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Brandon Wise [brandonw@smdp.com](mailto:brandonw@smdp.com)

**YUK:** Heavy rains pushed trash and other urban debris into the storm drains and onto local beaches after a recent rain storm.

## County considering new tax to improve water quality

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**  
Editor in Chief

**CITYWIDE** Homeowners could soon be asked if they are willing to pay on average \$54 a year to fund projects intended to protect the Santa Monica Bay and other water bodies.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is considering floating a parcel tax on all property owners to avoid being fined as much as \$10,000 a day for each violation of a federal consent decree requiring cities and the county to dramatically improve water quality.

Almost all water bodies in the county do not meet state and federal water quality

standards and are listed as impaired under the federal Clean Water Act, officials said. It is estimated that billions will need to be spent to get into compliance.

If the board votes in favor of the concept at its June 19 meeting, residents will be allowed to voice their opposition or their support for the tax at a public hearing and by mail or e-mail. If a majority are in favor, as recent surveys suggest, property owners will be able to vote by mail sometime in the spring of 2013, according to city and county officials.

The measure would need a simple majority for passage. It would apply to all parcels in the county, including those owned by City Hall.

Santa Monicans already pay on average \$127.65 a year for two local water quality measures and city officials are concerned that if the county measure passes, residents may be less inclined to vote for more taxes in the future.

That may be needed since the city's stormwater management fund is currently overdrawn. When the fee to fund it was established in 1995, it did not include a mechanism for annual increases based on inflation. Increased operations and maintenance costs have contributed to the fund being in the red, said Dean Kubani, City Hall's director of the Office of

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## Rents to rise as much as \$26 a month, or 154% Commissioners grapple with budget deficit

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**  
Editor in Chief

**CITYWIDE** Come September, landlords with rent-controlled units will be able to charge their tenants as much as \$26 more a month.

The Rent Control Board on Thursday set the annual rent increase, which takes effect Sept. 1, at 1.54 percent with a cap of \$26. The board, which is selected by voters, is charged with adjusting rents annually based on increases in property owners' operating expenses.

The increase means someone living in an apartment that goes for \$1,200 could see an increase of \$18.48 a month, or \$221.76 a year.

While always contentious, this year the debate was even more so as the board relied on a new formula that effectively lowered the annual increase by basing it on a higher average rent than in the past, which Rent Control Board officials say better reflects how much renters are paying, as well as how much landlord's are making in profit.

Landlords, however, believe the change was made in retaliation for a lawsuit they won last year that forced the rent increase higher than what was presented to the board.

Last year's increase was 3.2 percent for all

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## Malibu student wants \$1M from school district

**BY KEVIN HERRERA**  
Editor in Chief

**SMMUSD HDQTRS** The Malibu High School student who claims she was slapped in the face multiple times by her teacher in front of

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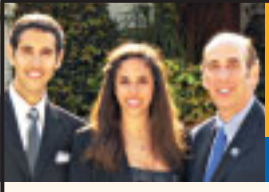
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Saturday, June 16, 2012

Juneteenth in the city  
Virginia Avenue Park  
2200 Virginia Ave.,  
12 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Start your summer with the sounds of rhythm and blues, gospel and samba at the 20th annual Juneteenth Celebration. Actress Juanita Jennings of Tyler Perry's sitcom "Meet the Browns" will host the event. Former Miss Ohio and sports broadcaster Jayne Kennedy will give the keynote speech this year. Performers at this lively event include Grammy-nominee Ray Brooks & the Blues Masters Band, the Blue Breeze Band, Kehinde Otis Johnson's Stilt Walker Troupe, Samba Samba Dance, Tri-A Steppers Drum Line and the Lava Bai Drum Circle — audience participation encouraged. For more information, call (310) 458-8688.

Support the temple  
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club  
1210 Fourth St., 6 p.m.  
Beth Shir Shalom Temple will hold its annual fundraising event in the main ballroom of the historic Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club. Themed Celebrate US!, the evening will feature dinner and dancing to the tunes of Hollywood Klezmer, one of L.A.'s finest world music bands. For more information, call (310) 453-3361.

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Sunday, June 17, 2012

Classical on the Mount  
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church  
1343 Ocean Park Blvd., 3 p.m.  
If you're a fan of chamber music, you'll want to check this music series out. Pianist and conductor Fang-Ning Lim and a 13-person strings and woodwinds chamber ensemble will give a performance of Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring Suite," Erno Dohnanyi's "Sextet, Op. 37" and improvisation and an original arrangement of musical themes from "Rasa Sayang." For more information, call (310) 452-1116.

Peep this  
St. Bede's Episcopal Church  
3590 Grand View Blvd., Los Angeles, 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.  
If you're still looking for musical adventures, scope out St. Bede on Sunday. The Los Angeles Recorder Orchestra will be presenting a concert for your listening pleasure. Though admission is free, donations are appreciated. For more information, call (562) 773-2265.



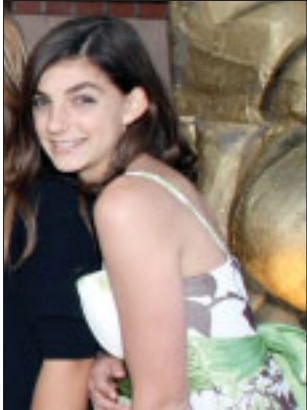
# Man gets 15 to life for killing Malibu teen

BY MALIBU TIMES STAFF

**MALIBU** The driver who struck and killed 13-year-old Emily Shane as she walked along Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu two years ago was sentenced Friday to 15 years to life in prison.

Sina Khankhanian, who turns 29 next week, was convicted May 17 of one count of second-degree murder in the April 3, 2010 death of Shane.

The first trial for Khankhanian ended earlier this year in a hung jury, but the second trial concluded in May with a conviction. Deputy prosecutor Marna Miller argued during the trials that Khankhanian, despondent over losing his job and troubles with his fiancé, was suicidal and should have known his actions would place others in danger as he drove recklessly



SHANE

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## ARRESTED

Doug Olmedo [news@smdp.com](mailto:news@smdp.com)

Police arrest one of two suspects in a residential burglary that took place on the 1000 block of Fifth Street on Friday evening. Police said that two suspects entered a residence while the resident was home. The police set up a perimeter to search for the suspects. The suspect pictured was bitten by a police dog during the arrest. The second suspect was still on the loose.

## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### CITYWIDE

## Cops urge growth of watch groups

The Santa Monica Police Department sent a community e-mail Thursday detailing ways to preempt summertime crimes.

SMPD advises involvement in local neighborhood watch groups and warns homeowners to be cautious during vacation season.

Neighborhood watch teams – structured around city blocks, apartment buildings, townhouse or condominium complexes and businesses – are cited by the SMPD as strategic outlets for residents to report suspicious activity and to stop a crime before it happens.

SMPD offers crime prevention coordinators to assist neighborhoods with instructions on the best ways to organize watch programs. The e-mail also gave a step-by-step process for establishing neighborhood watch teams.

First, the SMPD advises recruiting neighbors to form planning meetings, then discussing neighborhood needs, informing the neighborhood you are starting a program, introducing yourself and other members by going door to door, selecting a convenient place for your meetings and, finally, setting times and dates.

Present at every team's first meeting will be an SMPD crime prevention coordinator, who will train locals on home security, how to observe and report suspicious activity, how to properly use 911 and how to establish an effective neighborhood watch phone tree.

For more information, call (310) 458-8474.

SEAN FITZ-GERALD

# Malibu activists want to limit commercial developments

BY DARLENE RICKER

Special to the Daily Press

**MALIBU** The activist group Preserve Malibu is formulating a ballot measure that would give residents the right to approve or deny commercial developments that exceed 25,000 square feet.

The group, which is concerned about the impact of commercial development on the quality of life in Malibu, hopes to get the new initiative on the November ballot, said one of its proponents.

Steve Uhring said the Malibu Right to Vote on Development Initiative would give city residents the right to vote on major proposed commercial building projects in Malibu, such as those currently pending or proposed in the Civic Center area. He added that Preserve Malibu members plan to meet individually this week with City Council members to discuss the draft measure. The group also expects to finalize the language of the measure this week and submit it to the council.

At the same time, other Preserve Malibu members will begin collecting signatures on a petition to get the measure on the ballot this fall, he said. Signatures would be unnecessary if the City Council approves the measure, noted Uhring, who considers the signature drive just a backup effort. If the

City Council does not approve the initiative, approximately 900 verified signatures of Malibu residents would be needed to get the measure on the ballot.

Uhring said he thinks that unlikely.

"I can't understand why the City Council wouldn't want to let residents vote [on major development in the city]," he said, adding that he anticipates the council's cooperation.

