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THE NOW WE KNOW ISSUE

District pulls back veil on special ed finances

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS After nearly two years of work, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials and members of the Special Education District Advisory Committee completed their magnum opus — an analysis of the past decade of income and spending on special education, district wide.

The topic had previously been shrouded in mystery by inconsistent reporting structures that made it difficult to compare spending and revenues on everything from salaries to legal costs.

That opacity engendered mistrust within the community that could only see that the amount budgeted for special education was always greater than the amount spent.

"We in the special education community became concerned because several years running, the district budgeted a certain

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HUD secretary pays Bergamot a visit

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

BERGAMOT STATION U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan joined city officials for a tour of Bergamot Station Thursday morning to get a first-hand look at the future home of the Expo Light Rail station and mixed-use housing development.

Donovan praised Santa Monica's efforts to create a community that takes advantage of alternative forms of transportation while at the same time maintaining an authentic local feel.

"This model in Santa Monica is what we're trying to bring to other parts of the country," Donovan said.

To further the work, HUD awarded City Hall a $652,000 grant in November 2010 to fund part of the Bergamot Area Plan, which will create the framework to make sure the new development fits the community vision of a high-quality, mixed-use transit village surrounding the new Expo Light Rail station.

The grant is one of the first made out of $170 million HUD will give to communities across the nation for planning efforts, the largest pot of money set aside for planning in generations, Donovan said.

Those funds represent a collaboration between HUD, the Department of Transportation and the National Endowment of the Arts that specifically tries to promote sustainable communities by connecting housing to jobs, fostering local innovation and helping to build a clean energy economy.

Perhaps just as important, the award gets City Hall's foot in the door for another wave of funding for the construction piece of the project.

"We're giving you and all communities a built-in competitive edge," Donovan said. "This is smarter government, where a single

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PLAYING AROUND

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Upcoming third and fourth grade students warm up as they wait for their chance to audition for the Elemental Strings youth orchestra at Will Rogers Elementary School on Thursday afternoon. With help from City Hall and the Santa Monica Arts Commission, along with the D'Addario Music Foundation, students are able to gain experience from playing as part of an orchestra.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi tennis falls to Palm Desert in final

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CLAREMONT The Vikings' first visit to the CIF-Southern Section boys' tennis final since 1966 ended in a 10-8 defeat at the hands of Palm Desert on Wednesday at the Claremont Club.

Santa Monica High School's head coach Wilston Poon said that he was proud of his team's effort in defeat during the Division 2 final, adding that this bodes well for the program going forward.

"I definitely give my guys an A," Poon said. "Guys are already talking about next year. It was a good stepping stone to reappear on that scene again."

Poon said the match could have gone either way, but his main singles player, Connor Tracy, lost to Palm Desert's Abe Hugo, 7-6, in a tie breaker, striking a blow to Samohi's title hopes.

While Tracy couldn't win the game, he did single the senior out for his strong play all season. Poon said that Tracy and fellow senior Conrad McKinnon deserved credit for helping lead the team back to the final for the first time in over four decades.

"We just have to maintain that fire," Poon said. "[The underclassmen] want it now. These guys are going to make a push next year."

SAMOHI SOFTBALL A DECORATED BUNCH

Samohi softball placed an impressive eight players on the All-Ocean League team, it was announced on Thursday.

Leading the pack was junior catcher Kelly Ricard, who was named most valuable player after hitting .481 with 11 runs batted in and two homers. Not to be outdone, first-year coach Marybell Moreno earned coach of the year honors for leading her team to a

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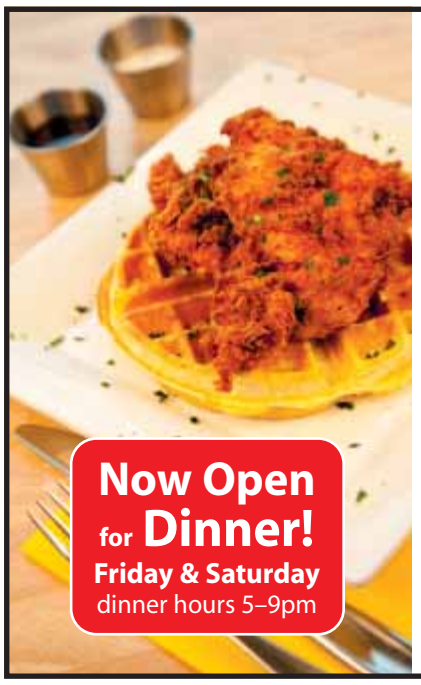
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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, June 3, 2011

Movies on the pier
Santa Monica Pier
7:30 p.m.
This year's installment of the popular Brand X Santa Monica Drive-In debuts with the season four premiere of Animal Planet's reality series "Whale Wars." The screening will be accompanied by a question and answer period with cast members. There will also be free "Whale Wars" beach towels for the first 1,500 in attendance. For more information, visit santamonicapier.org.

Meet the Zuckers
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 7:30 p.m.
This special screening of "Ruthless People," starring Bette Midler and Danny DeVito, includes a discussion with directors David and Jerry Zucker and other guests. For more information, call (310) 260-1528.

'Java Drama 2'
Samohi's Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
"Java Drama 2" is chock full of music, dance, one-act plays, videos, puppetry, artwork, monologues and poetry. Not to mention delicious desserts and fresh-brewed espresso drinks served café style by a theatre student wait staff. This production also takes place on Saturday at 5 p.m. & 8 p.m. For more information, call (310) 395-3204 ext. 71239.

'Locked and Loaded'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"Locked and Loaded," Todd Susman's first published play, stars stage and screen personalities Paul Linke, Andrew Parks, Tarina Pouncy, Terasa Sciortino and Sandra Thigpen and is helmed by award-winning director Chris DeCarlo. For more information, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Saturday, June 4, 2011

Plan the forest of the future
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 10:30 a.m.
City Hall and the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force are asking for the community's involvement in planning for the long-term health of Santa Monica's urban forest. Led by the City Council-appointed Task Force, a series of public workshops will be held in June on "Street Tree Species Selection." The workshops will offer residents a key opportunity to help determine appropriate trees species street by street in the event that a street tree needs to be replaced in the future. The next meeting takes place June 25. For more information, call (310) 458-8974.

Jazz for Japan
Samohi's Barnum Hall
601 Pico Blvd., 3 p.m.
In this special event called, "Jazz For Japan," the Samohi Jazz program has partnered with the Santa Monica Chapter of the American Red Cross, to raise money for the Japanese people that were devastated by the terrible chain of events that occurred recently in their country. Half of all proceeds from the concert will go toward the Japan Earthquake and Pacific Tsunami relief effort and the other half will go to support the Samohi Jazz program. For more information, visit Jazz4Japan.org.

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Bill centralizes efforts to address homelessness

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO California is one of 10 states without a central authority on homelessness, according to a federal agency, and the Assembly has voted to change that.

More than 10 California agencies address homelessness, but legislation approved Thursday would centralize that work under the California Interagency Council on Homelessness. It would cost $350,000 annually.

The Assembly approved AB1167, by Democratic Assemblyman Paul Fong of Cupertino, on a 44-14 vote, sending it to the Senate.

Fong says California has more than a quarter of the nation's homeless population. His legislation directs the council to secure federal money and coordinate efforts among different groups to reduce homelessness.

The council would include representatives from the governor's office and the Departments of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Housing and Community Development, Mental Health, Social Services and Veterans Affairs.

State may ban foam containers for takeout

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Getting takeout food in foam containers would be a thing of the past in California under a first-in-the-nation bill approved by the state Senate on Thursday.

The bill by Sen. Alan Lowenthal, D-Long Beach, prohibits vendors including restaurants and grocery stores from providing prepared food in expanded polystyrene containers.

Currently, 50 California local jurisdictions, including Santa Monica, restrict using the containers, but Lowenthal says his bill would make California the first to enact a statewide ban.

As written now, his SB568 would ban using the containers after Jan. 1, 2014. But Lowenthal plans to amend his bill in the Assembly to apply to restaurants and vendors after Jan. 1, 2016. It would apply to schools after July 1, 2017.

Lowenthal said the material commonly known as Styrofoam often winds up as litter and eventually breaks into pieces so small that some marine animals mistake it for food.

"The focus is in the wrong area. I don't know why we're not going after the people who are littering," objected Sen. Ted Gaines, R-Roseville.



ART FOR HUMANITY

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Guests enjoy wine and food as they participate in the silent auction during the Art House benefit hosted by Habitat for Humanity of Greater Los Angeles at Arena 1 Gallery at the Santa Monica Art Studios on Wednesday night. The Art House event features pieces donated by world-renowned and local artists for silent auction with all proceeds benefiting Habitat for Humanity.

Two resign from teacher licensing commission

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Two top officials at the commission responsible for issuing California teaching licenses announced their resignations Thursday after a scathing audit on the commission's handling of teacher misconduct cases.

The resignations of executive director Dale Janssen and general counsel Mary Armstrong were announced by the board's chairwoman, Ting Sun, during a public meeting of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing in Sacramento.

Sun said the two no longer felt they could be effective leaders "in the environment created after the release" of a report by state Auditor Elaine Howle, who called the commission one of the worst-run bodies her office had ever investigated.

Howle's office found the commission had a backlog of 12,600 unprocessed reports of teachers who had been arrested or prosecuted, nearly three times the number of cases it handles in a typical year.

Michael Cooney, one of two new members named to the commission this week by Gov. Jerry Brown, said finding new leadership that is prepared to make dramatic changes will be among the body's top priorities.

"There were a number of factors addressed by the auditors, but I think you can say generally it comes down to leadership, so a top priority will be to recruit a successor to Mr. Janzen ... who comes from a culture of openness that may have been lacking," said Cooney, who attended Tuesday's meeting.

The report criticized the board for waiting long periods for reports on teachers who had been prosecuted after accusations of misconduct, rather than conducting its own investigations based on reports from parents, students and administrators.

Those findings echoed the results of an investigation by The Associated Press in 2007 that found dozens of cases of teachers whose credentials remained valid, sometimes for years, even after they had been arrested or charged for sex-related offenses.

