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THE LOTS TO REPORT ISSUE

Districtwide fundraising hinges on new Ed Foundation

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation will have to reorganize itself from the top down if it expects to raise enough money to pay for programs at all of the district's schools.

That was the message that a professional consultant and parents who have been working on the topic for the last six months delivered to the Board of Education at its meeting Thursday.

It came during an update on districtwide fundraising, a controversial policy that the board passed in November 2011 that radically altered the way parents could donate money to public schools.

Rather than pay the salaries of teaching assistants or supporting arts or sciences programs at specific school sites, the districtwide fundraising model restricts parents to buying "stuff," while entrusting the Education Foundation with raising enough money to pay for staff for programs throughout the district.

The policy is meant to impose some equity on a district that historically saw huge amounts of parent dollars flooding into some schools, while others languished in per pupil parent spending and the amenities it provided.

But if that's going to work, the Education Foundation is going to need a lot more than a three-member staff, tiny office space and a few fundraising events a year, said Paul Lanning, a consultant with RPR Fundraising, LLP.

Lanning's recipe for success involves a list of big donors and the institutional capacity to evolve from a community fundraising organization to a professional one.

In the short term, that's going to mean bringing in fresh board members and a new employee whose expertise is identifying major donors and convincing them to part

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Report suggests reorg of SMPD

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY An analysis of the Santa Monica Police Department after the exit of its former chief shows an well-run organization with some structural and communications problems that have yet to be addressed.

The report was compiled by ICMA, a consulting organization that focuses on local government management, in preparation for the search for a new police chief after the departure of former top cop Tim Jackman in February.

It provided the basis for the process that

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *news@smdp.com*

WORTH EVERY PENNY: **The Samohi Marching Band performs during halftime of a football game earlier this school year.**

Samohi band desperate for cash

BY SAMANTHA MASUNAGA
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI There were bake sales, button sales and even Viking horn beanie sales.

But they couldn't make up the $90,000 deficit that the Santa Monica High School band program amassed over the last three years.

The Santa Monica Arts Parents Association, which manages the finances of all three band programs at the high school, announced last week that the Viking Marching Band could possibly end its 97-year run if they did not garner enough funds before the onset of the season.

To start, the program needs to raise $25,000 before Aug. 6 to pay for band camp and other costs associated with the start of the season, like instructor fees and the rights to their field show, said Alisa Stewart, co-president of the parents association.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, June 9, 2012

On two feet
Santa Monica Pier
8:45 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Get your board and head to the Santa Monica Pier Paddleboard Race & Ocean Festival taking place on the beach south of the pier. There will be races, an ocean swim and live music, complete with hula dancers. The event benefits Santa Monica-based environmental non-profit Heal the Bay. For more information, visit pierpaddle.com.

Hunting for vintage goods
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St., 9 a.m. — 4 p.m.
The 12th annual Antique & Contemporary Tile Sale returns to showcase vintage finds. There is an early bird special that costs $15. Regular cost: $8. For more information, visit web.mac.com/calmuseum.

Camp your way
Santa Monica REI
402 Santa Monica Blvd.,
11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Get the drop on all things camping. Learn about the right gear to use and how to use it from outdoor experts. For more information, visit REI.com/SantaMonica.

Way to bee
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,
2 p.m.— 4 p.m.
Everything you ever wanted to know about bees, honey and raising honeybees. Members of the L.A. County Beekeepers Association and HoneyLove will present a lively and informative program about urban beekeeping. The event will be followed by a screening of the film "Queen of the Sun." For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Sunday, June 10, 2012

Book talk
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade,
2 p.m.
Join authors Leon Whiteson, Avia Layton, Richard McKenzie, Bonnie Garvin, Jenny Rough, Amy Ferris, Barbara Abercrombie and Victoria Zackheim for an author discussion and reading of the anthology, "Exit Laughing: How Humor Takes the Sting out of Death." For more information, call (310) 260-9110.

Music on revue
Theatre Arts Studio Stage, SMC
1900 Pico Blvd., 2 p.m.
The Santa Monica College Musical Theatre Workshop will present "The Rhythm of Life," a musical theater revue showcasing numbers from Broadway hits. Sunday will be the last performance. The revue pays special tribute to composers Cy Coleman and Jerry Herman, both of whom won several Tony Awards for their work. For tickets or more information, call (310) 434-4319.

Teen scene
Main Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
2 — 4:30 p.m.
The seventh annual Santa Monica Teen Film Festival culminates with the last free screening of teen-directed movies from around the world. This presentation is suitable for children 7 and older. An award ceremony will follow the screening and includes an Audience Choice Award, which gives viewers the opportunity to recognize their favorite films. For more information, or to make a reservation, call (310) 458-8634.

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More details released in cougar killing

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Police later this month plan to meet with animal rights groups and local veterinarians to create new protocol to deal with wild animals following the shooting death of a mountain lion in Downtown.

On the morning of May 22, Santa Monica police officers shot and killed a 95-pound, 3-year-old mountain lion in the courtyard of an office building on Second Street, just a block from the popular Third Street Promenade.

A necropsy was conducted and preliminary findings show the male lion died as the result of a gunshot wound.

Since the shooting, the Santa Monica Police Department has come under fire from animal rights groups and residents who believe more steps should have been taken to trap the animal and release it instead of firing fatal shots.

Police said there have been no reported instances in the last 30 years of a mountain lion roaming the city and therefore need to formulate "a unique approach" to address the unusual occurrence if it happens again in the future, according to a press release issued late Thursday by the SMPD.

Members of the SMPD plan to meet with the Department of Fish and Game, which was on scene during the lion shooting, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, In Defense of Animals, the Pacific Institute for Restoration Ecology at Cal State Channel Islands and local veterinarians who specialize in large animals.

The meeting is scheduled to take place during the latter part of June, according to the release, which laid out the sequence of events that led to the shooting death of the

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SMMUSD superintendent responds to slap allegation

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SMMUSD HDQTRS A Malibu High School teacher accused of slapping a female student at least four times for failing to bring a notebook to class did nothing of the sort, the superintendent of schools said Friday.

Sandra Lyon told the Daily Press that the teacher, identified in news reports as Jennifer Gonzalez, playfully patted the ninth grader and that there was no intent to harm the student.

"The teacher was trying to encourage the student to give her best efforts in the last few weeks of school," Lyon said, describing the incident as more of an innocent exchange rather than a frustrated, abusive outburst. "As far as we know, up to this point the student has had a very positive relationship with this teacher."

The incident, which allegedly took place on May 22, is currently under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department after the family of Dionne Evans filed a police report last week.

Evans' family has since hired an attorney and is threatening to file a civil lawsuit against the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

The teacher walked to the student's desk and then asked her if she had seen the movie "Bridesmaids." She then began slapping the student multiple times, according to the family's attorney, Donald Karpel.

In a scene from the movie, one character literally tries to slap some sense into another. To view the scene, go to www.youtube.com and search for "Bridesmaids Annie and Megan's talk part 1."

Karpel said it does not matter if it was a pat or slaps.

"It was an unauthorized touch," he said. "My client's

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Butler, Bloom still leading 50th

Assemblywoman Betsy Butler (D-53) and Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom still hold the top two positions in the close race for the 50th Assembly District seat as county officials continued totaling uncounted ballots Friday.

As of 4:30 p.m. Friday, Butler had 13,677 votes, leading Bloom's 13,542 by 132.

Both are ahead of their fellow Democrat Torie Osborn, who slipped into fourth place behind Republican Bradley Torgan with 12,811 and 12,832 votes respectively.

Each of the four candidates have gained approximately 1,000 new votes over the past three days, leaving percentages nearly unchanged, according to the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's Office.

County officials would not disclose how many ballots remain to be counted in the 50th District as of Friday. On Thursday, however, that number was 13,465.

That leaves room for hope in such a close election.

Osborn sent out an e-mail to her supporters Friday urging them not to throw their weight behind either Bloom or Butler just yet.

"There is a possibility that, given the majority of these ballots were from last minute voting, my margin of 673 could be made up," Osborn said, continuing to say that it was not "highly probable."

ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

Lindsay Lohan OK after wreck on coastal highway

BY ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
Associated Press

PCH Lindsay Lohan emerged uninjured from a collision with a dump truck on Pacific Coast Highway on Friday, returning to the set of her new movie hours after the accident left the sports car she was driving crumpled.

Santa Monica Police Sgt. Richard Lewis said there was no sign Lohan was driving while impaired and that his agency would continue to investigate who was at fault in the wreck. The truck's driver was uninjured and that driver also showed no signs of driving under the influence, Lewis said.

"We're treating this as a regular accident," Lewis said.

The accident at around 11:40 a.m. Friday near the California Incline occurred while Lohan was on her way to film scenes for the Lifetime movie "Liz and Dick," which chronicles the love affair between Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Lohan's publicist Steve Honig said the actress was released about two hours after the accident and was returned to the set to continue filming.

"Fortunately, no one was seriously injured in the accident," he wrote in an e-mail.

Lohan was driving with her assistant, who police said was not seriously injured.

"First and foremost, we're concerned about the well-being of Lindsay and anyone else who may have been involved in the accident," Lifetime spokesman Les Eisner said, adding, "Lindsay has been doing fantastic work on the set of 'Liz and Dick.'"

Production on the film started earlier this week and was expected to conclude around the end of June.

Lohan, 25, remains on probation in a necklace theft case, but is no longer being supervised by a judge or probation officer.

The accident is the latest vehicular mishap for Lohan, who had her driver's license restored in August 2010 after losing her driving privileges because of a pair of DUI arrests in 2008. She is still being sued by three men who claim Lohan forced them to remain in a sport utility vehicle she commandeered and used to chase a woman she thought was her assistant on PCH. That incident ended in the parking lot of the Santa Monica Police Department, where Lohan was arrested.

Friday's accident comes after the Los Angeles District Attorney's Office last month determined there was insufficient evidence to pursue a case against Lohan in a nightclub manager's claim that the actress struck him with her sports car.

The prosecution said there was a lack of evidence in the case.

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Traffic detours

Editor:

After reading the article about ending the free parking [in Downtown] Santa Monica, I realized that it will really help relieve the traffic in Downtown ("No free ride in Santa Monica," page 1, June 5).

I am a 30-year resident of Santa Monica and have always appreciated the two hours of free parking. Although, these days I very rarely go to Downtown and the Third Street Promenade because of the traffic and congestion. The only time I do go Downtown is to buy the monthly regional commuter EZ Pass at the Big Blue Bus office across from Santa Monica Place. And, I can still park at Santa Monica Place for free. So, I am all for the pay parking Downtown.

