ocean Sailing Association's race between Newport Beach, Calif., and Ensenada, Mexico, went forward on Friday. On Saturday morning, Lamb spotted the wreckage of the Aegean. Lamb said the 37-foot racing yacht looked like it "had gone through a blender."

"It was real obvious it had been hit just because the debris was so small," he said Sunday. Officials suspended the search for a fourth sailor later that day.

The Coast Guard said conditions were fine for sailing, with good visibility and moderate ocean swells of 6-to-8 feet. Officials have not determined the cause of the accident, and would not speculate on what ship, if any, might have collided with the sailboat.

The race goes through shipping lanes and it's possible for a large ship to hit a sailboat and not even know it, especially at night, said Rich Roberts, a spokesman for the race organizer. Two race participants who were in the area at the time the Aegean vanished said they saw or heard a freighter.

A GPS race tracking system indicated the Aegean disappeared about 1:30 a.m. PDT (4:30 a.m. EDT) Saturday, Roberts said. Race organizers weren't closely monitoring the race at that hour but a disappearing signal is no cause for alarm because receivers occasionally suffer glitches, he said.

"Somebody may have thought the thing was broken," Roberts said.

Lamb, who has been patrolling the race for eight years as captain for a private company, saw the debris nine hours later, called the Coast Guard, and searched for identifying information. He and a partner found a life raft with a registration number and a panel with the ship's name.

Race officials said they had few explanations for what may have happened to the Aegean.

Hundreds of race participants held a moment of silence at the Newport Ocean Sailing Association's award ceremony, many of them stunned and puzzled. The episode immediately sparked a debate over the safety of ocean races.

"Quite honestly, I'm amazed it hasn't happened before," said Lamb. "You get 200 boats out there, they lose their way, and they're just bobbing around."

Gary Jobson, president of the U.S. Sailing Association, said his group will appoint an independent panel to investigate.

"I'm horrified. I've done a lot of sailboat racing and I've hit logs in the water, and I've seen a man go overboard, but this takes the whole thing to a new level," Jobson said. "We need to take a step back and take a deep breath with what we're doing. Something is going wrong here."

Chuck Iverson, commodore of the sailing association, said the collision was a "fluke," noting how common night races are along Mexico's Baja California coast.

The deaths are the first fatalities in the race's 65 years. The race attracted 675 boats at its peak in 1983 before falling on hard times several years ago amid fears of Mexico's drug-fueled violence.

Participation has picked up recently, reaching 213 boats this year. The winner, Robert Lane of Long Beach Yacht Club, finished Saturday in 23 hours, 26 minutes, 40 seconds.

The race attracts sailors of all skills, including some who are new to long distances. The Aegean competed in one of the lower categories, which allows participants to use their motors when winds drop to a certain level.

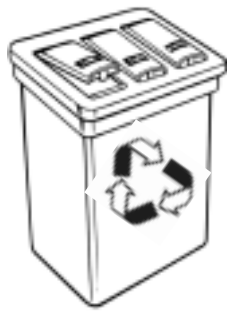
Gilpin said Mavromatis, an engineer, was an experienced sailor who had won the Newport to Ensenada race in the past.

The deaths come two weeks after five sailors died in the waters off Northern California when their 38-foot yacht was hit by powerful waves, smashed into rocks and capsized during a race.

The accident near the Farallon Islands, about 27 miles west of San Francisco, prompted the Coast Guard's temporary suspension of races outside San Francisco Bay. The Guard said the suspension will allow it and the offshore racing community to study the accident and race procedures to determine whether changes are needed to improve safety.

U.S. Sailing, the governing body of yacht racing, is leading the safety review, which is expected to be completed within the next month.



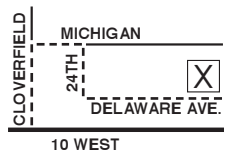


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The move would remove all tie-down areas where small plane owners keep their vehicles and truncate the runway to the point that very few planes could actually land.

The third parcel, which is the only piece designated as "general aviation" property, must be operated as an airport "in perpetuity." Such a restriction wouldn't do much good if only helicopters and special planes could take off, Stein said.

Hailed by activists, and even the Airport Commission, as an exciting new idea, Stein's argument rejected any notion that the federal government would coerce City Hall into selling the property to maintain it as an airport.

However, Stein's position has been tried before.

"It's not a new argument," wrote City Attorney Marsha Moutrie in an e-mail.

