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Explosives bandit indicted by feds

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LAX A man accused of attempting to rob a bank in Santa Monica was indicted by a federal grand jury last week on eight counts of bank robbery and attempted bank robbery, according to a release by the FBI.

William Joseph Allen, 32, of Los Angeles, was arrested on April 17 in downtown Los Angeles after Santa Monica Police Department detectives identified him as a suspect in the string of robberies associated with what officials dubbed "the Explosives Threat Bandit."

Between November 2011 and March 2012, Allen allegedly went to eight banks and convinced tellers that he had placed a bomb inside the bank, and had an associate outside of the bank waiting to blow it up if they did not give him cash.

Sometimes he would tell them that he had the bomb on him.

Bomb squads had to be called in to defuse the fake devices, according to the release.

The last bank he hit up was the Wells Fargo on Fourth Street in Santa Monica. He did not get any money out of that attempt.

Members of the Los Angeles, Santa Monica, El Monte, West Covina and Baldwin Park police departments as well as the FBI and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department assisted in the investigation.

Allen is being held in federal custody awaiting trial, and will be prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office.

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City preps to spend money on telecom

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items

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WHAT'S IN A NAME? The Yahoo! Center will soon get a new name. It's new moniker will be the Colorado Center.

Center no longer named after Yahoo!

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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BROADWAY A business park on the east end of Santa Monica will go through its fourth name change in two decades now that anchor tenant Yahoo! will no longer have its moniker on the building.

Equity Office, the owners of the business complex formerly known as the Yahoo! Center, applied to City Hall for new signage that will mark the establishment as the Colorado Center, a name it held in the early 1990s.

Why, exactly, the center is reinventing itself is up for speculation.

Equity Office officials hold that the name change was part of a rebranding effort that included input from both the tenants of the office space and the broader community.

"Based on that research, we renamed the property to Colorado Center and we believe the new identity will be well-received by the Westside business community," said Brendan McCracken, vice president of leasing for Equity Office, in a statement.

However, according to those involved in local commercial real estate, the switch-up might have had more to do with the major shifts that the technology and media company has been undergoing in recent months.

According to a member of the Santa Monica Business Alliance, Yahoo! had reduced the size of its office space in the center below the threshold to get naming rights, and had to take its name off the building.

Yahoo! has been in turmoil for some time since its previous CEO, Carol Bartz, was fired in September 2011 and its current

leader, Scott Thompson, has come under fire for allegedly lying about his computer science education.

In early April, before business publications broke that story last week, Thompson announced that Yahoo! would lay off approximately 2,000 people in an attempt to save \$375 million.

In a release about the restructuring, Thompson referred to the actions as an "important next step toward a bold, new Yahoo! — smaller, nimbler, more profitable and better equipped to innovate as fast as our customers and our industry require."

Equity Office would not comment on its tenant, and Yahoo! did not return multiple calls for comment.

According to a staff report that went before the Architectural Review Board last week, City Hall has been approached four

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Fairview Library

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Set in a desolate truck stop on the edge of the Mojave desert, "Bagdad Cafe" brings together a varied assortment of colorful characters whose lives are changed forever by the arrival of Jasmin, a German woman who has just left her husband. There will be a short discussion after the film about how it relates to the theme of compassion. For more information on this free screening, call (310) 458-8681.

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

For all moms

UCLA Family Commons

1221 Second St., 12 p.m. — 6 p.m.

To show tribute to mothers, the UCLA Family Commons is hosting a week-long celebration for moms everywhere. There will be free events, activities and giveaways sponsored by Santa Monica businesses. For more information and a

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Quick on the draw
Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

Like to draw? Learn how to draw characters in a special way called caricatures and make a story come alive with Kathryn Hewit, the award-winning illustrator of the "Lives of ..." biography series for kids. For more information, call (310) 458-8621.

Thursday, May 10, 2012

Finding work
Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.

Learn the finer points of searching for jobs during this free panel discussion with experts. Everything from resume writing to networking skills we be addressed. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

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HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi volleyball opens title defense

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOH At this time last year, the boys' volleyball team at Santa Monica was beginning its trek to a CIF-Southern Section Division 4 title in the sport.

Come 7 p.m. tonight at Samohi, Head Coach Liane Sato and her Vikings will see if they have the makings of a repeat champion.

"I think we still have a little bit of time to get better," Sato said of this year's playoff appearance. "Every day is a process."

The Vikings will face Mark Keppel High School as the No. 3 seed in the division playoffs.

Samohi enters the playoffs the winner of the Ocean League, posting a 9-0 league record. The Vikings were 17-12 overall.

Cathedral and Campbell Hall are No. 1 and No. 2 in the division, respectively.

San Gabriel, Samohi's opponent in last year's final, is seeded No. 4.

Fellow Ocean League team Beverly Hills is ranked No. 10 in the final Division 4 poll. The Normans open against Bolsa Grande at home.

FORMER SAMOHI STAR SHINES

Cody Decker has been named the Texas League Player of the Week, the league announced on Monday.

The former Samohi slugger is currently playing for the San Antonio Missions, the Double A affiliate of the San Diego Padres.

Decker hit .400 with two doubles, three home runs and six runs batted in while recording a .522 on-base percentage and a slugging percentage of 1.000 in six games during the week of April 30 — May 6.

After starring at Samohi, Decker moved on to a standout career at UCLA before being drafted in the 22nd round of the 2009 Major League Baseball Draft by the Padres.

On the season, the 25-year old Santa Monica native is hitting .279 in 28 games for San Antonio with four doubles, nine home runs, 17 RBIs and 15 runs scored.

NEW ROADS BASEBALL IN HUNT

New Roads' baseball team still has a shot at claiming the Coastal League championship as it prepares for the final two games of the regular season.

The Jaguars, 5-1 in league and 12-5 overall, trail Rolling Hills Prep by half a game as they prepare for Lennox Academy on Wednesday on the road. New Roads closes the season against Rolling Hills Prep on Thursday. That game is also on the road. Both games begin at 3:15 p.m.



