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THE FORE! ISSUE

Saint John's labor negotiations cool down

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

MID CITY Saint John's Medical Center officials rejected an offer by former State Sen. Sheila Kuehl to help mediate a labor dispute between hospital management and its nurses Monday, two days before a planned strike and lockout.

Instead, management wrote in a statement that it would be using a professional mediator from a national association to continue contract negotiations.

"We appreciate Sen. Kuehl offering to serve as a mediator," the statement reads. "However, a professional mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Services has been assigned to this matter. Accordingly, we are respectfully declining her offer."

The message comes at a tense time in the negotiations between the nurses and the management. Nurses declared a walkout for Wednesday, and management responded by posting notice of a four-day lockout, which would prevent those nurses from returning to work for four days after their protest.

Those plans were put on hold after Kuehl signaled her desire to intervene in an e-mail on Sunday.

In that e-mail, Kuehl proposed that both sides put aside their walkouts and lockouts in favor of coming back to the table to hash out a fair contract.

The CNA responded affirmatively within

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Lawyer for Bulger's lover asks for leniency

BRIDGET MURPHY
Associated Press

BOSTON The lawyer for the longtime girlfriend of Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger asked a judge on Monday to sentence her to 27 months in prison for helping the fugitive stay on the run for 16 years.

Prosecutors have asked for a decade in prison for Catherine Greig, who faces sentencing today.

The 61-year-old pleaded guilty in March to charges of conspiracy to harbor a fugitive, identity fraud and conspiracy to commit identity fraud. The 82-year-old Bulger is awaiting trial on charges he participated in 19 murders. Authorities captured the couple in Santa Monica last June.

Prosecutors say the pair posed as married retirees from Chicago and had a stash of more than $800,000 in cash and 30 weapons in their apartment upon capture.

In a sentencing memo, Greig's lawyer Kevin Reddington said his client was in love with Bulger and there was no evidence she knew about the money or guns.

He said Bulger was a "Robin Hood like" person and a "champion of the oppressed" when she fled with him, years before an indictment revealed "horrific allegations of murder."

The attorney called the government's sentencing recommendation a "draconian sentence" to crush someone prosecutors are trying to portray as a "sinister mastermind."

Reddington also suggested that the gov-

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GETTING ON BOARD: **The City Council is expected to make a major investment to update the Big Blue Bus' fleet of vehicles.**

City Hall investing in buses, technology

$38M in transit grants and other funds go to BBB

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

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

CITY HALL The City Council will be asked tonight to approve a $38 million investment in the Big Blue Bus system to pay for new buses and a fare collection system.

According to staff reports, $30,626,936 in federal and state grants as well as county transit sales tax funds would pay for 58 buses that run on compressed natural gas to replace the same number of New Flyer buses that have hit retirement age.

Buses are considered "old" after 12 years of service under the guidelines of the Federal Transit Administration. The buses to be replaced under the program are 15 years old.

The buses will be bought from Gillig LLC using a process called "piggybacking," which allows a government agency to buy the same product as another public agency that's already conducted a competitive bidding process.

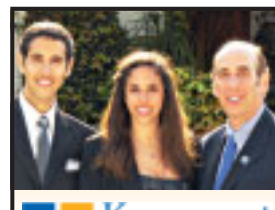
That will let City Hall buy the buses eight months sooner than they otherwise would.

In addition to the new buses, City Hall also wants to buy a new fare collection system that would allow for modern features like smart cards, mobile ticketing and colorized display screens.

The hardware and software for the Automatic Fare Collection System costs $7,223,512 and is offered by LECIP

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Student art
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The Santa Monica College Art Mentor Program presents "V.05," its annual juried exhibition curated by Shana Nys Dambrot, June 12-23 in the college's Pete & Susan Barrett Art Gallery. The Art Mentor Program, currently helmed by SMC art professors Ronn Davis and Ichiro Irie, serves as a unique learning experience for a select group of gifted students. For more information, call (310) 434-3434.

Meet the author
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third St. Promenade, 7 p.m.
Melissa de la Cruz, the best-selling author of "The Blue Bloods," "Ashleys," and the "Witches of East End" series, returns to Santa Monica to share her book, "Serpent's Kiss: A Witches of East End Novel." For more information, call (310) 458-7829.

Improv the day away
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Veteran Improv instructor, Brian Hamill, hosts this weekly comedy Improv workshop for seniors. All seniors are welcome to take part in this free workshop. If you'd rather just come watch the fun, then that's all right, too. Must be a Senior Center member and 50 or older to participate. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Screen time
Writers Boot Camp at Bergamot Station, Building I
2525 Michigan Ave.,
6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Join the crew from Shine Global, the nonprofit film production company that shines light on children in need, as they screen their fourth documentary, "Innocente." The film depicts the story of a homeless, undocumented girl who refuses to give up her pursuit of art as told by Academy Award-nominated directors and producers from "War/Dance" and "The Harvest/La Cosecha." Entry is by donation —minimum of $50. For more information, call (212) 664-8400.

Bust a move
California Heritage Museum
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MOVING IT

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Members of Fight Fitness L.A. train at Santa Monica's Muscle Beach on Sunday. They were there recruiting for the club.

Democrats talk budget ahead of deadline

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Democratic legislative leaders met Monday with Gov. Jerry Brown as they chased a Friday deadline to approve a state budget that addresses California's nearly $16 billion deficit. The leaders are at odds with the Democratic governor over $2 billion in cuts to welfare, in-home and child care and Cal Grants.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, said that while it would be easier to just go along with Brown's proposal, lawmakers have a responsibility to their constituents, including the most vulnerable.

"Nobody wants to keep going through this, certainly the people of California don't. And I think we are making good progress and we're pretty close, but there's still a little ways to go around how deep is deep enough," he told reporters after addressing a small business event Monday.

Both houses of the state Legislature are required to pass a balanced spending plan by Friday or risk losing their pay for every day that the state goes without one. But a Sacramento Superior Court judge's ruling this spring leaves it largely in the hands of lawmakers to decide whether their own plan is balanced, after state Controller John Chiang last year refused them payment.

Steinberg said the Legislature would not rush a budget through at the expense of the needy in order to ensure that they got their full salaries. He said the pay issue is "not relevant to me."

Brown's plan relies on voters approving an initiative in November that would temporarily raise sales taxes by a quarter cent for four years and raise income taxes on individuals who make more than $250,000 a year for seven years. If voters reject the $8.5 billion in taxes through mid-2013, schools and other public entities would be subject to severe so-called "trigger cuts" under Brown's plan, including a contingency plan that includes shortening the public school year by as much as three weeks.

Steinberg said if legislative leaders are not able to reach a deal with the governor by Friday, they will still present a budget by the deadline.

"We'll put up a very strong, credible budget that does not have gimmicks and that has a substantial reserve," he said.

Republicans oppose the taxes, but their votes are not needed to approve the spending plan.

They have criticized Democrats for not holding traditional committee hearings where both parties cast votes on contentious issues before the budget is presented to the full Legislature. The GOP has been left out of budget talks since voters in 2010 passed Proposition 25, the majority-vote budget. It allowed Democrats who control both houses of the Legislature to craft a spending plan without votes from the minority party, but taxes still require a two-thirds vote.



CLIFT BRELAND

SMC alumna to be honored at commencement

BY SEAN FITZ-GERALD
Special to the Daily Press

SMC Santa Monica College alumna Gilda Clift Breland, Esq., has been named the winner of the 2012 Distinguished Alumni Recognition Award for Outstanding Professional and Community Service Achievement.

Clift Breland, who attended SMC from 1996 to 1998, will receive the award at SMC's commencement exercises today at Corsair Field.

After transferring from SMC, the attorney graduated from UCLA in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in economics and international area studies. Clift Breland pursued her legal studies at USC's Gould School of Law, where she graduated with a degree in 2003. At USC, Clift Breland was a participant in the Hale Moot Court Honors Program, was active in the Black Law Student Association and co-founded and chaired the Black Graduate Student Network.