Although California law in most cases requires action within 10 days against educators who are accused or convicted of sex crimes, the AP's review of more than 300 cases of sexual misconduct of teachers found delays of months and sometimes years.

The AP's investigation led to two laws signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger the following year to close loopholes and make it tougher for teachers who commit sex crimes to remain in California's public schools. One allows the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to revoke licenses from teachers who plead no contest to certain sex crimes or drug offenses without waiting for a discretionary review that can sometimes take two or three years.

The other allows the commission to revoke teachers' licenses automatically if a previous criminal conviction has limited their contact with children, or if teachers have had their license revoked in another state for misconduct.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Problems with permit parking

Editor:

Permit parking has finally come to my street.

Much has been said about this quasi-privatization of a public resource, for and against. Yet government interference in the free market of parking keeps spreading, forcing the provision of the convenience of residents on streets we all pay for.

Yet homeowners, especially, seem to believe that all-day empty streets, even as their own cars have a driveway to pull into, is one of the property rights that come with their mortgage.

My block in south Santa Monica is mostly empty now, day and night, the SMC students banished because a new neighbor, finding no parking midday recently, did unadvisedly – to put it politely – pull briefly into our one handicap space. Ironically, the long-defunct space had been left as is by the city which gave her a $400 ticket for her poor judgment. (Now there's an issue).

To be fair, my building provides me parking. Our building, in fact, frees eight spaces on the street, making it even more empty now. (I do benefit from the increased ease of backing out my clumsy work vehicle). Would I have signed the paper had I been condemned, as I have in the past, to eke out a place for my vehicle each evening? I'll say I wouldn't have. It would have been embarrassing to myself to opt for the limitations of privileged parking. What was free parking would now cost money as a yearly payment, plus the extant street taxes. And permits required in my entire neighborhood around and on 16th Street, do not provide even two-hour breaks. Therefore any future get-togethers at my home will be now limited to the limited number of guest vehicles for which I would have to buy permits.

In Santa Monica, no politician is harmed by clearing street spaces, just as few residents will naturally turn down the permit petition passed under their noses. Even my most liberal, and therefore supposedly most socially directed, acquaintances, have protested that they had no parking when they got home before all us street-tax payers provided them with it.

Of course, they also now have no parking when they come to my street.

With that in consideration, it's the city which comes off best in this Malthusian car phenomenon in which scarce parking promotes desperate self interest. Revenues from citations issued to those who dare risk parking without the precious mirror hanging, and the fresh revenue from the increase in parking payments of SMC students now driven to exasperation by abolition of all local on-street availability will accrue to the government that many citizens already resent.

What comes off worst is long-term good sense and good-faith discussion of generous and tailored street parking arrangements for a wider benefit for all.

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SMDP EDITORIALS

Leave circumcisions alone

The effort by a San Diego-based organization to ban circumcision in Santa Monica on boys under the age of 18 has generated plenty of letters to the Daily Press over the last week, with people passionately expressing their support and opposition to the proposed ballot initiative, which will need a little more than 6,000 signatures from registered voters to qualify.

We stand with those who are against this effort to strip away the right for parents to decide what they think is best for their child. We see no pressing reason for a ban at this time. We believe the procedure, if performed correctly, does not pose any danger to the child. We believe circumcision, not only a religious rite of passage, is beneficial to the health of the child, protecting against bacterial infection.

All this talk about diminishing sexual pleasure doesn't carry weight with us. We've never heard from any of our male employees or associates that they wish sex could be more pleasurable. They seem to enjoy it just fine.

The same goes for the argument equating female circumcision to infant male circumcision. Female circumcisions, which remove the entire clitoris, are done with malicious intent, denying the women the pleasures of sex while simultaneously exposing them to a life of pain. That is not the case with male infant circumcision.

What this is all about, from our view, is an attack on religion, in particular the Jewish faith, and an attack on parents' rights to raise their children in the manner they see fit. If this were to pass, what's next: a ban on homeschooling; a ban on piercings; or a mandate that all children be forced to eat only plant-based foods in schools and at home? While we do not always agree with the choices parents make, we cannot strip them of their rights to be a parent. What we should be doing is educating parents about the pros and cons of circumcision and then let them make up their own minds. If their child grows up and resents them for snipping off his foreskin, let them deal with it in on their own terms. Isn't that what therapy's for?

City Hall hush-hush on jet ban

While we find no fault with the City Council's decision roughly four months ago to not challenge a federal court's ruling barring City Hall from enforcing a ban on C and D jets at Santa Monica Airport, the Daily Press is miffed that we had to find out about the decision this week from residents and not the powers that be, who have a duty and responsibility to keep the public informed, particularly on such a high-profile issue.

Not informing the public in a timely fashion raises questions about City Hall's commitment to transparency. Granted, it is the media's job to ask the right questions and follow up, but at no time when discussing other issues relating to the airport did any city official or council member let us know about this very important decision to not continue legal action after already spending more than $1.5 million, a decision that was made by the council behind closed doors.

We are concerned that the lack of notification is a violation of the Brown Act, which governs access to public meetings and requires notification orally or in writing within 24 hours of a vote or other action taken during closed session. The decision not to appeal seems like a reportable action to us. We checked the minutes from all council meetings in January and February and could not find such a report. City officials feel that since the court's decision is public record, it was not necessary to "independently announce" that City Hall lost. While that may be true, with an issue as heated as airport operations, the public and the media should have been alerted.

A mind is responsible
for the traffic light, the blood bank, ice cream, peanut butter, the doorknob, the microphone, the elevator, clothes dryer, lawn mower, pacemaker, the typewriter, guided missile, mailbox, the air conditioner, automatic transmission, curtain rod, baby carriage, lawn sprinkler, fountain pen, dust pan, the hand stamp, first open-heart surgery, cataract laser, fire extinguisher, doorstop, home security camera, the golf tee, fire escape, potato chip, food preservation, synthesized cortisone, the guitar, railroad telegraphy, envelope seal, printing press, bicycle frame, rocket catapult, insect destroyer gun, ice cream scoop, window cleaner, laser fuels, folding chair, gas mask, mop, refrigerator, pressing comb, urinalysis machine, door lock, electric cutoff switch, telephone transmitter, stair-climbing wheelchair, hairbrush, egg beater, eye protector, electric lamp bulb, biscuit cutter, chamber commode, almanac, horse shoe, lunch pail, motor, lantern, key chain, furniture caster, ironing board, sugar-refining system, lemon squeezer, portable weighing scales, wrench, airplane propeller, ore bucket, steam boiler, portable x-ray machine, cotton chopper fertilizer, street sweeper, cattle-roping apparatus, spark plug, galoshes, casket-lowering device, clothes wringer, disrail car coupling, riding saddles, and so on and so on. The list is endless. Indeed, it's time to stop and celebrate the fact that each and every one of the wonderful innovations mentioned here came from the mind. The mind of an African American. By supporting minority education, you keep open the possibility of tomorrow's great ideas. Because of all the things that the human mind has created, perhaps the most amazing is the one that has yet to be created. And that possibility is
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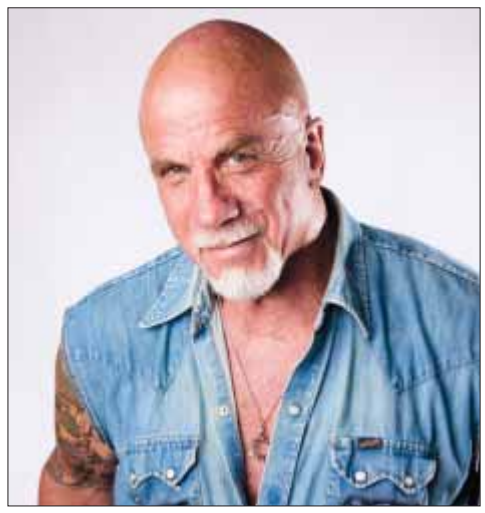
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He knew Arnold back when

FORMER SANTA MONICA RESIDENT

Ric Drasin has had many different careers over the years: artist, actor, musician, stuntman, writer, personal trainer, pro wrestler, wrestling instructor, bodybuilding champion, YouTube star, website host and a specialist reserve officer with the Los Angeles Police Department. (Just naming them all, I've got to take a nap.)

Ric reminds me of the lead in Woody Allen's 1983 movie "Zelig." In the 1920s, Leonard Zelig somehow crossed paths with every famous person of the era, from Woodrow Wilson to Babe Ruth. In Ric's life, he befriended Joe Gold (founder Gold's Gym), actress Mae West (appeared in her last movie in 1978) and our former Governor (and current pariah) Arnold Schwarzenegger, with whom Ric worked out daily from 1970 through 1974.



DRASIN

I met Ric while researching a column about Santa Monica in the '50s. Back then ours was a sleepy little beach town (as opposed to Manhattan with palm trees).

Interestingly, a number of pro wrestlers lived here and hung out at Muscle Beach. They would often "dine" at Honest John's hot dog stand on the boardwalk. Honest John was a retired wrestler himself and had a mustache with spiked-tipped ends that looked like they could poke your eye out. The shack that housed HJ's still stands but is currently a bike rental shop.

After researching on the Internet, the next day I heard from Ric who had been to HJ's many times and graciously offered to provide background information. We've stayed in touch ever since. At 66, Ric is still a workout fiend and looks more like 36.

Ric's life is right out of a Hollywood movie. Born and raised in Bakersfield, Ric is Jewish, which was a bit unusual for a town known as "Nashville west." Ric was popular in school as he excelled in sports and had a fun-loving outlook on life. Among his myriad passions was playing the guitar, which lead him to form a rock band, "The Epics," and, amazingly enough, a contract with Capital Records. (Capital renamed them the "Hollywood Vines.")

But pro wrestlers who came to Bakersfield for matches fueled Ric's dream of becoming a wrestler. At 18, Ric commuted 200 miles a day round trip (via his mom's driving) to Downtown L.A. to workout at the Olympic Auditorium with Johnny Mae Young, a famed female wrestler. Again amazingly, within a year Ric was wrestling professionally for $35 a night. And soon he'd be on TV as Ric "the Equalizer" Drasin against the likes of Freddie Blassie, Mr. Moto and Superstar Billy Graham, to name but a few.