Morgan Genser news@smdp.com

BIG HIT: Viking Trevor Pye spikes the ball in a game against Beverly Hills High School at Samohi earlier this season. Samohi won in five games.

Beverly Hills Hotel marks 100 years of being swank

SOLVEJ SCHOU
For The Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. Stand on the Beverly Hills Hotel's red carpet, leading into its chandeliered lobby, and you can't help but visualize a century's worth of celebrities, royalty, politicians, musicians and actors who have stayed there, from Marilyn Monroe and Elizabeth Taylor to Madonna, Reese Witherspoon and Katy Perry.

The luxury hotel on Sunset Boulevard marks 100 years since it opened May 12, 1912, two years before the city of Beverly Hills itself was built around it. It remains one of the swankiest destinations in Southern California, home to Oscar and Grammy parties and star-filled lunches.

Its breezy, old Hollywood air comes from an incomparable list of superstar guests that has ranged over the decades from Charlie Chaplin, Cary Grant and Clark Gable, to John Lennon and Jack Nicholson, to the androgynously elegant Marlene Dietrich, who convinced the hotel's Polo Lounge restaurant to change its "no slacks for women" dress code in the 1940s.

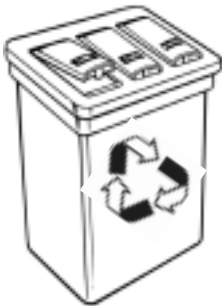
In his new book "The Beverly Hills Hotel and Bungalows — The First 100 Years," Robert S. Anderson, the hotel's official historian and great-grandson of its founder, tells the hotel's story, from its beginnings amid acres of bean fields, to the present day, when celebs such as director Sofia Coppola think nothing of stopping by the coffee shop for a bite with friends.

Anderson's great-grandmother Margaret Anderson — who managed a hotel on the site of what's now the Hollywood & Highland Center, where the Academy Awards are held — built the Beverly Hills Hotel for \$500,000 with architect Elmer Grey.

"Elmer Grey designed the hotel in such a way so that every room got sunlight in one point of the day or another," said Robert S. Anderson during lunch in late April in the Polo Lounge, beneath its green-and-white striped patio ceiling. "An acre of land was set aside for the guests to grow vegetables and flowers while staying here, so they would feel at home. That acre of land now is probably worth \$25 million."

Making its famous guests feel at home, and giving them privacy, have always been

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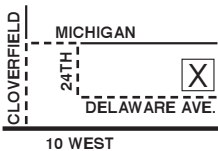


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Fair treatment?

Editor:

Your article about the owner of Westside Rentals taking over the running of Santa Anita race track was interesting (“Local entrepreneur takes reins at Santa Anita Park,” May 3). I just hope he treats the horses better than he did some of his Westside Rentals customers.

Andy Berman

Santa Monica

Other options

Editor:

Dr. Joanne Barge’s response to the woman who is pregnant in her Life Matters column is excellent (“Whether or not to abort,” May 3). However, I would add that adoption is also a viable possibility. There are so many of my friends who, for various reasons, can’t have a child of their own, but would be thrilled to give a loving home to a child.

Also, Westside Pregnancy Clinic is a nearby charity that offers many important free services (counseling, STD and HIV testing, ultrasound imaging) that will help a woman make an informed decision. They have an office in West L.A. at 11500 W. Olympic Blvd. Suite 570 – (310) 268-8400 – and they also have an office in South L.A. at 4249 Crenshaw Blvd.

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Santa Monica

Stealing the Senior Center

Editor:

The hasty and ill-conceived move by the City Council to take away the Senior Center in Palisades Park from senior citizens is based on a vague staff report and “approval” by some advisory groups. The only ones they didn’t bother to ask were the seniors who use it. Councilman [Bob] Holbrook said he was disturbed to hear complaints from some worried constituents. But he voted for the plan anyway.

Crucial questions remain unanswered: What are the exact plans for repurposing the center? Who will benefit from this change? Certainly not the seniors. Why move the activities part of the program when only the social services seem to need “integration?” Will the warren-like rooms in the Ken Edwards Center be able to accommodate the large exercise classes so beneficial to aging bodies? And finally, the most important question of all: is the taking even legal? What were the restrictions the donor of the land placed on the Palisades Park site? We need to know the exact language of the restriction and/or deed, not a staff advocate’s opinion given at the council meeting.

These are your representatives who voted to take away the Senior Center: Mayor Richard Bloom, Councilwomen Pam O’Connor and Gleam Davis and Councilmen Terry O’Day and Holbrook. Remember their names when they ask for your votes at election time.

Harriet P. Epstein

Santa Monica



What’s the Point?

David Pizarra

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Losing precious landmarks

FROM THE BEGINNING OF TIME, humanity has used landmarks as a way to preserve history and keep our path in mind. From ancient Greece with its Parthenon to the Tower of London, cities are defined by their landmarks. To some degree the communities that make up the cities are defined as well.

Would Vatican City be the same without St. Peter’s Basilica? If it were lost, the Catholic community would be immensely diminished in its cultural icons. San Antonio would be just another city in Texas if it were not for The Alamo. San Franciscans would mourn the loss of the Golden Gate Bridge.

These are major icons, they have come to embody the city they inhabit, and vice versa in some existentialist way, I’m sure. We begin to identify with our surroundings in ways that are emotionally satisfying, if not rationally justified.

After 20 years of living in Santa Monica, I feel like a Santa Monican. Before that I was a Northern California boy. When I was in school on the East Coast, I was a Californian and my classmates from around the globe were considered wherever they came from.

As we put down roots in a city, and make it our own, we change it, as much as it changes us. It’s the process of growth, for the city, and for us as individuals.

But changing doesn’t mean we have to lose ourselves, or our landmarks.