There is precedent for such a measure. In 2000, the City Council appeared somewhat like-minded with a voter-initiated ballot measure that also sought to control major development in Malibu. In the end, two similar but competing initiatives were placed on the ballot, each with a slightly different focus and scope. Measure P (which shares the name of the initiative that Preserve Malibu is now promoting) restricted all commercial development projects that exceeded 25,000 square feet and met certain conditions. A second, narrower measure promulgated by city officials was aimed at pending projects, most notably a major development by the Malibu Bay Company. Both measures passed, but the city's version superseded the other because it received more votes.

"Basically we're bringing back Measure P," said Uhring of his group's goal.

The proposed new initiative would require voter approval

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## Treating veterans right

## Editor:

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Eric Shinseki often reminds us: as the tide of war recedes we have the opportunity, and the responsibility, to anticipate the needs of returning veterans. As these newest veterans return home, we must ensure that they have access to quality mental health care in order to successfully make this transition to civilian life.

Last year, the VA provided specialty mental health services to more than 1.3 million Veterans – a 35 percent increase since 2007 in the number of veterans who received mental health services at the VA. That's why we recently announced that we will add an additional 1,600 mental health staff professionals and an additional 300 support staff members nationwide.

These efforts to hire more mental health professionals build on our record of service to veterans. President Obama, Secretary Shinseki and the leaders of VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLA) have devoted more people, programs, and resources to veteran mental health services. VA has increased the mental health care budget by 39 percent since 2009. What's more, we've increased the number of mental health staff members by 41 percent since 2007. That means today, we have a team of professionals that's 20,590 strong – all dedicated to providing much-needed direct mental health treatment to veterans.

While we have made great strides to expand mental health care access, we have much more work to do. The men and women who have had multiple deployments over a decade of combat have carried a tremendous burden for our country.

That's why Secretary Shinseki has challenged the department to improve upon our progress and identify barriers that prevent veterans from receiving timely treatment. As we meet with veterans here in greater Los Angeles, we learn firsthand what we need to do to improve access to care. Secretary Shinseki has sought out the hardest-to-reach, most underserved places – from the remote areas of Alaska to inner city Philadelphia – to hear directly from veterans and employees. And we're taking action to reach out to those who need mental health care instead of waiting for them to come to us.

Our mission is to increase access to our care and services. We've greatly increased the number of Veterans Readjustment Counseling Centers (Vet Centers) throughout the country. We've also developed an extensive suicide prevention program that saves lives every day. For example, our team at the Veteran Crisis Line has fielded more than 600,000 calls from veterans in need and helped rescue more than 21,000 veterans who were in immediate crisis. That's 21,000 veterans who have been saved.

The mental health of America's veterans not only touches those of us at the VA and the Department of Defense, but also families, friends, co-workers, and people in our communities. We ask that you urge veterans in your communities to reach out and connect with VA services. To locate the nearest VA facility or Vet Center for enrollment and to get scheduled for care, Veterans can visit VA's website at [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov).

**Donna Beiter**

Director, VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System



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Bill Ritter, Jr

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## Cleaner energy, healthier economy

## COLORADO'S NATURAL BEAUTY DRAWS

visitors from around the world. Every day, we see the clear connection between the health of our citizens, the health of our environment, and the health of our economy. Unfortunately, national public debate is often dominated by the claim that we must choose between a clean environment and economic prosperity — the idea being that protecting our environment will jeopardize U.S. businesses and job creation. Well, this simply isn't true.

The EPA's recently proposed carbon pollution standard shows how the correct balance can be struck. The new rule won't just limit dangerous industrial carbon pollution from new power plants, it will encourage a market-based transition to a clean-energy economy, one that boosts investment and creates jobs nationwide.

The new EPA standard requires any new power plant to emit no more than 1,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt-hour of electricity produced. The typical U.S. natural gas-fired power plant emits 800 pounds to 850 pounds of carbon dioxide per megawatt-hour, which meets the standard. For any new coal plant, the EPA rule sets a time frame for achieving compliance with this new standard. The EPA's approach will be an effective driver to develop and deploy cost-competitive carbon capture and storage. Without this emissions standard for carbon emissions, carbon capture and storage technology would remain cost-prohibitive.

Coal-burning power plants are the largest source of air pollution in our country. So, it's welcome news indeed to see our nation moving forward with clean-air standards that limit harmful carbon pollution from new coal plants. The proposed emission standards for carbon pollution will unleash smart investments in cleaner, homegrown energy that will limit dangerous pollution and build a modern clean-energy economy for the 21st century. This means that the U.S. can take its place as a legitimate player in the global clean-energy market, estimated to be \$2.3 trillion in the next decade. Finally, strengthening our domestically produced clean-energy supply also will provide us greater energy independence and security. And many jobs created by clean energy are guaranteed to stay domestic, in that they involve construction, installation, operation and maintenance of power plants located on our shores.

Business support for carbon rules and other clean-air standards is strong. According to a national poll, 76 percent of small-business employers support the EPA regulation of greenhouse-gas emissions

from power plants, refineries and other major emitters. Businesses understand that regulatory certainty creates market signals that drive investment. Investing in cleaner technologies and more efficient resources can be a pathway to profit and prosperity, boosting economic growth and creating jobs while providing competitive returns to investors.

Some have incorrectly claimed that this proposal will jeopardize electricity reliability and raise electricity prices. Not so. Recent projections by the U.S. Energy Information Administration and current market dynamics show that the proposed carbon standard for new power plants will neither affect the reliability of the electric system nor lead to price increases. In fact, companies haven't broken ground on a new conventional coal plant in the U.S. since 2008, and the EPA projects that except for plants already in the pipeline, no new coal plants will be built until about 2020. At the moment, new investment in coal plants are cost-prohibitive because of low wholesale electricity prices, reduced demand for electricity, historically low natural-gas prices and rising coal prices. Industry analysts forecast that America's needs for new electricity supplies during the coming decade will be met by a combination of energy efficiency, natural-gas plants and renewable energy such as wind and solar. The bottom line is that companies can provide all the electricity we need while meeting this common-sense emissions standard.

Americans know that clean air and clean energy aren't red-state or blue-state issues. Instead, they're bipartisan, a solution that produces healthier communities and a stronger economy.

In Colorado, Republicans and Democrats have worked together to deliver a steady flow of cost-effective clean energy that protects public health and creates jobs. The same can be achieved in other states, too.

The EPA's proposed Carbon Pollution Standard was published April 13 in the Federal Register, which started the clock for a comment period — a chance for businesses and consumers to express their support for the EPA's effort to limit industrial carbon pollution. The EPA needs to hear from business leaders to understand that this rule will spur innovation in clean-energy technology, create jobs and produce cleaner air.

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# 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.

This past week, Q-line asked:  
How do you feel about the elimination of free parking in the popular shopping district?

Here are your responses:

"I THINK IT'S A ... OH, WAIT A MINUTE, I don't think you can print what I really think. But needless to say, I think it is really a horrible idea."

"AS A FORMER LANDLORD OR BUSINESS owner in the city of San Malicious, I feel that it's a terrible idea to charge for parking. That's going to take away some of the beautiful bonuses of people shopping in beautiful San Malicious. I think it's a dastardly, awful idea."

"I THOUGHT THE SANTA MONICA MALL mergence 40 years ago paid for the mall parking structures so Downtown parking would be free. [Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights] socialist ideology empowered the City Council ethically flaccid to milk the mall retailers; in other words, they have extorted money for progressive programs. All structured parking should be free — two-hour, free parking on streets. City Hall is a huge enthusiast of spending tax payer money. Suspect consent agendas are a large reason for the intolerable parking taxation Downtown. Money, like water, will sink its lowest level. Unlike life giving water, City Hall has become anti-profitable to the mall mergence. The rest of Santa Monica will endure another monetary increase to fund a joyless but party-approved distress."

"WHEN THE PARKING STRUCTURES WERE being built in Santa Monica around Third Street, what became the promenade, merchants were told, after they were assessed and before, that their customers would have three hours of parking in perpetuity. Years later, the city attempted to reinvent this and eliminated one hour from the three, giving us the two that we have now. As is often the case in Santa Monica, the city is now pulling a backstab to the merchants and attempting to eliminate what they've been promised at the get-go. Crazy leadership — but that's the way they think in this town."

"I'M DIRELY AGAINST HAVING TO PAY IN the parking structures. How greedy can the city of Santa Monica get? They've got people running around in their little carts all day long ticketing people, and the people who work in the shopping district have to pay for parking. They have to work two hours before they even get to take any money home — not to mention all the city tax and everything else that's going on in this town. I'm just appalled that they would ... you say it's a popular shopping district; it's not going to be popular that long if they make it fee parking. It's bad enough that they only give you two hours free. Anyway, sorry about that, but unbelievable that they could even think of something that greedy."