Ric also took up body building. His timing was exquisite as soon the sport exploded in international popularity. In fact it was Ric who designed the original cartoon sketch logo of a bald weightlifter for Gold's Gym (the biggest selling logo in the world behind Coca Cola).

Unfortunately for Ric, and perhaps his accountant, it was a favor to Joe Gold and Ric got no compensation. (Though now he owns the rights.) Ric would also do the same for World Gym with his equally famous weightlifting gorilla logo seen on T-shirts everywhere.

One of Ric's bodybuilding workout partners was a young Arnold Schwarzenegger, who would pick up Ric at 8 a.m. and go for breakfast at Zucky's Deli on Fifth Street and Wilshire Boulevard. After the workout, they'd run on the beach, and then get some sun. On the weekends, a diet splurge could include banana cream pie at the House of Pies across from Zucky's.

As Ric had chased many a girl with Arnold, and even double dated numerous times, I felt compelled to ask about the recent revelations concerning the Governator. For example, after the love-child's birth, why have the baby mama continue to work in the house for the next 10 years? With his son his spitting image, how did Arnold sleep knowing the scandal would ruin his marriage, political career and life?

Unfortunately, Ric didn't have the answers. The truth is he's far too busy with Ric's Corner (with 2,000,000 viewers on the Internet), writing articles for Bodybuilding.com and teaching pro wrestling. Plus there's his daily workout regimen, which makes me think of his perfect epitaph. "And on the seventh day he worked out."

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The Q Line

Circumcision or not?

A San Diego-based group that opposes circumcisions for newborns has filed paper work in Santa Monica to place a measure on a future ballot that would ban the practice.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you support a ban on circumcision?

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Senate again takes up bill on Web privacy

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO California lawmakers on Thursday took up a bill that has irked Facebook, Twitter and other social networking companies because it would require their websites to automatically set personal information to private.

Senators began voting for a second time on SB242 after the bill failed a vote last week. An initial round of voting Thursday failed to generate the majority support needed.

State Sen. Ellen Corbett, D-San Leandro, said her bill would protect users from identity theft and give parents better control of private information about their children. She said people often are unaware that personal information such as their home address and Social Security number can be available online for others to see.

"This is not any information, but information that is truly private and truly sensitive like your home address, your mother's maiden name, your Social Security number, your bank accounts, those sorts of things — pieces of information that belong to you," Corbett said.

In addition to opposition from social networking sites, Internet companies such as Google, Yahoo and Skype have lobbied against the proposal, saying such regulation isn't needed because companies already go to great lengths to protect individuals' privacy.

Most online sites now let users decide to reveal or conceal personal information in the context of what they are doing at any particular time, the companies said in a letter last month. They said that Corbett's bill would force consumers to make blanket privacy decisions before they ever have used a service.

They also cited studies that users can and do adjust their privacy settings.

Internet privacy has become a national topic for policymakers and the industry. The Federal Trade Commission is urging Web browser makers to build tools that would let consumers stop advertisers from studying their online activity in order to target pitches.

The Commerce Department also has called for the creation of a "privacy bill of rights" for Internet users to set ground rules for companies that collect consumer data online and use that information for marketing and other purposes.

Internet companies profit from collecting and sharing personal information that can let marketers target their advertising. Nearly $9 billion was spent for online display advertising last year, according to the eMarketer Inc. research firm. The industry was expected to grow to nearly $16 billion by 2014.

Technology firms opposed to the bill reported spending $148,218 on lobbyists this year, though not all their reports with the secretary of state's office specifically listed Corbett's bill as a target. That does not include the $682,834 spent by the California Chamber of Commerce, which lobbies on many bills.

"Facebook has led the industry with innovative privacy and security tools that reflect the best practices identified by industry and regulators alike," Elliot Schrage, the company's vice president of corporate communications and public policy, wrote in a letter this week to Corbett. "It is the desire to meet or exceed best practices that led Facebook to join safety experts and representatives of our industry in opposing SB242."

Corbett said an FTC report concluded that "industry-efforts to address privacy through self-regulation have been too slow and up to now have failed to provide adequate and meaningful protection." She said her bill is needed to protect consumers.

Her bill is backed by law enforcement groups, including Los Angeles County Sheriff Lee Baca, and children's advocates.

But lawmakers, both Democratic and Republican, voiced concern Thursday that her legislation had not been fully examined and suggested it needed more work. If the Senate passes the bill, it will move to the Assembly.

Democratic Sen. Michael Rubio of Bakersfield said lawmakers don't want to hurt a growing sector of California's economy. He asked Corbett to consider reducing the fine mandated by the bill from $10,000 to $1,000 for companies that violate the proposed privacy settings.

"This is an evolving sector, a very important one to the state of California. I know that many members, including myself, do not want to negatively impact a very important industry for the state of California," Rubio said.

Companies said they can't realistically screen or pull back the millions of pieces of information that are posted each day. They have threatened to sue, should the bill become law, on the grounds that a California-only bill would affect interstate commerce that can only be regulated by the federal government.

The bill also would interfere with Californians' right to free speech, they argued.

Corbett called those arguments red herrings. The senator said once personal information is out online, it's out there for good.

"So the idea of using private as a default setting on personally identifiable information makes all the sense in the world," Corbett said.

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City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Numbers 2359 - 2361 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The following are summaries of Ordinances Number 2359 through 2361, which were adopted by the City Council on May 24, 2011.

Ordinance Number 2359 relaxes certain restrictions on signage and outdoor displays of merchandise in order to provide assistance to merchants during this recession. The amendments allow for projecting signs, revise the computation method for total sign area and thereby increase it, and allow for merchandise display on business's private property.

Ordinance Number 2360 conforms the Santa Monica Elections Code to current requirements of federal law by eliminating restrictions on contributions to committees that are not controlled by candidates.

Ordinance Number 2361 eliminates code provisions authorizing the appointment of emeritus members to City boards and commissions.

Ordinance Numbers 2359 through 2361 will become effective thirty days after their adoption. The full text of the ordinances is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone (310) 458-8211.

Assembly OKs regulation of health policy rates

ADAM WEINTRAUB
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Democrats in the California Assembly on Thursday narrowly approved giving state regulators the power to reject rate hikes proposed by health insurers, voting after Republican lawmakers walked out of the chamber in protest.

The Assembly voted 42-1 to approve the measure, with one Democrat voting no and others speaking against it. The bill, which needed 41 votes for approval, now goes to the Senate.

AB52 allows the state insurance commissioner or the Department of Managed Health Care to reject increases in health insurance rates if they are deemed excessive. The commissioner already can reject rate hikes for other kinds of insurance.

Assemblyman Mike Feuer, a Los Angeles Democrat, said 34 other states have similar rules to protect consumers from rates that are rising faster than health care costs. "Let's remember who we're here to represent," he said.

Assemblyman Bill Monning, a Monterey Democrat, said the bill would require that rate increases be supported by financial data.

"We do it for other forms of insurance in this state," he said. "Rates should be based on objective criteria," he said, not the assertions of a profit-making company.

Opponents said it would warp the market, be subject to politics and undercut other cost-control efforts.

Assemblyman Charles Calderon, D-Whittier, said he couldn't support the bill in its present form and noted that some of the states that allow regulators to reject increases have among the highest individual rates in the nation. Health insurers have offered studies showing that five of the 10 states with the highest individual rates have similar regulation laws.

In addition, Calderon said, politics should be separated from regulation.

"What politically elected representative is going to make an unpopular decision on what the rate is going to be?" he asked.

Insurance Commissioner Dave Jones, a Democrat who was elected into office, said in a statement that "since I took office, Californians have made it exceedingly clear that they want me to reject excessive rate increases, but I do not have this authority."

"As a member of the Assembly, I introduced this legislation three times and the need for it has only grown, as health insurance continues to become unaffordable for more and more Californians and businesses," he said.

The debate did not include any Republican lawmakers, who requested a recess for a caucus just before the bill came up. When it was denied, they left the floor for about 30 minutes.

GOP lawmakers opposed the bill in committee. Also, health insurers lobbied hard against the bill. The California Association of Health Plans has argued that it's misguided to regulate health rates when 87 cents out of every $1 spent on insurance premiums goes for medical expenses, while only 3 cents goes to profits.

> **"CHRONIC DISEASE, NEW TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER UNDERLYING PRESSURES CAUSE HEALTH CARE SPENDING TO OUTPACE INFLATION, YET AB 52'S ARBITRARY PRICE CONTROLS WILL APPLY ONLY TO HEALTH CARE PREMIUMS – NOT TO THESE UNDERLYING CAUSES."**
> California Association of Health Plans

"Chronic disease, new technology and other underlying pressures cause health care spending to outpace inflation, yet AB 52's arbitrary price controls will apply only to health care premiums — not to these underlying causes," the association argued in a fact sheet distributed last month.

Opponents also argued that rate regulation will cost the state some $30 million a year to administer, and will be a rich source of lawsuits that add to the costs of doing business for insurers and insurance customers alike. The bill has racked up a long list of business groups and the California Medical Association among its opponents.

The only vote against the measure in the Assembly was Assemblyman Richard Pan, D-Sacramento, who is a physician.

Assemblyman Jose Solorio, a Santa Ana Democrat, raised concerns about the opposition to the measure by doctors. Solorio urged Feuer, who presented the bill, to be open to amendments as the legislation moves to the Senate.

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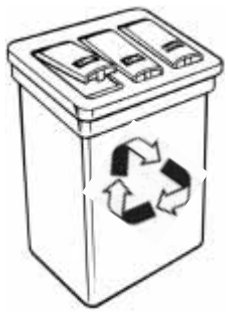
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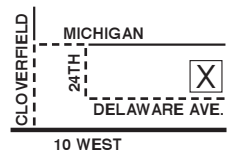


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LOS ANGELES
Inventor of Zicam flu remedy arrested

The U.S. attorney's office in Los Angeles says the inventor of a cold treatment has been charged with illegally importing and distributing an unapproved herbal product he claimed treated bird flu.