I was a part of the Third Street Promenade Planning and Development project. I thought it was wonderful community improvement and went there quite often in the early days. But now, just like many Santa Monica residents, I avoid the place like the plague. When I see projects like the Miramar Hotel development, I see my community being taken away from the residents more and more. I sure hope the new project gets scaled down.

Roger Jinks
Santa Monica

Depend on

Editor:

Being a client at Common Ground, it is hard for me to read the news some days ("Crime stats inconclusive on Common Ground," page 1, June 6). Common Ground is a place of comfort for me to mix with others on this journey. It sounds to me that the stigma hasn't lessened over the years. And I've seen those years. I was diagnosed HIV positive in 1988. I'm 67 years old now. A very long time survivor and I depend on a Westside HIV community center to help me stay organized and to lift my spirits.

Jean Bellanca
Santa Monica

Ashamed

Editor:

A young, trapped, lost and scared mountain lion was shot and killed by Santa Monica police ("Necropsy finds mountain lion died from gun shots," page 1, June 8). I myself am outraged at this action. The lethal force that the police took was in haste and could have been easily avoided. Clearly this wild animal had not attacked anyone. No one's safety was in peril. Today I am ashamed to be a Santa Monican.

Dave Wood
Santa Monica

Stop pruning

Editor:

I would like to commend the Loews Hotel for halting its tree and shrub pruning until October. [The other day] I saw a massive pruning operation going on at the Loews. From May to October it is the nesting season for our wildlife. I called the hotel and told them my concern. Jamie Lemon, systems operation manager, got back to me saying he will halt all pruning until October.

I hope all who read this letter will follow in the Loews footsteps. The animal and bird rescue shelters are now filled to overflowing with injured birds and other animals due to pruning.

I wish our own city of Santa Monica would stop the pruning it carries on during these critical months.

Louise Steiner
Santa Monica

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Keeping tourists safe from harm

Q: MY FAMILY AND I WILL BE ON vacation and staying in a hotel in Santa Monica during the summer. This will be our first time visiting California and we will be renting a vehicle to get around. Do you have any traveling tips and or suggestions for us while we are out there?

A: Welcome and yes, I have a handful of tips and suggestions for you and your family while you spend your vacation in Santa Monica. You mentioned that you plan on renting a vehicle. First, I would like to suggest that whatever rental company you choose make sure your vehicle doesn't stand out like a car rental. Things to look for would be the license plate frames on your rental vehicle. If the vehicle has the rental company name on the frame, that would be a good indicator that your vehicle is a rental. You also don't want to have a large paper or sticker on the windshield of your vehicle with the rental company name and vehicle information on it.

The reason for not wanting to have an obvious car rental is because they are frequently targeted by suspects who commit vehicle burglaries. Unfortunately, tourists who visit Santa Monica often leave items of value in their car rentals.

The next suggestion I have is to make sure to lock your vehicle and to roll up all of your windows when you are not using it. Do not leave items of value in your vehicle, whether visible or not. If you are driving to Santa Monica immediately upon arrival, make sure to leave your luggage at your hotel. If you arrive too early and can't check into your room, ask the hotel if you can leave your luggage at the front desk until they are ready to check you in.

You also want to make sure not to leave personal information inside your vehicle. Secure all passports and or any type of identification with you or in a safe at your hotel. Cell phones, purses and laptops are common items left visible in vehicles, which creates a high possibility that your vehicle will be broken into. Although Santa Monica is a safe area to live and visit, by leaving valuables in your vehicle and/or not locking it, you are opening up the possibility of being victimized. You will find that Santa Monica has a lot to offer and wonderful places to visit. Don't put a damper on your vacation by becoming an unnecessary victim.

Q: As a tourist I find that parking in Santa Monica is confusing. At times there are multiple signs on top of one another and I can't seem to figure out if I am legally parked. What can I do?

A: Santa Monica is a busy city with many visitors on a daily basis. I am frequently flagged down by tourists who have the same question and want me to verify for them whether they are legally parked or not. Some suggestions I have is to make sure you read all the signs and not assume that because there are other vehicles parked next to you that they are legally parked. If you happen to find parking at a meter in front of or in close proximity to a restaurant, make sure to check if the parking spot becomes a valet zone at a particular hour. I have seen many tourists and visitors have their vehicles impounded because they did not realize that after a certain time their parking spot was converted into a valet zone.

THE REASON FOR NOT WANTING TO HAVE AN OBVIOUS CAR RENTAL IS BECAUSE THEY ARE FREQUENTLY TARGETED BY SUSPECTS WHO COMMIT VEHICLE BURGLARIES.

If you are parking in a residential area, make sure to check if the area is by permit only during specific hours. The signs on the street will indicate so. When parking in city lots that don't require you to take a ticket before parking, make sure to look for the ticket kiosk in the lot which requires you to pay to park your vehicle. You can chose how long you would like to park and it will tell you the fee. These ticket kiosks can usually be found at the entrances of the lot and sometimes in the middle of the structure.

If it is out of order, I would recommend you call the number indicated on the machine to inform them and have them come out and fix it. If you just leave without paying or contacting the company you risk being issued a citation. If all else fails or if you are uncertain, you can always ask a traffic service officer or call the parking office at (310) 458-8466.

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The Q Line

Cats game

A number of residents and animal rights advocates have been critical of the shooting and killing of a mountain lion that wandered into Downtown a couple of weeks ago.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think the police did the right thing when dealing with the big cat or should they review their policies for the future?

Here are your responses:

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"I'VE SPOKEN TO SO MANY SANTA Monicans, which I am one, and my family members from the Midwest, and people are really appalled that the animal could not have been detained, or tranquilized twice, or netted. We just can't go around killing wildlife. Shame on Santa Monica police. Shame. Shame. Shame."

"LEAVE THE POOR KITTY ALONE AND tranquilize our City Council and send them back to the wilds of Communist China and North Korea where they belong! They have been far more dangerous than any wild animal could ever be!"

"I WAS VERY SADDENED TO READ ABOUT the mountain lion killed in Santa Monica. As a former resident of Santa Monica, who now lives in New York, I wasn't surprised. One of the reasons I left Santa Monica was that I was tired of the greed and the uncaringness of the trees and the animals, and I had to leave Santa Monica. So it didn't surprise me that the actions were taken that day. It's just another example of the out-of-controlness of Santa Monica. I e-mailed a friend in Europe who used to live in Santa Monica and told him also about the mountain lion and he replied to me 'Poor lion.' So once again, I say poor, poor lion and shame on you Santa Monica."

"I THINK IT WAS VERY APPROPRIATE THAT the big cat was killed, and I am an animal lover. I cried for three days when I had to put my little kitty down because she had leukemia. But in this case I think it was correct. We cannot endanger the lives of our citizens."

"I WOULD LIKE TO SAY I'M TIRED OF hearing all about the police and so forth that they did the wrong thing. I think they did the right thing because they had a lot of people to think about there — they had Second Street, Third Street and people on there. I think they did a good job. I don't think anybody should complain."

"IT WAS A TERRIBLE CRIME AGAINST nature and all caring human beings to have killed that beautiful, young mountain lion. They are already so endangered as a species due to man's encroachment on their habitat. Human overpopulation is killing our wildlife and will eventually, one way or another, destroy all mankind. Thousands of acres of land in our national parks have been turned into drug plantations and the natural streams and waterways are rerouted to irrigate their vile crops. Therefore, there is no water for the animals and their natural prey, and no plants or any kind of natural greenery to also support both. The mountain lion, naturally a shy animal, wandered down to this ghastly town mistakenly seeking both water and food. Tranquilizing and/or netting this animal was the humane way to deal with this problem — period."

"THE OUTCOME WAS HEARTBREAKING. The mountain lion never had a chance to get out of there alive, due to the ill-conceived tactics used by the police. Their policies and procedures definitely need to be updated to ensure a better outcome."

"THE DRUNKEN BUMS THAT MENACE people all the time don't get shot. Guess the police consider them worth more than a mountain lion."

"I THINK THE SANTA MONICA POLICE and fire departments acted very wisely when they eliminated the mountain lion. I think that it was unsafe in a public area, and that they acted with the best information they had. I do believe that people overreact about an animal's rights. That's just ridiculous — people come first and animals are around us and live to serve us. Congratulations to the police department and the fire department for a wonderful job."

"THIS STORY IS GATHERING MOMENTUM and is out of control. We need to hear from the authorities. We need to hear from the city manager, the police department — the police chief, rather — and the head of Fish and Game. We need a timeline and an exact sequence of events, and we also need a photograph of the courtyard. I think there is tremendous confusion about whether the cat could or could not jump out of the courtyard. If that information is provided, people will calm down, and have a better understanding of the tragic event that occurred."

"TOO BAD COMMON SENSE DID NOT prevail. What animal or human would not lunge when a sharp dart is thrust into the body? Any animal or human would do it. They should have set up barriers or barricades and then shot the dart."

"THE POLICE DID NOT DO THE RIGHT THING. They panicked! This department has been losing steam for years. And for years the chiefs have lied about declining crime figures. The only hopeful sign has been an arrest for a 30-year-old murder in Santa Monica recently from cold case files. None of the others — Fish & Game, etc. — were useful, either. Give them some animal training before this happens again. "

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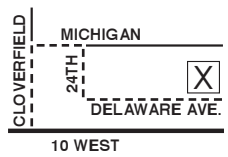
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US seeks decade sentence for 'Whitey' Bulger's lover

BY DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON The longtime girlfriend of mobster James "Whitey" Bulger should spend 10 years in prison because she knowingly protected one of the region's most violent criminals for more than 16 years, federal prosecutors said Friday.

In a sentencing memo filed in U.S. District Court, prosecutors say Catherine Greig hid Bulger's identity and handled the daily tasks necessary for them to keep a low-profile in Santa Monica, Calif., where the couple was captured last June while living in a rent-controlled apartment.

Bulger, now 82, is the former leader of the notorious Winter Hill Gang and was also an FBI informant who provided information on the rival New England Mafia. He is charged with participating in 19 murders and is awaiting trial.

Greig, 61, pleaded guilty in March to three charges: conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, identity fraud and conspiracy to commit identity fraud. She admitted she used aliases, unlawfully obtained identification documents and repeatedly helped Bulger get prescription medication from a pharmacy by claiming to be his wife.

Although the charges carry a maximum of 15 years in prison, federal prosecutors had warned family members of the people Bulger is accused of murdering that she could get as little as 32 months under federal sentencing guidelines.

In their memo, prosecutors said Greig deserves a much longer prison term and recommended that she be fined $150,000.