"INSOFAR AS THE ELIMINATION OF FREE parking is concerned, the city of Santa Monica seems to have forgotten that it insisted upon putting the 12, yet-to-be-built AMC Theatre's auditoriums on Fourth Street and Arizona, despite emphatic public concerns about traffic congestion and parking availability along Fourth Street. Charging for nearby parking from the first hour onward is going to doom moviegoing in Downtown, and for all intents and pur-

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poses, chase Santa Monicans out of Santa Monica again — just as the City Council did with shopping, now they are chasing Santa Monicans out of Santa Monica for moviegoing. Apparently the city doesn't realize that there are movie complexes across the border. Anyway, I doubt very much that AMC Theatres is building the 12 auditoriums just for out-of-towners, even though the City Council seems to be primarily tourist-oriented these days."

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### STATE BRIEFS

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## Lawmakers pass budget on \$15.7B deficit

Democratic lawmakers have approved a plan to balance California's \$15.7 billion deficit without Gov. Jerry Brown's endorsement so they can keep collecting their paychecks.

The Senate passed the main budget bill Friday on a 23-16 vote, and the Assembly also passed the measure, 50-25.

The Legislature's plan has fewer welfare cuts than the governor proposed.

Assemblyman Budget Chairman Bob Blumenfield said lawmakers tried to soften the most severe cuts to social services and proposed "more compassionate alternatives to some of the governor's proposals."

Republicans say the plan is incomplete and are urging Brown to veto the bill. The governor hasn't indicated what he will do.

By passing the bill Friday, lawmakers met a midnight deadline to pass a balanced budget and won't lose any pay.

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LOS ANGELES

## Parents fight at elementary school

Parents were recently caught brawling at a Los Angeles ceremony marking the end of preschool for their children.

Los Angeles Unified School District spokeswoman Monica Carazo says the fight occurred June 7 at Weemes Elementary School during a preschool culmination ceremony for 22 children.

Carazo says one woman suffered a cut to her lip. The school's principal sent a letter home to parents regarding what happened.

Video posted online shows a scum where women are pushing and shoving. Screaming can be heard in the background.

It's not known what caused the fight.

There have been no arrests or charges. School police are investigating.

AP

LOS ANGELES

## Students rally on Obama immigration news

Immigrant students and supporters have rallied in downtown Los Angeles to celebrate the Obama administration's decision to stop deportations and grant work permits to some younger illegal immigrants.

The crowd of about 100 took over a street in front of the federal Metropolitan Detention Center and blocked a freeway entrance ramp Friday morning, but police convinced the group to disperse without any arrests.

The supporters of the so-called DREAM Act also were calling upon the administration to go further in legalizing their immigration status.

The administration's new policy is aimed at young illegal immigrants who came to the U.S. as children and have led law-abiding lives.

AP

LOS ANGELES

## Tax preparers charged in conspiracy fraud scam

Three tax preparers have been indicted in California on conspiracy charges for allegedly helping clients evade taxes by hiding money in two secret Israeli bank accounts.

Federal prosecutors said Friday that David Kalai, his son Nadav Kalai and David Almong were arrested and charged with conspiring to defraud the government. If convicted, they each face up to five years in prison.

An indictment said the men prepared false income tax returns which didn't disclose their client's foreign financial accounts and didn't report the income earned from those accounts. Authorities say the men helped clients open secret accounts of two Israeli banks in Luxembourg.

The Kalais ran United Revenue Service Inc., which had 12 offices in the U.S. A call to United Revenue Service found the number disconnected.

AP

LOS ANGELES

## Three die as police shoot double-killing suspect

Authorities say a man suspected of fatally shooting two people was shot and killed by Los Angeles police officers after a brief car chase.

Police Officer Rosario Herrera says officers responding to a report of the double shooting in North Hollywood Thursday arrived to find a car speeding away. Officers chased the suspect at high speeds on the freeway, but he quickly got off and got out of the car on an off-ramp as police surrounded him.

Detectives told the Los Angeles Times the man pointed a gun or some other object at officers, and at least seven of them opened fire, killing him.

One of the victims of the first shooting was declared dead at the scene, the other died at a hospital.

No names or ages were released.

AP

LOS ANGELES

## Rep: Lohan treated for exhaustion after film shoot

Lindsay Lohan continued to bring drama to the production of her latest film, receiving treatment for exhaustion and dehydration a week after she was involved in a car crash that sent her to the hospital.

Lohan's publicist Steve Honig says producers of the Lifetime film "Liz and Dick" summoned paramedics to Lohan's hotel room Friday morning after she did not respond for a shoot. The incident occurred after the actress completed an all-night shoot and had kept up a grueling schedule in recent days, Honig said.

The actress was not transported to the hospital and will likely return to the set of the film Friday afternoon. The film focuses on the love affair between Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton.

Lifetime declined comment. And it was unclear whether the incident led to any delay in the film's production.

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# Martin Sheen on fathering: Faith, love and no regrets

LYNN ELBER

AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES Go ahead, ask the perfect father of the perfect child for parenting tips. But since most of us fall short of flawless, how about considering Father's Day advice from a dad who's grappled with personal shortcomings, seen a son face his own struggles and still counts his blessings.

Presenting Martin Sheen, 71-year-old actor, liberal activist and father of Charlie Sheen, and Emilio, Ramon and Renee Estevez — all the product of a five-decade marriage to Janet Sheen.

The name that pops out is Charlie, 46, he of the headline-making "Two and a Half Men" meltdown and eruptions over his dad's tough-love attitudes on substance abuse. The waters are calmer with actor-director Emilio, 50, whose collaborations with Sheen include films and the new father-son memoir "Along the Way" (Free Press and Audible.com).

Renee, 45, an actress, has played opposite her dad in several projects, while Ramon, 48, is an actor and an executive with the family's Estevez Sheen production company.

Sheen admits to guilt about how his off-spring were affected, in earlier years, by the alcoholism that bedeviled him and by his consuming career ambitions. If he had it to do over again, he wouldn't have had four children, he says, he would have had eight, rough patches or not.

"You're not going to get the ideal relationship," Sheen says. "Charlie could have become a priest, Emilio could have become a doctor. You don't get to choose that. And it's not really a reflection of you. They did have a hand in the bargain."

This Father's Day, as on others before it, Sheen will have a Mass said at his Catholic parish for his sons who are dads, Charlie and Emilio, and for Sheen's late father.

Without benefit of pulpit, but with the bent of a philosopher-poet, here's Sheen's take on the art of fathering:

- "Obviously, be aware that your actions will speak louder and last longer than your words. A child absorbs through osmosis what the parents are feeling and what they do, far more than what they say."

- "If you have an honest relationship with a child, that is the greatest gift. Lead an honest life and be free."

- "Give them time. Time is really all we have."

- With adult children, "you have to be there for them. You have to support them and make sure they know that they are still loved and cherished and you're still in their lives and you're there for them."

- Remember the Irish phrase, "We never get over our fathers, and we're not required to." Adds Sheen: "For good or ill, we're stuck with these guys."

- "The most important thing is that regret is useless and faith is necessary and love is everything."

## County court employees get pink slips

LINDA DEUTSCH

AP Special Correspondent

LOS ANGELES The Los Angeles County court system began handing out layoff notices Friday as plunging budgets set in motion major reductions.

Officials said the cutbacks in the court system will affect 431 employees and 56 courtrooms in a county that's home to nearly 10 million people.

Targeted employees were given layoff notices and packages of information on how to get health insurance and other benefits. The workers were initially placed on two weeks' administrative leave to get their affairs in order.

Union representatives stood outside a downtown courthouse wearing stickers that said, "Justice has left the building."

Court administrators, meanwhile, said a job fair will be organized to help them find work.

Presiding Judge Lee Smalley Edmon earlier bemoaned the loss of longtime employees as well as the impact on public services.

"We are laying off people who are committed to serving the public," she said. "It is a terrible loss both to these dedicated employees and to the public."

The union representing state and municipal employees — the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, or AFSCME — called Friday's action a "freeze on justice in Los Angeles" and warned that the county would experience "an end to timely justice" with cases being delayed for years, particularly in civil courts.

A spokeswoman for the California Judicial Council said other courts in the state will also be impacted by the budget cuts, but Los Angeles' court system, as the largest, will be the most heavily affected.

Edmon said the drastic actions are the

result of a state mandate to reduce annual spending by \$30 million. She noted that earlier reductions already saved \$70 million, but more cuts in state support for trial courts are scheduled for the next fiscal year.

Friday's action calls for laying off 157 of the court's 4,700 employees, while hundreds more will be given lower-level positions, reduced to part-time work or transferred to new jobs because their old ones have been eliminated.