Fifty-seven-year-old Charles B. Hensley, who invented the zinc-based Zicam cold remedy, was scheduled to be arraigned Thursday on charges he imported a product called Vira 38 and distributed it to customers across the U.S.

Prosecutors say he was arrested Wednesday at his home in Redondo Beach.

Hensley faces four misdemeanor counts of introducing an unapproved new drug into interstate commerce, four misdemeanor counts of introduction of a misbranded drug into interstate commerce, and four felony counts of illegally importing an unapproved drug into the U.S.

A call seeking comment was left with a federal public defender assigned to Hensley's case.

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LOS ANGELES
DA: Money motive for woman in trash can body case

A Southern California woman accused of killing her ex-boyfriend and pushing his body parts down the street in a trash can might have acted for financial gain in a case rapidly expanding across three counties, an official said Thursday.

Investigators have surveillance video showing Carmen Montenegro, 51, using credit and ATM cards belonging to the victim, Samuel Wiggins Jr., after he disappeared on April 20, said David Hidalgo, supervisor of the San Bernardino County district attorney's family violence unit. Montenegro also used the 63-year-old Wiggins' car in the days after his disappearance, he said.

Montenegro also told police that she had been sexually abused and authorities are also considering that as a possible motive, Hidalgo said.

Her public defender, Rebecca Taft, did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Montenegro has pleaded not guilty to a charge of first-degree murder and is being held on $1 million bail.

She was arrested Sunday at a house in Ontario, a San Bernardino County city 40 miles east of Los Angeles, after neighbors called police to say a woman was dragging what appeared to be body parts down the street in a 30-gallon trash bin.

AP

LOS ANGELES
Lindsay Lohan's monitoring bracelet malfunctions

Lindsay Lohan's attorney says the actress's electronic monitoring bracelet has been replaced after a malfunction.

Attorney Shawn Holley said Thursday that Lohan's electronic monitoring system went off on Monday.

Holley says a representative from the monitoring company went to Lohan's house in Venice and found her at home. The bracelet was replaced the next day.

Lohan was arrested twice for driving under the influence in 2007, once in Santa Monica, and remains on probation for offenses. She is serving about 35 days of house arrest for violating her probation by taking a necklace without permission.

Dave Leone, bureau chief of adult services for Los Angeles County's probation department, says private companies sometimes contract with the county to oversee electronic monitoring. He did not comment on Lohan's case.

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CRIME WATCH
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Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

MONDAY, MAY 30, AT 3:17 P.M.,
Santa Monica police responded to the Denny's restaurant located on the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard regarding a report of a customer who was unable to pay for the food he ate. When officers arrived, they made contact with the restaurant manager who told them that the suspect entered the restaurant, ordered food and then tried to pay with a gift card that was declined. The suspect said he had no other way to pay and he was arrested for defrauding an innkeeper. He was identified as Cameron Dodge, 37, of Cherry Hills, N.J. His bail was set at $500.

SUNDAY, MAY 29, AT 10:34 A.M.,
Officers responded to Sonny McLean's Irish Pub located on the 2600 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a person inside causing a disturbance. When officers arrived, they detained the suspect and made contact with employees of the bar. They said the suspect ate food and drank several alcoholic beverages and then tried to pay using a Sam's Club card. When management asked him to leave, he allegedly became argumentative and refused to leave. Officers arrested the suspect for defrauding an innkeeper. He was later released after being issued a citation. He was identified as Roy Wayne Elder, 46, of Santa Monica.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, AT 7:50 P.M.,
Officers responded to the area of Seventh Street and Wilshire Boulevard – Reed Park – regarding an assault that occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim and suspects and determined that a fight broke out over a basketball game. The victim told officers that a verbal argument turned violent and he was kicked and punched in the head and body by the suspects. When the attack stopped, the victim called 911. He was rushed to a local hospital where he was treated for lacerations to his face and a broken nose. Officers placed the suspects under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon. They were identified as Anthony Wesley, 46, of Santa Monica, and Joseph Mangum, 28, a transient. No bail information was provided by police.

SATURDAY, MAY 28, AT 5:42 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 200 block of Broadway – Nordstrom – regarding a shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with security who said that they watched as the suspect used someone else's Nordstrom card to purchase lots of cosmetics. Security detained the suspect for using the card and held him until police arrived. Officers spoke with the suspect, who allegedly admitted to using someone else's identity to make the purchase. He further admitted to making large purchases in Mission Viejo earlier this year. Officers recovered the fraudulent credit card, temporary driver's license, a debit card and other evidence. The suspect was placed under arrest and booked for burglary, forgery, altering a driver's license, identity theft and a probation violation. He was identified as Yeuk Pui Ng, 33, of Pomona. His bail was set at $20,000.

FRIDAY, MAY 27, AT 5:45 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 700 block of Bay Street regarding a report of a man brandishing a weapon. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who told them that as he was arriving home he saw two men looking into some bushes next to his neighbor's window. The victim confronted the men and asked one of them if they had lost something. That's when one of the men allegedly reached into his waistband and pulled out a hammer and lunged toward the victim in a threatening manner. The victim retreated and called 911. Officers detained the suspect at the corner of Lincoln Boulevard and Bay Street and placed him under arrest for assault with a deadly weapon and making criminal threats. The suspect was identified as Christopher Johnson, 22, a transient. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, AT 5:15 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1600 block of Ocean Avenue – OPCC's Daybreak – regarding a report of a commercial burglary that recently occurred. When officers arrived, they saw a broken window and a blood trail leading away from the location. While interviewing witnesses, officers were given a photograph of the suspect. Forensics responded and processed the crime scene. Police believed $500 in bus tokens was missing. Officers were able to identify the suspect by name and she was located the next day in the 500 block of Olympic Drive. She was placed under arrest for burglary and a probation violation. The suspect was identified as Shonte Nelson, 37, a transient. Her bail was set at $21,250.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25, AT 1:50 P.M.,
Officers responded to the Vons located on the 1300 block of Wilshire Boulevard regarding a shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said they saw the suspect placing items in a bag she brought with her into the store. The suspect then left without paying for the items. She was detained outside the store. While waiting for officers to arrive, the suspect allegedly tried to escape by pushing and biting the arm of security guard. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for robbery. She was identified as Loenela Contreras, 43, a transient. Her bail was set at $50,000.

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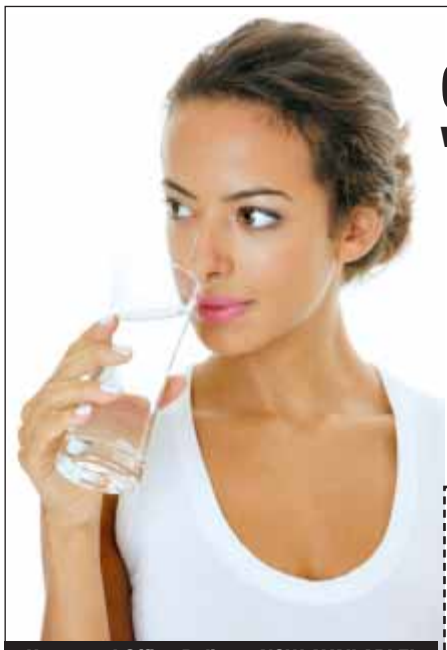
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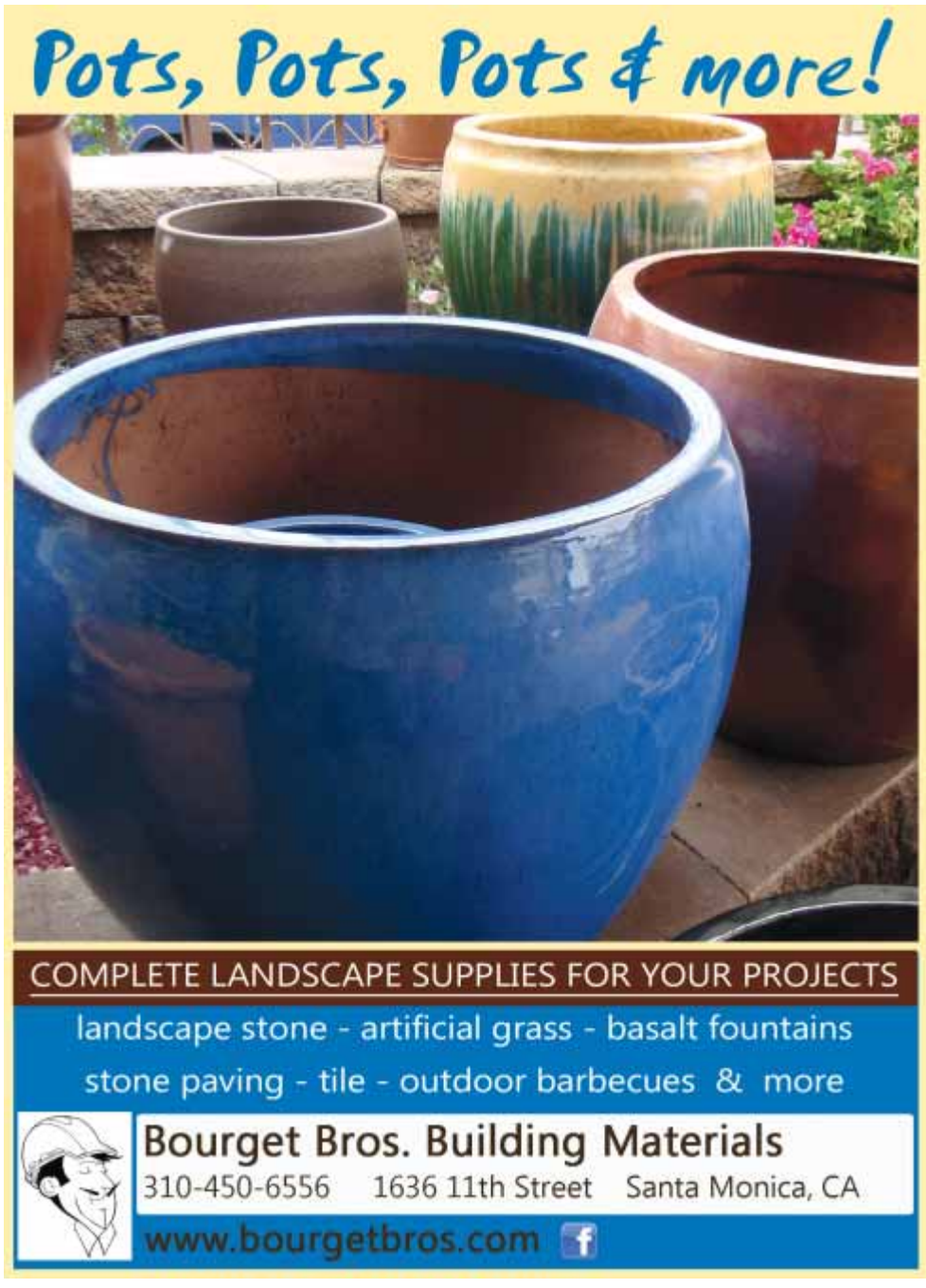
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SCHOOLS
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amount and seemed to be underspending," said Claudia Landis, chair of SEDAC.