The Federal Aviation Administration, which governs the airport, contends that if City Hall is required to operate any piece of the airport campus forever, it must do so for all three parcels, Moutrie wrote.

The second tactic, put forward by Mitchell Tsai, an attorney working for Rubin's group Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution, focused on ways to regulate SMO's emissions, which could also choke traffic at the site.

Tsai reasoned that under the Federal Clean Air Act, the state of California has the authority to regulate pollution coming from SMO.

Through a chain of hearings that begins with the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the state could impose an emissions cap on the airport, which would in effect restrict the number of planes that could take off or land.

NoSMO will meet again to hammer out the details of its position and route forward, but the first meeting was encouraging, Rubin said.

"It served its purpose for the most part of letting people know that there's a real possibility to deal with the coming of 2015," he said.

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made of tofu), ceviche made from hearts of palm, and beluga lentil "caviar" complete with buckwheat blinis. He even recreated DeGeneres' beloved red beans and rice.

"They were over the moon happy," said Martin, who follows a largely plant-based diet, but is not a strict vegan. "It was vegan food that was completely different from what they had before. They were living on quinoa and kale salad."

Martin said the key to helping people make the switch — or even simply reducing their consumption of animal products — is to think about creative substitutions. Break a recipe down into protein, acids, liquids and fat. Substitute plant products for the animal products like meat or milk or butter, then apply good technique, such as stir-frying or sauteing to produce deep flavors.

DeGeneres' own struggle to transition makes her sympathetic toward others considering a switch.

"I know it's hard for people to digest," said DeGeneres, who wrote the afterward for Martin's book (de Rossi wrote the foreward). "No pun intended."

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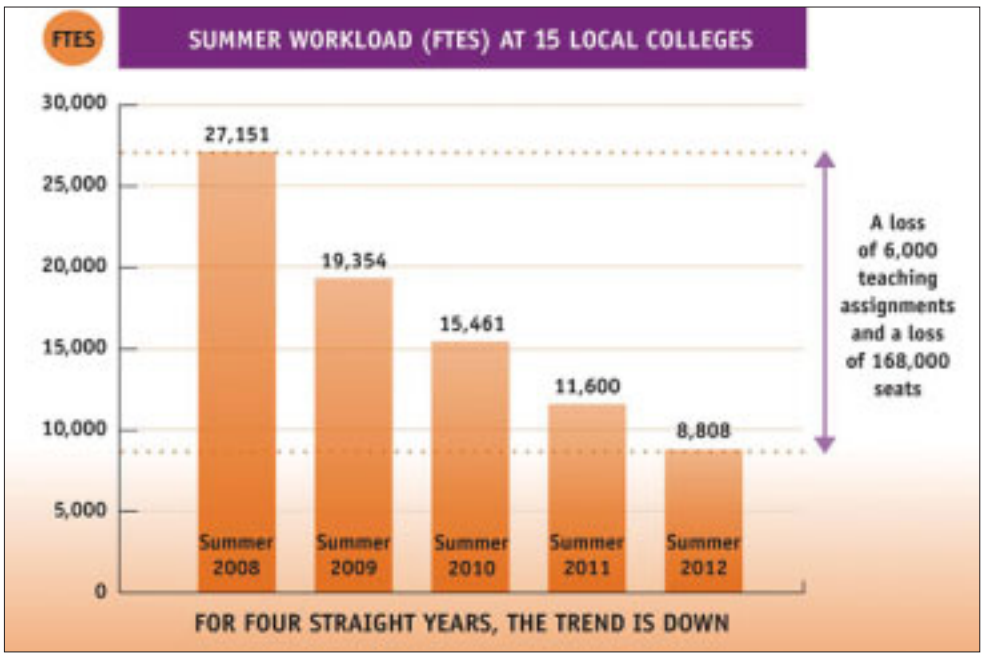
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SLIDE: **SMC's report shows the number of seats available in summer have decreased dramatically.**

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According to the report, there are very few good options left to local districts to cope with the loss of classes.

Glendale Community College worked out a deal with its faculty to take a 40 percent pay cut to teach summer classes in an attempt to keep the classes open.

Pasadena City College and, to a limited extent SMC, began private fundraising efforts to help subsidize the costs.

Rationing — determining who gets first chance at which classes — is already being discussed at the state level, where Community College Chancellor Jack Scott is getting behind a bill by state Sen. Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach) to give priority placement to students that are making progress toward their educational goals.