Edmon and Assistant Presiding Judge David Wesley warned this is not the end of the crisis, noting that the state budget is not yet complete.

"There will be more cuts next year and their impacts will be severe," Wesley said.

The current plan eliminates the county's innovative juvenile traffic courts, which will result in the closure of 11 courtrooms. Court reporters will no longer be available for civil trials and 110 management, clerical and administrative positions outside courtrooms are being cut. These are likely to mean longer lines at windows where people go to pay traffic tickets or file civil lawsuits and seek restraining orders.

Although there are 56 courtrooms affected countywide, the biggest brunt of the impact will be felt in Los Angeles with its huge population.

"People make the courts run," said AFSCME President Karen Norwood. "Without enough people to do the work, justice stops."

The executive officer and clerk of the court, John A. Clarke, suggested the court is being swept up in "catastrophic changes" at the state level.

"The commitment of our judicial officers and staff to preserve access to justice is unwavering," he said. "But our ability to follow through on that commitment may soon be exhausted."

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# NYC ban on big sodas could face legal challenge

**SAMANTHA GROSS**

Associated Press

**NEW YORK** If New York City bans big sodas, what's next on the list? Large slices of pizza? Double-scoop ice cream cones? Tubs of movie-theater popcorn? The 16-ounce strip steak?

The proposed crackdown on super-sized drinks could face a legal challenge from those who oppose the first-in-the-nation rule and fear the city isn't going to stop with beverages.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg wants to bar restaurants, movie theaters, sports arenas, food carts and delis from selling sodas and other sugary drinks in servings larger than 16 ounces, saying it is a way to fight obesity in a city that spends billions of dollars a year on weight-related health problems.

Whether that's legal, though, is a matter of dispute and may be tested.

"We're going to look at all of our options to protect our business, our rights to do business and our rights not to be discriminated against. We won't take anything off the table," said Steve Cahillane, a senior executive with Coca-Cola.

The city Board of Health, appointed by the mayor, is expected to approve the measure after a three-month comment period. It could take effect as early as March, unless the critics who accuse Bloomberg of instituting a "nanny state" can get the courts or state lawmakers to step in.

It's not just businesses and industry groups that could sue. In theory, any individual affected by the ban could bring a legal challenge.

But it wouldn't be enough to simply claim that the ban infringes on personal freedom, said Rick Hills, a New York University law professor specializing in local government law and New York City.

While Bloomberg administration officials say they have no plans to move against solid foods, any local government could ban red meat — or even all animal products — without violating a person's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, Hills argued.

"The court has never struck down a health measure that was designed to protect people from unsafe diets or unsafe foods," he said. Whether the ban is on rat poison or on sugar, government is allowed to protect people from themselves, he said.

And Hills said that opponents would have to do more than argue that the law affects one source of sugar more than others. Courts, he said, have repeatedly ruled that the government can try to eradicate societal ills one step at a time.

Rob Bookman, an attorney who has represented the New York Restaurant Association, predicted opponents will argue that the city Health Department is overstep-

ping its authority and infringing on federal or state power.

He said the sugary-drink rule would set a dangerous precedent: If the ban is within the city's rights, then there's nothing to prevent, for example, a prohibition on the 16-ounce New York strip steak, he suggested.

"We have one federal Food and Drug Administration that determines what products are legal or not legal, or safe for consumption or not safe for consumption," he said. "We cannot have 30,000 or so localities around the country being their own FDAs" without killing the national food industry.

At a Board of Health meeting this week, members seemed to suggest they would, in fact, welcome more expansive measures. Board member Bruce Vladeck asked why the city wasn't considering portion-size limits for buttery movie theater popcorn.

"The popcorn isn't a whole lot better from the nutritional point of view," he said.

In a statement, Health Department spokeswoman Alexandra Waldhorn said the Board of Health's responsibilities include "the control of chronic disease and food service establishments." She added: "Limiting the portion size of sugary beverages served at New York City restaurants is a valid exercise of these authorities."

New York has passed other regulations aimed at making food sold in the city healthier. In 2006, it became the first major city to ban the use of artificial trans fats in restaurant cooking. The ban was not challenged in court, according to the Health Department. And many other cities followed suit.

In 2008, New York city health officials passed a regulation requiring many chain restaurants to post calories on menus. A federal judge rejected a challenge from the restaurant industry, which argued that the rule violated the First Amendment right to free speech by forcing restaurants to "convey the government's message regarding the importance of calories."

Bennett Gershman, a constitutional law professor at Pace University, argued that the ban on big sugary drinks would run afoul of the U.S. Constitution's Commerce Clause.

Local governments "can't pass laws that do impose burdens on the free flow of commerce between states," he said. "If it is too much of a burden, the Supreme Court says that states can't do it. Only Congress can impose burdens on commerce. States can't."

Gershman suggested the measure would impose a burden by requiring out-of-state companies to produce different size drink containers and offer different services for customers in New York.

But Hills scoffed at that line of reasoning, saying the courts have generally accepted such an argument only in regard to transportation rules that might, for example, prevent some trucks from driving across state lines.

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**LOOKS GOOD:** The Daily Grill's crab cake BLT is one of its healthier offerings.

## Counting calories at the Daily Grill

**THE CALIFORNIA NUTRITION LAW** Information and Enforcement Act states: As of Jan. 1, 2010 the law requires that large restaurant chains with 20 or more locations in California disclose calorie information.

It's a mandate that proverbially let the cat out of the bag for fast food restaurants and other large corporate eateries. Most of the time that cat is a fat one. The Cheesecake Factory has had the dubious distinction of having more than one of their menu items on the "Worst Foods in America" list from the popular book "Eat This, Not That" from Men's Health Magazine. According to the book, their bistro shrimp pasta has the calorie equivalent of 14 Krispy Kreme original glazed doughnuts.

Has calorie disclosure had any effect on the eating habits of Americans? I suppose it depends on who you ask. In New York City, where calorie labeling started, an NYU study showed that people purchased about the same number of calories both before and after the labeling law took effect.

Results were just the opposite from the calorie apathy found in the NYU study to a tasting I attended at the Daily Grill in the Yahoo! Center showcasing their Simply 600 Menu. My table consisted of writers and bloggers from various media outlets. In this instance they were all women, all cognizant of eating right while eating out. Everyone was very receptive to the low calorie offerings.

The stuffed salmon (stuffed with a healthy amount of crab meat) served with mixed greens and grilled tomato was a table favorite. The Moroccan spiced chicken platter offered a plate full of chicken and vegetable kebobs, mixed greens, and brown rice, showcasing how far 600 calories could be stretched. The Daily Grill has less than 20 locations in California and by law is not required to post the calorie count on their menu, but banking that their customers (mostly here on the West Coast) would welcome the Simply 600 lineup was a good call.

"The early response from our guests has been overwhelming," noted Executive Vice President of Operations John Sola. "They can't believe the vast selection of large, flavorful portions, all fewer than 600 calories."

It's no shocker that the attendees of the Daily Grill Santa Monica tasting differed from the findings of the NYU study. Demographics, age, gender, all play a roll when eating out — calories posted or not.

While I found all the Daily Grills offerings very good and was impressed by how they managed to make such substantial portions so low cal, the Simply 600 probably would not be my first option. I remarked to the group, if I am dining out I generally steer clear of the lighter options and go with heftier offerings citing more bang for my caloric buck. Thinking I was joking, the table lifted into an uproar of laughter. Feeling quite abashed from my own sentiment, Daily Grill Chef Phil Kastel did cite that dining out is an occasion and people are less worried about what they eat, making me feel like less of a foolish fatso.

It's all relative. I admittedly indulge, but I also rode my bike to and from the Daily Grill three times to attend the tasting after forgetting my bike lock, and then forgetting my camera. So despite my absent mindedness, the cycling circuit certainly counts for something.

If you have made the decision to eat at a Burger King, despite the writing on the wall, all your chips are in the pot, and calorie counting is probably not a priority. Moderation and exercise are the great equalizers. As for the Daily Grill, you can still get a burger and a beer, but the Simply 600 menu offers a viable, healthy alternative.

**MICHAEL** can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food, or on CityTV hosting his own show, "Tour de Feast." To reach him visit his website at [tourde-feast.net](http://tourde-feast.net) or follow him on Twitter @TourDeFeastSM.

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## RENT FROM PAGE 1

those in rent-controlled apartments.

The new formula used to calculate the annual general adjustment — the maximum percentage by which landlords can raise rents under the law — is based on the median cost of a controlled unit in Santa Monica, which is now \$1,395 a month.

That is cut into slices of a pie representing the costs landlords pay to keep up an apartment. Some of those slices, like property taxes and business license fees, are fixed. Others, like labor and cash flow, which in most cases is profit for the owner, are based on inflation.