"Greig's conduct also did far more than protect Bulger from law enforcement. It also denied victims and family members of victims for many years the opportunity to see Bulger answer for his alleged crimes," prosecutors wrote.

The brother of Debra Davis, a 26-year-old woman who prosecutors say was killed by Bulger in 1981, said he thinks a 10-year sentence for Greig is fair.

"She knew everything that had happened when she got in the car with him. She chose to get in that passenger seat and go. There shouldn't be any leniency," Steve Davis said.

Greig's lawyer, Kevin Reddington, declined to comment on the recommendation from prosecutors and wouldn't reveal what sentence he will recommend.

"I'm going to leave it up to the judge," Reddington said.

In their memo, prosecutors say Bulger fled Boston in late 1994 after being warned that he was about to be indicted. They say he left Boston with another girlfriend but returned a couple of months later, dropped that girlfriend off and picked up Greig.

Greig and Bulger traveled to Chicago, New York City and Grand Isle, La., during the first year they were on the run, posing as a married couple and using aliases. They arrived in Santa Monica in 1996, rented a two-bedroom apartment and pretended to be a married couple from Chicago, according to prosecutors.

While in Santa Monica, Greig paid the bills and the rent, usually in postal money orders or cash, and did all of the couple's shopping while Bulger remained indoors most of the time, prosecutors said. She also helped him get medical and dental care and stayed by his side during several procedures.

Greig "was the key actor in the conspiracy to protect Bulger from being discovered," prosecutors say in their sentencing memo.

The couple was caught just days after the FBI began running a new public service announcement focusing on Greig, a carefully groomed woman who was known to frequent beauty salons and dental offices.

Bulger had seen the announcement and told Greig, "'This is it,'" prosecutors said.

Two days later, the couple was caught after a tipster reported meeting them in Santa Monica.

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ended in the selection of Jacqueline Seabrooks, the former chief in Inglewood, Calif., but the document didn't contain its comments to that topic.

Instead, it provided a wide range of suggestions for the reorganization of the department, including a role for non-sworn officers in the supervision of uniformed personnel, a reexamination of a popular work schedule that gives officers more days off and splitting the current union into three bargaining units instead of one.

The suggestions are "food for thought" rather than a set path forward for the department, said City Manager Rod Gould.

"It causes us to look at it in a different way to promote the discussion," Gould said. "It's always good in a time of transition to have the department take a look at itself."

Consultants spent days interviewing people from within the city government and police department as well as the general public to get a sense of the structure and make recommendations on what's working, what isn't and the qualities a new chief would have to have to be successful. (Daily Press Editor-in-Chief Kevin Herrera participated in the process.)

That work as well as past experience resulted in the suggestions, some of which have raised red flags for the union that represents all sworn officers in the department, the Police Officers Association or POA.

SPLITTING THE UNION

The consultants recommended the creation of an elected group called the "Officers' Council" to meet with Seabrooks on a regular basis to discuss "the state of the department," including current and future policies and challenges.

The group would represent all ranks within the department, and would play a role in developing and putting in place new policies and programs.

"What it's recommending is what the POA already does," said Matthew Rice, spokesman for the union.

The group has a board composed of three sergeants, five officers and a lieutenant, and part of the job is to meet with the chief of police for all of the reasons listed in the report.

"We didn't understand why it was necessary, because it was repetitive," Rice said. "None of our members are interested in having a second POA to do the work we were elected to do. We don't know where that came from."

The report also plants the seed of splitting the POA into different bargaining units to represent different ranks within the department.

ICMA consultants believed that the union could be divided into three pieces, one dealing with police officers, a second with sergeants and lieutenants and a third for captains and above.

It's not unheard of.

The Los Angeles Police Department has two such bargaining units, said Eric Rose, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Protective League.

That group represents 9,900 rank and file members, many times the size of the entire SMPD.

Furthermore, the Command Officers Association, which represents management, has a "me too" clause in its agreements, meaning they get the same percentages and pay increases that the rank and file receive, Rose said.

Rice was puzzled by the ICMA's approach to the bargaining units, calling it "curious."

"From our perspective, we're happy with what we have," Rice said.

Gould didn't jump on board with the suggestion either.

"We already have 10 bargaining groups (to negotiate with)," Gould said. "Having 11 or 12 doesn't excite us."

ISSUES OF CONCERN

The report also identified three areas of concern brought up during the 35 interviews conducted by consultants.

According to the report, the "most sensitive and critical issue" confronting the SMPD is youth engagement and violence prevention, followed by homeless outreach and the impact of development on car and pedestrian traffic.

Youth violence snagged the headlines in the beginning of 2012 when police had to get involved with a series of fights that erupted out of Santa Monica High School during school hours, after classes let out and during sporting events.

Ultimately, both the prospects for reorganization and the focus of the department depend on Seabrooks, who's still getting her feet wet during her second week on the job.

"The report will serve as reference material as I conduct my independent assessment of the organization," read a statement released by Seabrooks. "Once that assessment has been completed I will be working with the department's executive leadership and other key staff to implement any needed changes and to refocus our attention on reducing crime and the fear of crime in this community."

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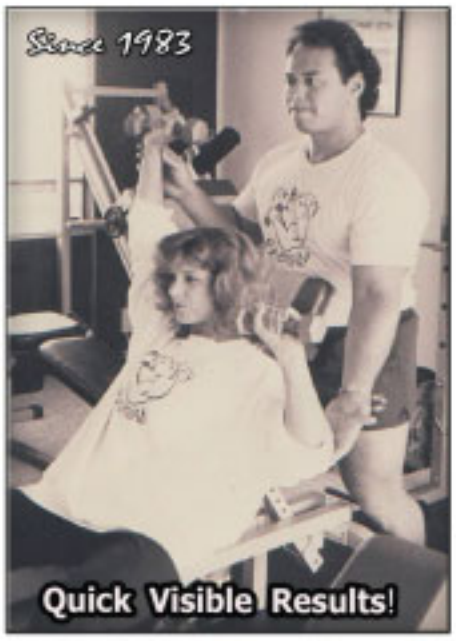
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BAND

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If a minimum of $29,000 is not in the bank account by that time, band camp will not open and the students will not march at the first home football game, she said.

In addition to performing at home football games, the Samohi Marching Band also competes in field shows, recently placing third in the 2011 Southern California field championships.

Currently, the account holds almost $28,000, though this amount does not reflect unpaid bills for uniform dry cleaning and the districtwide Equity Fund, which collects money from all student-instruction organizations and redistributes payments according to need. This year, the band contributed nearly $7,000. For the upcoming year, the band is being asked to contribute about $4,000.

Though Samohi receives a large chunk of the redistributed funds — last year, the school collected nearly $90,000 — the band does not reap the benefit, as the stated intention of the fund is to reduce achievement gaps in math and science, said Robb Brown, co-president of the parents association.

Add to that the increasing cost of sheet music, instruments, the greater number of students interested in band and fewer donations, and the band's financial situation becomes more dire. Though the band raised $130,000 in fundraising this year, it's not enough.

"It's important for people to understand that the costs don't change, and in some cases, go up," Brown said. "The band program has a situation in which people have less discretionary spending and less money to dedicate to things, and are having to make difficult choices."

Though the marching band is in the most critical financial straits, the concert band also faces an $11,000 deficit, while the jazz band expects to break even before July, Stewart said.

A few years ago, this kind of financial situation was unthinkable. In 2009 and 2010, the Samohi band program received a combined $169,620 from the "rainy day fund," a sum of money that was left after the disbanding of a previous Santa Monica band parents association. Over the years, the fund was used as a supplemental source of money to pay debts and correct any overspending, Stewart said. The association continued to approve expenses because of the availability of funds, but didn't pay close enough attention to replace what they had taken, she said.

"In our defense, that money was intended to contribute towards the musical education of Samohi students, and that's exactly how it was used," Stewart said, in an e-mail.

Some parents raised concerns about how rainy day funds were spent in the past, and how these decisions may have affected the band's current situation. With controversy surrounding the former band parents association's transparency and the huge amount of assets they held, it was surprising to see the current band's call for help, said Michael Chwe, a band parent.

However, he said he appreciated the new association's transparency and willingness to explain finances.

To make up the deficit and keep the band afloat, the parents association voted on May 21 to approve three measures. The first was to ask the district for an exemption from the Equity Fund, along with a refund of the money paid into the fund this past year. The parents association brought this request to Thursday's Board of Education meeting, though administrators could not comment on the measure because it was not an agenda item. The association will await the district's decision, Stewart said.

Though the district provided support in the past, it no longer does so, said Jan Maez, assistant superintendent and chief financial officer of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District. She added that she was unsure if an exemption would be the direction the district would want to take, and that the district was considering changing the Equity Fund, which could occur in the next one to two years.

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"Their dilemma is not unlike the dilemma the district is facing," she said. "It's a problem we all have with how services to students are being funded all across the state."

The parents association also passed a motion to stop paying the cost of transportation for students to play at home football games and up the fair share donation expected of all band families from $450 to $600.

In spite of the added expense, some parents, like Birgit Roberts, are willing to pay the price.

"The bottom line is that we have no money, and we all want to make this work and move forward," she said. "It would be such a shame if (the band) went away — it's such a jewel in Samohi's crown."

Alternative options for funding include grants or foundations, though some parents have already committed to donating extra sums, Roberts said. A direct donation campaign is also in progress through a form on the band's website, Stewart said.

In the meantime, Stewart said she hopes to find 20 parents who are committed to paying the new fair share donation before Aug. 6, resulting in a sum of $12,000. Already, she said she believes parents will contribute $10,000 of donation money before band camp. This would put them on track to open the camp in the summer, prompting the release of the registration forms.

Though it's not everything, it puts them closer to the goal — Stewart thinks they can do it.

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SCHOOLS
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with their hard-earned cash, as well as keeping lines of communication open with parent groups who are expected to fundraise as-usual until July 2013.

The district also needs a consistent way of recognizing big donors, either with signs, naming rights or other forms of acknowledgment so that people feel inspired to give.

The ultimate goal isn't to redistribute money that the foundation is already capable of attracting, it's to increase the amount available through superior fundraising, Lanning said.

"I'm not here to advise you how to rearrange the furniture," Lanning said. "It has to be about developing new dollars."

That goal still means that all the players in the district need to be "rowing in the same direction," Lanning said.

That's been a struggle in the district, which was very divided over the topic of districtwide fundraising.

Parents at schools that traditionally bring in more money — up to $2,100 per student at the highest — objected the most loudly, accusing the district of making each school equally mediocre rather than improving the fundraising abilities of schools that bring in less.

Those politics are still alive and well, Lanning said.