The culture of our city is changing radically and rapidly. We have gone from sleepy beach-side town to world-class tourist destination. Our restaurant base has shifted away from the quirky and unique (which means one of a kind — no multi-location chains) toward the upscale, but highly corporate and replicated industrial restaurant.

We have fewer and fewer little shops and more of the mega-retailers like T.J. Maxx, Nordstrom, and CB2. This is growth and progress. It is the way of the future, like it or not. All you have to do is take a road trip and the highway is bordered by mega-corporate stores and businesses as they put the little guys out of business.

The land values in Santa Monica have steadily risen, and with it the rents that the commercial property managers can command. That leads to greater revenue for the city in theory. I don’t know if it really happens, but since the trend seems to be continuing, I’m assuming it’s true.

Higher rents mean that fewer small retailers and businesses can compete for the same space. Look at what is happening on the

Third Street Promenade. It is becoming little more than a big retailer showcase. Maybe that’s good, and maybe not. Maybe that is what the tourists and shoppers want to see.

I hope not. I would hope that they would come to Santa Monica to see the uniqueness of our city, the diversity that makes us wonderful. But with each passing of a business, that uniqueness dies a little more.

This past week I learned that the Tudor House will be closing this year. I don’t know why. But I mourn the loss of yet another landmark that harkens to a nicer time. Tea in the afternoon at the Tudor House is one of my favorite ways to get out of the office. The tiered trays of sandwiches and sweets enjoyed in an environment of old world class and elegance remind me of what it means to have manners in a world where manners are dying.

The Tudor House is one link in an eroding chain of businesses that remind me of the history of Santa Monica. We had a large British contingent who came over during World War II to help build planes. This is back when we had manufacturing facilities in the city. Our city played a vital role in the war, helping to beat back the German onslaught. And we’re losing that memory, one store at a time.

We have a history in our city that deserves to be preserved, even in the face of new development. Our landmarks need to be saved. Landmarks like Bay Cities Deli, which used to be known as the little Italian shop, or Chez Jay and Bruno’s. These are places we need to patronize and support. We need to recognize them as landmarks, and for the value they add to our city beyond the sheer dollars that the developers and their lawyers see. These unique businesses need to be protected with our money and our hearts, for they are the heart of our city. They are among the last vestiges of a time when surfers and movie stars retreated to Santa Monica for the good life — the good life that we are selling to the rest of the world as a reason to come here. Let’s not lose all of our soul in the pursuit of development and bigger and better.

Sometimes it’s the small places that make a city special.

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Dabbling with new stocks

I'VE BEEN BUYING A FEW NEW STOCKS this month instead of just writing call options against the same old ones.

Xerox is one that looks good to me. It's currently selling at \$8 a share, so it's cheap to acquire. A number of analysts think it has a true value of \$10. The reason I like it is because I see it getting out of the printing business, which is declining and very competitive, and into the technical support business, which is growing.

More than half of Xerox's revenue from tech services comes from multi-year equipment rental contracts, which are not going away soon. Then there are the sales of supplies that go with this. Tech services are now about 60 percent of operating profits. So my thoughts are that the price reflects the "old" Xerox, but there is a new Xerox appearing and it will improve the price over time.

Another stock I'm looking at buying is Staples. This is the No. 1 one office supply company in the world, and at under \$15 a share it seems fairly valued. I think business is expanding in the U.S., even if at a slower rate than many would hope, and thus a business supply company should benefit over time. And when I shop there I'm always impressed by the service and the extent of product and inventory. In addition, at my local store they now have a computer repair department. That's really something everyone needs.

On the other side of the coin, gold and gold mining has not proven to be a very good investment during the last quarter. The steady increase since 2006 has leveled off, and that may be a sign that a decline will begin soon. I am hedging my small holdings in gold mining by selling calls for premium income.

Another area of investment that I've gotten out of is non-U.S. equities. We all know about Spain, Italy and Portugal not doing well, but I'm suspicious of France — especially now that Hollande won the presidency. If France goes down, Germany will be heavily pressed to carry all of Europe by itself. And third world countries in general don't look good to me. Take a look at the chart:

A stock that still does look good to me, but is too expensive for me to afford is Apple. In spite of its spectacular price rise, the price-earnings ratio is still favorable. But to buy 1,000 shares of apple would require about \$600,000 today. So instead of buying



the stock, I'm writing put spreads on it every month. Here's how that works:

With Apple stock at say \$600 a share, I sell 10 puts at a strike price of \$550. That means that I agree to buy 1,000 shares of the stock during the next 30 days if requested to do so, at a price of \$550 per share. Of course, the buyer of the put will only request me to do so if the stock goes down to \$550 or less, because otherwise the buyer could sell the stock for \$600 or whatever in the public marketplace.

In exchange for my promise, the buyer pays me a premium, lately about \$8,500.

To protect myself from even the small likelihood that the stock will decline that far over the next 30 days, I buy a 30-day put at the strike price of \$440. I pay \$7,000 for that. This means that if I am forced to buy the stock at \$550, I have a contractual right to sell it at \$440. Thus I am protected against losing more than \$10,000 (10 points times \$1,000 for each point between \$550 and \$440) less the amount of net premium I collected. So I've received a net of \$1,500, which I will be able to keep unless the stock goes down below \$550. If I can do that, say, 10 times a year, adjusting the strike price to keep 10 percent below the stock price, and if the stock doesn't go down 10 percent in any one month period, I will end the year with about \$15,000 in profit. So far, for the past 6 months it's worked well.

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Pulling away

There's a movement gaining speed that is calling for Malibu to pull away from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

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Cal State trustees to revisit president payment policy

CHRISTINA HOAG

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Bowing to public pressure, California State University trustees are backing off a policy giving 10 percent raises to campus presidents, but there's a catch: They'll ask campus nonprofit groups to pick up the tab.