If they hadn't made the switch, the calculation would have been based on a much lower base rent of \$829.45, which reflects 30 years of annual rent increases on those who moved into their apartments when rent control first went into effect in 1979. The base rent at that time was estimated at \$300.

The change hurts landlords by lowering the amount that's taken up by the fixed costs, making it look like there is more money from the rent to pay for other things like electricity, insurance and maintenance, which are all costs estimated using percentages.

In effect, the new formula assumes that landlords are making more money than they did in the past and don't need help from the Rent Control Board to make a fair return on their property, lowering the annual general adjustment.

Rent Control staff said they made the change to reflect a significant drop in the number of units rented at the lower base rent thanks to vacancy decontrol, a law that allows landlords to raise rents to what they can get on the open market when someone moves out. Staff said that 60 percent of rent control units are now being rented at market rate, which means landlords are collecting more cash.

"It's high time we removed this sort of false poverty line for landlords and started to talk about what a real median rent level is in this city, resulting in a much more just general adjustment," said Rent Control Board Commissioner Todd Flora, who praised staffers for making the change.

Landlords were not pleased, saying the change is depriving them of making a fair return on their investments, something which is required under the City Charter.

"Some may call this ... reform. I call it a scam," said Wes Wellman of the Action Apartment Association, which represents landlords in Santa Monica.

Tenants should expect to see notices of rent increases from their landlords in the coming months.

Those who moved in after the last rent increase will not be required to pay more as their landlords should have already taken into account their increased operating expenses before leasing their units at market rate, Rent Control officials said.

### KEEP IT SIMPLE

If the formula for adjusting rents sounds confusing, that's because it is. Tenants and landlords have complained for years about its complexity and have asked for a more basic formula.

That's why the board also voted Thursday to have Rent Control staff draft a ballot measure for November's general election that would base future rent adjustments on a factor — 75 percent — of the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which measures the change in costs for goods and services. CPI is often used as an indicator on how the economy is performing.

Most other cities with rent control laws use a straight CPI formula. West Hollywood,

which has a rent control law very similar to Santa Monica's and is located only 10 miles away, calculates its annual rent adjustment based on 75 percent of the change in CPI.

Staff recommended using 75 percent because over the years the old methodology produced rent increase in line with that percentage of CPI, and because anything lower may open up the board to legal challenges. Berkeley, Calif. was sued for using a formula based on 60 percent of CPI. As a compromise it went to 65 percent.

Commissioners hope that using that formula instead of the more complicated pie methodology developed in 1983 will make the process more transparent and save money for the Rent Control Board, which is struggling with a structural deficit that reached \$361,977 this year.

Commissioners approved the board's roughly \$4.5 million budget Thursday and used reserves to cover the difference.

Commissioner Robert Kronovet said it was time to get serious about closing the gap, which could include raising registration fees landlords pay each year for each unit they own that is under rent control. The fee, which is passed down to tenants as part of their rent, is \$156, or \$13 a month per unit.

"For this organization to run a deficit is inappropriate and sends an incorrect message," Kronovet said. "We are going to either stand up and declare ... we are going to raise registration fees, which I have been dancing around and have not supported publicly, or we are going to cut the budget down."

Many commissioners are hesitant to raise the registration fee because it's ultimately paid by tenants. Four out of five of the commissioners are members of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights, the city's leading political party which pushed for rent control in the late 1970s.

Rent Control Administrator Traci Condon said the board is also prohibited from raising the registration fee so high as to create a significant reserve fund. The board is only allowed to raise the fee to pay for current operating expenses.

"I don't think it is necessary to increase fees at this time, but ... it is a possibility that we may need to increase fees next year," Condon said.

Flora suggested the commissioners vote to not accept the \$75 they receive for each meeting they attend. That idea had no support from other commissioners.

The idea of raising registration fees could gain traction if the board decides to force landlords to shoulder some of the expense. Commissioners did discuss placing on the ballot an initiative to have landlords cover more of the fees and taxes passed down to renters, including taxes to fund schools and clean the Santa Monica Bay, as well as the annual registration fees.

The reasoning is that landlords do reap some benefits from those fees and taxes and should share the cost.

That did not gain any traction as commissioners were concerned how that would impact the other initiative to go to a straight CPI adjustment for the annual rent increase.

Wellman, a property owner, also said that if landlords were forced to pay the partial or full cost of some parcel taxes for schools or other fees, support for those measures would drop drastically. That could be a serious blow to public education, which is relying more on local dollars to pay for teachers and supplies.

The board will reconvene on June 28 to further discuss the CPI initiative and possibly study ways to reduce the budget deficit.

For more information on the methodology used for the rent increase and the proposed initiative, go to [www.smgov.net/rent-control](http://www.smgov.net/rent-control).

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## STUDENT FROM PAGE 1

her entire class wants more than \$1 million from the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

The 15-year-old ninth grader, Dionne Evans, filed a claim for damages with the SMMUSD on Friday, demanding a total of \$1,010,000 — \$1 million for pain and suffering and \$10,000 for medical expenses related to counseling she received, her attorney, Donald Karpel said.

School district officials could not be reached for comment.

Evans claims she was slapped several times in the face by her teacher, Jennifer Gonzalez, on May 22 after she failed to bring a notebook to class.

Gonzalez allegedly walked to Evans' desk and then asked her if she had seen the movie "Bridesmaids." She then began slapping the student, Karpel said.

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](http://www.youtube.com) and search for "Bridesmaids Annie and Megan's talk part 1."

Superintendent Sandra Lyon told the Daily Press last week that the teacher gently patted the student and that there was no intent to harm her.

"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."

Gonzalez was removed from the classroom while the district conducted an internal investigation. The teacher was let back into the classroom after the district determined nothing substantial had occurred.

The incident is under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

The school district has 45 days to resolve the issue by either paying the full amount or working out a settlement. If not, Karpel is prepared to file a civil lawsuit.

"I expect them to continue to do nothing," Karpel said. "They never disciplined the teacher, never put her on administrative leave and I assume they will do nothing about our claim. We are prepared to take the next step."

When asked if \$1 million was excessive, Karpel asked what the value is on humiliation, saying his client has not been able to go back into the classroom and will probably transfer schools in the fall.

"What's the number on that?" he asked.

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."

Readers of the Daily Press have been sounding off on the issue.

Susan Kraus of Malibu wrote:

"Jennifer Gonzalez is one of the best teachers at Malibu High. My children were fortunate enough to be in her English classes, and we all have the highest respect for her. I can't believe she would ever harm a student. We need more teachers as passionate and caring as Ms. Gonzalez."

Debra Shepherd had a different take, writing:

"If you believe that this was just an innocent pat on the face, then I have the deed to the Brooklyn Bridge in my pocketbook. I expected the district's attorneys to have a better defense than this. They certainly get paid enough taxpayer money."

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## WATER FROM PAGE 1

Sustainability and the Environment.

City staff estimates that the fee would need to be doubled to \$72 per year and an annual escalator would need to be added to ensure that the fund is self-sustaining. If not, more money from Measure V, the clean beaches parcel tax approved by voters in 2006, would need to be diverted.

"Staff is concerned about directing property owners' fees toward regional projects and about the city's future ability to generate sufficient revenues for local stormwater infrastructure and treatment," Kubani wrote in a memo to the City Council.

The way the county initiative is drafted, cities would receive 40 percent of revenues collected from their community. Projects over \$1 million would be submitted to an oversight board and cities would have to submit annual reports and would be subject to audits.

Watershed Area Groups, which are comprised of neighboring cities or unincorporated areas of the county, would receive 50 percent of the money raised in their areas for projects. Santa Monica is grouped with cities stretching from Agoura Hills and Malibu to

Manhattan Beach and Torrance. Santa Monica would have one vote on the area group governing board.

The remaining 10 percent of many raised through the parcel tax would go to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District for administration costs, research, assistance to cities, water quality monitoring and engineering and financial reports.

It is estimated that Santa Monica would receive about \$862,400 a year through its 40 percent. There's no telling how much money Santa Monica would receive annually from the regional fund.

Despite that uncertainty, Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay is supporting the county initiative. Like homelessness, improving water quality is a regional issue and demands collaboration, said Kirsten James, the environmental watchdog's director of water quality.

"Water transcends city and county boundaries," James said. "This is a logical step to work on regional water issues together, collectively. It will help not only in effectively improving water quality and also streamline funds more efficiently. Through this process, cities and counties determine what regional projects make sense."

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## SENTENCE

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on the 17 miles from his home in Winnetka before crashing near the intersection of Heathercliff Road and PCH.