When she was a law student, Clift Breland also served as an active member of the Public Interest Law Foundation at USC, where she advocated on behalf of homeless people seeking general relief benefits, and mentored urban youth through the Street Law mentorship program at USC — as well as African-American female law students, whom she continues to mentor today.

As an attorney who has earned numerous accolades, Clift Breland presently serves as the associate legal counsel for InterDent Service Corp. At InterDent, she oversees the company's real estate transactions and helps the company with its national expansion.

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Save the scenes

Editor:

Fear of a lawsuit is a chicken's reason to discontinue the nativity scenes. I encourage the City Council to not be wusses, but stand up like courageous men and women and find a solution!

Rhoda Tuit
Santa Monica

Close the schools

Editor:

Our extremely high paid school administrators and teachers are always crying for more and more money ("Empty wallet?," June 11, page 1). We taxpayers are burdened by these expensive schools and in our city many of the students don't even live here.

The all-powerful unions are in total denial that schools as we know them are completely obsolete. There is no reason to have real schools anymore. The Internet and teaching computer programs are all that are needed. There is no longer any need for school buildings and teachers.

I know teachers and their unions will fight and lie and cheat to keep their jobs and pensions, but the truth is that everything can be taught on computers at home. One good teacher with a good curriculum can teach all the third grade classes in our state! Kids no longer need to carry around heavy, expensive books since any book can be put on the computer. The book companies are fighting this because they will lose much of their profit, but the advantages of computer books are overwhelming and they save trees by not using paper.

We will still need some teachers to make the programs, but we will save billions of dollars every year by closing all the schools. There are a couple professions who may still need some hands-on training, like some doctors, but even much of that can be taught with virtual reality body programs. The argument for saving the schools falls on the idea that kids need to be socialized. But we don't need expensive schools and teachers to socialize our youth. We can send them to tennis or basketball classes or to camping in the woods.

The real truth has been said before that primarily our schools are glorified baby-sitting prisons to keep our kids confined while we go to work or have fun. The time will come when we wake up and see that the future is here and many jobs of the past are now obsolete.

Marty Liboff
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Food, art and good works

I LIKE ART. I FREQUENTLY AM confused by it, inspired by it, appalled at what passes for "good" and more often than not, I can't afford the works I like. Turns out I'm not the only one who likes art, or good food for that matter. This past Sunday was the Art for CLARE fundraiser at Bergamot Station. There were hundreds of people at this sixth annual event which featured food from Melisse, City Tavern, Mantilini Catering, El Cholo, Global Cuisine and celebrity chef Mary Gilmer of All That Is Good Catering. Desserts were from the always amazing Nothing Bundt Cakes. There were baked donuts by Fonuts. Urth Café provided coffee and cakes as well beverages by Lemonade.

CLARE is a recovery center that does a great deal of good in the city helping people turn their lives around from a life of drug and alcohol abuse. They have programs for men, women, and the hearing impaired.

The fundraiser this year was co-chaired by Meredith Baxter and Linde Caughey who did a bang-up job finding great food providers. The Art Selection Committee had the two co-chairs and Jena King, David Limrite and Eve Rappoport who found many great artists to donate their works to benefit the CLARE Foundation.

There was a great selection of art from airbrushed surfboards by Jeff Ho to hand-knitted aluminum wire by Dameon Lester in the form of a rock pile that was truly amazing to me. My friend Chris Rohloff donated a print from his father Grant Rohloff of Mike Kynson circa 1962 surfing in Hawaii. Rohloff's photographic history of surfing is a local treasure and I'm lucky to know his son, and see his father's artwork.

As usual, I wandered around Bergamot Station and had the opportunity to find other great artists that are on display there, and if you have a chance I highly recommend a perusal, it's where I found this mosaic dog that I would love to own. I liked it so much I tweeted about it on my Twitter feed @WhatAboutWally.

These events always have a silent auction, and that is actually how I was invited. My friend Allen King, who operates Aqua Surf School donated some surf lessons, and had an extra ticket, so I was able to ride his coattails into this event (as a divorce and child custody lawyer, I'm not often asked to donate to silent auctions, no one wants to bid on a divorce I guess). The selection of auction items was quite impressive this year,



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ART HUNTING: **Object of desire.**

with timeshares being made available, lessons of all types, a signed football and spa specials.

I have a special place in my heart for organizations that reach out and save lives that are at risk due to drugs and alcohol. My brother drank himself to death and watching a life that once burned so bright fall into the darkness that is drug and alcohol addiction is painful and heart wrenching. My own childhood was marred by my parents abuse of alcohol. In my career as a divorce lawyer I regularly am either fighting against allegations that my clients are alcoholics and abusing drugs, or I'm arguing that the other side has a problem and needs help.

The world of recovery options has grown significantly since I was a boy. Today we have access to programs for food, gambling, sex, nicotine, and a host of other "issues." The reason we have those resources is thanks to the tireless and frequently thankless work of people who put on events such as Art for CLARE.

Lives have been saved and immeasurably improved thanks to the efforts of the many volunteers who put on this year's event. And I, for one, say "thank you."

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Judge: LAUSD must rate teachers on pupil progress

CHRISTINA HOAG
Associated press

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles Unified School District is violating state law by not including measures of student achievement, including test scores, in teacher evaluations and must do so, a Superior Court judge ruled on Monday.

The 25-page opinion by Judge James Chalfant is a tentative decision in a lawsuit filed last year by an anonymous group of LAUSD families sponsored by EdVoice, a Sacramento-based education reform group, against the district.

The judge is scheduled to hear oral arguments in the case on Tuesday and issue a final ruling next month, but the tentative decision weighs heavily on the side of the plaintiffs.

The ruling concludes with Chalfant stating that he will issue an order compelling the district to comply with a 1999 law called the Stull Act, which mandates school districts use some measure of pupil progress in teacher and administrator evaluations and use standardized test scores to measure their progress in complying with state academic standards.

"It's a strong ruling," said Bill Lucia, president and chief executive of EdVoice. "It's clear the judge has not been muddled by the red herring arguments presented by the district. It's very, very encouraging to the parents."

The decision gives the nation's second largest school district new ammunition in its long-running battle with teachers and administrators' unions over use of test scores in performance evaluations.

LAUSD Superintendent John Deasy said through a spokesman that he agrees with the judge's tentative ruling, adding that the district has waited far too long to comply with the law.

"The system itself that we currently use is absent the kind of fundamental goal of the whole process of an education, and that is how do students do," Deasy said in a deposition, as cited in the ruling.

The district is testing the use of a new appraisal system, which includes test scores, in a number of schools with the aim of issuing more meaningful feedback to teachers.

That pilot program has been opposed by union United Teachers Los Angeles, which did not immediately respond to a request for comment on the decision. Teachers and administrator unions say that any change in evaluations should be negotiated in collective bargaining.

The teachers union has said that test scores and grades are not good measures of teacher effectiveness because students vary individually as learners. The true impact of a good teacher, including encouraging students, dealing with student problems, and stimulating intellectual curiosity, may not show up in test scores, opponents say.

The current evaluation form encompasses 27 criteria for performance appraisal, but none deal directly with whether students are learning, said Scott Witlin, attorney for the families.

Witlin said he surveyed 599 evaluations and found only three that commented on whether students were learning and only a dozen that commented on tests.

"That's not exactly a stellar percentage," he said. "It's pretty rare that whether students are achieving or even progressing toward their goals is even mentioned."

Judge Chalfant rejected the plaintiffs' request that evaluations be conducted more frequently than under the Stull Act, saying that was outside his scope. But he said he could certainly order an agency to comply with the law.

Manson family member says LAPD shouldn't possess tapes, but they can listen to them

DANNY ROBBINS
Associated Press

DALLAS A Manson family member whose recorded conversations with his late attorney are part of a Texas bankruptcy proceeding says Los Angeles police should be allowed to listen to the tapes but not take possession of them.