The board is expected to amend the executive compensation policy at its meeting Tuesday after months of outrage from faculty, students and lawmakers over giving salary boosts to the 23-campus system's highest-paid employees at the same time that it's hiking tuition, freezing professor pay and halting enrollment to cope with state funding cuts.

Under the proposed amendment, new presidents could still receive higher pay than their predecessors, but the amount of the raise would be paid for by campus nonprofit groups known as "auxiliaries," which include everything from campus bookstores to student newspapers to privately-funded foundations. There are about 90 such groups scattered through the CSU system.

The raises would not take away money destined for campus use, said CSU spokesman Mike Uhlenkamp.

For instance, foundations, which are campus fundraising arms, would gather private donations specifically to pay for the presidential salary so funding for scholarships, a primary mission of foundations, would not be affected.

Auxiliaries would not be limited in the amount they could give to new presidents in either salary or other perks. "Practically speaking, we would try to stay within that 10 percent," Uhlenkamp said.

The policy would be in effect until 2014 to give the university flexibility in case the economy improves.

Critics said the board is simply playing a shell game. No matter who pays for the raises, it's money that could be used to build academic programs, said Lillian Taiz, president of the California Faculty Association, which represents 24,000 professors and other staff that have not had a raise since 2008.

"They're clearly not backing away from the model of unlimited raises for campus presidents," she said.

Taiz also raised questions about possible conflicts with donors paying for presidents' salaries and who might seek contracts with the university. "Where are these private resources coming from?" she said. "It's a slippery slope."

Although the nonprofits are governed by independent boards, they are unlikely to turn down a funding request when the money is being used for university purposes, said Debbie Adishian-Astone, president of the CSU Auxiliary Organization Association.

"It's just something the auxiliaries may need to plan for," she said of the raises.

The spotlight on presidents' pay comes as the CSU system faces a wave of presidential retirements. Two presidents were appointed at the last meeting in March, receiving 10 percent raises over the outgoing campus chiefs, and six other vacancies are coming up.

CSU Chancellor Charles Reed has said he needs to offer competitive salary packages to attract top talent to fill the posts.

"We're trying to be mindful of the economy in California," Uhlenkamp said. "But we do have to be able to compete in a national market."

Campus presidents also annually receive a \$12,000 car allowance and a \$50,000 to \$60,000 housing allowance, depending on regional housing costs, or a residence. If the campus has a president's residence, the candidate is required to live there.

It's not unusual for presidents to receive such perks and universities have different ways to fund presidential expenses, but CSU's new policy smacks of a maneuver around unfavorable public opinion, said William Tierney, director of the Pullias Center for Higher Education at the University of Southern California.

"It sends the wrong message," he said. "There needs to be some public symbol that CSU administrators are serious. We need leadership by example."

Several campus foundations, which are run by a separate board of directors, are already tapped to pay some salary supplements and other items for presidents and upper-echelon administrators, including car allowances and moving expenses, according to a 2007 state auditor's report.

The report stated that a couple foundations used specific grants, such as funds from the California Postsecondary Education Commission, to boost some salaries.

Auditor Elaine Howell did not criticize the practice, but underscored one unusual deal that signaled greater board oversight was needed over the financial relationships between presidents and foundations.

In 2003, the Sacramento campus foundation loaned the incoming president \$164,000 for escrow costs and \$69,000 for mortgage payments at a below-market interest rate of 1.697 percent.

The purpose of the loan was to enable the president to pay the mortgage on his former home until it was financially viable for him to sell it and not incur a loss. The foundation also paid \$27,000 to remodel the president's kitchen to accommodate foundation fundraising events.

A more recent case has also raised eyebrows. The CSU-Fullerton Auxiliary Services Corp., which operates the campus restaurants and stores, is paying \$300,000 to remodel and repair the campus' eight-bedroom historical home for incoming president Mildred Garcia, who will earn \$324,000 annually, a 10 percent hike from her predecessor's salary.

The home, built in 1919, is in dire need of updates after the previous president lived there for 22 years. "This is nothing more than a classic case of deferred maintenance," said Christopher Bugbee, spokesman for CSU Fullerton.

Uhlenkamp noted that the presidents' residences need to be able to be used for fundraising and entertaining. "That's a critical part of the job," he said.

The issue of presidents' pay rose last July when the trustees appointed a new president at San Diego State University at a \$400,000 salary, \$50,000 of which is paid by the campus foundation, at the same meeting they approved a 12 percent tuition hike.

Since then, the topic has dominated public comment at trustee meetings.

NRC chair: No timetable for SoCal nuke plant restart

MICHAEL R. BLOOD
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The chairman of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission said Monday there is no timetable for restarting the sidelined San Onofre nuclear plant on the Southern California coast and a federal review of its troubled tubing will take whatever time is necessary to complete.

The statement from Chairman Gregory Jaczko came just days after a senior executive for operator Southern California Edison disclosed that the company was hoping for a possible June restart.

The twin reactors have been offline for more than three months while investigators look into excessive wear on tubing in the plant's steam generators.

The agency is waiting for documentation on repairs and other work at the plant.

"Any discussion of a date for the restart of Unit 2 or Unit 3 is clearly premature," Jaczko said. "We will take whatever time is necessary to conduct a thorough safety review."

A restart would require federal approval. Last week, Edison executive vice president Stephen Pickett said the company was looking at the possible June restart. The company is drafting a plan under which the twin reactors would run at reduced power, at least for several months, because engineers believe that will solve a problem with vibration that has been causing unusual wear in alloy tubing.

Costs related to the long-running shutdown could climb over \$100 million, company officials say, and state officials have

warned about possible rotating blackouts in Southern California with the reactors offline.

About 7.4 million Californians live within 50 miles of San Onofre, which can power 1.4 million homes. The seaside plant is located between Los Angeles and San Diego.

The trouble at San Onofre began to unfold in late January, when the Unit 3 reactor was shut down as a precaution after a break in a steam generator tube carrying radioactive water. Traces of radiation escaped, but officials said there was no danger to workers or neighbors.