It was revealed Khankhanian left a suicide note at his house before getting in the car. Multiple witnesses also testified that Khankhanian was profane and combative at

the scene of the crash.

Defense attorney Bradley Brunon argued that Khankhanian, who was diagnosed with autism, was incapable of comprehending the danger his reckless driving caused to other motorists and bystanders. Brunon said Khankhanian was instead guilty of vehicular manslaughter.

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## DEVELOPMENT

FROM PAGE 3

for construction or expansion of commercial, industrial, or combined commercial and residential buildings with a total square footage exceeding 25,000 square feet that also does any of the following: (1) requires a variance or conditional use permit, (2) increases the density of allowable current zoning limitations or (3) permits construction or widening of a public roadway.

Uhring argued that Preserve Malibu does not oppose development that does not require a variance or modify existing roadways. Rather, he said, the group's concern is based on projects such as developer Steve Soboroff's proposed Whole Foods in the Park proposal, which Uhring said has requested a variance allowing it to leave only 12 percent open space rather than the 48 percent required under the city's general plan.

When reached for a response, Soboroff said Uhring was mistaken. The Whole Foods development "does not ask for open space variance," Soboroff wrote in an e-mail. He said the development would stick to the city-mandated 0.15 floor-area ratio and would include "more landscaping than any other retail center in Malibu" with more than 100 trees.

"We prefer a system of government where folks elect people to represent them, and make their laws. I think it's called democra-

cy ...." Soboroff wrote.

The disagreement may just be a matter of semantics. Malibu Planning Director Joyce Parker-Bozylinski said the owners of the Whole Foods project have requested a variance for landscaping, but not open space. The Malibu zoning code and local coastal program require that 25 percent of a commercial parcel be devoted to open space, such as courtyards, patios, natural open space and additional landscaping. Forty percent of a commercial parcel must be devoted to landscaping.

"The project, as proposed, meets the open space requirement but they are requesting a variance to reduce the required landscaping from 40 percent to 12.8 percent," Parker-Bozylinski wrote in an e-mail.

Addressing a gathering of Preserve Malibu supporters earlier this month, Uhring stated that the group's "most critical concern" is large-scale development in the Civic Center.

If history is any example, Preserve Malibu can expect strong opposition to its proposed ballot initiative from major developers. Uhring said that the Malibu Bay Company spent "close to a quarter of a million dollars in 2000 [to fight Proposition P] — and that was only one developer. Now there are four."

Council members were unable to be reached for comment.

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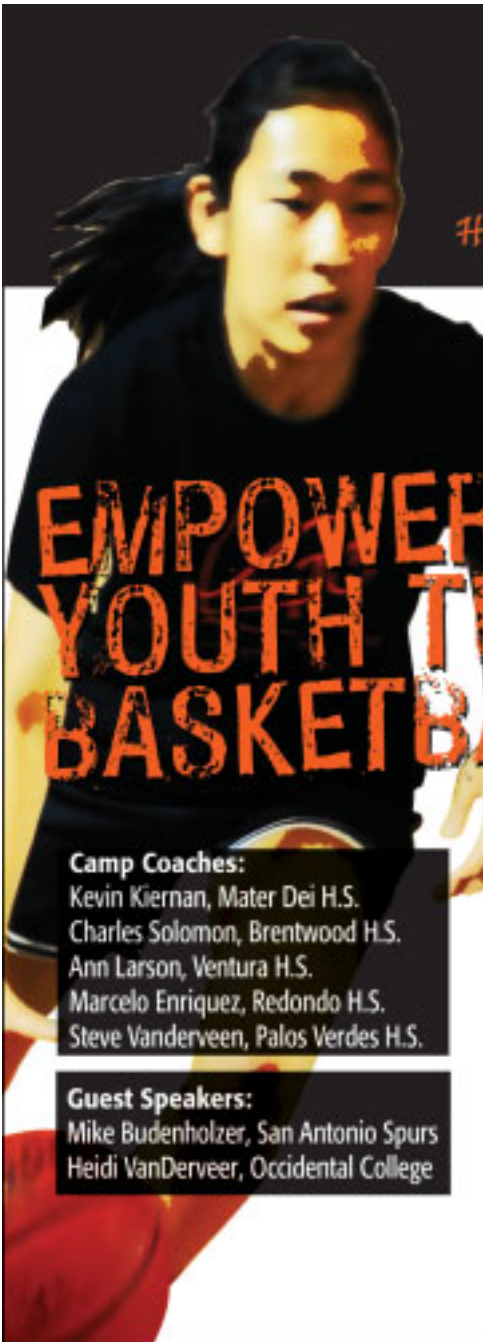
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# Stocks at one-month high

**MATTHEW CRAFT**  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks recorded their third big gain of the week and closed at a one-month high Friday because of expectations that the central banks of countries around the world will step in to limit the damage from a debt crisis in Europe.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 115 points.

Now investors wait for a crucial election on Sunday in Greece that will help determine whether that country stops using the euro as its currency. Such an exit would destabilize financial markets.

Mario Draghi, president of the European Central Bank, said his institution stood ready to support Europe's banking system by continuing to lend money to solvent banks. He also appeared to leave open the possibility of an interest rate cut.

Draghi said in Frankfurt that the ECB has a "crucial role" in extending credit to banks in times of instability, when banks can't always borrow money on financial markets.

On Thursday, Reuters reported that ECB, the Federal Reserve, the Bank of England and other global financial authorities were ready to act in concert to limit the fallout from Greece.

Investors also are more confident about the election itself, said Peter Tuz, a money manager, at Chase Investment Counsel, which runs mutual funds.

"There's a growing sense of optimism," he said. "The betting now is that the 'let's stay in the euro' segment of the population will win."

Borrowing costs for Spain were unchanged. They fell slightly for Italy, an indication that investors are feeling a little better about that country's solvency. They have been worried that Italy will have to seek financial rescue.

The Dow rose 115.26 points to close at 12,767.17, its highest finish since May 11. The Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 13.74 points to 1,342.84, also its highest since May 11. The Nasdaq composite index rose 36.47 points to 2,872.80.

For the week, the Dow rose 0.9 percent,

the S&P 1 percent and the Nasdaq 1.3 percent.

The week included four moves of 100 points or more for the Dow, the first time that has happened since April:

- On Monday, the Dow lost 142 points as enthusiasm faded for a \$125 billion rescue of Spanish banks.

- On Tuesday, the Dow climbed 162 after a Federal Reserve official said he supported more measures to stimulate the economy.

- On Thursday, the Dow gained 155, primarily because of late reports about possible coordinated action by central banks.

Energy stocks rose the most Friday. OPEC oil ministers agreed Thursday to keep their production target steady, a compromise meant in part to soothe economically troubled countries.

A pair of weak economic reports helped push Treasury prices up and yields down.

A report on U.S. factory production showed a drop in manufacturing, a key driver of economic growth. A gauge of manufacturing in New York sank to its lowest level since November.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 1.60 percent from 1.64 percent Thursday. Traders have been shifting money into the safety of the Treasury market ahead of the Greek election. That higher demand has kept yields near all-time lows.

Among stocks making big moves:

- Microsoft rose 68 cents, or 2.3 percent, to \$30.02 following reports that the company is in talks to buy Yammer, a developer of social networks within companies.

- Capital One Financial rose 80 cents, or 1.5 percent, to \$53.81 after the company said uncollectable and delinquent loans at its credit card business dropped last month.

- Defense contractor AAR plunged \$1.23, or 10.6 percent, to \$10.34. The company updated its forecast for fourth-quarter and fiscal-year earnings, and they were weaker than Wall Street expected.

- YPF, Argentina's state-controlled oil and gas producer, rose 72 cents, or 6.9 percent, to \$11.17 after Mexican telecommunications billionaire Carlos Slim said he had acquired an 8.4 percent stake in the company.

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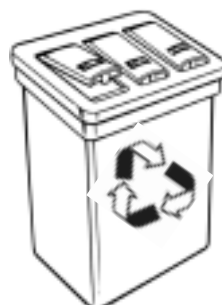
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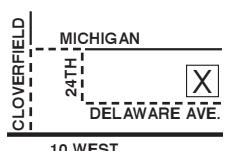
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# Furries looking to ‘shed’ bad rap during convention

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Associated Press

**PITTSBURGH** The furries are gathering in Pittsburgh, and they’re ready to shed.

No, not clumps of fur. They’re looking to dispel what they contend are the mistaken perceptions that their fascination with all things anthropomorphic — animal characters who exhibit human characteristics — are dangerously weird or fetishistic.

More than 5,000 devotees are expected at the city’s convention center through Sunday for Anthrocon. They refer to themselves as “furries,” though only about 1 in 5 will be cavorting in “fursuits” — full-bodied costumes including otters, foxes, cats and dogs. There’s even a guy who dresses as an extinct species of zebra.