Alternatively, community colleges could seek to increase funding by effectively raising fees either through self-funded classes or a system-wide increase in the amount charged for classes.

Theoretically, increasing the cost of classes so that they're more expensive than community college courses are now but still below what's charged by private institutions would attract students with federal Pell grants, a program which has more than quadrupled in the last 10 years from $7.2 billion to $29.9 billion.

According to the report, that would mean an infusion of federal money, particularly in the case of self-funded classes because unlike regular classes, students cannot use special waivers that push the full cost of classes onto the state system.

Data shows that in the face of restricted course offerings, federal Pell grant money is instead going to private for-profit institutions like DeVry University or University of Phoenix.

According to U.S. Senate investigation, enrollment at for-profit schools increased 225 percent between 1998 and 2008, despite the fact that classes are six times more expensive than community colleges and twice as expensive as a four-year public school.

At the same time, for-profits spent roughly a third of the money on instruction that a private non-profit school did, and approximately half of what a public school does.

As a result, for-profits do not add to student success. According to the investigation, 54 percent of students that enrolled in the 2008-09 school year had dropped out by summer 2010.

The paper is not meant to say what the college should do, but to spell out the depth of the problem, which is that the alternative is no classes, restricted access and more time spent at the community college level hoping to transfer, Girard said.

"We're not talking about not letting the crack in the dike appear, we're saying there's no classes," he said. "How do you talk about equity when you don't have a choice?"

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credit card and go above two hours, it won't let you," said Don Patterson of City Hall's Finance Department.

Eventually, the meters will send information back to a parking website so that drivers circling in their cars can identify available street-parking spots and allow people to re-up the meter using a smartphone.

According to a staff report from October 2011, the project cost $4.5 million to replace 6,100 traditional meters in city limits.

The new meters are expected to increase revenue by approximately $1.7 million over two years because they will work better.

The installation has already struck a sensitive area for Main Street merchants, who found that the impacted parking meters had signs that restricted parking between May 1 and July 31, the duration of the entire project.

The signs were only supposed to have the date that individual meters would be out of commission, most likely one or two days and not three months, Patterson said.

"Staff was immediately sent out to replace the signs with ones that are correct," Patterson said.

Business owners fear that the signs could warn people off of the street for months, said Gary Gordon, president of the Main Street Business Improvement Association.

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Proposed FY 2012-13 One-Year Action Plan. The One-Year Action Plan is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). It delineates the City's specific projects and activities for one-year use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME funds in order to meet the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (FY 2010-15) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2010. The City is seeking community comments on the Proposed One-Year Action Plan.

Copies of the Proposed FY 2012-13 One-Year Action Plan are now available to the public for a 30-day community review period ending May 8, 2012. Copies are available at City Hall and on the web at smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to the above address by May 8, 2012, or you may present your comments verbally at the City Council public hearing on that date.

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ATTACKS

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this was reported by the International Security Assistance Force, or ISAF, as the coalition is formally known. It was disclosed to the AP by a U.S. official who was granted anonymity in order to give a fuller picture of the "insider" problem.

ISAF also said nothing about last week's attack in which two Afghan policemen in Kandahar province fired on U.S. soldiers, wounding two. Reporters learned of it from Afghan officials and from U.S. officials in Washington. The two Afghan policemen were shot to death by the Americans present.

Just last Wednesday, an attack that killed a U.S. Army special forces soldier, Staff Sgt. Andrew T. Brittonmihalo, 25, of Simi Valley, Calif., also wounded three other American soldiers. The death was reported by ISAF as an insider attack, but it made no mention of the wounded — or that an Afghan civilian also was killed.

The attacker was an Afghan special forces soldier who opened fire with a machine gun at a base in Kandahar province. He was killed by return fire.

That attack apparently was the first by a member of the Afghan special forces, who are more closely vetted than conventional Afghan forces and are often described by American officials as the most effective and reliable in the Afghan military.

Coalition officials do not dispute that such non-fatal attacks happen, but they have not provided a full accounting.

The insider threat has existed for years but has grown more deadly. Last year there were 21 fatal attacks that killed 35 coalition service members, according to ISAF figures. That compares with 11 fatal attacks and 20 deaths the previous year. In 2007 and 2008 there were a combined total of four attacks and four deaths.

ISAF has released brief descriptions of each of the fatal attacks for 2012 but says similar information for fatal attacks in 2011 is considered classified and therefore cannot be released.