Unit 2 had been taken offline earlier that month for routine maintenance. But investigators later confirmed accelerated wear on tubing in both units. Hundreds of tubes that were heavily damaged will be taken out of service at the two reactors.

That number is well within the margin to allow them to keep operating, Edison officials say.

SCE projects that the bill for repairs and tests could run as high as \$65 million, and \$30 million was spent on replacement power through March 31 — a bill that keeps mounting.

Gradual wear is common in such tubing, but the rate of decay at San Onofre was startling because the equipment is relatively new. The generators were installed in a multimillion-dollar makeover in 2009 and 2010.

The plant is owned by SCE, San Diego Gas & Electric and the city of Riverside. The Unit 1 reactor operated from 1968 to 1992, when it was shut down and dismantled.

STATE BRIEFS

ORANGE

Man charged with killing girlfriend, 2 sons

Prosecutors filed murder charges Monday against a man who was arrested for killing his girlfriend and their two young sons after a cleaning crew found blood stains on a carpet inside their recently vacated apartment in an upscale, gated community.

Shazer Fernando Limas, 31, of Orange was expected to be arraigned later in the day on three counts of murder with special circumstances in the case that has raised more questions than answers.

Prosecutors suspect Limas killed his family more than three weeks ago, but no one reported Arlet Contreras, 31, and the children missing, and there were no signs anything was amiss until the bloody carpet was reported, police Sgt. Dan Adams said.

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PARKED: Buses line the Big Blue Bus yard. The service is inking new contracts for maintenance.

CONSENT FROM PAGE 1

have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL City Hall proposes to spend up to \$1.5 million on new hardware and software in Santa Monica to provide services and store data.

City officials are proposing contracts with three companies — CDW, EnPointe and Nth Generation — for the parts and software needed to keep the systems running.

According to the city staff report, City Hall would cement a \$700,000 contract with CDW, which provides switches, routers and software for Cisco, the brand City Hall uses for its networks and telecommunications infrastructure.

EnPointe, which sells Hewlett-Packard servers, printers and computer components, would be locked in at \$500,000, while Nth Generation would get \$300,000 for virtual memory for storing information.

Software and hardware would only be purchased if money is available, according to the staff report.

The remainder of the \$1.69 million consent agenda for tonight's City Council meeting will be spent on the Big Blue Bus system.

NEEDS A WASH

The council is expected to approve a

three-year contract with a Colorado company for chemicals used to clean the exterior of the Big Blue buses.

The company, DeltaGreen, would supply and deliver bus wash shampoo for three years under the \$300,000 agreement.

The company beat out five other bidders, despite the fact that three of the five bids came in lower than DeltaGreen.

According to the staff report, two of the companies did not meet the criteria laid out by city officials, and DeltaGreen offered a more environmentally-friendly product than Econoline Industrial Supply, although it also offered a lower-cost bid.

Only \$100,000 is available in the current budget. The rest of the money will be worked into future budget years.

WHEELS ON THE BUS

Officials recommend that City Hall continue to contract with Truck Gears Inc. for repair and rebuild for Big Blue Bus axles for \$282,000 over the course of three years.

The company has been fixing the rear axles on municipal buses since 2005. It competed against only one other bidder.

If approved, City Hall will pay out \$90,000 this year, with two one-year renewal options for \$94,000 and \$98,000, respectively.

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times for signage changes relating directly to a new name for the complex.

In 1990, nine years after City Hall approved a development agreement to build the office park, the owners applied for signs denoting the complex as the MGM Plaza.

That lasted for two years before changing the signs to read Colorado Center, but in 1996 the board approved yet another change, this time to the MGM Center.

Yahoo! put its brand on the complex in 2005, and reigned uncontested until this year.

The center became the heart of controversy with its neighbors in recent years when it was discovered that the Yahoo! Center was improperly leasing out approximately 1,000 parking spaces to companies that didn't rent offices there.

At the same time, those spaces played a role in getting Saint John's Health Center out of its requirement to build a subterranean parking garage that it had promised City Hall 10 years ago as part of its agreement to rebuild after the 1994 Northridge Earthquake.

The City Council backed off and agreed to allow the hospital to continue leasing parking at the center.

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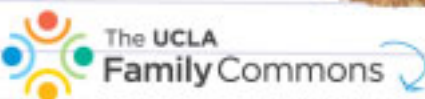
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HOTEL

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part of the hotel's mission, beginning with silent film-era stars such as Chaplin and Buster Keaton, who shot movies at the hotel. The 1920s Hollywood power couple Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks met at the hotel, then renovated a palatial house above the property. Liz Taylor honeymooned in the hotel's lavish bungalows with six of her husbands, including Richard Burton. Bungalow Five was one of their favorite hangouts.

Reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes not only lived in the bungalows on and off for 30 years, but starting in 1942, he parked his Cadillac in front of the hotel for so long that plants started growing out of it. He also had hotel staff leave late-night meals, including roast beef sandwiches, in a nearby tree. Monroe stayed in bungalows 20 and 21 in 1960 while reportedly having an affair with her "Let's Make Love" co-star Yves Montand.

Lennon and Yoko Ono stayed in bed for a week in another bungalow. "She was well-behaved, and he wasn't," said Anderson, laughing. "Lennon would sing loud, Irish songs. One night Prince was up here singing to some girl in a suite upstairs, in the '80s. People yelled to him, 'Knock it off!'"

The hotel remains a place where celebrities can let down their hair, attracting the East Coast elite as well as Hollywood locals. But paparazzi, beware. "Stars felt safe here, as they do today," said Anderson. "For example, even getting through the front door. If you're wielding a heavy-duty camera, they ask you what the hell you're doing."