They’re celebrating animal characters from movies, TV shows, comic books, video games and, most especially, the characters they create themselves.

Gary Guy Mathews, an unemployed, self-described computer geek from suburban Green Tree, prefers to appear in public in a costume of shredded paper that looks much like the “The Shaggy DA,” a Disney movie that unleashed his inner canine when he was about 11 years old. He prefers to be called Boomer since becoming enamored with “Here’s Boomer,” a short-lived NBC TV series about an adventurous, good-deed-doing mutt.

“It’s a very personal thing to me, as my dog persona. It’s just something I feel I should be, having had the name for so long. It just says who I am: Boomer. The. Dog,” Mathews said.

Samuel Conway, Anthrocon’s chairman, is a chemist for a major pharmaceutical firm. He dresses in a lab coat and goes by the alias Uncle Kage. That’s short for Kagemushi, the samurai cockroach character he dreamed up years ago.

Though he speaks with the exaggerated inflection of some cartoon characters, Conway doesn’t dress like a bug because the costumes are, “too hot; they’re unwieldy.”

“That’s what people seem to think Anthrocon is all about, but it’s about more than just costumes,” Conway said.

The convention draws artists, puppeteers, costume makers, writers and just plain fans. This year’s guests of honor are Mike Kazaleh, a comic book and TV cartoon animator known for his work with characters ranging from Bugs Bunny to Ren and Stimpy, and Dev Madan, a video game and comic books illustrator.

The convention features displays and vendors, an artists’ show, cartoon and character-related presentations, dances and live performances.

So where can one see Kagemushi this

weekend?

“I’m not an artist, I simply imagine him,” Conway said. “He exists primarily in my mind. It’s fun.”

Media members were escorted and warned that some characters might be reluctant to speak because of past publicity portraying the group as “some kind of whacked out, crazy culture,” Conway said.

Accordingly, Anthrocon.org advises furries that all public areas are rated “PG,” except for “events or exhibits that are specifically noted to be inappropriate for minors.” Minors must have a parent’s notarized permission to attend “due to unfortunate situations in years past,” the website says, without explanation.

Fetish wear is discouraged, though collars are acceptable as a fashion statement, “but leashes attached thereunto are not.”

Asked about the adverse publicity, Conway said when Americans “encounter something that people do that they don’t understand, they immediately draw the conclusion that it must be a sexual fetish.”

“I find it highly annoying ... because some of our people have lost jobs over it,” Conway said. “They’ll go into work on Monday and the boss will say, ‘I heard you were at one of those things over the weekend’ and that’s it.”

CooperTom, dressed as a life-of-the-party housecat, confesses to be named Jim, a 29-year-old systems manager for a New York City advertising agency who restores classic cars.

“I was actually afraid of this kind of thing,” he said of learning about furries online. After determining they were both friendly and normal, he joined their ranks in 2009.

“Just becoming something different kind of hooked me,” he said.

It’s a bigger deal to some members, like Mathews.

Only a reluctant Allegheny County judge kept Mathews from legally changing his name to “Boomer The Dog.” The judge ruled such an unusual name could confuse a 911 operator into believing Mathews was making a crank call should he ever need emergency help.

Mathews said individual furries have supported him but some Anthrocon officials have not, especially since the convention moved to Pittsburgh in 2006 after outgrowing Albany, N.Y., and Mathews received widespread local publicity when the judge rejected his name change in 2010.

“The convention heads were a little put off, I think, because I’m kind of out there with it,” Mathews said. “Furries and Anthrocon are going through these growing pains right now where, I think, they’re a little bit shy of the press.”

## 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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| <b>MONDAY</b><br><b>4:00-5:00 pm</b>                         | (1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Criminal Law; DMV & Traffic Law; Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes, with former deputy D.A. Jacob Glucksman                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>TUESDAY</b><br><b>9:00am-12:00pm</b>                      | Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Rizzo (By appointment only)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>4:00pm-5:00pm</b>                                         | (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month). Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, contract disputes, commercial disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, personal injury medical malpractice, and wrongful death.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>5:00 - 7:00 pm</b>                                        | Wrongful termination, harassment; discrimination; wage and hour ;denial of unemployment benefits; and general counseling on issues in the workplace w/ attorney Nina Baumlner (Call for Appointment) at the 2901 Ocean Park location of the Novel Café.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br><b>11:00am-3:00pm</b>                    | Special Education Law (By appointment only. Also available by appointment on Mondays or Fridays from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm) Attorney Alison Arkin has extensive experience working with parents of special needs children with a wide range of disabilities, and can help them obtain appropriate services from both school districts and regional centers. She has experience with every level of the process including obtaining appropriate assessments, representation at IEP meeting, mediations, settlement negotiations and hearings. |
| <b>5:00-6:30pm</b>                                           | Divorce and Legal Separation; Domestic Partnerships; Child Custody, Support and Visitation; Spousal Support; Prenuptial Agreements & Mediation with Family Law Specialist Attorney Elizabeth Fields                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>12:00-2:00pm</b><br><b>4:00-5:00pm</b> | Immigration and Family Law with Attorney Galorah Keshavarz (By appointment only)<br>(By appointment only) Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy, Debt Negotiation and Personal Injuries cases with Attorney and Legal Grind founder Jeffrey J. Hughes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br><b>4:00-5:00pm</b>                          | (2nd & 4th Friday/Month) Criminal, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes with Attorney & former Deputy D.A. Jacob Glucksman. By Appointment only                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>4:00-5:00pm</b>                                           | (1st & 3rd Friday/Month) Small business start-ups, Corporations, Contracts, Non-Profit Organizations, Green Law, Employment Law, Green and Sustainable Business Practices with Attorney Becki Kammerling.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>SATURDAY</b><br><b>10am-11:30am</b>                       | (1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday/month ) Real Estate, Estate Planning, Wills & Living Trusts, Will Contests, Probate, Elder Law Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, Construction Contracts Family Law including Divorce, Child/Spousal Support, Prenuptial Agreements, Personal Injury, Accidents, Premises and Product Liability, & Legal Malpractice with Attorney Richard Ruman. (By appointment only-Please call Call Dick at 310.273.7474)                                                                               |
| <b>12PM TO 2PM</b>                                           | Personal Injury free consultation; Regular consultation on all areas of Estate Planning, Landlord/Tenant rights, Mortgage Litigation, Premises Liability, Construction Accidents, and Products Liability with attorney Sandeep Agarwal. (By appointment only-Please call Mr. Agarwal at 866.844.4125)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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**NBC to stream events  
in post-Ebersol Games**

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AP Television Writer

**NEW YORK** If you miss any of your favorite events during the upcoming Summer Olympics in London, don't blame NBC.

Every sport, every single competition will be streamed live online or telecast by NBC and its affiliated cable networks in the U.S. this summer — starting with the Great Britain vs. New Zealand women's soccer game on July 25, two days before the opening ceremony.

It will be the most visible change for NBC in its first Olympics coverage since 1992 not run by veteran television executive Dick Ebersol. Ebersol, executive producer of eight winter and summer Olympic telecasts for NBC, quit as head of NBC Sports in May 2011. He will still be in London working for NBC as a consultant.

On television and online, NBC will offer 5,535 hours of Olympics coverage. The NBC broadcast network itself will have 272 hours, including the flagship prime-time telecast that will amount to a "greatest hits" of each day's competition.

Ebersol's successor as NBC Sports Group chairman, Mark Lazarus, ordered the live streaming during his first Olympics planning meeting after taking the new job.

"I said, 'This is what I believe. Convince me that we should not be doing it,'" Lazarus recalled. "Nobody convinced me."

NBC offered streams of several events from the 2008 Beijing Games, but would not present any of the showcase competitions that it was taping for later broadcast in prime time. The concern was that fans who saw the events live online wouldn't bother watching NBC that night, depressing ratings for the broadcast that mattered most.

In Beijing, however, some marquee events such as swimming were held in the morning in China so they could be televised live in prime time in the United States. In London, the time difference won't allow for that option.

Lazarus believes that many people who watch an event online will be interested in seeing how NBC handles it later. Fans watching live streams are also expected to use social media, building anticipation for the

broadcast.

Any people who don't want to watch on NBC what they've seen online will be more than offset by extra viewers drawn in by the excitement, Lazarus said.

Fans who want to see the streams on NBCOlympics.com will have to verify that they are paying cable or satellite subscribers. NBC says that's necessary to protect these businesses since they pay a premium to air the NBC cable stations because of the Olympics. While most live streams will be archived, reruns of high-profile events that are going to be shown on the network will not be available until after the West Coast broadcast.

There will be times that NBC's Olympics website is showing as many as 40 separate competitions at the same time, said Gary Zenkel, president of NBC Olympics.