Jamie Graybeal, an ISAF spokesman in Kabul, disclosed Monday in response to repeated AP requests that in addition to 10 fatal insider attacks so far this year, there have been two others that resulted in no deaths or injuries, plus one attack that resulted in wounded, for a total of 13 attacks. The three non-fatal attacks had not previously been reported.

Graybeal also disclosed that in most of the 10 fatal attacks a number of other ISAF troops were wounded. By policy, the fact that the attacks resulted in wounded as well as a fatality is not reported, he said.

Asked to explain why non-fatal insider attacks are not reported, Graybeal said the coalition does not disclose them because it does not have consent from all coalition governments to do so.

"All releases must be consistent with the national policies of troop contributing nations," Graybeal said.

Graybeal said a new review of this year's data showed that the 10 fatal attacks resulted in the deaths of 19 ISAF service members. His office had previously said the death total was 18. Most of those killed this year have been Americans but France, Britain and other coalition member countries also have suffered fatalities.

Graybeal said each attack in 2012 and 2011 was "an isolated incident and has its own underlying circumstances and motives." Just last May, however, an unclassified internal ISAF study, called "A Crisis of Trust and Cultural Incompatibility," concluded, "Such fratricide-murder incidents are no longer isolated; they reflect a growing systemic threat." It said many attacks stemmed from Afghan grievances related to cultural and other conflicts with U.S. troops.

Mark Jacobson, an international affairs expert at the German Marshall Fund in Washington and a former deputy NATO senior civilian representative in Afghanistan, said attacks of all types are cause for worry.

"You have to build up trust when working with partners, and years of trust can be destroyed in just a minute," Jacobson said. No matter what the motivation of the Afghan attacker, "it threatens the partnership."

Until now there has been little public notice of non-fatal insider attacks, even though they would appear to reflect the same deadly intent as that of Afghans who manage to succeed in killing their foreign partners.

Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi, spokesman for the Afghan Defense Ministry, said the army has tightened its monitoring of soldiers' activities recently and, in some cases, taken action to stop insider attacks.

For example, "a number of soldiers" have been arrested for activity that might suggest a plot, such as providing information on army activities to people outside the military, he said. Some have been dismissed from the Army, but he did not provide figures.

Top EPA official resigns over 'crucify' comment

BY DINA CAPPIELLO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Obama administration's top environmental official in the oil-rich South Central region has resigned after Republicans targeted him over remarks made two years ago when he used the word "crucify" to describe how he would go after companies violating environmental laws.

In a letter to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson sent Sunday, Al Armendariz says he regrets his words and stresses that they do not reflect his work as administrator of the five-state region including Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana.

The environmental engineer apologized last week for his remarks. A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the subject, told The Associated Press that Armendariz has since received death threats. His resignation was effective Monday. Sam Coleman, a career official who led the agency's response to Hurricane Katrina and served as Armendariz' deputy, took over as acting regional administrator.

"I have come to the conclusion that my continued service will distract you and the agency from its important work," Armendariz wrote in the letter, which was obtained by the AP.

Republicans in Congress had called for Armendariz' firing after Oklahoma Sen. James Inhofe highlighted the May 2010 speech last week as proof of what he refers to as EPA's assault on energy, particularly the technique of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

President Barack Obama appointed Armendariz in November 2009 at the urging of Texas-based environmental groups.

The agency, perhaps more than any other, has found itself in the GOP's crosshairs. Republicans — including presidential contender Mitt Romney, who has called for Jackson herself to be fired — have blamed the agency for high gasoline prices and clamping down on American energy.

Armendariz, who was based in Texas, frequently found himself at odds with the state government and the oil and gas industry, which are often aligned.

The scientist and environmental activist had long been frustrated by the government's inability to clean up Texas' notoriously polluted air, and he had testified on behalf of activist groups about just how badly the EPA and state environmental agencies had botched things.

Ken Kramer, director of the Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club, said "the only people who will celebrate his resignation are the polluters who continue to foul Texas air and the politicians who serve those special interests."

Several disputed contamination cases in Texas in which Armendariz was involved helped stoke environmental concerns over fracking, a technique in which oil and gas producers inject water, chemicals and sand underground at high pressures to fracture rock so gas can come out.

In one case, the EPA issued an emergency order in 2010 accusing Range Resources of contaminating an aquifer west of Fort Worth and giving it 48 hours to provide clean drinking water to residents. Armendariz said he went around the state because it wasn't responding quickly enough. The order later was withdrawn after a state court ruled evidence that fracking had caused the contamination had been falsified.