What resulted was an in-depth look at the sources of revenue from the state and federal government, the costs of the various pieces of the special ed program and how to improve reporting to make sure that the budget was accessible to the layman in the future.

"I think the process was extremely effective," said Jan Maez, the district's chief financial officer. "Members of SEDAC, who have had lots of questions in the past about data and information, have a much better understanding and comfort level that the information is complete and accurate, and not only that, but they can understand it."

Half of special education is funded by state and federal sources. It gets the rest of its money from the school district's general fund.

In fiscal year 2010-11, special ed accounted for $11,580,736, or roughly 10 percent, of general fund expenditures.

The charts show that the cost of special education has risen steadily over the previous 10 years, from a low of $16 million in the 2001-02 school year to $22.6 million in 2010-11.

The most expensive year was 2008-09, when the costs hit $22.8 million, primarily because of an uptick in legal costs and settlements, mostly surrounding conflicts between parents and the district over individual education programs, or IEPs.

As with many government organizations, much of the cost increases come from employees.

Salaries for certificated and classified employees jumped from $9.8 million in 2001-02 to $14.5 million in 2010-11, and the amount of money spent on benefits for those employees has more than doubled in that time.

Costs per student have also risen without pause over the past decade, except for one minor decrease in 2009-10.

Special ed students with IEPs cost the district an average of $10,553 in 2001-02, which increased to $17,038 this fiscal year.

Beyond the weakened buying power of the dollar, that increase is directly related to the cost of services needed by individual students.

"In general, the cost of education did go up," said Board of Education President Jose Escarce. "In this particular case, it depends on the mix of students and the conditions that they have. Some need more expensive services."

Escarce and board members Laurie Lieberman and Oscar de la Torre are liaisons to the Financial Oversight Committee, where the information was first presented.

"It's an individual student-driven process," Escarce continued. "The upward trend is reflective of general inflation and providing all sorts of education and services."

The district contracts out many of those services, which include speech therapy, physical therapy and occupational therapy, or any other service needed for a student with a disability that the school district can't provide itself, Maez said.

An area of concern for members of SEDAC was the amount of money spent on litigation and settlements during the controversial period when parents and the district forged confidential agreements about student IEPs.

Legal settlement costs did increase steadily from fiscal year 2004-05, when settlements accounted for $269,000, to 2007-08 when it hit an all-time high of $832,000.

The amount spent on settlements in the most recent fiscal year reflects a change in culture and departure from business-as-usual, Escarce said.

"We have been striving over the last several years to improve everything about special education, including the culture of the program and how to deal with parents, parents' needs and students' needs," Escarce said.

The numbers meant something different to Landis, who concluded that while many parents had assumed that the amount spent on litigation would be a deciding factor in budgeting for special education, it was a "red herring."

The program's major costs come from the teachers and staff that serve the students, which means that to improve the program, the district should focus on improving the instructional tools given to teachers, Landis said.

"It costs as much to pay a teacher to teach programs that aren't useful as to pay a teacher to teach programs that are," Landis said.

Members from all sides of the special education community were thrilled with the analysis, hailing it as a "Herculean effort" on the part of SEDAC and district staff.

"The goal is to have an informed membership about what is going on in special education to assuage anxiety," said Theresa Harris, co-chair of the Santa Monica PTA's special education committee. "They said this administration was going to be transparent, and they truly are."

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investment can produce multiple benefits."

That investment will help create a sustainable community at the transit village that City Hall hopes will turn the former industrial area into a thriving, artistic community connected directly to everything from Downtown Santa Monica to L.A.

HUD awarded the grant, in part, because of City Hall's success in putting together the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE) of the general plan, which will guide development within city limits for decades to come.

The timing of the grant was critical to getting the planning for the project lined up with the coming light rail line, said Francie Stefan, a community and strategic planning manager with City Hall.

While the planning effort would always have been necessary, "this allowed us to do it now," Stefan said.

The detailed level of analysis on how to put together the project will be critical if City Hall wants to be successful at including light rail and its projected 60,000 daily riders into the fabric of Santa Monica without causing too many wrinkles.

"I want to thank HUD for making this possible," Stefan said. "It was critical to move forward quickly."

The planning will focus on creating a development that can serve all of the needs of its residents on foot or on bike. That's going to mean chopping up the large, industrial sites and creating smaller, pedestrian-friendly blocks to remove the need of getting in a car to complete even small errands, Stefan said.

"We're looking at ways to take individual parcels and knit them together to make a community," she said.

The focus on walkability and the "no net new trips" ideal embodied in the LUCE is more than just an eco-friendly feather in City Hall's cap. It directly impacts the pocketbooks of the future residents of the site.

Even before gas prices hit $4 per gallon, the average American was spending 52 cents of every dollar earned on fuel and housing, Donovan said.

Mayor Richard Bloom, who introduced Donovan, spoke highly of the HUD secretary and the policies behind the grant.

"He believes what we believe with regards to social issues," Bloom said. "We are simpatico, as the Italians say."

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BIG HONOR: **Samohi catcher Kelly Ricard was named Ocean League MVP this week.**

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10th consecutive league title and a perfect 10-0 record in Ocean play.

First team selections included Meghan Bradley, Natalie Abel and Sara Garcia. The second team features Kelsey Hom, Amanda Delgadillo, Marissa Padilla and Jaime Hom.

Despite losing seniors Bradley, Abel, Kelsey Hom and Delgadillo, Moreno thinks underclassmen like MVP Ricard and possible future pitching ace Garcia will continue Samohi's annual dominance of the Ocean League.

"I hope this gives them motivation to keep playing hard," Moreno said. "It's always nice to be recognized by your peers."

VIKINGS HOLD SCRIMMAGE

Proving that it's never too early for football, Samohi is holding its second annual Blue vs. Gold Scrimmage on campus this Saturday at 11 a.m.

Aside from the scrimmage, the event, open to the public, will serve as a tribute to the late Norm Lacy, the school's long-time athletic director who passed away from heart failure last May. The team's coaching staff will also be raising funds for Cody Williams, a graduating senior who suffered a traumatic spinal injury during the 2009 season. He has made great improvement, but the need to raise funds for his continued rehabilitation is still a priority for the football program and its boosters.

As for the scrimmage itself, Head Coach Travis Clark said he's looking forward to seeing the progress his team has made since finishing last season 6-4.

Clark is particularly interested to see what quarterback Christian Salem can do as the new starter. The senior-to-be will be replacing Rhys Gervais, last year's QB, who transferred to Dorsey.

"Salem has worked his butt off for three years," Clark said. "I have to give this kid an opportunity."

The scrimmage will also be a debut of sorts for transfers London Lewis (running back from Servite) and Sebastian Larue (wide receiver from Orange Lutheran). He expects both to compete for playing time and is keenly interested to see what Lewis adds to a backfield that includes standouts Kori Garcia and Donovan Citrowski.

"We have a great group of backs returning," Clark said. "I'm excited to see what they do."

Samohi opens the season on Sept. 9 against Leuzinger.

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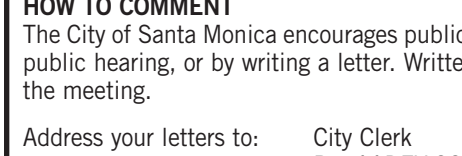
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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Development Agreement Amendment 11DEV-002
2401 to 2525 Colorado Avenue and 2400-2500 Broadway
APPLICANT/PROPERTY OWNER: CA-Colorado Center, L.L.C.

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

The Property Owner proposes a Fifth Amendment to the Development Agreement for the Yahoo Center office development to revise the current base parking ratio for office use on the site from the current requirement of one parking space per 322SF of office floor area to one parking space per 500SF of office floor area. This Fifth Amendment would also authorize leasing of up to 1,053 existing surplus parking spaces to off-site parties, consistent with the facility's long-standing practice of leasing these underutilized spaces while still maintaining sufficient parking for its on-site tenants.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2011 AT 6:45 p.m.

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: 11DEV-002
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Roxanne Tanemori, AICP, Senior Planner at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at roxanne.tanemori@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

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'Family Guy' comic book gives fans a deeper look

MATT MOORE
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA Steve White, editor of the upcoming "Family Guy" comic book, is keenly aware of the franchise's history of drawing laughs and making viewers cringe.

That's why he says the new series, published by Titan Comics and debuting July 27 in comic book shops and on newsstands, will not only uphold the TV tradition of the Emmy-nominated animated show but delve deeper into the characters and comedy of Peter Griffin, his family and friends.

"'The Family Guy' universe is an amazing wellspring of ideas to plunder. It's given us a lot of latitude to develop stories ranging from one-page gag strips to more extended full-length scripts and pretty much everything in between," he told The Associated Press Thursday.

The series will be drawn by S.L. Gallant, whose previous work includes runs on "G.I. Joe" and "Torchwood," and Anthony Williams, who has drawn for "Judge Dredd" and "Batman."