Four stories high, surrounded by acres of gardens and flowers, the hotel evokes a lush Mediterranean fantasy island, decorated with banana leaves, palm fronds and fuchsia azaleas. In the 1940s, African-American architect Paul Williams designed the hotel's looping handwritten script logo and redesigned the Polo Lounge, which had previously been called El Jardin. Williams also designed the more casual Fountain Coffee Room below the lobby, which still has a curved dark counter and green banana leaf wallpaper. The hotel was nicknamed the "Pink Palace" after being painted a salmon hue in 1948 to reflect light shades of the sunset.

Some things have changed, of course. Gone are stables for guests' horses; the school, movie theater, billiard room and bowling alley that were once downstairs; and fox hunts that were staged in nearby barren hills. There have also been financial ups and downs. The Great Depression forced the hotel to close in 1933 and reopen 10 months later under the ownership of Bank of America before being sold again later, according to Anderson's book. The hotel was bought by the Brunei Investment Agency in 1987 and is now part of the agency's Dorchester Collection of luxury hotel properties.

In 1992, the hotel closed for a \$100 million restoration, reopening in 1995. Today it has more than 200 rooms and suites, including 23 private bungalows big enough to accommodate staffs and families. Five bungalows date to 1915, while new presidential bungalows unveiled last year include outdoor rain showers. Rooms, decorated with peachy marble bathroom floors and green granite countertops, now run upwards of \$500 a night. Cocktails at the Polo Lounge, 15 cents in 1944, now start at \$17. But spotting A-listers at the hotel remains a regular occurrence, whether in the Polo Lounge, the Cabana Cafe, Bar Nineteen12 overlooking the hotel's citrus garden, or down a winding staircase to the enormous art deco Crystal Ballroom.

A celebration of the centennial is planned for June 15-17 to benefit the Motion Picture Television Fund, with a filmmaker panel, an evening party hosted by director Brett Ratner and a Polo Lounge brunch hosted by Warren Beatty and DreamWorks Animation CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg.

Regular folks who want a taste of the anniversary can try drinks from "These Walls Are Talking" cocktail menus featuring drinks such as "100 Year Sidecar," "The Rat Pack" and "The Norma Jean."

In a new film timed to the anniversary celebration, directed by Chuck Workman, Michael Douglas mused about the hotel's nostalgic appeal to both celebs and those without Hollywood ties.

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Real, which finishes its season Sunday at Mallorca, won the Spanish league for the first time since 2008.

LEGAL NEWS

Ex-baseball player Curtis investigated in Michigan

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WOODLAND, Mich. Chad Curtis' future as a high school football coach is on hold while Michigan authorities investigate reports of misconduct between the ex-major league baseball player and female students.

Lakewood schools Superintendent Michael O'Mara said Monday that the investigation in Barry County involves allegations of improper touching. Curtis hasn't been charged with a crime, and Curtis lawyer

David Dodge says his client denies any criminal wrongdoing.

Dodge talked to prosecutors last week. Curtis was tapped to coach football at Lakewood High School in Woodland, about 50 miles southeast of Grand Rapids. O'Mara says Curtis is suspended while the investigation is active.

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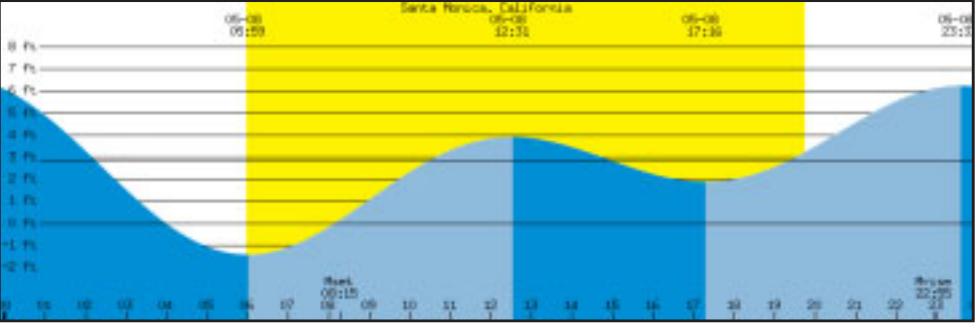
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Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	D	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain.	A	F
Escalante Creek, just east of Escalante State Beach.	F	F	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).	A+	A+
Lodge Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+	Ocean Park Beach at Rialto Ave. drain.	A+	D
Soldado Canyon at San Benito County Beach.	A+	B	Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A	A	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	A+	Venice Beach at Winifred Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Seafarer Beach at Malibu Calvary fence.	A+	A+	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Seafarer Beach (beach location)- daily.	F	F	Venice Beach- projection of Topical St.	A+	A+
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	A+	Malibu del Rey, Mothers' Beach- illegal tower.	A	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+	Deckweiler State Beach at Bolinas Creek mouth.	A	F
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint run).	A+	F	Deckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 13548 PCH stairs.	B	A+	North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Toreros County Beach.	A+	A+	Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DMV jets).	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A	A+	Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F	Deckweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Candlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+	Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17358 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+			

LEGEND

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

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

na -- no sample taken

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Expungements: Burying Those Skeletons In Your Closet

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

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

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

Once you have determined that your past conviction was a misdemeanor or capable of being reduced to a misdemeanor, move on to question number two: Was probation granted and have you successfully completed all the terms and orders of your probation? Typically, in misdemeanor cases, courts order that a defendant be placed on 1-3

years of probation and to follow all rules and regulations. If the court does not order probation, you're ready to file the motion! If probation was granted, the time period is over and done with, and you have fulfilled all the terms of the probation (including completing any classes, service work, and/or paid all fines) then you are also ready to file the motion! If probation is still open and has not been completed, a separate motion for early termination of probation must first be filed. If granted, and probation terminated early, then you are ready to file the motion! In sum, before a motion for expungement/dismissal is filed, probation must typically be successfully completed either by the passage of time or by early termination from the court.