"There's not enough talk going on with each other," he said. "There's lots of talk going on period, and I've heard it all, but not with each other."

Parents and district employees that worked on the Superintendent's Advisory Group, a coalition responsible for fleshing out various parts of the districtwide fundraising policy, stressed communication as well.

That will be particularly important in the coming year where the Education Foundation and parent groups will be fundraising simultaneously so that the foundation will have money for salaries ready and waiting when the transition takes place in 2013.

Changes will roll out quickly, said Superintendent Sandra Lyon.

By the end of the 2012-13 school year, the advisory group will have worked out a donor acknowledgment program for the board to review, as well as a definition for what kinds of classes, staff or programs the foundation's money will pay for.

In 2013 and 2014, the district hopes to have the centralized fundraising piece of the puzzle underway, at which point the advisory group will divvy up the money raised in the previous year.

By June 30, 2014, all staff whose salaries currently rely on parent gifts will be switched over to the centralized fundraising.

"Then we're there," Lyon said. "From the 2014-15 school year and beyond it's fully implemented."

Although some board members seemed to hope for more detail, they all seemed taken by the can-do spirit and enthusiasm of the presenters.

The topic will return to the board in August with more policies and an official contract with the Education Foundation for the work.

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TEACHER
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cheeks were stinging for several hours afterwards.

Karpel said his client has not returned to the classroom and has been completing coursework in the school's library.

"She has been humiliated and devastated," Karpel said. "She's in therapy for post-traumatic stress."

Karpel said he has a letter from Gonzalez apologizing for the incident.

"I want to tell you how truly sorry I am," the letter says. "My intention was never to hurt you or embarrass you. Rather, I was trying to reach out to you and help you focus on your school work and motivate you.

"Even though I thought my intentions were honorable, they did not come out that way and for that I am so very sorry. Please know that I feel terrible about causing you pain and would like the opportunity to make it right."

Lyon said the teacher, who has not been identified by district officials, was removed from the classroom for a few days while administrators conducted an internal investigation. She is now back in the classroom.

The results of the internal investigation, which Lyon would not disclose per district policy, have been given to the sheriff's Special Victims Unit, which is looking into the allegations.

The president of the Santa Monica branch of the NAACP called on the district to suspend the teacher indefinitely. Evans is African American.

Lyon said race is not a factor.

"There was no racial intent or motivation on the part of the teacher," she said.

In an interview with KLTA News, Evans said she did not want to report the incident at first, but a bus driver told her to speak up.

"I tried to convince myself that I was overreacting and part of me had felt guilty," Evans told the television station.

"Then I was like, 'You can't be in denial about your feelings.' Like, I was genuinely offended and I felt hurt and embarrassed."

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An unlawful detainer action is very stressful. Also, the tenant would have the expense of litigation costs and probably attorney fees. A tenant does not have to retain an attorney to defend an unlawful detainer action, but it would be very wise to do so.

If a tenant loses an unlawful detainer case, the tenant would be evicted and owe all of the back rent and possibly the landlord's attorney fees and litigation costs. Further, the unlawful detainer judgment would probably appear on the tenant's credit reports as well as reports kept by landlord agencies which could make it difficult to rent a new home in the future.

For all of the above reasons, a tenant should never withhold any rent.

GIVE LANDLORD A LIST IN WRITING

The first thing a tenant should do is give the landlord a list in writing of items which need to be repaired. The list should be hand-delivered or mailed to the landlord. The tenant must keep a copy of that list and keep track of when and how the list was delivered to the landlord (the specific date when the list was mailed or hand-delivered).

A tenant must give the landlord a reasonable period to make repairs. What is a "reasonable period" is defined on a case by case basis. Usually, a tenant should give the landlord 30 days to make repairs. But, if the condition is serious (i.e.: no electricity, no hot water, hole in the roof), a reasonable time would be much shorter.

A tenant should list all items which need repair, in detail. Failure to notify the landlord of a specific problem may prevent a tenant from being compensated later for the defective condition.

CONTACT GOVERNMENT INSPECTORS

If the landlord does not make the repairs within a reasonable period, the tenant should contact appropriate government inspectors.

In Santa Monica, the first office to be contacted should be the Santa Monica Code Compliance Department: (310) 458-4984. The Code Compliance Department will not come to a rental unit to perform a general inspection. The tenant must have a specific list of items which need repair.

In addition to the Code Compliance Department, a tenant should call the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services. To arrange for an inspection, a Santa Monica tenant would call: (310) 665-8484.

The advantage of government inspectors is that the government agency may order the landlord to make repairs. Also, if the tenant is in trial with the landlord (or a hearing with the Santa Monica Rent Control Board), the government inspectors' reports may be admissible as evidence.

PETITION FOR RENT DECREASE

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SMALL CLAIMS COURT

If a tenant wishes to be compensated for the defective conditions or reduced services in the past, the tenant would have to file a lawsuit. A suit could be filed in superior court. Although an attorney is not required for superior court, it is likely that the landlord would retain an attorney. When one party has an attorney and the other does not, it is a big advantage. If the tenant retains an attorney, the expenses might make such a suit in superior court impractical.

Usually, the most economical way to proceed is to file a lawsuit in small claims court. A person can sue in small claims court for up to $7,500.00. And, there are no attorneys in small claims court. Thus, the expenses are greatly reduced.

CONSULT WITH AN ATTORNEY

Even if the tenant is not going to retain an attorney on a full-time basis, it is usually a good idea to at least have a consultation with a tenants' rights attorney, especially before filing suit in small claims court or filing a petition for rent decrease.

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cougar.

While all of the groups said they are open to cooperating with the police department, several have indicated their opposition to the methods used in the incident and suggested alternative options, like tazing the lion before shooting the tranquilizer or using a higher dosage of the anesthetizing chemical.

"We've encroached on the wildlife," said Madeline Bernstein, president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Los Angeles. "They've had to cope with less and less hunting grounds … we should at least realize we've done that and respect our differences and learn how to coexist."

Police said on May 22 at approximately 5:45 a.m. they received reports of a mountain lion roaming Downtown. A short time later, a janitor at an office building at 1227 Second Street, where Emeritus College classes are held, saw the lion resting inside a courtyard and called police.

Officers closed the surrounding streets and sidewalks, however, several people began congregating outside the perimeter, raising concerns that the lion could escape the courtyard and harm onlookers, police said.

"I think the reality is that once this mountain lion came into Santa Monica, he pretty much sealed his fate," said Sean Anderson, associate professor and director of the Pacific Institute for Restoration Ecology at Cal State Channel Islands, who will be part of the June meeting. "But if you have someone who knows what they're doing, there's a much higher chance of anesthetizing it."

Officials with Fish and Game, which is tasked with handling reports of wildlife, were contacted and responded to the scene. Santa Monica Animal Control officers, fire fighters and a National Park Service mountain lion biologist assisted. The incident lasted approximately 3 1/2 hours, according to the press release.

It was determined by authorities that the best way to handle the situation was to sedate the male mountain lion so that it could be captured and released in the Santa Monica Mountains.

Fish and Game used a tranquilizer dart to sedate the lion. The lion immediately became aggressive, police said, and looked for an avenue of escape. It charged and shattered one of the glass doors at the courtyard's entryway and leaped "effortlessly" over large planters within the courtyard as it searched for an escape route.

Contrary to what some media outlets reported at the time of the shooting, the lion was not hit with water. Fire fighters used hoses to spray the glass doors to the courtyard in an attempt to make them look opaque to deter the lion from trying to run through or jump over the approximately 8-foot tall doors.

"The lion was not hit with water from the fire hoses," according to the press release.

Pepper balls the size of paintballs were fired into the ground in an attempt to keep the lion from running out of the courtyard. The goal was to keep the lion contained until the tranquilizer could take effect. The lion continued to try and escape.

"Because of the threat to public safety caused by the lion's continuous efforts to escape, the determination was made to use deadly force," the press release stated.

The lion died at the scene. The necropsy was performed by California Animal Health and Food Safety Laboratory System in San Bernardino, Calif.

The full necropsy report has not yet been released by the lab.

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US braces for tsunami debris, but impact unclear

BY AUDREY MCAVOY & BECKY BOHRER
Associated Press

JUNEAU, Alaska More than a year after a tsunami devastated Japan, killing thousands of people and washing millions of tons of debris into the Pacific Ocean, the U.S. government and West Coast states don't have a cohesive plan for cleaning up the rubble that floats to American shores.

There is also no firm handle yet on just what to expect.

The Japanese government estimates that 1.5 million tons of debris is floating in the ocean from the catastrophe. Some experts in the United States think the bulk of that trash will never reach shore, while others fear a massive, slowly-unfolding environmental disaster.

"I think this is far worse than any oil spill that we've ever faced on the West Coast or any other environmental disaster we've faced on the West Coast" in terms of the debris' weight, type and geographic scope, said Chris Pallister, president of a group dedicated to cleaning marine debris from the Alaska coastline.

David Kennedy, assistant administrator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Ocean Service, told a U.S. Senate panel last month that in most cases debris removal decisions will fall to individual states. Funding hasn't been determined.

U.S. Sen. Mark Begich, D-Alaska, and other West Coast political leaders, have called that scenario unacceptable, saying tsunami debris poses a pending national emergency. "If this was a one-time event all at once, we'd declare it an emergency and we'd be on the ground like that," he said, during the hearing he led.

One astonishing example of how the unexpected can suddenly appear occurred Wednesday in Oregon when a concrete and metal dock that measured 66 feet long, seven feet tall and 19 feet wide, washed ashore a mile north of Newport. A Japanese consulate official in Portland confirmed that the dock came from the northern Japanese city of Misawa, cut loose in the tsunami of March 11, 2011.

"I think that the dock is a forerunner of all the heavier stuff that's coming later, and amongst that heavier stuff are going to be a lot of drums full of chemicals that we won't be able to identify," Pallister said.

His group, Gulf of Alaska Keeper, works in the same region devastated by the Exxon Valdez oil spill, which dumped 11 million gallons of oil into Prince William Sound in 1989.

Tsunami debris is tough to monitor. Winds and ocean currents regularly change, while rubbish can break up. Some trash, like fishing gear, kerosene and gas containers and building supplies, can be tied to the tsunami only anecdotally. But in other cases — a soccer ball and a derelict fishing boat in Alaska and a motorcycle in British Columbia, for example — items have been traced back to the disaster through their owners.

NOAA projects the debris having spread over an area roughly three times the size of the contiguous United States, but can't pinpoint when or how much might eventually reach the coasts of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California and Hawaii.