Charles "Tex" Watson wrote in a motion filed last week that U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Brenda T. Rhoades should reconsider her ruling allowing the LAPD to obtain the eight cassette tapes. The tapes made four decades ago are of conversations between Watson and attorney Bill Boyd, whose firm is now in Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Giving the tapes to the LAPD outright could result in media gaining access, and that would create "a public dishonor" to those "emotionally attached" to the Manson murders, Watson wrote. He prepared the motion from the California prison where he is serving a life sentence for his role in the 1969 killings of actress Sharon Tate and six others.

"I understand these are the consequences of my crime, but there should be no more victims," Watson wrote, underlining the last three words.

The Q Line

Paying to park

There's a proposal making its way around City Hall that would eliminate any complimentary parking in Downtown structures.

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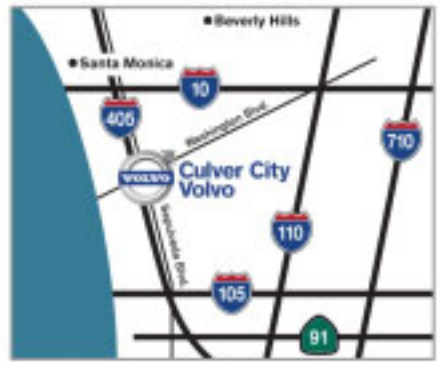
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Bryson has 'limited recall' of events

A Commerce Department official says Secretary John Bryson has a "limited recall of the events" in which he had a seizure and was involved in two traffic accidents in the Los Angeles area.

The official said the department could not confirm the cause of the seizure and when it happened in relation to the car accidents. Bryson had not had a seizure before, the official said.

The official said Bryson was back in the office Monday and in touch with his doctors who were monitoring its progress.

The Commerce Department official spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the incident.

Police say Bryson was involved in two traffic accidents in the Los Angeles area on Saturday and was cited for felony hit-and-run, although he has not been charged.

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MALIBU

Restaurant attic burns, PCH closed

Los Angeles County firefighters have put out a fire in the attic of a 30-year-old Mediterranean restaurant on Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu.

Inspector Brian Riley says the fire was reported at BeauRivage at 6:10 a.m. Monday and knocked down at 7:48 a.m.

All lanes of Pacific Coast Highway were closed during the morning commute while firefighters worked. Sheriff's Deputy Mike Treinen says both eastbound lanes and one westbound lane reopened by 10 a.m.

Riley says there were no injuries. He says the cause, a loss estimate and when the restaurant will reopen are unknown.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Oscars venue reopens as Dolby Theatre

The venue for the Oscars has a new name — and sound.

The 3,400-seat theater formerly known as the Kodak Theatre reopened Monday as the Dolby Theatre with new signage and a new audio-visual system.

The technology company Dolby Laboratories Inc., announced a 20-year deal with Hollywood & Highland Center owner CIM Group last month to rename the theater as the Dolby Theatre. The space has hosted the Oscars since 2002.

Dolby outfitted the four-level venue with its Dolby 3D and Dolby Atmos projection and audio systems.

CIM Group dropped the Kodak name from the theater ahead of the Oscars ceremony earlier this year after a bankruptcy court judge approved the early exit of Eastman Kodak Co., from a 20-year naming rights deal it signed with CIM Group in 1999.

AP

LOS ANGELES

NASA rover on target for August

NASA's latest spacecraft to Mars is due to land in August even as engineers are troubleshooting a contamination issue with one of its instruments.

Mission managers said Monday the one-ton rover named Curiosity looks healthy. It is headed for a crater near the Martian equator on a two-year mission to study whether the environment could have been suitable for primitive life.

The mission has been nagged by an issue with the rover's drill that will bore into Martian rocks.

Before launch, tests showed that when handled a certain way the drill produced a contaminant that could leak into samples gathered. A team has been studying ways to get around the problem.

Project manager Pete Theisinger says he's confident Curiosity will still achieve all its goals.

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Relief over Spain bank rescue fades quickly

PALLAVI GOGOI
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK A burst of enthusiasm over a rescue of Spanish banks melted away within hours Monday, and investor anxiety about the troubled finances of Europe grew on both sides of the Atlantic.

On Wall Street, stocks opened sharply higher but sank all day. Selling accelerated in the last hour of trading, and the Dow Jones industrial average closed down 142 points.

More alarming, bond investors signaled that they are less confident about lending money to the governments of both Spain and Italy, which investors fear will be next to seek help.

Jim Herrick, director of equity trading at Baird & Co., said investors realized "that this Band-Aid approach with Spain will not solve larger problems in Europe and that this could be a long, arduous process."

As investors considered the long-term fate of Europe, Herrick said, "it was time to sell."

European countries committed over the weekend to funnel up to $125 billion to Spain to distribute to its banks, which have been driven almost to insolvency from a bust in real estate prices four years ago.

Spain became the fourth European nation to seek a rescue, after Greece, Portugal and Ireland.

Market strategists had hoped that the rescue in Spain would at least temporarily ease fear that debt problems in Europe will explode into a world financial crisis and hurt the fragile global economy.

Those strategists had predicted a rally in stocks after the deal was announced. But the relief was short-lived, and investors were still worried about an election Sunday in Greece that could lead to that country's exit from the euro.

In the case of Spain, investors appeared uncertain about whether the rescue would be enough to save the banks and whether the terms of the loan, still undisclosed, would deliver another blow to the recession-hobbled Spanish economy.

France's main stock index closed down 0.3 percent, and Germany's rose just 0.2 percent. Both indexes were up more than 2 percent earlier in the day. Spain's benchmark stock index shot higher by 6 percent but closed down 0.5 percent.

In the United States, the broader market drifted lower all day. The Standard & Poor's 500 index ended down 16.73 points at 1,308.93, and the Nasdaq composite index closed down 48.69 points at 2,809.73.

The Dow finished down 142.97, one of its biggest daily declines this year, at 12,411.23. It opened up almost 100 points.

"People want to see clarity," said Stephen Carl, head of equity trading at The Williams Capital Group, an investment bank in New York. "No one likes a situation that's to be determined."

The yield on Spanish 10-year bonds climbed 0.29 percentage point to 6.47 percent, an indication that bond investors are demanding a higher return to lend money to the Spanish government. The yield had fallen earlier.

The cost of insuring Spanish government debt rose almost to a record high, suggesting investors are more nervous about a Spanish government default, according to Markit, a financial information company.

The yield on the comparable Italian bond crept higher, too — by 0.28 percentage point from Friday to 5.83 percent.

Finance ministers of the 17 countries that use the euro currency said they would make the $120 billion available to the Spanish government to distribute to its banks.

Bond investors were worried that the debt from the rescue package would put additional strain on Spain's finances, though. The European Union made clear Monday that there would be some strings attached besides interest.

"When people lend money, they never do it for free. They want to know what is done with the money," said Joaquin Almunia, the European Competition Commissioner.

Adding to the economic fear, Italy said its economy contracted by 0.8 percent in the first three months of the year, the worst showing in three years. The Italian government is struggling to fend off the perception that Italy will be next to need a rescue.

The price of oil reversed an earlier gain, falling 65 cents to $83.46 a barrel. Investors bought safer investments like U.S. Treasury notes, sending the yield on the benchmark 10-year note down to 1.59 percent from 1.64 percent Friday.

Also adding to market worries was China's economic slowdown. A large steelmaker in China, Baoshan Iron & Steel, said it lowered steel prices as demand from makers of appliances and cars slowed.

"China is a big piece of the global economic puzzle," Herrick said. "Any piece of news that comes out from there will be closely scrutinized."

The news sent stocks of steelmakers sharply lower. U.S. Steel fell 6.5 percent, while AK Steel Holding fell even further, 14 percent, after its stock was downgraded by an analyst on similar concerns.