"He was flat wrong," wrote more than two dozen lawmakers in a letter to Jackson sent Friday, calling for Armendariz' firing.

Armendariz' speech was made in Dish, a small town northwest of Dallas, where testing has shown some groundwater contamination and elevated toxic air pollution after operators began fracking.

Referring to how the Romans once conquered villages in the Mediterranean, Armendariz said, "...they'd find the first five guys they saw and they'd crucify them."

"And so you make examples out of people who are in this case not complying with the law," he said. "Find people who are not complying with the law and you hit them as hard as you can and make examples of them."

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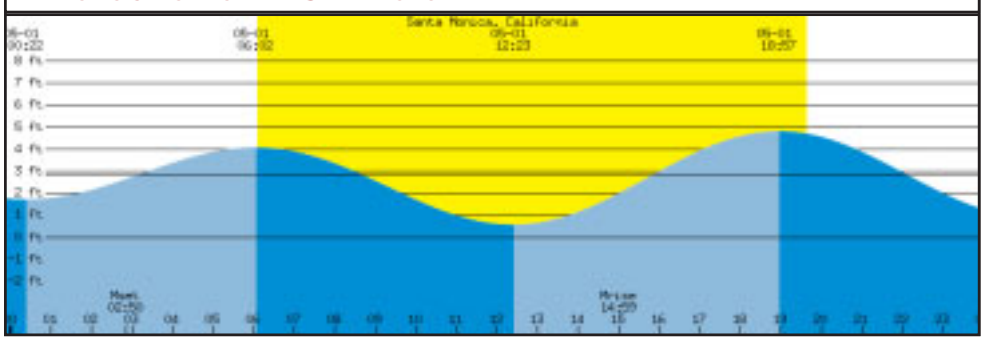
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Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 15
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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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 Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Dread Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	B
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	B
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	C
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	D	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	C	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	F	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	D
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17300 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	B
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	C
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	D
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	A+
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	B
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	B

LEGEND

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

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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When You Hear About a Personal Injury or a Personal Injury Lawsuit, What Does It All Mean?

A personal injury is a type of harm that an individual suffers as a result of someone else's wrongful act or omission (failure to act when they should have). The types of injuries suffered vary depending on the circumstances and can include, among others, broken bones, lost sight, severed limbs, and death. Also, the wrongful injury causing event could be something caused without fault or intentionally. An example of an unintentional harm is when somebody accidentally rear ends the car in front of them because they simply were not paying attention. This is commonly referred to as negligence. Negligence, in a nutshell, means that a person either did something or did not do something, which resulted in someone else getting hurt. The actual legal requirements are a little more complex, but this simplified explanation will work for now.

Regarding personal injuries caused by the intentional or reckless acts of others, intentional acts include rape, assault, battery, and other types of physical and emotional abuse. Examples of reckless conduct that can cause harm to innocent people are drunk driving, discharging a firearm in public or detonating explosives in public places.

Whether we are talking about personal injuries caused by negligent, intentional or reckless acts, the law generally provides that victims of such conduct who suffer harm are entitled to compensation. And in some instances, victims are also eligible to receive punitive or exemplary damages to ensure that the person or business that caused the harm in the first place does not repeat its bad conduct. More about punitive damages in a minute. For now, let us talk about injury compensation.

What can the law do for you if you have suffered personal injuries caused by someone else? In a perfect world, the need to bring a lawsuit to receive compensation for your injuries would not be necessary because the person who caused the harm would apologize and then endeavor to pay for the damage they caused. The current Court system requires, and actually prefers, that those responsible for harming someone else accept responsibility and pay to the victim reasonable compensation. Reasonable compensation includes such things as lost wages, lost future wages if the hurt person can no longer do their job, the payment of past and future medical bills, and the costs of future and ongoing care if the person can no longer care for themselves. There are additional items that constitute reasonable compensation but the list can be infinite because each person and each harm is unique.

Regarding punitive damages, the imposition of punitive damages is designed to prevent more people from getting hurt. The prevention aspect of punitive damages is to create a "sting" to the defendant. A proper "sting" is only effective if the defendant feels it financially. Stated differently, generally, punitive damages are determined on an ability to pay basis. So do not be surprised when you hear or read about a jury that made a big punitive damage finding because it likely means that someone got hurt real bad or died, the defendant did something really bad, and the defendant has the financial wherewithal to pay the damages.