Unlike a rigid 23-minute block of time, having the stories in print means more plot-twists and concepts, so each issue will, on average, have around three stories — a main story, a short tale and a gag strip.

"We're even looking at recurring one-pagers, but as I said, really, the world is our oyster here," he said.

Turning television properties into comic books is often a successful way of bridging the mediums of comics and the small screen, not to mention the big screen, too. Other publishers have done so, including IDW, which puts out comics based on "Doctor Who," "The Transformers" and "Ghostbusters."

"Family Guy," which debuted on Fox in 1999 and was off the air for a time and returned in 2005, targets everybody and

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CLASSIC TOON: **'Family Guy' will be subject of a new comic book series.**

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everything in its story lines: Cookie Monster in an asylum battling his cookie addiction; Dick Cheney as a foul-mouthed greeter at Wal-Mart.

The show is set at the Griffin homestead in Quahog, R.I. Peter is a cheery, melon-bellied dolt. He is married to randy redhead Lois, a closet psycho who enables Peter's almost limitless shortcomings. Their dog, Brian, stands upright, speaks several languages, reads the paper, likes his martinis dry and has an unrequited lust for Lois.

Teenage son Chris is not only slovenly and overweight, but, by every indication, mentally challenged, while dowdy daughter Meg hates herself. Stewie, the Griffins' baby, is a pint-sized megalomanic, raging at humanity with a British aristocrat's haughtiness. ("Fie on your toilet!" the diapered toddler blasts his elders on the issue of potty-training — "it's made slaves of you all!"). Only Brian can hear Stewie.

"The Family Guy" comic had a long gestation period, but, ultimately the concept gained traction with Fox, which airs Seth McFarlane's seminal show.

"We felt that 'Family Guy' TV show to 'Family Guy' comic was a natural progression, but Fox needed a little convincing," White said. "In the end, we winged it and did a two-page comic strip off our own back and that actually seemed to do the trick."

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Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

One of my clients recently commented to me that she was very thankful that our criminal justice system afforded her an opportunity to help her kick her nasty drug habit. Her comments got me thinking about how often the criminal justice system is denigrated and maligned by a large majority of the population (and a large majority of those who go through the system) for the inability to rehabilitate and treat offenders in order to prevent a reoccurrence or repeat offense. Despite this widely held sentiment, there is a much better track record of success when it comes to the system's approach to drug offenses. California law makers and prosecutorial agencies decided long ago that it is far better to treat drug offenders than to punish them. This is a precarious and often delicate relationship because while no one wants to condone drug use, virtually everyone realizes that harsh punishments more often than not simply breed recidivism. This article will focus on two ways to combat drug use through the criminal justice system: DEJ and Prop 36.

California's drug laws maintain a close relationship with the electorate of California. That is to say that as popular feelings and opinions on drugs softens, so too do the laws criminalizing drug possession. For example, California Penal Code Section 1000, more commonly known as DEJ (Deferred Entry of Judgment), and the passage of Proposition 36, reflects California citizens' collective sentiment that drug offenders should be given every available option to seek treatment and stop using drugs before a court imposes jail or prison.

DEJ is covered by Penal Code Section 1000 and applies to cases where a person is caught in possession of a controlled substance, smoking device, or even alcohol. The basic principle behind DEJ is that is an offender in possession of a controlled substance (i.e. cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy or a pipe, etc.) may enter a guilty plea, stay clean, take drug treatment classes, and then have the guilty plea withdrawn and the case dismissed after an 18 month period. Note that even if the underlying offense is dismissed some employers and licensing agencies may still pursue administrative action. DEJ only applies to cases where the controlled substance is for personal use (meaning not a sales case) and where the offender is first determined to be eligible. Moreover, if an offender violates DEJ and defies a court's orders the judge may enter the guilty plea and sentence the offender accordingly.

In order to be found eligible for the DEJ program it must be demonstrated that: 1) There are no prior convictions for any offense involving controlled substances, 2) The offense charged did not involve a crime of violence or threatened violence, 3) There is no evidence of a violation relating to narcotics or restricted dangerous drugs, 4) The defendant's has not previously violated probation or parole, 5) The defendant has not been placed on DEJ within 5 years of the offense date, and 6) The defendant has no prior felony conviction within five years. If all of these requirements are satisfied, then a person is eligible for DEJ and has the opportunity to earn a dismissal.

Similar to DEJ, Proposition 36 was passed by California voters in November 2000 as a legislative means to allow drug offenders to receive probation with treatment rather than incarceration. For practical purposes, Prop. 36 is a secondary option to get addicts and users treatment when DEJ and/or other programs have failed to get people the help that they so desperately need. A user is ineligable for probation under Prop. 36 if they have a prior felony "strike" within five years, if in the same case they have been convicted of a non-drug related felony or misdemeanor, if they were in possession of a firearm while under the influence, and/or if they have twice failed Prop. 36 or continuously refuses treatment.

A person sentenced to Prop. 36 will complete drug treatment classes, counseling, and whatever other courses are deemed appropriate by the court. The offender will also submit to urine or blood testing as well. Upon successful completion of the Prop. 36 program the case is not automatically dismissed as is the case with DEJ; however, one can petition to the court to dismiss the action with a showing that they have successfully completed the program and gone above and beyond what was required.

The DEJ and Prop. 36 programs can work wonders for drug users and offenders. It is often quite refreshing to see someone enter the program as a downtrodden, distraught, and disheveled drug addict and exit the program clean, sober, and enlightened about the many dangers of drug use. I will never forget the look of happiness, joy and relief that filled my client's face when the judge congratulated her on her progress and then dismissed her case. There was applause from the small audience in the courtroom, and my client felt as though she had accomplished something positive rather than felt the shame of having committed a crime. It was refreshing to both of us that the criminal justice system actually helped and truly served the interests of justice.

If you or anyone you know has been arrested for a drug related offense or any other misdemeanor or felony offense contact criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor Jacob Glucksman through The Legal Grind immediately to preserve your rights!

THIS COLUMN WAS PREPARED BY JACOB GLUCKSMAN, A CRIMINAL DEFENSE ATTORNEY. HE CAN BE REACHED THROUGH THE LEGAL GRIND AT 310-452-8160 OR REFERRAL@LEGALGRIND.COM

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SATURDAY	
10am-12noon	(1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday/Month) Estate Planning, Trust & Will Contests Probate, Elder Law, Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, HOA & Personal Injury with Attorney Richard Ruman

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Gay softball league limit on straight players approved

GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE A gay softball organization can keep its rule limiting the number of heterosexual players on each team, but allegations by three players who say they were disqualified from a tournament because they weren't gay enough can proceed to trial, a federal judge said.

The North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance oversees gay softball leagues in dozens of U.S. cities and runs an annual tournament called the Gay Softball World Series. Three men claim in a lawsuit filed last year that their team's second-place finish in the 2008 tournament in Washington state was nullified because they are bisexual, not gay, and thus their team exceeded the limit of two non-gay players.

U.S. District Judge John Coughenour ruled Tuesday that the organization has a First Amendment right to limit the number of heterosexual players, much as the Boy Scouts have a constitutional right to exclude gays.

"It would be difficult for NAGAAA to effectively emphasize a vision of the gay lifestyle rooted in athleticism, competition and sportsmanship if it were prohibited from maintaining a gay identity," the judge wrote.

However, Coughenour did say that questions remain about the way the softball association applied its rule, including whether the questions asked about the men's sexuality at a protest hearing were unnecessarily intrusive. Therefore, the case can proceed toward a trial set for Aug. 1, he said.

The San Francisco-based team the men played on, D2, was disqualified after others at the tournament questioned their sexuality and filed a protest. Under questioning, the men, Stephen Apilado, Laron Charles and John Russ, were evasive or declined to discuss their sexuality, according to the organization.

For example, minutes of the hearing say that Charles claimed to be gay but acknowledged being married to a woman, and Apilado initially said he was both gay and straight but then acknowledged being more attracted to women.

The minutes say rumors had persisted for years about whether D2 was stacking its team with straight ringers. In addition to the three plaintiffs, the team had two designated straight players. The organization says it has always considered bisexuals to meet the definition of "gay" for roster purposes, but the minutes also note that one official involved in the decision to disqualify D2 commented that "this is not a bisexual world series. This is a gay world series."

"Plaintiff's allegations about defendant's treatment of bisexuality remain of central importance to this case," the judge said. "Defendant could still be liable for its actions."

Chris Stoll, a spokesman for the National Center for Lesbian Rights in San Francisco, which is representing the three men, said Friday its lawyers were reviewing the opinion and legal options.

"We think that the law is clear; NAGAAA doesn't have a First Amendment right to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation," he said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: June 6, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
ARB 11-155, 1437 3rd Street Promenade: Retail
ARB 11-164, 1817 Lincoln Boulevard: Automotive Service
ARB 11-201, 501-03 Pier Avenue: Residential
ARB 11-204, 301 Wilshire Boulevard: Retail
ARB 11-208, 1705, 1725 and 1735 Ocean Avenue: Mixed Use

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines, 2, 3, Rapid #3, 7, & 9 serve the Santa Monica Civic Center and City Hall.