An independent group of scientists and environmental activists are scheduled to sail aboard the "Sea Dragon" from Japan Saturday to an area north of the Hawaiian islands, with plans to zigzag through the debris, document what's floating and try to determine what might reach the West Coast.

"You have a unique experiment," said Marcus Eriksen, a researcher at the Algalita Marine Research Institute in Long Beach, Calif., who is leading the expedition. "You have entire homes and all their contents ... anything you may find in a Japanese home could be floating in the ocean still intact."

Seattle-based oceanographer Curtis Ebbesmeyer, who has been tracking ocean trash for 20 years, predicts the main mass of tsunami debris will reach the U.S. coast from Northern California to southeast Alaska as early as October, with the beginning of fall storms.

Cleanup plans should be finalized no later than September, Ebbesmeyer cautioned. There may also be sensitive issues to be decided, he said, including how to deal with any human remains or personal mementos.

But just who will clean up the debris and who will pay for it hasn't been fully determined.

Begich wants to make at least $45 million available for local community groups to conduct clean-up efforts. Gulf of Alaska Keeper believes Congress should set aside $50 million a year for four years.

As it stands now, NOAA has $618,000 allocated to clean up tsunami debris. The agency's total marine debris program budget could drop by 26 percent to $3.4 million, under President Obama's proposed budget.

Marine trash isn't a new problem. The ocean is littered with all kinds of things that can trap and kill wildlife, hurt human health and navigation and blight beaches.

NOAA has previously given grants to local groups for cleanup work. The agency expects the tsunami debris to simply add to the ongoing problem of massive amounts of trash flowing into the ocean every day.

Volunteers in California report their efforts being stretched thin just in dealing with day-to-day rubbish. Seasonal opportunity for cleanup could close as early as September at spots in Alaska, where some beaches are accessible only by boat or aircraft and removing trash can be difficult and expensive. Washington has monitored some incoming debris for radioactivity.

Eben Schwartz, marine debris program manager for the California Coastal Commission, said more recognition needs to be given to the fact that it will be beach cleanup volunteers who respond to tsunami debris.

"Given that, I would like to see more state and federal support for the volunteer programs that will be taking the lead," he said. They're going to need help, resources and funding, he said.

NOAA's marine debris program expects solid plans from the states within the next few months. The governors of Washington, Oregon and California, as well as the premier of British Columbia, have said they will work together to manage debris.

Widespread or concentrated die-offs of marine animals aren't expected, said John Hocevar, oceans campaign director for Greenpeace, but there could be local impacts.

NOAA officials say they don't think there's any radiation risk from the debris, despite the meltdown at a nuclear

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power plant in Fukushima.

Merrick Burden, executive director of the Marine Conservation Alliance in Alaska and Washington, said he thinks states, local governments, volunteers and industries including fishing and tourism need to pull together to clean up debris, and not simply wait and hope for federal funds.

"One of the things standing in the way is a unified, coordinated approach to this," he said.

Pallister worried that a lack of awareness may hamper the effort.

"You just don't have that visceral, gut-wrenching reaction to having oiled otters and drowned seabirds in that crude to get the public pumped up about it," he said of the tsunami debris. "And even if you could get the public pumped up, again, you don't have that culprit to go after — a bad guy. It's kind of a tough one to deal with."

US wants 9/11 health program to include 50 cancers

BY DAVID B. CARUSO
Associated Press

NEW YORK First responders and residents who were stricken with cancer after being exposed to the toxic ash that exploded over Manhattan when the World Trade Center collapsed would qualify for free treatment of the disease and potentially hefty compensation payments under a rule proposed Friday by federal health officials.

After months of study, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health said in an administrative filing that it favored a major expansion of an existing $4.3 billion 9/11 health program to include people with 50 types of cancer, covering 14 broad categories of the disease.

People with any of the cancers on the list could qualify for treatments and payments as long as they and their doctors make a plausible case that the disease was connected to the caustic dust.

The decision followed years of emotional lobbying by construction workers, firefighters, police officers, office cleaners, and many other people who fell ill in the decade after the terror attack, and were sure it had something to do with the many days they spent toiling in the gray soot.

"It's amazing," said Ernie Vallebuona, a former New York City police detective who retired after being diagnosed with lymphoma in 2004. "It's nice to have the federal government recognize that your cancer was caused by ground zero. It's something we've always known. I'm just ecstatic that we are finally being recognized. You almost felt like you were being brushed aside."

NIOSH, which oversees the 9/11 health program, acted after an advisory committee made up of doctors, union officials and community advocates recommended that cancer be added to the list of covered conditions. Previously, the aid effort has only covered people with mostly less-serious ailments, including asthma, acid reflux disease and chronic sinus irritation.

The decision on whether to add cancer to that list is a difficult one, and there are still substantial questions about how the program will function.

While stories about first responders struck by cancer are common, there is still little scientific evidence of elevated cancer rates connected to either the trade center dust or other toxins at the ground zero recovery site.

Cancer experts also say that it usually takes many years for an environmental exposure to lead to a cancer case, due to the slow, undetectable development of many types of the disease. That means that many of the people falling ill with cancer now, or in the past 10 years, are unlikely to have gotten it as a result of the attacks.

Questions about whether the dust truly caused cancer was one of the reasons why Congress did not include it in the initial list of covered illnesses.

But some occupational health experts have expressed concern about the presence of carcinogens in the ash and soot, and the advisory panel said it believed there were enough toxins to create a risk. NIOSH director Dr. John Howard said in a statement that the agency had embraced all of the recommendations of the advisory panel, which had urged inclusion of a majority of the most common forms of cancer.

"We recognize how personal the issue of cancer and all of the health conditions related to the World Trade Center tragedy are to 9/11 responders, survivors and their loved ones," Howard said.

The expansion proposal isn't final yet. The rule will be open for public comment for several weeks, or up to two months, before being finalized. It will still be open to revisions, or even outright abandonment, during that time.

U.S. Reps. Carolyn Maloney, Jerrold Nadler and Peter King, three New York lawmakers who helped create the law creating the health program, then lobbied hard for its expansion, said in a joint statement that they were "thrilled," and confident the change would go through as planned.

"As we have all seen with our own eyes again and again, cancer incidence among responders and survivors is a tragic fact, and we must continue to do everything we can to provide the help that those who are sick need and deserve," they said.

There has been some concern that adding cancer to the list of covered conditions could put a severe financial strain on the program's limited resources. Congress capped funding for the program at $1.55 billion for treatment and $2.78 billion for compensation payments. Those amounts will remain unchanged even if many people file for benefits.

Some 60,000 people have already enrolled in 9/11 health programs for those who lived or worked within the disaster zone. Up to 25,000 more could still join before the program closes.

Even before the proposal to add cancer, it is unclear whether the amount of money allocated would be enough to cover the compensation claims. Sheila Birnbaum, the special master overseeing applications for compensation, has said she might have to prorate payments based on the number of people who apply.

Backers of the program are already talking about getting more funding, and also extending the program, which is set to expire in 4 1/2 years.

"Next, we need to start working to extend the Victims Compensation Fund past its current end point in 2016 in order to ensure that responders and survivors who develop these cancers after that will be able to receive compensation," said the joint statement by Maloney, Nadler and King.

Noah Kushlefsky, an attorney who represents about 3,800 people who plan to enroll in the program, said he was confident Congress will eventually extend the program.

"This is a huge victory on many levels. This gives them much needed health care. It gives them much needed financial assistance ... I think that it means a lot emotionally as well," he said. "These folks needed to know that everybody recognized what they did, and what they are going through."



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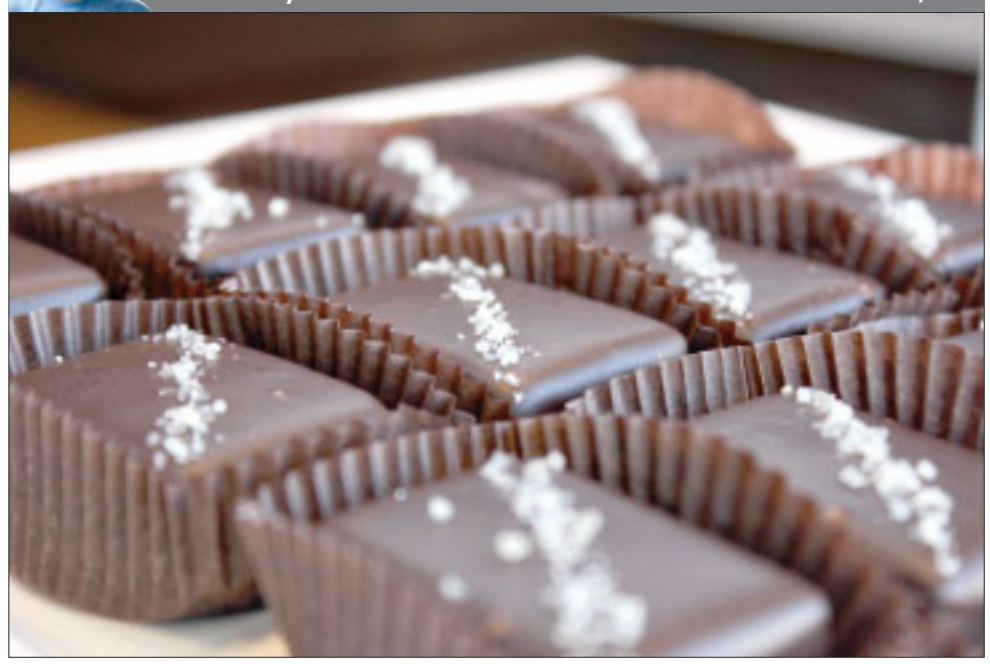
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INDULGE: **John Kelly Chocolates on Montana Avenue serves up some sinfully delicious truffle fudge topped with Mediterranean sea salt.**

Hitting the sweet spot

CHOCOLATE RUNS THE GAMUT FROM THE common Hershey bar to what most people consider the Cadillac of confections — Godiva. Putting the big labels aside, and bringing things to a more local perspective, the newly opened John Kelly Chocolates may be one of the most luxurious treats Santa Monica has to offer.

In an SAT analogy format, See's Candies is to Wilshire Boulevard as John Kelly is to Montana Avenue.

For anyone who is serious about their chocolate (and I know you are out there) the offerings at John Kelly are something to be experienced. The signature product is truffle fudge. The name is well suited since its texture is not quite as dense as your standard fudge, yet has little more integrity than an average truffle. When it hits the palette, the taste buds will be enveloped in full rich cocoa flavor. The sprinkling of Mediterranean sea salt not only accentuates the natural flavors, but also plays nicely with chocolate's semi-sweet undertones.