As a public service announcement, be leery of the argument and those promoting it that customers pay when there are big punitive damages awards. This is not really accurate because safe business practices actually save money in the short and long terms. And do not forget, we live in a civilized society and quick profits should never trump personal safety and well-being. Pass it on.

Why personal injury or victim compensation lawsuits? A lawsuit is necessary because sometimes those responsible for causing harm do not take responsibility for the harm. The Court case is designed to address issues of fairness. If the bad person caused the harm, the jury is empowered by law to tell that bad person to fix it. The concept is simple and injury victims should not be frowned upon because they were forced to file a lawsuit in the first place. After all, they did not ask to get hurt.

One more thing, if you have been hurt be someone else, or you know of someone who has been hurt by someone else, make sure medical attention is the first thing on everyone's mind. Take care of the injuries first. Worry about lawyers and lawsuits as a last resort and trust that the person or business that caused the harm will fix it. If not, then call a lawyer. To ensure that you receive what the law provides for your situation and injuries, be sure to seek the assistance of a lawyer.

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American Reunion (R) 1hr 53min
1:30pm, 5:05pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Titanic 3D (PG-13) 3hrs 14min
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Chimpanzee (G) 1hr 18min
11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:30pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:30pm

Cabin in the Woods (R) 1hr 35min
11:40am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) 1hr 28min
1:30pm, 6:00pm, 9:30pm

21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
11:00am, 3:50pm, 8:20pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
6:15pm, 9:40pm

Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:45am, 3:05pm

Think Like a Man (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

Five-Year Engagement (R) 2hrs 04min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:35pm, 10:20pm

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Restless City (R) 1hr 20min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

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3:30pm, 5:40pm, 7:50pm

Damsels in Distress (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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1:10pm, 9:55pm

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11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

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Let off some steam tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your focused energy will make all the difference in the outcome of a situation. You could be overburdened by responsibilities. The good news is that you'll clear all that and more with ease. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ When answers do not appear, tap into your imagination. You will gain a totally different perspective. Regroup and brainstorm, but resist the urge to push too hard. Fatigue could still be a problem. Tonight: Let off some steam.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could find that a domestic issue or unexpected problem within the family could keep you preoccupied. Perhaps you need to deal with it rather than let the dilemma dominate the rest of your day. Curb a tendency to be sarcastic. Tonight: Be where your thoughts are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You mean what you say, and you are willing to act on your words. To convince someone, you might have to demonstrate this assertive quality. Be careful, as you could be accident-prone. Tonight: Swap the day's war stories with a pal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Confusion surrounds a money matter. You could be stressed because you feel as if you need to find a solution. Don't. Start looking at the cold, hard facts. Only then can you instrument change of a positive nature. Tonight: Be aware of your budget.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your questions show understanding but also unwillingness to be taken for a ride. With so much going on, you'll need to sort out your priorities. Be creative. Reframe. Willingly examine your feelings and a situation if you do not like what you are hearing. Know that there is always a solution. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Deal with anger before it deals with you. Go find the person involved or define the situation. Explain your reactions and feelings. Do not make judgments yet. Let the other party think about what you say. Give him or her time to digest your words. Tonight: You are your best company.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Having determined what you want from the current state of affairs, feel free to walk right in and a handle a situation. Someone might be irritated or taken aback. Your sense of security and well-being become evident. Have a long-overdue discussion. Tonight: Among the crowd.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Stand up for what you want, but do not be surprised if you get some flak. Let go of needing others' approval. You might be pushed to be more available for a personal reason. You do not always need to explain. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Reach out for more information. You could become sarcastic or irritable if you do not find what you are looking for. Step back and reassess the situation. It might be appropriate to try a different path. Tonight: Off to a movie.