Apple stock fell $9.15, or 1.6 percent, to $571.17, as investors appeared unimpressed by what the company unveiled at a conference for software developers in San Francisco.

Apple showcased a new operating system for the iPhone, a thinner MacBook Pro laptop and other products. Apple traded as high as $588.50 earlier.

Among other stocks making big moves on Monday:

• Micronetics Inc. nearly doubled, rising $7.10 to $14.59 after the maker of microwave and radio frequency components agreed to a takeover by Mercury Computer Systems Inc.

• EnergySolutions fell $1.97, or 55 percent, to $1.62 after the nuclear industry service company appointed board member David Lockwood as its new chief executive, and lowered its full-year adjusted earnings estimate.

• Progress Energy rose $1.47, or 2.5 percent, to $59.60 after federal regulators cleared Duke Energy's proposed takeover of the company, a deal that will create the nation's largest electric utility.

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‘Mindfulness’ grows in popularity — and profits

JULIE CARR SMYTH
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio In what’s become a daily ritual, Tim Ryan finds a quiet spot, closes his eyes, clears his mind and tries to tap into the eternal calm. In Ryan’s world, it’s a stretch for people to get this relaxed. He’s a member of Congress.

Increasingly, people in settings beyond the serene yoga studio or contemplative nature path are engaging in the practice of mindfulness, a mental technique that dwells on breathing, attention to areas of the body and periods of silence to concentrate on the present rather than the worries of yesterday and tomorrow.

Marines are doing it. Office workers are doing it. Prisoners are doing it.

The technique is drawing tens of thousands to conferences and learning experiences across the nation and world, and studies have shown it to reduce the symptoms of certain diseases and conditions.

Ryan has written a book, “A Mindful Nation,” pushing mindfulness as an elixir that can tone down political divisions in Washington, get American schoolchildren learning better, and return the country to an era of richer personal experience.

“You still forget your keys, you still call people by the wrong name, you still stub your toe, but you can train your mind to be more in the present moment,” Ryan said.

Benefits in stress reduction and improved performance have prompted U.S. corporations including Google, Target, Procter & Gamble, General Mills, Comcast, BASF, Bose and New Balance to offer mindfulness training and encourage its use at work.

The practice’s critics, including some psychologists and religious scholars, say the approach is little more than Buddhist meditation repackaged and rebranded for a secular, and often paying, audience.

“The commercialization of Buddhism has been happening as long as Buddhism has existed,” said Rachelle Scott, an associate professor of religion at the University of Tennessee and author of “Nirvana for Sale.”

“It’s problematic, because most Americans who are engaging in these activities don’t know the cultural backdrop to that, so in order to gain access they have to go to one of these retreats, and they are expensive,” she said.

Of the $34 billion Americans spent on alternative medicine in 2009, $4.2 billion — about 12 percent — was spent in sectors that included mindfulness concepts, such as meditation-related classes or relaxation techniques, according to federal data. Participation in meditation therapy by U.S. adults rose 6 percent a year on average from 2002 to 2007, according to a study by the research group SRI International.

Marine 1st Lt. Scott Williams, 32, of Lancaster, Calif., said skills he learned through Mindfulness-based Mind Fitness Training — known in the military as MMFT or “M-fit,” — allow him to transition rapidly from one focus point to another, to rid his mind of negative thoughts, and to recover more quickly from emotional experiences.

“As an infantry officer in the Marines, the mental agility gained by conducting mindfulness exercises could potentially be the difference maker as I lead men through chaotic and uncertain environments in Afghanistan,” he said.

The technique has also reached prisons, where it is being used to reduce stress, anxiety and violence.

Ryan, a Democrat from Youngstown, learned the technique at a retreat two days after the 2008 presidential election — the end of a stressful campaign period and the beginning of another.

“I was to the point where I was OK, but I thought, ‘I’m going to be fried by the time I’m 40; I’m just going to be burnt out,’” said Ryan, who was 35 at the time of the election.

For Ryan, a former high school quarterback, the feeling he gets during mindfulness meditation reminds him of the utter concentration and single-mindedness athletes feel when they’re “in the zone.”

In fact, it was Phil Jackson, the legendary NBA coach, who was among the first to legitimize mind-body techniques in popular culture as he led the Chicago Bulls and Los Angeles Lakers to 11 titles from 1989 to 2010.

Jackson was nicknamed the “Zen Master” for a holistic approach to coaching that drew upon Eastern religious philosophy. Over the same period that Jackson was winning titles, brain science was beginning to validate what practitioners found evident: The brain can be trained to de-stress, and the body will perform better.

For many, it was a wacky, or at least unconventional, idea — departing from the wisdom of the day that the brain was more or less fully formed by the time a child hit kindergarten.

The growing body of research showing the brain has the capacity to change throughout life is bringing mental fitness onto the same plane as physical fitness, said Georgetown University associate professor Elizabeth Stanley.

Stanley, who runs MMFT and conducts research for the Army and Marines, said mindfulness meditation “isn’t touchy-feely at all” in its new uses.

“There’s something very empowering about learning how and why the body and mind respond under stress,” she said.

Stanley said studies involving subjects engaged in repeated mindfulness have shown that it changes the way blood and oxygen flow through the brain, leading over time to structural changes. The practice can shrink the amygdala, which controls our fear response; enlarge the hippocampus, which controls memory; and make the insular cortex that regulates the body’s internal environment more efficient, according to recent peer-reviewed studies by Stanley and others.

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the hour.

"Our goal from the beginning was not to have a strike or lockout, but to reach a contract we can all be proud of. CNA therefore accepts Sen. Kuehl's offer, and hereby gives notice of the withdrawal of our strike notice for June 13, 2012," union representatives wrote.

Management at Saint John's has been in contract negotiations with its nurses since September 2011 after nurses voted in May to join the California Nurses Association, a union that represents nurses throughout the state.

Nurses are seeking higher wages commensurate with pay at other hospitals that are also represented by the CNA.

They also want assurances that the contract will have language that only counts registered nurses in state-mandated calculations that set how many patients one medical professional should be treating.

The ratios differ based on the severity of the patient's illness. Some cases require a nurse for every patient. In other situations, one nurse can care for five patients.

Saint John's management has so far refused to put specific language in the contract to require that only registered nurses count toward the nurse-to-patient ratio, which would leave the door open to using licensed vocational nurses or nursing assistants to pad the ratios, said Lizbeth Baker-Wade, a nurse at Saint John's.

That's a problem because registered nurses have ultimate responsibility over the patients that nurses with lesser licensing requirements treat and care for, meaning extra work would be piled upon fewer supervising nurses.

California is the only state that has a ratio law. That is, in large part, due to Kuehl. In the late 1990s, Kuehl introduced a bill to establish nurse-to-patient ratios.

To back up the bill, she submitted proof that there's a direct relationship between the number of patients a nurse cares for and



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MAKING NOISE: **The labor battle between Saint John's and its nurses stretches back a decade. This demonstration was held in 2010.**

increased infections, higher mortality rates, increased illnesses and errors.

Baker-Wade called Saint John's rejection of Kuehl's offer "disappointing."

"We need to get them back to the table and get the respect that we deserve, because we deserve it," Baker-Wade said. "We take very good care of this community."

Nurses at Saint John's have been trying to organize for over 10 years with little success until last May.

In 2009, the National Labor Relations Board investigated Saint John's for allegedly violating federal laws by questioning registered nurses about their organizing and forbidding them from wearing ribbons signaling their support for a union.

Despite the difficulties, winning the right to unionize has been well worth it, Baker-Wade said.

"I believe we are much better off just being part of this organization than we were before," Baker-Wade said. "Absolutely, without a doubt, in every way."

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Aside from practicing law, Clift Breland also volunteers her time to the marginalized members of the community. Much of her community efforts go toward The John M. Langston Bar Association of Los Angeles, Inc. — the oldest and largest bar association in California, predominantly comprised of African-American lawyers and judges — where she has served as president, director and as an officer.