Bittersweet dark chocolate, luscious all-natural peanut butter, and chocolate mint are just a few flavors found in the truffle fudge bars. John Kelly Chocolates also offers chocolate nut clusters and sugary fruit confections. Score major bonus points with a loved one, or kiss up big time to the boss with one of their beautifully displayed gift towers.

Also, since they are kosher and gluten free they are a perfect gift for your rabbi with a wheat allergy.

The unparalleled quality of the John Kelly line naturally comes at a higher cost as well. Each single serving bar is around $3. However, the higher cost should compel one to truly savor it. For the same price you can get a couple big bags of peanut M&Ms at the Rite-Aid — and that just spells trouble.

One of the major selling points for Santa Monica's Buy Local campaign is diversity. Big franchises are inherently predictable and mundane. Local businesses, on the other hand, are unique and diverse. John Kelly Chocolates personifies the small specialty shop befitting to the boutique embellished streetscape of Montana Avenue. In other words, it's the ganache with panache!

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Sushi Zo: a hidden gem

FROM THE MOMENT YOU WALK IN THE door to the seemingly unpretentious little restaurant Sushi Zo, located in a shopping mall near a Vons in Palms, you know you are in for a singular sushi experience.

From the exterior, however, one would never realize that such an unassuming spot serves up the very finest and freshest fish in all of Los Angeles.

This Michelin-starred restaurant, with its highly attentive, quality service, is a bit like a Japanese Zen temple in the seriousness with which the itamae san (sushi chefs) regard the art of serving only the very best seafood to an enthusiastic, yet very reverent following of hard-core sushi aficionados who crowd the place nightly. And at approximately $200 or more per head with drinks, this is no small feat.

The absolutely exquisite meal begins here with a small bowl of miso soup. The remarkable quality of the dashi, or fish stock, is what sets Sushi Zo's soup apart from the ordinary run-of-the-mill.

Next comes a small, premium quality Kumamoto oyster from Washington state, served with a perfect ponzu sauce accompaniment in the shell. To describe this opener as merely excellent would not do justice to the chefs.

Then the reticent (and somewhat surly, until you get on his good side) owner-chef quietly dishes out the stuff that any real sushi hand knows to be the heart and soul of a true sushi experience: the blue-fin tuna. Sushi Zo's generous plate of the akami, or red meat blue-fin tuna, hailed from the East Coast, near Boston, and was served sashimi style, already seasoned with soy sauce.

Next came another sashimi delight of super fresh California awabi (abalone) delicately draped in a yuzu (Japanese citrus) sea salt and served sliced in the shell. Remarkably extravagant by anyone's standards, this hallmark of the Japanese sushi experience also impressed.

The next fish was a super fresh, truly great piece of halibut (hirame) with lemon and salt. The chef tells you not to add soy sauce (an instruction that will become very familiar as the night progresses), partially because of the range of highly refined seasonings that the itamae san add before serving the fish. Another characteristic point about the halibut and all the pieces of fish was the small size of the neta, or fish itself, and the paucity of shari (sushi rice) upon which the fish rest. While this could put some big eaters off, actually this is a real plus. The quality-over-quantity philosophy of Sushi Zo is one the best things about the place.

And because they only serve one piece of each kind of fish instead of the traditional two pieces, it allows the customers to enjoy a wider range of seafood. Indeed, the sheer variety of seafood one enjoys here is incredible.

After the hirame came a wonderful, rich piece of ankimo (monkfish liver) with ponzu sauce, which was so fresh it almost seemed like another dish when compared with the usual fare one gets at a lesser establishment. Then another delicious piece of shiromaguro (albacore), interestingly seasoned with an ponzu sauce that included a hint of orange. Out of this world.

After all these amazing pieces (there's more, but better to let you be surprised), one would imagine the meal might be winding down. Not at Sushi Zo. More delectable sushi delights would follow, such as a divine piece of cod served with warm vinegared miso sauce, a great black snapper seasoned with truffle salt, a wonderful piece of yellowtail from Japan, squid superbly seasoned with ginger, a superior piece of crunchy giant clam served with sea salt, a sweet shrimp from Santa Barbara that was practically a religious experience to eat it was so good, and a piece of sea perch from Japan that is rarely seen at other Japanese restaurants.

To finish off this incredible feast, the sushi chef served up a spectacular medium fatty tuna roll, also seasoned lightly with vinegar, as well as a sweet egg that was a nice way to end the perfect meal.

I cannot recommend Sushi Zo highly enough. After visiting the restaurant four times over the last couple of months, I am beginning to think if I can afford $200 for dinner, I might not bother going to any other sushi restaurants in town. Just don't expect too much friendly banter with your sushi chef when you go; these guys are all about the fish, don t particularly like small talk, and really mean business when it comes to serving you only the very best fresh fish possible.

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THE SPOT: **Sushi Zo may be located in a shopping mall in Palms, but don't let the location fool you. It serves up some of the freshest and best sushi in L.A.**

This column was written by Daily Press food critic **MERV HECHT'S** son, Spencer Hecht, who resides in Tokyo and knows a thing or two about sushi. Merv Hecht, the food and wine critic for the Santa Monica Daily Press, is a wine buyer and consultant to a number of national and international food and wine companies. He can be reached at mervynhecht@yahoo.com







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UN team sees massacre site in Syrian village

BY DIAA HADID & ZEINA KARAM
Associated Press

BEIRUT U.N. observers could smell the stench of burned corpses Friday and saw body parts scattered around a Syrian farming hamlet that was the scene of a massacre this week in which nearly 80 men, women and children were reported slain.

The observers were finally able to get inside the deserted village of Mazraat al-Qubair after being blocked by government troops and residents, and coming under small arms fire Thursday, a day after the slayings were first reported.

In central Damascus, rebels brazenly battled government security forces in the heart of the capital Friday for the first time, witnesses said, and explosions echoed for hours. Government artillery repeatedly pounded the central city of Homs and troops tried to storm it from three sides.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton met with international envoy Kofi Annan in Washington to discuss how to salvage his faltering plan to end 15 months of bloodshed in Syria. Western nations blame President Bashar Assad for the violent crackdown on anti-government protests that grew out of the Arab Spring.

The U.N. team was the first independent group to arrive in Mazraat al-Qubair, a village of about 160 people in central Hama province. Opposition activists and Syrian government officials blamed each other for the killings and differed about the number of dead.

Activists said that up to 78 people, including women and children, were shot, hacked and burned to death, saying pro-government militiamen known as "shabiha" were responsible. A government statement on the state-run news agency SANA said "an armed terrorist group" killed nine women and children before Hama authorities were called and killed the attackers.

Sausan Ghosheh, spokeswoman for the U.N. observers, said residents' accounts of the mass killing were "conflicting," and that they needed to cross check the names of the missing and dead with those supplied by nearby villagers. Mazraat al-Qubair itself was "empty of the local inhabitants," she said.

"You can smell the burnt smell of the dead bodies," Ghosheh said. "You could also see body parts in and around the village."

Ghosheh said she saw two homes damaged by shells and bullets. She spoke of burned bodies found in a house, but did not elaborate and was not clear whether the U.N. team saw them.

She told the BBC: "We can say that there was definitely a horrific crime that was committed. The scale is still not clear to me."

A BBC correspondent traveling with the U.N. observers described the hamlet as an "appalling scene" of burned-out houses and gore.

"There are pieces of human flesh lying around the room, there is a big pile of congealed blood in the corner, there's a tablecloth that still has the pieces of someone's brain attached to the side of it," said the correspondent, Paul Danahar.

"They killed the people, they killed the livestock, they left nothing in the village alive," he added.

The U.N. observers also visited a cemetery where some of the dead were buried, according to an activist in Mazraat al-Qubair.

Activists said the Sunni hamlet is surrounded by Alawite villages. Alawites are an offshoot of Shiite Islam and Assad is a member of the sect, while the opposition is dominated by Sunnis.

The United States condemned Assad over the killings, saying he has "doubled down on his brutality and duplicity."

The violence followed another mass killing last month in a string of villages known as Houla, where 100 people including many women and children were also shot and stabbed to death. The opposition and the regime blamed each other for the Houla massacre.

In April, the U.N. said more than 9,000 people have been killed since the crisis began in March 2011, but it has been unable to update its estimate since and the daily bloodshed has continued in past weeks. Activists put the number of dead at about 13,000.

Before her meeting with Annan, Clinton said they would look at "how to engender greater response by the government of Syria to the six-point plan that he has put forth."

Annan's plan calls for an end to violence followed by a political transition. Although Assad agreed to it, the violence has continued unabated with reports of brutal massacres against innocents.

Annan allowed that some people "say the plan is definitely dead." He asked rhetorically whether the problem is the plan or its implementation.

"If it's implementation, how do we get action on that? And if it's the plan, what other options do we have?" he said.

U.N. diplomats say Annan is proposing that world powers and key regional players, including Iran, come up with a new strategy to end the conflict.

In Damascus, government troops clashed with defectors from the Free Syrian Army in the Kfar Souseh district in some of the worst fighting yet in the capital. The clashes were a clear sign that the ragtag rebel group has succeeded in taking its fight into the regime's base of power.

"I've been hearing shooting and explosions for hours now and can see smoke rising from the area," a witness who spoke on condition of anonymity for security concerns told The Associated Press.

On Thursday night, armed rebels took part in a large anti-government rally in the same district, witnesses said, in a rare and bold public appearance by the fighters in the capital. Friday's fighting began when the rebels attacked a government checkpoint in the morning, according to Rami Abdul-Rahman of the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

"The men are shouting 'God is great,' women are crying," said Omar, a Damascus resident who would not provide his family name for fear of reprisal by Syrian officials. The sound of machine gun fire and blasts could be heard in the background as he spoke by Skype.

A resident of the Damascus neighborhood of Qaboun said the battles began in his area after Syrian forces opened fire on an evening demonstration, killing a young man he identified as Mahmoud Said. Following that, gunmen hiding in the area began clashing with security forces. Nobody was sure how many people were killed, because they could not leave their houses, said the resident, who asked not to be identified because he feared government reprisal.

The Observatory and another activist group, the Local Coordination Committees, said clashes also broke out in other Damascus districts. There was no immediate word on civilian casualties but the LCC said three rebels were killed.

In Homs, one of the main battlegrounds of the uprising, the offensive against Khaldiyeh appeared to be a new push by regime forces to retake the enclave that has been held by rebels for months.

Pro-Assad troops overran the opposition-held neighborhood of Baba Amr on March 1 after a government siege killed hundreds of people — many of them civilians — in Syria's third-largest city.