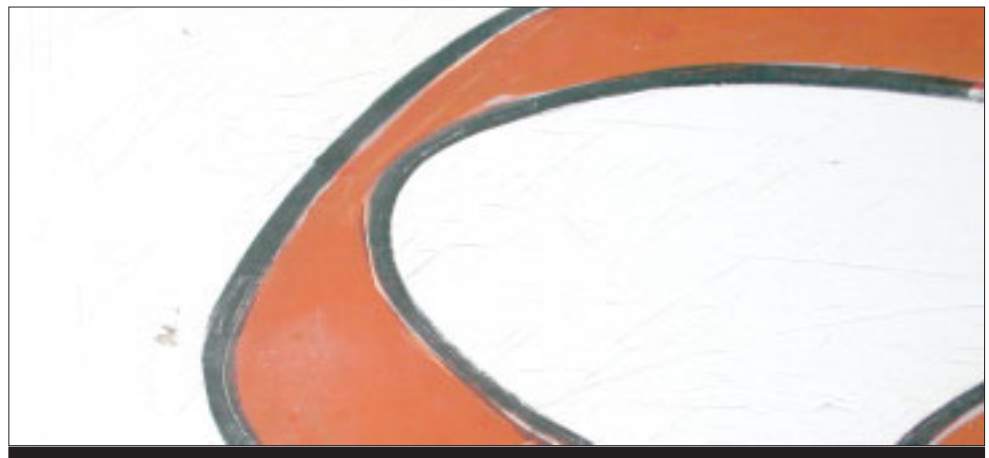
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Deal directly with a child or loved one. In a business, financial or community matter, you are better off being authentic. No one can represent you like you can. You are changing your opinion about a key person in your life. Tonight: Dinner with a pal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Someone could be a bit too combative and argumentative for your taste. Take a detour until this phase passes. Sort through what must occur as opposed to what you most desire or want. Tonight: Just not by yourself.

Happy birthday

This year, your ingenuity seems to bypass problems. Be direct and get past any confusion or vagueness. Sometimes it might be more comforting to keep your rose-colored shades on. If you are single, know that something better lies ahead. Someone very special could appear. If you are attached, be more understanding of your sweetie's shortcomings. VIRGO nearly always agrees with you.

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



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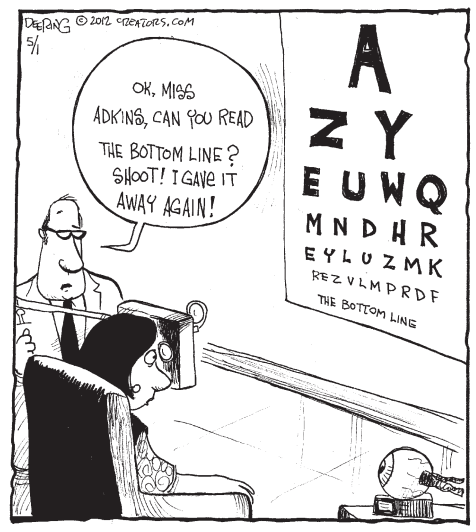
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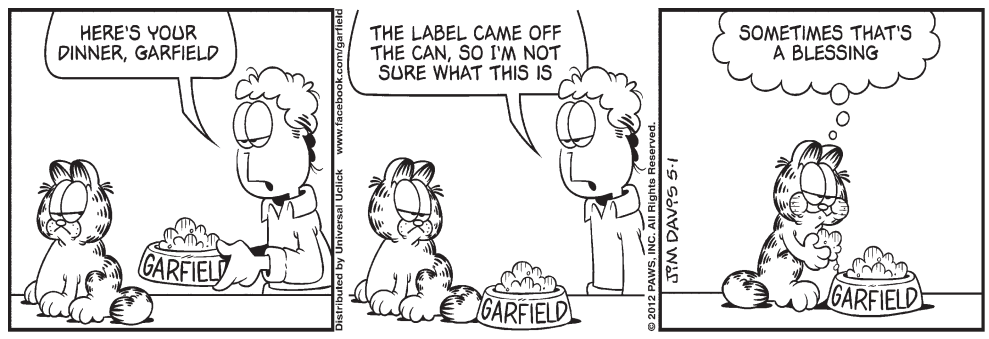
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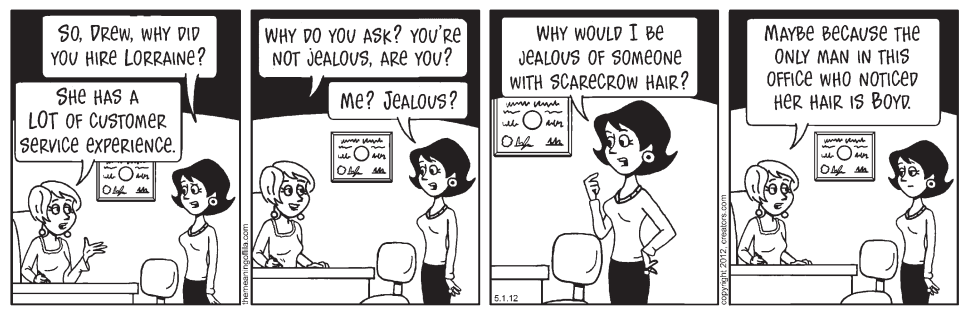
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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