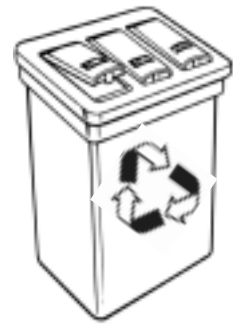
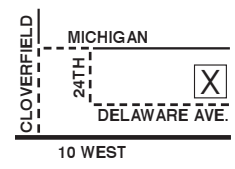
Clift Breland also holds an active membership with the Black Women Lawyers Association of Los Angeles, volunteers at the Mesereau Free Legal Clinic — where she offers pro bono legal services to low-income community members — and appears as a guest speaker at forums organized by law schools, bar associations and student organizations.

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Inc., a Japanese company with headquarters is Des Plaines, Ill. It will also be paid for using grants and county transit funds.

Overall, the $37,850,448 bus investment accounts for most of the $41,414,580.34 consent agenda.

FLIGHT SCHOOLS

City Hall plans to put up $90,000 for a test program that would reimburse flight schools at Santa Monica Airport for the cost to fly to other airports to practice repetitive take off and landing maneuvers.

Flight schools compose approximately 40 percent of "local flights" that come out of SMO.

Staff hope the program will spare residents who live near the airport the noise caused by repetitive circling of planes around the airport on weekends and holidays.

According to the staff report, the plan could remove as many as 4,800 takeoffs and landings on weekends and holidays during a six-month test period.

COMPUTER UPGRADES

The City Council is expected to approve two $400,000 contracts with companies for hardware and software needed to keep City Hall's computer systems in working order.

The products would be purchased on an as-needed basis, and only if funds are available.

ePlus and PC Mall both provide the virtual servers, hard drives, storage and other products that City Hall already uses to maintain its systems. Each company would get a not-to-exceed $400,000 for a total of $800,000.

That funding is expected to get the Information Systems Department, the branch of City Hall that deals with the purchasing and maintenance of technology, through the 2012-13 budget year.

BUS ADVERTISING

Sometimes, you have to spend money to make money.

The Big Blue Bus is asking for a three-year $786,468 contract with J. Perez Associates Inc. to install advertisements on the inside and outside of Big Blue Buses and some Culver City Buses, as well as stock the route pamphlets on the inside of the vehicles.

The advertising program brings in between $1 million and $1.5 million each year.

Only $259,596 would be awarded in the 2012-13 fiscal year. The rest of the money would be dependent on future council approval.

HOOFING IT

In 2011, the City Council approved a Bike Action Plan, which laid out a road map for infrastructure and policies for bicycles in Santa Monica.

Now it's the pedestrians' turn.

The City Council is expected to approve a $350,000 contract with Alta Planning + Design to provide the analysis, research, design, evaluation and outreach for a Pedestrian Action Plan.

The plan would enable the city to plan out investments and create policies that make it easier for people to get around Santa Monica on foot.

Community outreach for the plan will begin in the fall, and staff expects the whole thing will be ready for adoption in 2013-14.

Staff is also hoping to hire Alta to help coordinate the Safe Routes to School Program, an effort that would bring bicycle and pedestrian education centers to Lincoln and John Adams middle schools as well as two elementary schools in the district.

Alta would be responsible for education, encouragement, training and evaluation at each of the four schools.

That contract won't exceed $328,000.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Staff recommends a $200,000 contract with PSC Environmental Services to transport and dispose of hazardous waste collected in the city.

PSC already provides those services for City Hall, but its current contract ends June 30.

Hazardous waste includes that produced by city functions as well as that collected with the Household Hazardous Waste program which takes paints, adhesives, batteries, electronics and other products brought by community members for disposal.

WELL-HEELED

City Hall needs $200,000 worth of work shoes to outfit 525 permanent and as-needed employees that are required to wear safety shoes as part of their duties.

State law regarding worker safety requires employees who could be exposed to foot injuries from electrical hazards, hot working conditions, corrosives, wet services, poisonous substances and a variety of other unsafe conditions be provided adequate foot protection.

Staff recommends Red Wing Shoes for the deal. Red Wing Shoes was one of three companies that bid on the project.

It offers a broad selection of shoes, lifetime tune up services and a mobile shoe store as well as a physical location for workers to visit.

MORE BATHROOMS

The City Council is expected to approve just over $300,000 in contracts for the design and repair of restrooms on the beach and in City Hall on Tuesday night.

Staff recommend a $170,038 contract with Adrian-Gause Architects, Inc. to design a public bathroom at 2400 Ocean Front Walk. It is the last of eight facilities on the beach that had to be upgraded under an order to make the restrooms at the beach accessible for people with disabilities.

Adrian-Gaus Architects will also help plan renovations to restroom facilities at Hotchkiss and Marine parks.

Staff also want a $134,386 contract with RS Construct, Inc. to renovate public restrooms on the second floor of City Hall. Those facilities haven't had a major remodel since 1939.

The remodel would make the restrooms more space efficient and bring them into compliance with modern regulations.

HOUSING IS HAPPY

The City Council is likely to approve the purchase of new software to help the Housing Authority administer a federal low-income housing program.

The Section 8 housing voucher program provides low-income individuals and families with a voucher that covers a portion of their monthly rent and basic utilities.

It requires a lot of documentation, and transmission of that information to the federal government.

The Housing Pro 8 software is made by HAPPY Software, a New York-based company. It would solve file storage problems that make it hard for staff to keep data up-to-date and accessible.

It also provides a web portal so that tenants can update their contract information, family composition and income documentation so that the Housing Authority can recertify them for the program without making them come to the office.

The software costs $150,000.

LEGAL SERVICES

Staff recommends hiring an outside legal firm to help with contract negotiations with the Nederlander organization, a private firm that will handle the booking of the Civic Center Auditorium.

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CONSENT
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The City Attorney's Office has already brought in the firm Gibson Dunn to help with the negotiations. That contract was $69,900, below the threshold necessary for council approval.

As negotiations continue, the cost will rise, and staff recommends a not-to-exceed contract of $150,000.

PREVAILING WAGE

City Hall recommends a $130,000 increase to an existing contract with a California-based company that monitors construction projects for compliance with state and federal wage laws.

Prevailing wage is an hourly rate paid to the employees of private companies doing work for public agencies, in this case construction work for affordable housing complexes.

Comprehensive Housing Services, Inc. is already monitoring seven affordable housing developments in Santa Monica for compliance with prevailing wage requirements.

If City Hall falls out of compliance, it could have to compensate the construction workers and withdraw public financing of the projects.

BEAUTIFYING THE BEAST

The City Council is expected to approve $125,000 for a piece of art to adorn the east side of the remodeled Parking Structure No. 6.

Artist Mike Ross is proposing a brightly-colored "paint drip" sculpture for the structure. Parts would be visible from the Third Street Promenade.

Ross was one of 31 artists that were invited to develop a proposal for the artwork.

STOPLIGHT

City Hall is pushing forward with the idea to install another stoplight on Pacific Coast Highway.

Staff will ask for a $105,820 increase to an existing contract with Crain and Associates to finish engineering, design and construction support services for a potential stoplight.

The company would take the concept through both the California Department of Transportation design approval and Coastal Development permit approval processes.

Staff estimates it will take 18 months to get through the approvals, and the contract extension would make sure Crain and Associates' services are paid up to construction.

EVERYTHING ELSE

The City Council will also consider:

• $93,500 for police uniforms to Galls, a Kentucky-based company.

• $80,000 to the RAND Corporation for consulting services to assess and develop options for early childhood and school-age child care programs.

• $57,000 to UNIT Partners to design and develop a youth web portal for easy access to programs, activities and events for youth and families in Santa Monica.

• $65,000 to the Santa Monica Daily Press for publishing of legal notices.

• $47,055.05 to One Source Distributors for electrical and street lighting supplies.