Activist Tarek Badrakhan said regime troops were trying to advance on Khaldiyeh from three sides, battling with rebels trying to stop them.

"This is the worst shelling we've had since the start of the revolution," he said via Skype. A shell could be heard exploding in the background as he spoke.

Shells were hitting the neighborhood at a rate of five to 10 a minute, said a statement by the Observatory.

There was no immediate word on casualties from Khaldiyeh, whose original 80,000 inhabitants have mostly fled.

Amateur videos showed missiles exploding into balls of flames in the crowded concrete jumble of homes, with thundering crashes that sent up plumes of heavy gray smoke. The videos suggested the attack began at dawn as birds chirped and roosters crowed. In one video, the missiles came in rapid succession, four exploding in less than a minute.

Homs has been one of the hardest-hit regions in Syria since the uprising began.

The government news agency reported troops on the eastern Lebanese border area clashed with rebels, who they said were trying to smuggle in three pick-up trucks full of weapons. The agency said they destroyed one car, but two sped back into Lebanon

In several locations across Syria on Friday, troops fired tear gas and live ammunition in an attempt to disperse thousands of anti-government protesters, activists said, including the northern provinces of Idlib and Aleppo, the southern region of Daraa and in the suburbs of Damascus. Several people were reported killed, but the numbers were not immediately clear.

In Geneva, International Committee of the Red Cross spokesman Hicham Hassan said Syria's humanitarian situation was worsening. And Kristalina Georgieva, European commissioner for humanitarian aid, said in Brussels that there are 1 million "vulnerable people who need humanitarian assistance."

"Between 200,000 and 400,000 are internally displaced ... and we have 95,000 refugees in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan primarily," she said.

Also on Friday, the Committee to Protect Journalists said five citizen journalists documenting the unrest in Syria were killed in a two-day period at the end of May.

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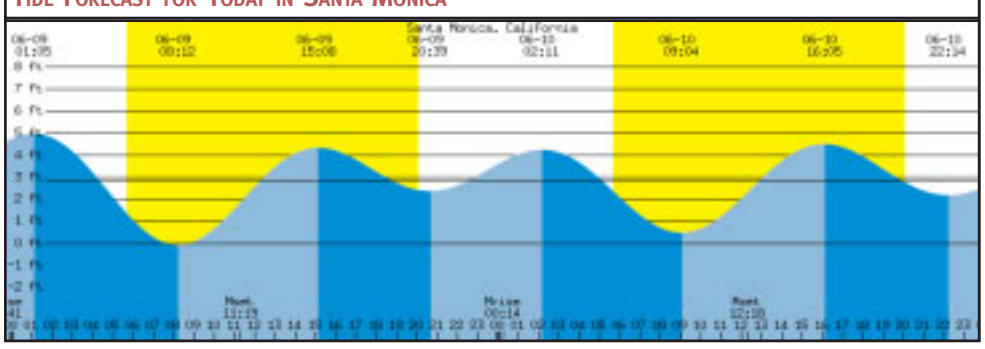
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- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 29

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	D	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	F	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	B	ns
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
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

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BELMONT STAKES

I'll Have Another suddenly retired with tendon injury

BY BETH HARRIS & RICHARD ROSENBLATT
AP Sports Writers

NEW YORK The Triple Crown curse lives. This time the horse didn't even make it to the starting gate.

I'll Have Another's bid for the first Triple Crown in 34 years ended stunningly Friday when the chestnut colt was retired on the eve of the Belmont Stakes with an injury to his left front tendon.

"I'm afraid history is going to have to wait for another day," said J. Paul Reddam, the colt's owner.

I'll Have Another, who won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness Stakes with stirring stretch drives, was the 4-5 early favorite to win the Belmont and become the 12th Triple Crown winner and first since Affirmed in 1978.

Instead, he'll make one final trip to the racetrack with his jockey Mario Gutierrez to lead the other Belmont horses during Saturday's post parade — no longer a prelude to greatness, but merely a wistful farewell.

"He'll be my hero forever," a somber Gutierrez said. "What I'll Have Another did for me is so amazing. He brought happiness to my life."

Always the longest and toughest of the Triple Crown events, the 1 1-2-mile Belmont was instantly reduced to being just another big race.

The favorite's role fell to Dullahan, who ran third in the Derby and had been second in the morning line for the Belmont. He was made the 9-5 early choice.

Santa Monica-based trainer Doug O'Neill said I'll Have Another was being retired because he developed swelling in his left front tendon that was the beginning of tendinitis.

"This is extremely tough for all of us. It's far from tragic but it's extremely disappointing," he said.

O'Neill's brother, Dennis, said it was hard to tell anything was wrong just by looking at the horse.

"He looks great. He's sound. He went great this morning. He looks super (but) you just can't take a chance," he said. "He's too valuable of a horse and we love him to death like all of them. You wouldn't run a horse if you think something might happen."

The scratch comes a day before an estimated 100,000 fans were expected to converge on the track in hopes of seeing, at long last, a Triple Crown winner — a champion who would help resurrect a struggling racing industry.

I'll Have Another joined 11 other horses since Affirmed who won the Derby and the Preakness, but were unable to complete a Triple Crown sweep in the Belmont, extending the longest gap between Triple winners to 35 years. The colt also became the third winner of the first two legs who was unable to run in the finale; Burgoo King in 1932 and Bold Venture in 1936 were the others.

"It's like completely letting the air out of a balloon," said Ken McPeek, who trains Belmont contenders Atigun and Unstoppable U.

Dale Romans, who trains Dullahan, said: "This was going to be a special race, one of the biggest races of our time. I'd rather have him in there. It would have been something special to beat him."

Doug O'Neill said he first noticed something might be wrong with the colt Thursday, hours after his usual morning gallop.

"We prayed he kind of hit himself and that it was a little bit of skin irritation," he told a horde of media gathered outside the detention barn at Belmont Park.

O'Neill had called an audible Friday and taken his horse out to gallop at 5:30 a.m., three hours earlier than he had been working out in the days leading up to the race. He wanted to avoid the congestion created by all the Belmont horses going to the track at the same time.

"I thought he looked great on the track," he said, "and then cooling out, you could tell that swelling was back, and at that point I didn't feel very good."

A veterinarian confirmed the diagnosis and suggested that O'Neill give the colt three to six months off before resuming training. But O'Neill said he and his brother, along with Reddam and his wife, were unanimous in deciding to retire the colt who had won four consecutive Grade 1 races, starting with the Santa Anita Derby in April.

"I really thought he was going to run off tomorrow and really show something," Reddam said. "So we were all a bit shocked, but we have to do what's best for the horse."

Dr. Larry Bramlage, on-call veterinarian for the Belmont, said it wouldn't hurt I'll Have Another to walk on the track "but would be a concern at a mile-and-a-half at full speed."

He compared the problem to an Achilles tendon injury, which usually keeps a person off his feet for six weeks.

"This one to the horse is nowhere near that severity," he said, "but it takes the same amount of time to rehab it."

Bramlage said it probably would take a year for the colt to recover. He added that a tendon in a racehorse is "more highly evolved" than anything in a human.

O'Neill said I'll Have Another would return to his home base at Betfair Hollywood Park in Inglewood, Calif., in the next few days.

The injury underlines the fragility of these 1,100-pound thoroughbreds, racing at speeds up to 40 mph. Other Triple Crown bids were foiled in odd ways, too.

Big Brown was pulled up at the top of the stretch in the 2008 Belmont, mysteriously failing to finish the race; War Emblem nearly fell to his knees coming out of the starting gate in 2002 and wound up eighth; Charismatic broke two bones in his left front leg with a quarter mile to go, but still finished third in 1999; Spectacular Bid stepped on a safety pin in his stall before the 1979 race and finished third; and Tim Tam ended up second in 1958 after running the final quarter-mile with a broken bone in his right front ankle.

"You only get one chance to do this," said four-time Belmont winner D. Wayne Lukas, who trains Belmont Stakes contender Optimizer. "From the standpoint of a purist, it's a blow."

After talking to the media, O'Neill led I'll Have Another out of the detention barn and walked him down a path toward the barn where the colt had stayed for most of the time he had been at the track. Since Wednesday, all the Belmont Stakes horses were housed in the same barn with 24-hour surveillance; New York racing officials said it was to ensure the race was run fairly.

"Some people have asked did the detention barn have anything to do with this. Absolutely not. Just a freakish thing," O'Neill said. "I've been hoping and praying he would stay injury-free, and it didn't happen."

MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, June 9
Goldfinger (PG) 1hr 49min

Thunderball (PG) 2hrs 12min
7:30pm

Sunday, June 10
You Only Live Twice (PG) 1hr 46min

On Her Majesty's Secret Service (NR) 2hrs 22min
5:00pm

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

Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
12:20pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

For Greater Glory (R) 2hrs 23min
11:45am, 3:05pm, 6:30pm, 9:50pm

For the Love of Money (R) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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

Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
11:35am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:50pm

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

Men in Black 3 (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) 2hrs 07min
10:30am, 1:40pm, 4:45pm, 7:50pm, 11:00pm

Dictator (R) 1hr 23min
10:50am, 1:20pm, 3:40pm, 6:00pm, 8:20pm, 10:50pm

Prometheus (R) 2hrs 04min
10:40am, 1:55pm, 5:10pm, 8:15pm, 11:20pm

Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 33min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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

Hysteria (R) 1hr 35min
1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Cat in Paris (Une vie de chat) (PG) 1hr 05min
11:00am

Oslo, August 31st (Oslo, 31. august) (NR) 1hr 35min
1:40pm, 7:10pm

Elena (NR) 1hr 49min
11:15am

Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

Headhunters (Hodejegerne) (R) 1hr 38min
9:35pm

First Position (NR) 1hr 30min
4:20pm

6 Month Rule (R)
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Bill W. (NR) 1hr 44min
11:10am

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

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
10:30am, 11:00am, 12:10pm, 1:30pm, 2:40pm, 4:00pm, 5:15pm, 6:45pm, 7:50pm, 9:20pm, 10:30pm

Prometheus (R) 2hrs 04min
11:30am, 1:05pm, 4:15pm, 6:30pm, 7:25pm, 9:40pm, 10:40pm

Dark Shadows (PG-13) 1hr 53min
10:25am, 1:00pm, 3:40pm

Men in Black 3 in 3D (PG-13) 1hr 46min
2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
12:20pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm