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA PLANNING COMMISSION

SUBJECT: A Public Hearing will be held by the Planning Commission on the following:

Conditional Use Permit 11-001, 395 Santa Monica Place. The applicant requests approval of Conditional Use Permit (11CUP001) to extend the hours of alcohol service and consumption along the outdoor dining patio areas of Santa Monica Place for the following Conditional Use Permits: 09CUP010 (Ozumo); 10CUP009 (Zengo); 10CUP001 (Sonoma Wine); 10CUP014 (Food Court); 10CUP003 (Pizza Antica); 10CUP007 (The Market); and 10CUP008 (La Sandia). The above establishments are permitted to operate the outdoor dining patios with alcohol service until 12 midnight daily. The request involves extending the outdoor dining patio operating hours with alcohol consumption to 1:00AM, Sunday - Thursday and 2:00AM on Friday & Saturday. The request involves 7 of 8 outdoor dining patios located on Level 3 of Santa Monica Place. This application was originally heard on March 2, 2011. [Planner: Grace Page] **APPLICANT: Julia Ladd, Macerich Santa Monica, LLC. PROPERTY OWNER: Macerich Santa Monica, LLC.**

Development Agreement Amendment 07-007, 1328 Twenty-Second Street. Saint John's Health Center (SJHC) proposes to amend its approved Development Agreement with the City of Santa Monica for the Saint John's Hospital and Health Center Project. In-lieu of constructing an on-site parking structure and the Entry Plaza as proposed by the original project approved in 1998, the Amendment would authorize a modified Entry Plaza and parking program to meet the peak parking demand of SJHC's various user groups, and ensure that parking that is functionally equivalent to the previously-approved North Subterranean Parking Garage is provided. The parking program modified Entry Plaza would consist of the following key components: [1] approximately 1,540 parking spaces on Saint John's property and at leased, off-site facilities; [2] Provide a full-service parking valet at the hospital's main entrance on Santa Monica Boulevard for visitors, patients, and physicians; [3] Provide a modified Entry Plaza at the hospital's main entrance on Santa Monica Boulevard (signalized u-shaped drive with new landscape/hardscape design); and [4] Implement a new Transportation Demand Management Program to reduce vehicle trips to the facility. [Planner: Roxanne Tanemori, AICP] **APPLICANT: SAINT JOHN'S HEALTH CENTER. PROPERTY OWNER: SISTERS OF CHARITY OF LEAVENWORTH HEALTH SYSTEMS, INC.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, June 15, 2011, at 7:00 p.m.**

WHERE: Council Chambers, City Hall
1685 Main Street
Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
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MORE INFORMATION
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY
THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR
ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: **10:30 a.m., Tuesday, June 14, 2011**

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall,
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Variance 11-008, 137 Hart Street. A variance to allow for one, non-required, substandard-sized (10 feet wide by 11 feet 7 inches in depth) parking space in the 10-foot front setback of the lot. The site contains a single-family dwelling. No parking is currently provided on site. A new curb cut and driveway apron would be needed to create the parking space. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.20.10.030 (Variance – Applicability), the Zoning Administrator may grant a variance to modify the design standards and location of off-street parking requirements. SMMC Section 9.04.10.08.60 (Design standards) requires that the minimum dimensions for parking spaces in residential districts comply with the standards approved by the City Parking and Traffic Engineer, which is 8 feet 6 inches (width) by 18 feet (depth) for a single space. SMMC Section 9.04.10.08.190 (Location of required parking spaces) allows for parking in the front one-half of the lot where the parcel has no alley access, and provided that no part of a required front yard (setback) shall be used for parking spaces. [Planner: Russell Bunim] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** David Morse.

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the Zoning Administrator public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the Zoning Administrator at the meeting.

Any person may comment at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter to the City Planning Division, Room 212, P.O. Box 2220, Santa Monica, CA 90407-2220. Plans are available for public review at the City Planning Division. For more information, please contact the City Planning Division at (310) 458-8341. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 64009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing. The meeting facility is accessible. If you have any disabilities related request, contact at (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid #3, #7 and #9 serve the City Hall.

*Esto es un aviso sobre una audiencia publica para revisar applicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Esto puede ser de interes para usted. Si desea mas informacion, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la Division de Planificacion al numero (310) 458-8341.

WNBA

Parker's return could lead to big things for Sparks

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Ticha Penicheiro looked around at the start of training camp for the Los Angeles Sparks and noticed a huge difference.

The 5-foot-11 playmaker was surrounded by a group of tall players.

"Everybody was just so big," Penicheiro said. "Sometimes we have some combinations on the court and I'm like, 'Wow.' We got people that can play different positions that can create a lot of different mismatches in games, so I'm excited about that."

The Sparks open the season at home against the Minnesota Lynx on Friday night in a game featuring the return of Los Angeles star Candace Parker and the debut of Lynx rookie Maya Moore, who led Connecticut to two NCAA championships.

With Parker healthy and the return of veterans including Penicheiro, DeLisha Milton-Jones and the league's career scoring leader, Tina Thompson, the Sparks are hopeful they can contend for the team's first WNBA championship since 2002.

The Sparks struggled through a disappointing year last season that was marred by season-ending injuries to Parker and guard Betty Lennox. Parker appeared in only 10 games before having shoulder surgery and Lennox, who is no longer with the team, played in 11 games before having knee surgery.

"Everything's great, I feel good," Parker said. "We're very excited for the season to start. There's a lot of anticipation and we're looking forward to a healthy, and great, season."

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>
> **Candace Parker,** Sparks

Sparks guard Noelle Quinn is glad to have Parker healthy.

"Candace attracts so much attention in the paint," she said. "She's a tough guard because she can shoot 3s and gets to the bas-

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA
LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

250 Santa Monica Pier, LC-11CA-008, Zoning: RVC (Resident-Visitor-Commercial) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness 11CA-008 for design approval of proposed signage (two projecting signs and one wall mounted sign) on the northeast corner of the Billiards Building in conjunction with a new restaurant space. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed signage is architecturally compatible and appropriate for the Landmark Santa Monica Pier. A sign adjustment is also required to allow a projecting sign and a sign area that exceeds code requirements. Applicant: David F. Hibbert, AIA. Owner: City of Santa Monica.

250 Santa Monica Pier, LC-10CA-017, Zoning: RVC (Resident-Visitor-Commercial) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Certificate of Appropriateness 10CA-017 for exterior modifications of the northeast corner of the Billiards Building associated with tenant improvements for a new restaurant space. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed project is appropriate and architecturally compatible for the Landmark Santa Monica Pier. Applicant: David F. Hibbert, AIA. Owner: City of Santa Monica. **(Continued from the September 13, 2010 Meeting)**

316 Adelaide Drive, 11LM-005, Zoning: R1 (Single Family Residential) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 11LM-005, at 316 Adelaide Drive to determine whether the single family residence, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structures meet one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: The City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Adelaide Properties, LLC.

When: **Monday, June 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm**

Where: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

Questions/Comments
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

More Information
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Espanol
Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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- Proposals Deadline is June 17, 2011 at 5:00PM PT

The Request for Proposal may be downloaded from the City's website at: http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm. Specific questions may be directed to Mark Bridges (mark.bridges@smgov.net), 310-458-2201 ext. 2642.



Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

The south swell should back down to chest high at south facing breaks as chest max NW wind swell continues at west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks a bit smaller, about waist to chest at south facing breaks, and just waist max at west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **May 25, 2011**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 27 / 8
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LocarGUY, SMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	C	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	C	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	D	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Rominez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	D
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	F	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	B	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

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

LEGEND

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

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card® is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or toxins found at local beaches.

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SPARKS

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ket so she makes it hard on defenders, but easy on us so we've just got to knock down open shots."

Despite the injuries and a 13-21 record in the regular season, the Sparks reached the playoffs and lost in the first round to eventual champion Seattle.

"I can't even explain the down moments that we had and how we would just look at each other and be like, 'What is wrong?" Milton-Jones said. "We found a way to conjure up some spirit in us and say, 'We can't go out like this. We've got to at least make the playoffs.'

"This year is about redemption, righting that wrong of last year."

The Sparks added more size by drafting 6-foot-4 center Jantel Lavender of Ohio State with the fifth overall pick and signing 6-2 forward Ebony Hoffman.

Even second-year coach Jennifer Gillom is 6-3, while assistant Joe "Jellybean" Bryant, the father of Lakers superstar Kobe Bryant, is 6-9.

"I really do believe we are the biggest team in the league at every position," Gillom said. "We even have big guards this year, which is a great thing. Hopefully we can create a lot of mismatches."

Playing better on defense and getting off to a good start are other areas Gillom stressed during training camp.

The Sparks surrendered an average of 81.2 points while allowing teams to shoot 44.2 percent from the field and 35 percent from 3-point range, while getting outrebounded by 4.5 per game.

The Sparks opened last season 3-11, but regrouped in July and August to earn a playoff berth.

"If we started out last season like we finished, just think of what we could've accomplished," Gillom said. "That's why I put so much emphasis on developing that team chemistry right away. Our goal is to win a championship and it has to start at the beginning of the season."



PARKER

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: **Proposed Civic Center Specific Plan Amendment**
APPLICANT: City of Santa Monica
PROPERTY OWNER: City of Santa Monica

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Amend the 2005 Civic Center Specific Plan (CCSP) to eliminate the Main Street Circle as a planned public improvement for Main Street and to adjust development parameters for the Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC), from 12,500 square feet to 16,000 square feet, without modifying the program capacity (100 children), in order to accommodate the joint development of the facility as a teaching center with Santa Monica College (SMC). Adjust the ECEC location to the corner of 4th Street and Civic Center Drive with 5-15 drop-off/pick-up spaces. Shared parking would be provided in the Civic Center Parking Structure and other Civic Center surface parking areas. The Council is also requested to execute a Transfer Agreement And Joint Escrow Instructions with RAND for the fee transfer to the City of three parcels located on RAND property that are essential to develop the Civic Center Village "Living Street" and to accept the fee transfers.

DATE/TIME: **TUESDAY, June 14, 2011, AT 6:30 PM**
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT
The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment by speaking at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at or before the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk
Re: CCSP Amendment
1685 Main Street, Room 102
Santa Monica, CA 90401

MORE INFORMATION
If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Liz Bar-El at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at liz.bar-el@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.smgov.net.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. Every attempt will made to provide the requested accommodation. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 2, 3, Rapid 3, and 9 serve City Hall.

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ESPAÑOL
Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciónes proponiendo modificaciónes al reglamento municipal. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Peter James en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Ruthless People (R) 1hr 33min
7:30pm
Discussion following with directors David Zucker, Jerry Zucker and other guests (TBA).