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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

9	6	3	5	8	2	1	4	7
5	1	8	4	3	7	2	6	9
2	4	7	6	9	1	5	8	3
3	9	6	1	2	8	4	7	5
8	7	1	3	5	4	6	9	2
4	5	2	7	6	9	8	3	1
1	3	5	9	4	6	7	2	8
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6 Long cars
11 Scent
12 Make suitable
13 Longtime MGM head
15 Find a sum
16 Shark's home
17 "Entourage" agent
18 Grows tired
20 Napkin site
21 Still
22 Chomp
23 Role for Heston
26 Skeleton makeup
27 Crumb carriers
28 Chess pieces
29 Supporter's vote
30 Construction site wear
34 Remote
35 Assn.
36 In the style of
37 City government fill-in
40 Singer Cara
41 Deal maker
42 Singer Helen
43 Snouts

DOWN
1 Harry Hamlin series
2 Eat away
3 Wax-covered cheese
4 Cherbourg chum
5 Colleens
6 Eastern monks
7 Lupino of films
8 Vietnam Veterans Memorial designer
9 Run
10 Tiger features
14 Sugar source
19 Some whiskeys
22 Investor's buy
23 Fashionable London area
24 It's equal to 43,560 square feet
25 Began
26 Movie legend Ingrid
28 Helgenberger of "CSI"
30 Tea additive
31 19th president
32 Unaided
33 Small pies
38 Neither Dem. nor Rep.
39 In the past

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L	I	N	K	S	■	S	H	A	D	E
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15			■	16			■	17		
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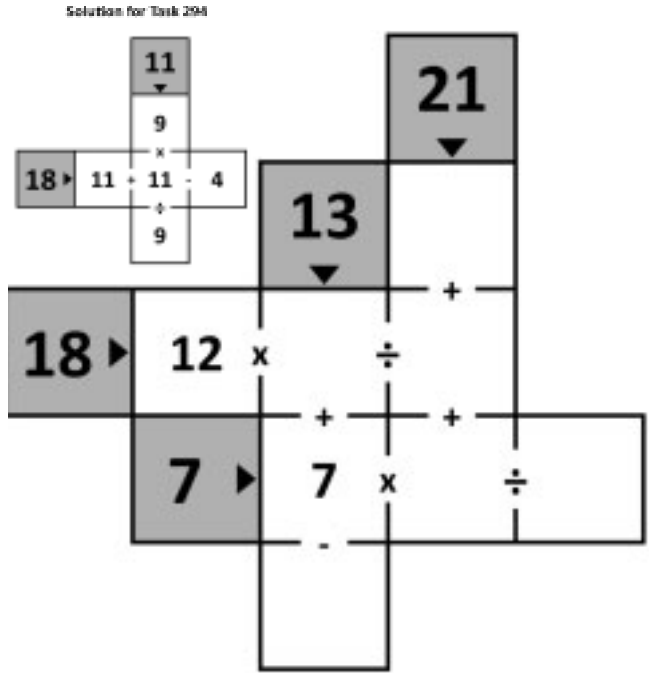
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Solution for Task 294



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EVENING: 7 2 9

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In April, a research ship will begin surveying the Atlantic Ocean floor off of Nova Scotia as the first step to building, by 2013, a $300 million private fiber-optic line connecting New York and London financial markets so as to speed up current transmission times -- by about five milliseconds. Those five milliseconds, though (according to an April report in Bloomberg Business Week), will enable the small group of firms that are underwriting the project (and who will have exclusive use of it) to earn millions of dollars per transaction by having their trade sales arrive five milliseconds before their competitors' sales would have arrived.

■ In February, the Life-End Clinic in the Netherlands announced that six mobile euthanasia teams were placed in service countrywide to make assisted-suicide house calls -- provided the client qualified under the nation's strict laws. (Euthanasia, legal in the Netherlands since 2002, is available to people who suffer "unbearable, interminable" pain and for which at least two doctors certify there is "no cure." Panels of doctors, lawyers and ethicists rule on the applications.)

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1927 – The first cooked meals on a scheduled flight are introduced on an Imperial Airways flight from London to Paris.

1927 – The Union Labor Life Insurance Company is founded by the American Federation of Labor.

1930 – The dwarf planet Pluto is officially named.

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