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Let the games begin, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might have a slew of plans, but for some reason you want to quiet down the noise of partying and visiting. You could decide to watch a good ballgame, or curl up with a great book. As a result, you'll feel refreshed and great. Tonight: Vanish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might need to retreat after an important meeting or get-together. You could feel as if you need some downtime, but you -- the Bull -- will revitalize before you know it. An artsy friend could play into your plans. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Use the morning for important long-distance calls. You might find yourself making plans for a trip before you know it. Visit with an older relative or friend in the afternoon. You actually feel great, too. Tonight: Out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ What might be considered a fantasy could be instrumental in your plans today and this weekend. A risk no longer carries the same heaviness with it. You are becoming more willing to toss yourself into life. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: You know what to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Nothing seems very different at the present moment, other than most of the people around you acting unusually congenial. In fact, others willingly go along with your wishes. Spend some quality time with a loved one. Tonight: Make it romantic.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be your efficient self in the morning. You will need to clear out certain errands in order to enjoy yourself. After you do, relax and decide to join a loved one, and a good time will be had by all. Let your instincts come into play. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ It will be close to impossible to settle down, so don't even try. If you would like to give a child extra attention, now is the time. You both could give in to some wild impulsiveness. Do not forget a special loved one who appreciates one-on-one time. Tonight: Dote and be doted on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might be slow to get started today. Kick back and enjoy yourself with a child or loved one. You might prefer not to have a big audience. Someone clearly sees you as being very special and is putting you on a pedestal. Tonight: You know how to make the night special.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Use the daylight hours for important communication. You will be far more satisfied if you do. By the afternoon, you'll receive an abundance of invitations wherever you are. Tonight: Let the games being.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ While you have time, shift your budget around and make sure everything is in order. You get an invitation to just hang out. This doesn't seem demanding, but it could be costly. A conversation enlightens you to a problem. Tonight: Hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You could be somewhat frayed and exhausted by midday. Slow down, as you might not have a choice. A conversation with someone who is the apple of your eye makes you smile from ear to ear. Tonight: Indulge a little.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Play it low-key in the morning. If you can sleep in, do so. The Moon slides into your sign midday, and suddenly you cannot believe all the activity going on around you. Requests or needs that stem from your immediate circle also need to be honored. Tonight: Wherever you want to be.

Happy birthday

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

This year you often feel tense. Learn to relax more during this special year, and say "no" to taking on more obligations. You have a unique ability to present situations in the most positive light. Use this skill when you feel it is necessary. If you are single, you will be noticed. Be aware that sometimes you send mixed messages. If you are attached, be sensitive to your communication style. Sometimes your sweetie might misunderstand you. PISCES is as emotional as you are intellectual.

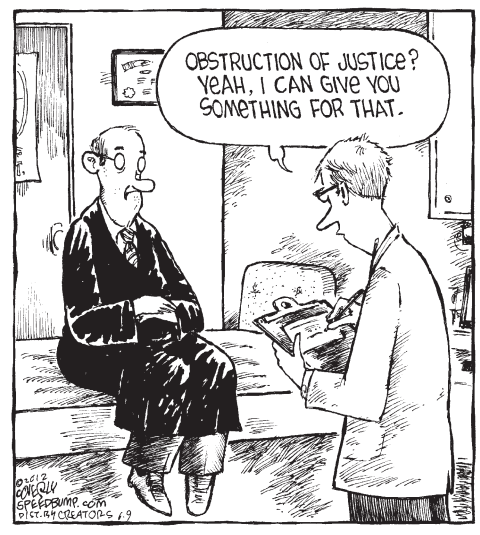


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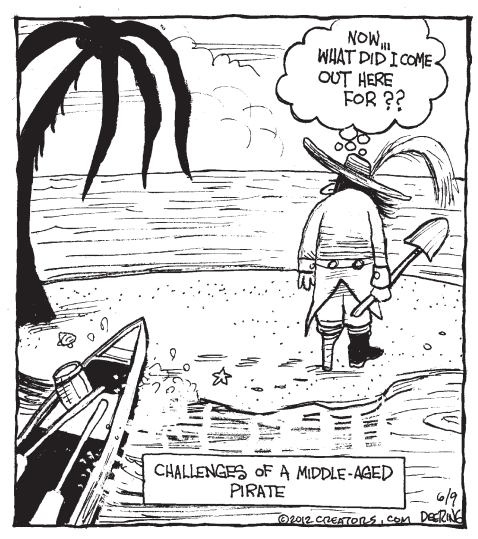
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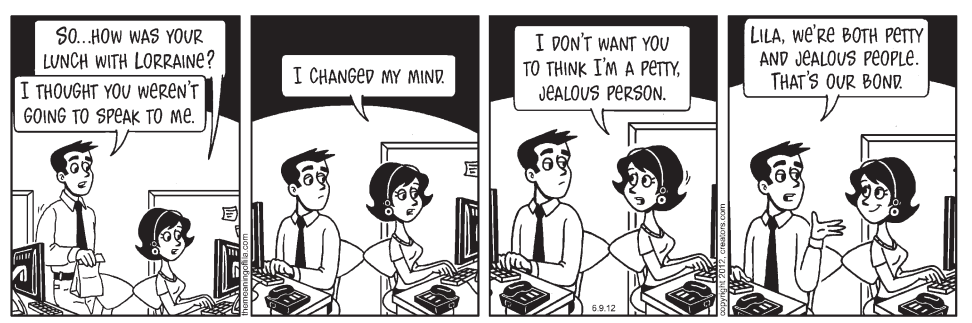
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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1 Cowboy wear
6 Girder material
11 Metal man
12 Door part
13 Happened
14 Superfluous
15 Ruthless
17 Gun
18 Storage spot
19 Jungle chopper
22 Hall-of-Famer Roush
23 Makes baby food, maybe
24 More confident
25 Belly-ached
27 Kimono cinch
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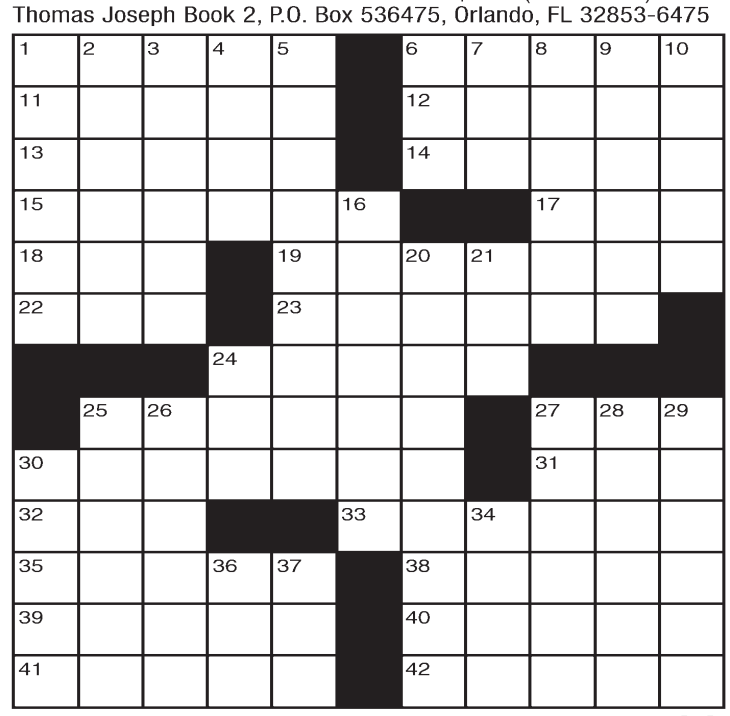
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1 Tarzan portrayer Buster
2 Dreadful
3 Teem
4 Appointment
5 Victorian sci-fi genre
6 That lady
7 Passes, in Variety
8 Menu item
9 Wading birds
10 Head out
16 Honor
20 Sideboards
21 That lady
24 Attack command
25 Tool chest item
26 Tea party attendee
27 New York lake
28 Unproductive
29 Playwright Henrik and family
30 Elegance
34 Tombstone name
36 Low number
37 Fresh

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Yesterday's answer

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6-9



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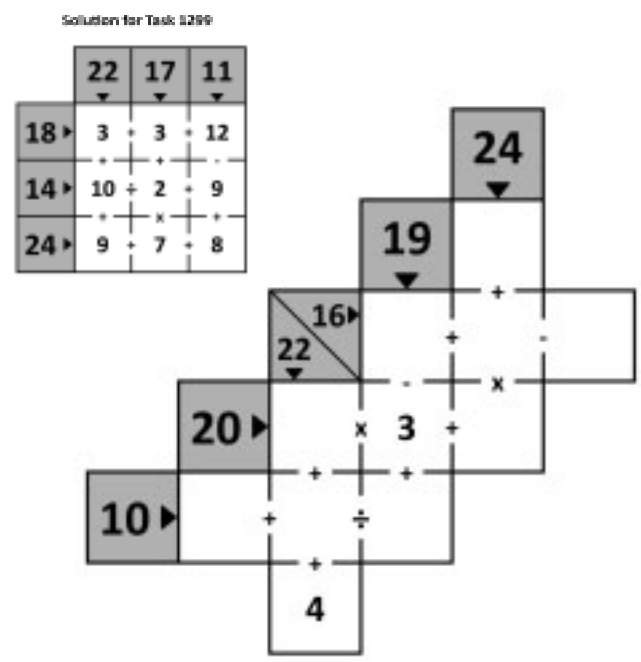
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• Remember to multiply or divide before you add or subtract.

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

2, 3, 6, 6, 9, 9, 10, 12, 12





NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Didn't Think It Through: (1) Eric King, 21, was leaving a store in Eagan, Minn., in February when a police officer in the parking lot noticed his pronounced waddle. King was arrested when the officer found a shoplifted 19-inch television set down his pants. (2) In March, a 34-year-old Lithuanian-born man led police in Wiltshire, England, in a nighttime foot chase after he had aroused their suspicion. Thermal imaging equipment was used from a helicopter to spot the man in the darkness. He was arrested "hiding" face-down in a manure pit. (Though he originally fled, there was little evidence against him, and he was released.)

■ A three-truck crash on Interstate 40 in Albuquerque, N.M., in May destroyed one truck and sent two people to the hospital with minor injuries. One tractor-trailer carrying a load of charcoal and charcoal lighter fluid crashed into the rear of a tractor-trailer carrying frozen meat. The lighter fluid facilitated a huge fireball/barbecue.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1959 - The USS George Washington is launched. It is the first submarine to carry ballistic missiles.

1965 - Civilian Prime Minister of South Vietnam Phan Huy Quat resigned after being unable to work with a junta led by Nguyen Cao Ky.

1967 - Six-Day War: Israel captures the Golan Heights from Syria

1968 - U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson declares a national day of mourning following the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

1973 - Secretariat wins the Triple Crown.

1974 - Portugal and the Soviet Union establish diplomatic relations.

WORD UP!

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