• $5,737.29 to Elite Floorcovering for carpet installation.

• $23,000 to Mike Prlich and Sons, Inc. for an emergency sewer line repair at Pico Place North and Urban Avenue.

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BULGER
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ernment was trying to "rectify the bungling" of their investigation and redeem themselves from bad publicity. He said the government struck a plea deal with Greig, then faced criticism in the media from family members of those whom prosecutors say Bulger killed.

Greig faces a maximum of 15 years in prison, but prosecutors previously said she could serve as little as 32 months under sentencing guidelines. Reddington's memo says probation officials recommended a prison sentence of 27 to 33 months.

The defense attorney also singled out Steven Davis, the brother of a 26-year-old woman who prosecutor say Bulger killed in 1981, as spearheading criticism he says led to a post-plea effort by the government to give his client a long prison sentence.

Greig's attorney also filed an objection Monday to a request from the U.S. attorney's office to allow Davis and other family of Bulger's victims to speak at her sentencing. He says they're not victims of Greig's crimes.

Prosecutors have called Greig's conduct the most extreme case of harboring a criminal they've seen. They said she protected Bulger from authorities, for years denying the family of his victims the chance to see him brought to justice.

Davis said Monday that a sentence of 27 months "would be the most ridiculous thing to ever come out of federal court."

He also criticized Greig's lawer for singling him out and said he would speak at the courthouse Tuesday even if the judge decided he couldn't speak during Greig's sentencing.

"If we're not allowed to speak, they're gonna hear all the dirt outside," Davis, of Milton, said. "They want me to keep quiet? They're going to have to wait until I die."

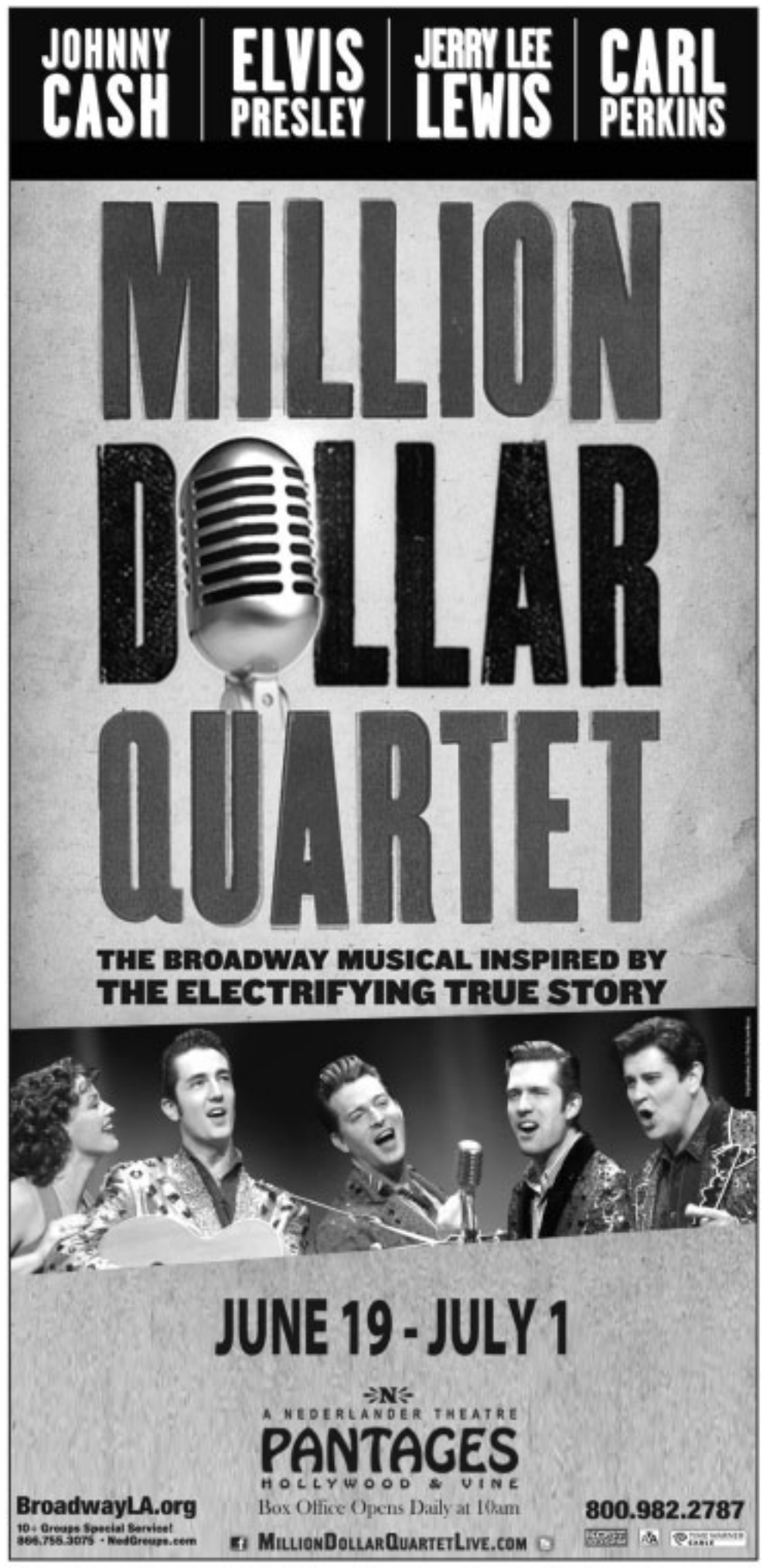
Patricia Donahue, the widow of a man who died in a hail of bullets after prosecutors say Bulger opened fire on someone else in 1982, called the defense's request for 27 months in prison for Greig "a joke" that would encourage other people to harbor criminals.

Donahue, of Boston, also said she was hoping to speak at Greig's sentencing.

"How are we not victims of the crime if she spent 16 years with the man responsible for my husband's death?" Donahue said.







SURF REPORT



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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 67.1°

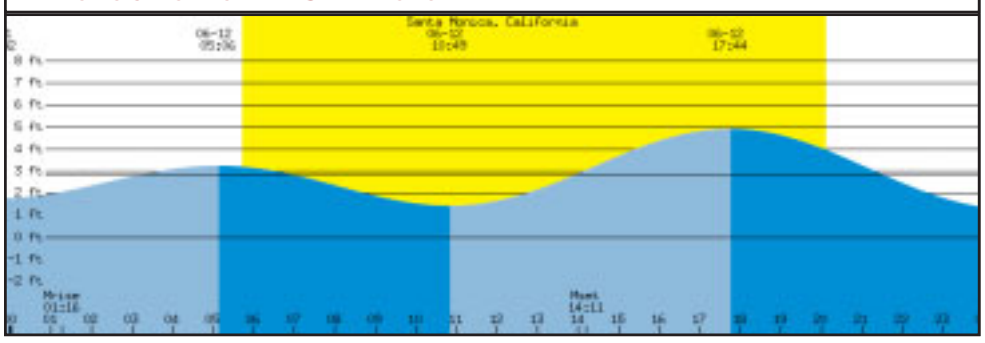
Swell Forecast

Should run knee to waist at south facing breaks, knee high at west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

LIKELY TO START OUT KNEE HIGH-ISH, BUT WIND SWELL SHOULD BUILD LATER IN THE DAY, REACHING CHEST HIGH AT WEST FACING BREAKS LATE IN THE AFTERNOON.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **June 6, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 29 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 12

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Crocodile Family Foundation, simplehuman, LazerGUY, SBBA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	as
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	as	as
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	as
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	as
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	as
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	as
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	D	as
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	as
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Solstice Canyon at Ben Blocker County Beach.	F	as
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	as
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	as
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	as
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	B	as
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	as
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	as
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	F	as
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	B	as
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	as
Tuna Canyon.	A+	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	as
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	as
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	as	as
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	as
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	as
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	as
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	as
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	as
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of LAIRW jetty).	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	as
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	as

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

as -- no sample taken

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Heal the Bay

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D.U.I. Do's & Don'ts

With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts and our own personal dilemmas, a few drinks come as a welcome respite for many. But before you have that extra glass of wine at dinner, make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI, here are 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a DUI checkpoint this year.