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

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Fast Five (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:00am, 1:05pm, 4:15pm, 7:20pm, 10:25pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
9:30am, 12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
9:50am, 12:50pm, 3:50pm, 6:50pm, 9:50pm

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

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
10:45am, 12:15pm, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm, 11:35pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:30am, 2:45pm, 6:00pm, 9:15pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
10:05am, 10:30am, 1:40pm, 2:40pm, 4:50pm, 8:00pm, 8:30pm, 11:05pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides in Disney Digital 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
10:00am, 1:15pm, 4:30pm, 7:45pm, 11:00pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:20am, 1:30pm, 4:25pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:00am, 1:20pm, 3:45pm, 6:15pm, 8:45pm, 11:15pm

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

Double Hour (La doppia ora) (NR) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Incendies (R) 2hrs 10min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:20pm, 4:30pm, 5:40pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:15pm

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

Thor (PG-13) 1hr 54min
11:15am, 5:00pm, 10:40pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
10:05am, 12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
12:25pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Empire of Silver (Baiyin diguo) (NR) 1hr 52min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Thor 3D (PG-13) 1hr 54min
2:05pm, 7:50pm

Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
10:00am, 12:30pm, 3:00pm, 5:30pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Hang with friends tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Creativity mixed with confusion adds a level of chaos you would prefer not to experience. A family member pushes to the point that you could lose your temper. All financial commitments need to be postponed. Tonight: Don't put off what you can handle now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ If you sense some confusion, clarify. Nebulousness surrounds events, meetings and communication in general. Confirm all details and times before acting on any situation. Fatigue could mark others' reactions. Yes, they could be a bit off. Honor a request, but you might need to make an adjustment. Tonight: Hang with friends.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ If your instincts tell you to do one thing but logic says something else, stop. Your instincts are on, but risking still could be a problem. Touch base with a key friend before the day is over. Network to your heart's delight. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You are far more perky than usual, and many people notice. Don't focus on a problematic situation at home; rather, let your imagination flow. Break past present restrictions. You might see a problem in a different light as a result. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ A partner or associate might confuse you, but nothing like this person is confusing him- or herself. Money and other partnership issues might come up. Even though you have strong feelings, wait if you want good results. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, and understand that no one is sure of anything, including you. You need to go with intent right now. In all likelihood, plans will flub up. Your creativity surges in an unusual manner. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Rethink a business tie. What is clear is that you don't have the complete story, as more and more information filters through. You cannot clear out this situation today. Tonight: A force to behold!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Keep trying to root out your inner thoughts or emotions. It is clear you have a lot more going on than you thought. A conversation with someone you consider wise will help you discover your inner depth. Tonight: A child or new friend does a reversal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your fiery, dynamic personality draws others' attention and caring. You might not be quite clear which is the best way to proceed. Realize your limits when dealing with a partner who might be a bit hazy. Or is it you? Tonight: Catch up on news over dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could have difficulty clearing out a problem that doesn't involve just you. You might be a clear communicator, but others appear to be making assumptions that don't work. They grab phrases, and not the full sentence. Tonight: Enjoy the moment. Worry less.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You could be far more adaptable than others realize. You might want to do something in a different manner. Relate on a more positive and upbeat note than in the past. Steer a steady course on funds and spending. A yellow light flashes with fiscal matters. Tonight: Remain nurturing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could make a big splash, whether you intend to or not. You might not be sure what you want or how you are projecting yourself. Slow down and refuse to make any commitments right now. This confusion will pass. Tonight: Out and about with a loved one.

Happy birthday

Make it a practice this year to check and double-check plans. Conversations often are misunderstood, and feelings could get hurt. Know that you are not on the same wavelength as others. Verify and clarify. If you are single, check out any suitor with care. What someone presents him- or herself to be and who this person really is could be two very different people. If you are attached, try to tune in to what your sweetie wants more often. Sensitivity could soar, adding to your bond. CANCER understands you well.

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



MYSTERY PHOTO

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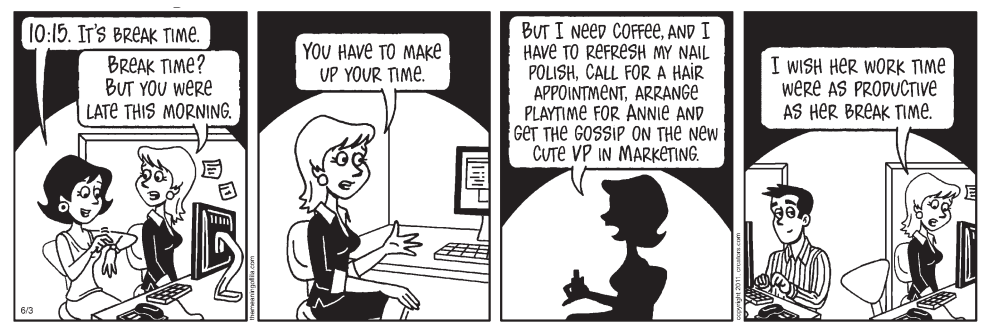
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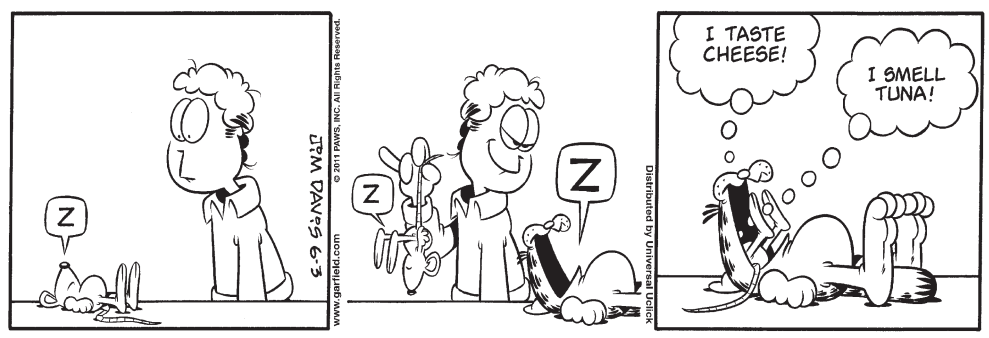
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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

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

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16 Hitter's no.
18 Paris pal
19 "Gross!"
20 Hot dog holder
21 Brief time
22 Think about
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32 Fire proof?
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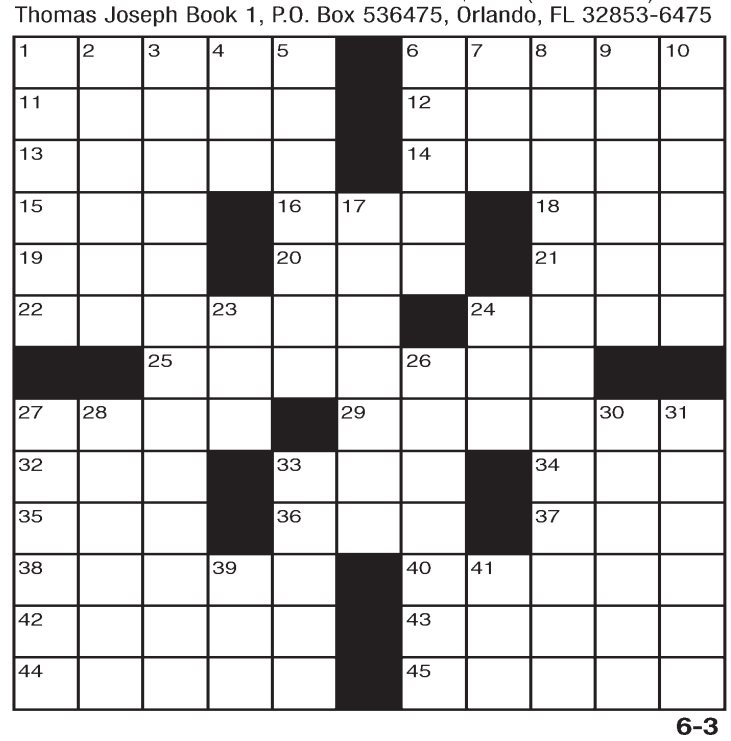
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10 Capers
17 Fountain sounds
23 German article
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28 On the beach
30 Singer Farrell
31 Uses up
33 Strong winds
39 Sixth sense, briefly
41 Deplore

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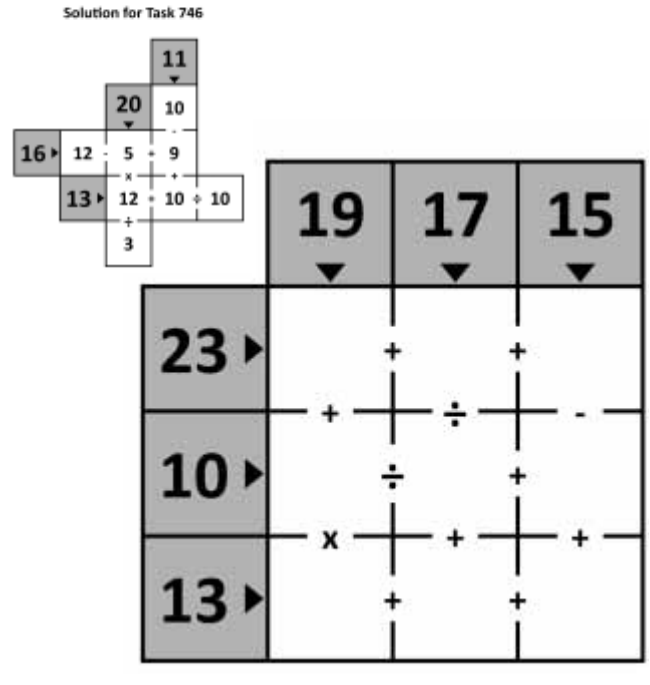
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) Sharon Newling, 58, was arrested in Salisbury, N.C., in April and charged with shooting at her stepson with a .22-caliber rifle. She denied shooting "at" him, but said she was just shooting toward him "to make him stop working on his truck." (2) In April in Greensboro, N.C., Stephanie Preston and Bobby Duncan were married in front of family and friends at the local Jiffy Lube. (3) A 25-year-old man in Okaloosa County, Fla., was arrested and charged with misdemeanor trespassing after he entered the Club 51 Gentlemen's Club, from which he had been banned after a February incident. The man told police that he knew he had been banned from a strip club but couldn't remember which one.

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