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

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

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MOVIE TIMES

<p>Aero Theatre 1328 Montana Ave. (310) 260-1528</p> <p>The In-Laws (PG) 1hr 43min Moon Over Parador (PG-13) 1hr 43min Discussion between films with director Arthur Hiller. 7:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>AMC Loews Broadway 4 1441 Third Street Promenade (888) 262-4386</p> <p>Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) 2hrs 22min 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 6:00pm, 9:20pm</p> <p>21 Jump Street (R) 1hr 49min 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm</p> <p>Little Bit of Heaven (PG-13) 1hr 47min 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm</p> <hr/> <p>Titanic 3D (PG-13) 3hrs 14min 4:50pm, 9:10pm</p> <hr/> <p>AMC 7 Santa Monica 1310 Third St. (310) 451-9440</p> <p>Chimpanzee (G) 1hr 18min 11:55am, 2:20pm, 4:45pm, 7:00pm</p> <p>Cabin in the Woods (R) 1hr 35min 11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm</p>	<p>Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) 2hrs 22min 11:50am, 3:20pm, 6:40pm, 9:15pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Pirates! Band of Misfits (PG) 1hr 28min 11:45am, 4:50pm, 9:45pm</p> <p>Pirates! Band of Misfits 3D (PG) 1hr 28min 2:15pm, 7:20pm</p> <p>Think Like a Man (PG-13) 2hrs 02min 11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm</p> <p>Five-Year Engagement (R) 2hrs 04min 11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm</p> <p>Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 22min 1:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:40pm</p> <hr/> <p>Laemmle's Monica Fourplex 1332 Second St. (310) 478-3836</p> <p>La Scala Opera Series: La Traviata (NR) 2hrs 13min 7:30pm</p> <p>Perfect Family (PG-13) 1hr 24min 3:10pm, 7:40pm</p> <p>Damsels in Distress (PG-13) 1hr 38min</p>	<p>10:10pm</p> <p>In the Family (NR) 2hrs 49min 1:00pm</p> <p>Citizen Gangster (NR) 1hr 45min 12:45pm, 5:10pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Highest Pass (NR) 1hr 30min 4:50pm</p> <hr/> <p>AMC Criterion 6 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599</p> <p>Hunger Games (PG-13) 2hrs 22min 11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Safe (R) 1hr 35min 11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:25pm</p> <hr/> <p>Raven (R) 1hr 43min 11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm</p> <p>Lucky One (PG-13) 1hr 41min 11:00am, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm</p> <p>Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 22min 11:15am, 12:20pm, 3:50pm, 7:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm</p>
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Take a break tonight, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Claim your power, even though it might be more agreeable to indulge the other party. Choose your words with care, as the person in question has been overly serious. Discussions will be animated and worthwhile as long as you are open to a new insight. Tonight: Working late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ A partnership remains a source of pleasure. You could be overwhelmed by everything that comes up. Think positively. You'll break past a barrier almost immediately if you can mentally connect with the right person. Tonight: Do nothing halfway.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Others will come forward if you back off a bit. Your good vibes seem to communicate your intentions. Listen to someone who demonstrates enormous insight and wisdom. Tonight: Chat away over dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You plunge into work or a project with the best intentions. Carefully consider your alternatives, especially involving a family member, an investment or a real-estate matter. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your imagination plays an instrumental role in various situations. You might not have all the answers, but someone else might have a good suggestion or two. Brainstorm away. You'll hop around from one topic to another, so be open to change. Tonight: Take a much-needed break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You can find a lot of excuses if you want to have a slow start to the day. The problem is that you go to extremes far too easily. You often exhaust yourself. A little self-discipline could go far. Tonight: Let the good times roll.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might have pushed too hard for your own good. It is questionable which way would be the best way to go. Indulge a friend or loved one. Be serious in a conversation, yet at the same time, be open to others' ideas. Tonight: Meet a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You will tend to test your limits, and perhaps be the source of some awkwardness between you and someone else. You'll wonder what is enough as your mind drifts into contemplation. Tonight: Meet a friend later on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Clearly someone wants to get a lot closer to you. The decision is yours to make: Do you want to transform this bond and make it stronger? Recognize the long-term implications before deciding. Communication excels, and you seem to understand others well. Tonight: It is your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You might feel slightly out of sorts early on, but later today you will feel better. Give yourself space, and do only what you must. You could be overwhelmed and need a break. Squeeze in some relaxation. Tonight: Perk up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Zero in on possibilities rather than problems. You could see a situation far differently than many other people. You will know how to bring others together. Act as if you are a team, and excellent results will ensue. Tonight: Make it early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Many demands could have you juggling between different people. Do not lose your focus, even if a partner is difficult and tests your limits. Be willing to go to bat for someone you really care about. Tonight: Where the fun is.

Happy birthday

The quality of your communication defines how content you will be this year. You alternate between wanting a lot of closeness and needing some space. If you are single, finding a match that can meet these different needs could be an intense experience. Enjoy the dating process; you will know when you find the right person. If you are attached, your significant other probably can handle this back and forth. Are you as sensitive to your sweetie's needs as he or she is to yours? Learning to respect others rather than wanting to change them could make your happiness soar. CAPRICORN can be cold and remote or hot and intense.