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests weand administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drive!: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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MOVIE TIMES

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

Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13)
2hrs 07min
1:00pm, 3:50pm, 6:45pm, 9:40pm

What to Expect When You're Expecting
(PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

For Greater Glory (R) 2hrs 23min
1:15pm, 4:25pm, 7:40pm

For the Love of Money (R) 1hr 33min
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
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Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D
(PG) 1hr 33min
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Prometheus 3D (R) 2hrs 04min
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1332 Second St.
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Hysteria (R) 1hr 35min
1:55pm, 4:40pm

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

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

Peter Grimes: Teatro alla Scala, Milan (NR)
2hrs 55min
7:30pm

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

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Lots of fun, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You beam in some unexpected news, but you know you can deal with it easily. Pressure builds between you and others, specifically those you answer to. You could find that a high level of confusion surrounds communication. Tonight: Be highly responsive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Take your time dealing with a personal matter. You could feel the need to advance, and as you decide to, you'll suddenly gain a strong insight into a situation. Even if you detach, you'll revise your thinking and suddenly see the big picture. Tonight: Feed your mind some candy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Despite all efforts, you still could run into a misunderstanding -- like it or not. You see life from a more renewed and happier perspective than others do, and they sense it. You will hear something to the effect of: "You just don't get it." Tonight: Swap tales of today with a pal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are on top of what you must do, but somehow others are not. The execution of what must be done is somewhat dependent on everyone involved. Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Stay fired up, and make sure you know what you want. You have a tendency to do the unexpected and surprise children, friends and loved ones. How they view this surprise really depends on each individual. Tonight: Let more fun in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with others, even strangers, as though they are your friends or partners. An adversarial attitude can only cause a problem. Recognize that you could be out of sorts as well. The unexpected could plague a financial tie. Tonight: Go with someone's suggestion.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others, and listen to your instincts about an emotional partnership. This person can be a bit zany or unpredictable. You might be putting more into a misunderstanding than exists. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You need to pace yourself if you have any intention of getting your to-do list done. In fact, you might need to hop over some barriers, misunderstandings and a boulder or two; regardless, you will make it. Tonight: Do something just for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Let your innate playfulness emerge, and you will delight others. One person in particular responds well to this liveliness. You might want to curb a tendency to take risks, especially with your finances. A partner could become picky. Tonight: Lots and lots of fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter, as the issue keeps invading your day. You will be able to focus better once the matter is put to rest. A misunderstanding could be the basis of the issue on both sides. Tonight: Make peace, not war.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to talk through a problem with a loved one or dear friend. Remember, you cannot control this person's responses. If you don't like what you hear, try to detach rather than get angry. Tonight: Chat and visit with a friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Be aware of what you are spending in order to gain a certain response. A family member understands you far better than you think. Try to not fight what he or she shares. This person is unusually insightful. Tonight: Balance your checkbook first.

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 add even more enthusiasm to your normally upbeat thinking process. Others will challenge you more frequently, especially someone close to you. Learn to walk away from power plays with this person. The only way to win is not to play. If you are single, communication often is a problem when relating to each other. Learn to express yourself differently, depending on who you are chatting with. In general, you need to be extra cautious with your finances. Some of you might receive an inheritance, or some other sudden change could head in from out of nowhere. ARIES is fiery and direct. You relate well to this sign.



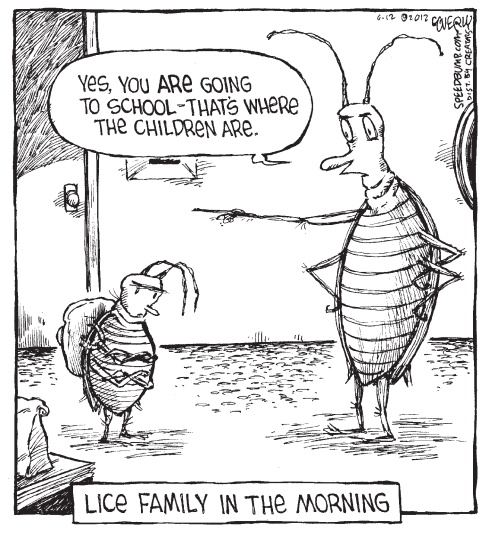
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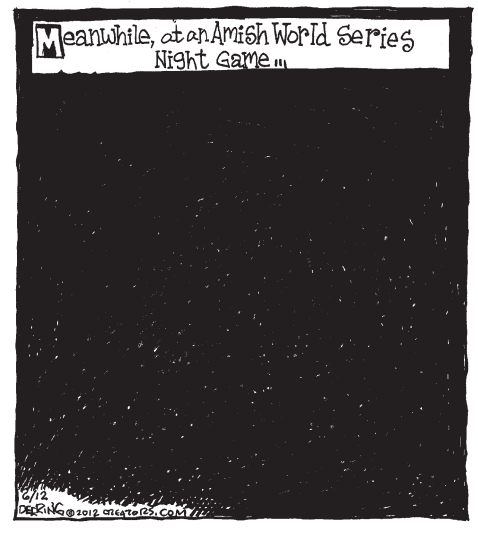
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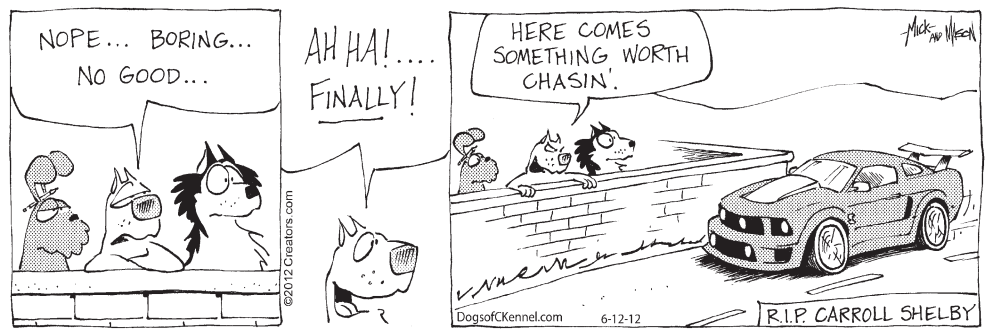
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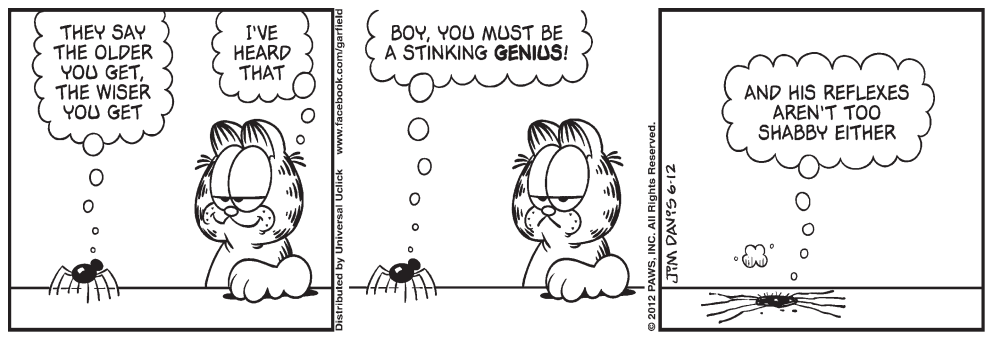
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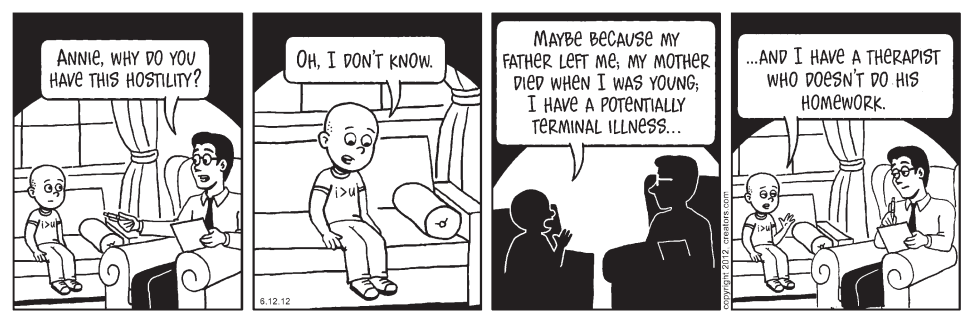
Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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

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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

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

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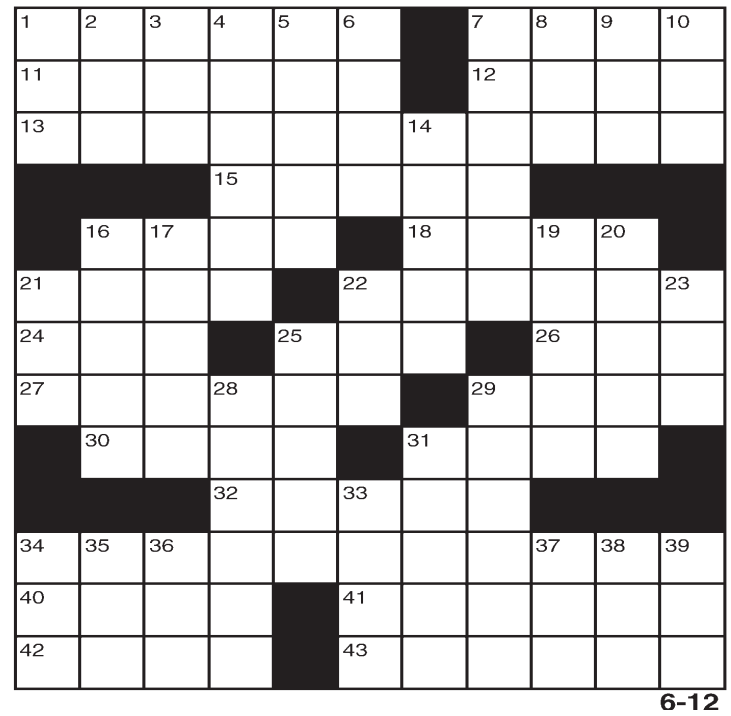
ACROSS
1 Braque or Picasso
7 Float on the breeze
11 Like
12 Vitamin extra
13 Tried to lose
15 Static
16 Jerry Herman musical
18 "Pygmalion" writer
21 Spice from nutmeg
22 Movie ad
24 Make a choice
25 Soup buy
26 Put down
27 Like mice and men
29 Own
30 Sweeping story
31 Rx amount
32 Caravan stop
34 Caroused
40 Lotion additive
41 New York lake
42 Orange cover
43 Fats of jazz fame

DOWN
1 Crow cry
2 Hawaiian instrument
3 Storage spot
4 Eventually
5 Sculpting medium
6 Muscle quality
7 AA and EEE, in shoe stores
8 "Exodus" hero
9 Enemy
10 Blasting stuff
14 Fiery crime
16 Common street name
17 Misbehave
19 Map book
20 Make baskets
21 Janitor's tool
22 Crony
23 Reuben bread
25 Bean-bearing tree
28 Revolted
29 Inn
31 Hunting goddess
33 Winter weather
34 Kids' card game
35 Inventor Whitney
36 Sine qua —
37 Motor need
38 Keats poem
39 Road sealer

A	R	O	S	E	■	T	A	P	A	S
R	E	R	U	N	■	A	L	A	M	O
E	V	E	N	T	■	T	E	P	I	D
■	■	■	F	E	L	T	■	A	D	A
B	A	L	L	R	O	O	M	■	■	■
O	L	E	O	■	B	O	O	S	T	S
S	T	E	W	S	■	S	O	P	U	P
S	O	R	E	L	Y	■	N	I	N	A
■	■	■	R	O	A	D	S	T	E	R
D	A	M	■	S	P	O	T	■	■	■
I	R	I	S	H	■	N	O	M	A	D
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A	S	K	E	D	■	T	E	X	A	N

Yesterday's answer

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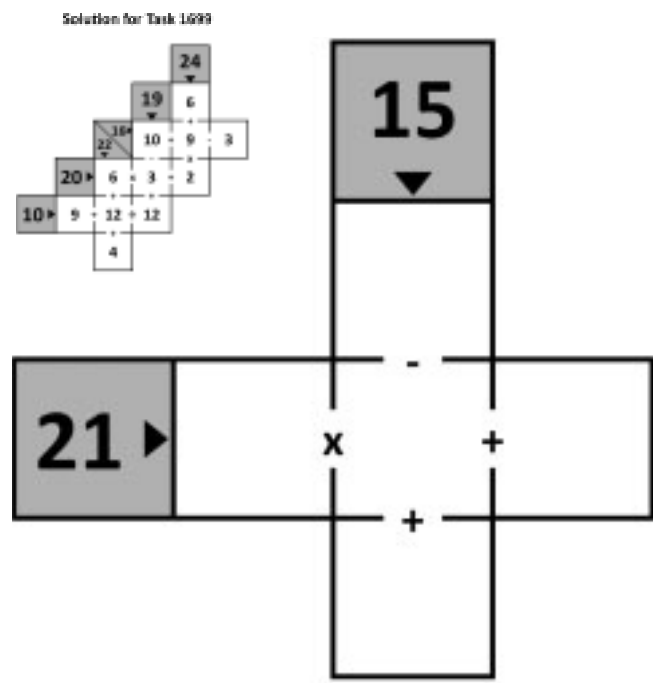
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2, 5, 9, 11, 11





NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Only in Muncie: (1) In April, Christina Reber, 43, was charged with assault after she entered the home of her "on-again, off-again" boyfriend in Muncie, Ind., punched him in the head numerous times and squeezed his scrotum until he finally pried her fingers loose. He was taken to Muncie's Indiana University Health Ball Memorial Hospital. (2) Muncie college student Bakhtiyor Khafizov, 21, was arrested in April for allegedly attacking a former girlfriend in her campus dorm room. The woman said she escaped only by kicking him in the groin. The students attend Ball State University.

■ Henry Wolf filed a lawsuit in April in San Francisco against BMW, claiming that the Corbin-Pacific seat on its 1993 motorcycle formed such a "ridge" that Wolf developed painful priapism that has plagued him since he made a four-hour ride in May 2010. (Although the actual length of each priapic episode was not disclosed in the lawsuit's initial filing.)

■ Fetishists on Parade: (1) Gary Paterson, 36, was sentenced to community service and psychotherapy after being convicted of trying to lick clean the shoes of four boys (Glenrothes, Scotland, January). (2) Robert Van Wagner, 33, was arrested after three girls (ages 12 and 13) told police he asked them to put on socks he gave them and to run around a field so he could watch. (Port St. Lucie, Fla., April) (3) Tetsuya Ichikawa, 50, was arrested after approaching a 25-year-old woman from behind in a restaurant and licking her hair (Shizuoka, Japan, April).

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1996 – In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a panel of federal judges blocks a law against indecency on the internet.

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Name Changes

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. BS137577 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of ERIN ELIZABETH DOW for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner: ERIN ELIZABETH DOW filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: ERIN ELIZABETH DOW to EREON WALDO DOW. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date August 17, 2012 Time: 1:30pm, Dept. 1A, Room 548. The address of the court is 111 N Hill St, Los Angeles CA 90012 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: 05/24/2012 MATTHEW C ST GEORGE, COMMISSIONER, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT





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