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



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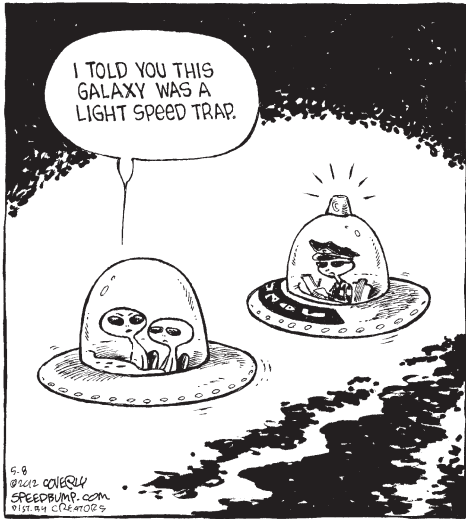
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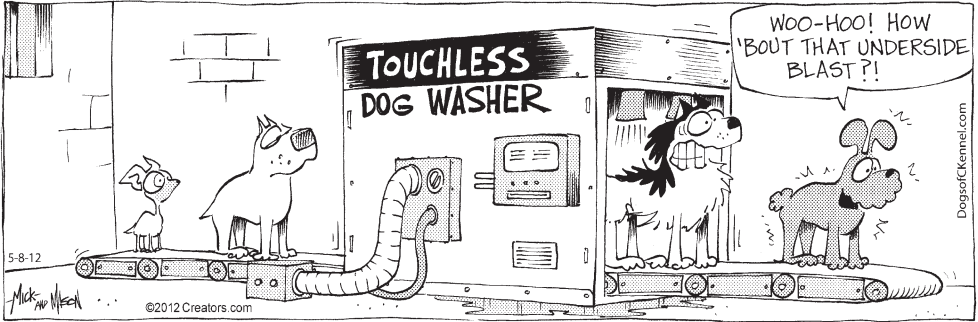
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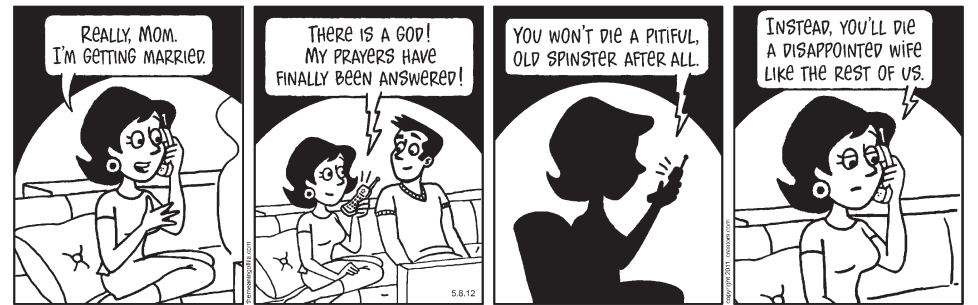
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Sudoku

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 ★★

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Frog's cousin
5 Last
10 Provinces
12 Stand
13 Tim Burton movie
15 Greek vowel
16 Golfer Trevino
17 Fre- quently
18 Modern- ize a factory
20 Gin flavoring
21 "Robinson Crusoe" writer
22 Deborah of "The King and I"
23 Polygon corner
25 Unseen problem
28 Marry anew
31 Folk learning
32 Promise
34 — tizzy
35 Make a choice
36 "Far out, man!"
37 Tim Burton movie
40 Some messages
- 41 Plains home
42 Brawl
43 Justice Warren

DOWN

- 1 Circus star
2 Made speeches
3 Pump full of bubbles
4 German article
5 Destiny
6 Writer Levin
7 Kidman of "The Others"
8 Request
9 Saxo- phonist Young
11 Bar
14 Wire sender
19 No longer a minor
20 Distorts
24 Anne Rice vampire
25 Play- ground sights
26 Generic
27 Ark's resting site
29 Moon of Jupiter
30 Desk part
33 Bygone auto
35 Norwegian city
38 Young fox
39 Scottish river

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Yesterday's answer

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CrossMath + x - ÷

Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

3, 7, 7, 9, 12, 12

Solution for Puzzle 2995

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				+		
				12		

Arithmo Crossmath - Reclaim Your Brain

- Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.
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- Remember to multiply or divide before you add or subtract.

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Meganumber: 18
Jackpot: \$15M



Draw Date: 5/7
2 7 16 21 31



Draw Date: 5/7
MIDDAY: 7 9 1
EVENING: 7 4 5



Draw Date: 5/7

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) A federal court magistrate in Melbourne, Australia, decided to split a divorcing couple's assets in half in February after listening to tedious details of their 20-year marriage. The "couple" lived apart except for vacations and kept their finances separate, constantly "invoic[ing] each other," according to the Daily Telegraph, for amounts as trifling as a \$1.60 lightbulb. (2) Though many Americans act as though they are in love with themselves, only Nadine Schweigert became an honest woman. She married herself in March in front of 45 family members and friends in Fargo, N.D., vowing "to enjoy inhabiting my own life and to relish a lifelong love affair with my beautiful self." And then she was off on a solo honeymoon. [Herald Sun (Melbourne), 2-27-2012] [Fargo Forum, 3-15-2012]
■ On Feb. 1st, the New Jersey Honor Legion -- a civic association with more than 6,000 members in law enforcement -- nominated Frank DiMattina as "Citizen of the Month" for offering his catering hall in Woodbridge, N.J., numerous times for gatherings of police and firefighters. The nomination came three weeks after DiMattina (also known as "Frankie D") was convicted of shaking down a rival bidder for a school-lunch contract in New York City. Federal prosecutors told the New York Daily News that DiMattina is mobbed up -- an associate of the Genovese family's John "Johnny Sausage" Barbatto.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1976 - The rollercoaster Revolution, the first steel coaster with a vertical loop, opens at Six Flags Magic Mountain.
1984 - The Soviet Union announces that it will boycott the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, California.

WORD UP!

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2. Sudoriparous.

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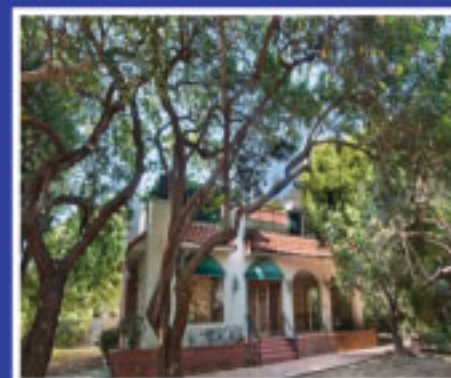


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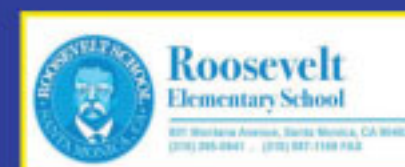
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