The decision could neutralize what has always been a major criticism of NBC — that showing some events only on a tape-delay basis makes them feel stale, particularly in an era of instant communication. It might keep viewers from fleeing NBC, since some frustrated fans had sought out live telecasts from other television or Internet sources, said Andrew Billings, a sports media professor at the University of Alabama and author of "Olympic Media: Inside the Biggest Show on Television."

"They realize it has to go in this direction," Billings said. "Some people say they are four to eight years late in this game."

The time difference — it will be 1 a.m. in London when NBC's prime-time broadcast begins on the East Coast, 4 a.m. for the West Coast show — means no events will be offered live on the telecast most people watch.

Ebersol might no longer be in the control room, but NBC will keep his template. Under his direction, the prime-time broadcast began concentrating on four major competitions: swimming, diving, gymnastics and track and field. Later, beach volleyball was added. Those sports accounted for 93 percent of the prime-time coverage in Beijing, Billings said.

The idea is they are the best for the bite-sized competition and personal stories that attract female viewers.



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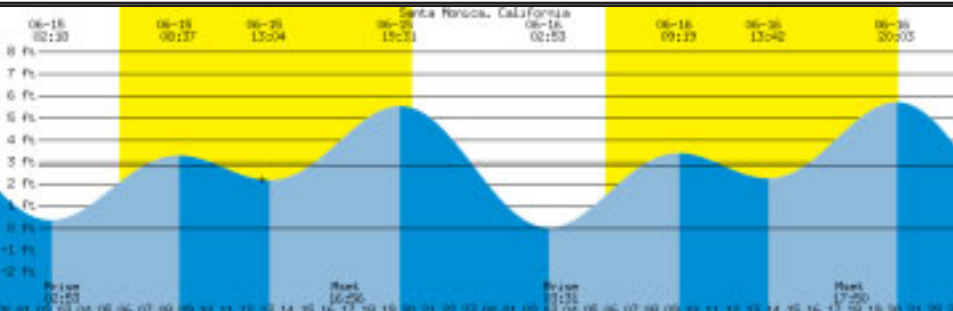
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LOOKING LIKE A SMALL DAY, AROUND KNEE TO WAIST MAX MOST EVERYWHERE.

**TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA**



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**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 13, 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 — 0  
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 29 / 10  
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0 / 10

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Otis — von Furstenberg Family Foundation, simplehuman, LARRY GUY, SMA, and the Escondido Family Foundation.

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 for extended health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

| LOCATION                                                              | DRY | WET | LOCATION                                                           | DRY | WET |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|
| Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.                      | A+  | 10  | Will Rogers State Beach at Del Air Bay Club drain near fence.      | A+  | 10  |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.                    | A+  | 10  | Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.               | A+  | 10  |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Alamos creeks.      | 10  | 10  | Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.                  | A+  | 10  |
| Escondido Canyon at El Matador State Beach.                           | A+  | 10  | Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth). | A+  | 10  |
| Basal Beach at Trenches Creek mouth.                                  | A+  | 10  | Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.                          | A+  | 10  |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.                                       | A+  | 10  | Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.                        | A   | 10  |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).                   | A+  | 10  | Santa Monica Municipal Pier.                                       | B   | 10  |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.                     | D   | 10  | Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain.                     | A+  | 10  |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.                  | B   | 10  | Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants).    | A+  | 10  |
| Lodge Canyon Creek mouth.                                             | A+  | 10  | Ocean Park Beach at Redwood Ave. drain.                            | A+  | 10  |
| Solstice Canyon at San Diego County Beach.                            | D   | 10  | Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.                   | A+  | 10  |
| Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.                                    | A+  | 10  | Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.                                 | A+  | 10  |
| Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24672 Malibu Rd.         | A   | 10  | Venice Beach at Winifred Ave. drain.                               | A+  | 10  |
| Sunflower Beach at Malibu Colony lanes.                               | A+  | 10  | Venice Fishing Pier — 50 yards south.                              | A+  | 10  |
| Sunflower Beach (beach location) — daily.                             | C   | 10  | Venice Beach — projection of Topical St.                           | A+  | 10  |
| Malibu Pier — 50 yards east.                                          | F   | 10  | Malibu del Rey, Mothers' Beach — lifeguard tower.                  | A   | 10  |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.                                    | F   | 10  | Deckweiler State Beach at Bolinas Creek mouth.                     | A   | 10  |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint river).             | B   | 10  | Deckweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.                      | A+  | 10  |
| Big Rock Beach at 13548 PCH stairs.                                   | A   | 10  | North Westchester Storm Drain at Deckweiler State Beach.           | A+  | 10  |
| Puma Creek at Los Tunes County Beach.                                 | A+  | 10  | Deckweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWR jetty).          | A+  | 10  |
| Tune Canyon.                                                          | A+  | 10  | Deckweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.                      | B   | 10  |
| Tapanga State Beach at creek mouth.                                   | C   | 10  | Deckweiler Beach — opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.              | A+  | 10  |
| Cedarbrook Storm Drain at Cedar Rock Beach.                           | A   | 10  | Deckweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.                        | A+  | 10  |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Cedar Rock Beach.                           | 10  | 10  |                                                                    |     |     |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A   | 10  |                                                                    |     |     |

**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.  
**10** — no sample taken.

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The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our swimmers are happy.

MOVIE TIMES

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| <p>Aero Theatre<br/>1328 Montana Ave.<br/>(310) 260-1528</p> <p>Saturday, June 16<br/>Triple Feature<br/>For Your Eyes Only (PG) 2hrs 7min<br/>7:30 p.m.<br/>Octopussy (PG) 2hrs 11min<br/>A View to a Kill (PG) 2hrs 11 min</p> <p>Sunday, June 17<br/>Double Feature</p> <p>The Living Daylights (PG) 2hrs 10 min<br/>7:30 p.m.<br/>Licence to Kill (PG-13) 2hrs 13min</p> <hr/> <p>AMC Loews Broadway 4<br/>1441 Third Street Promenade<br/>(888) 262-4386</p> <p>Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) 2hrs 07min<br/>12:20pm, 3:40pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm</p> <p>Dictator (R) 1hr 23min<br/>11:55am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm</p> <p>What to Expect When You're Expecting (PG-13) 1hr 40min<br/>11:50am, 2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>Men in Black 3 in 3D (PG-13) 1hr 46min<br/>12:30pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm</p> <hr/> <p>AMC 7 Santa Monica<br/>1310 Third St.<br/>(310) 451-9440</p> <p>Saturday, June 16<br/>Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (PG) 1hr 33min<br/>11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm</p> <p>Men in Black 3 (PG-13) 1hr 46min<br/>11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm</p> <p>Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) 2hrs 07min<br/>10:50am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm</p> <p>Prometheus 3D (R) 2hrs 04min<br/>10:55am, 2:05pm, 5:10pm, 8:15pm, 11:10pm</p> <p>Rock of Ages (PG-13) 2hrs 03min<br/>10:45am, 12:15pm, 1:50pm, 3:30pm, 4:55pm, 6:45pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, 11:00pm</p> <p>Sunday, June 17</p> | <p>Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 33min<br/>11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm</p> <p>Sunday, June 17<br/>Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted 3D (PG) 1hr 33min<br/>11:45am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm</p> <p>Men in Black 3 (PG-13) 1hr 46min<br/>11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:35pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm</p> <p>Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13) 2hrs 07min<br/>10:50am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm</p> <p>Prometheus 3D (R) 2hrs 04min<br/>10:55am, 2:05pm, 5:10pm, 8:15pm</p> <p>Rock of Ages (PG-13) 2hrs 03min<br/>10:45am, 12:15pm, 1:50pm, 3:30pm, 4:55pm, 6:45pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm</p> <p>Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted (PG) 1hr 33min<br/>11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm</p> <p>Laemmle's Monica Fourplex<br/>1332 Second St.<br/>(310) 478-3836</p> <p>Saturday, June 16<br/>Children of Paradise (Les enfants du paradis) (NR) 2hrs 43min<br/>3:40pm</p> <p>Hysteria (R) 1hr 35min<br/>1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm</p> <p>Cat in Paris (Une vie de chat) (PG) 1hr 05min<br/>11:10am</p> <p>Bonsai (BonsÃi) (NR) 1hr 35min<br/>1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG-13) 1hr 58min<br/>1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm</p> <p>Bernie (PG-13) 1hr 35min<br/>1:10pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm</p> <p>La Scala Opera Series: Carmen (Encore) (NR) 3hrs 45min<br/>10:00am</p> <p>First Position (NR) 1hr 30min<br/>11:00am</p> <p>Bill W. (NR) 1hr 44min<br/>11:00am</p> <p>AMC Criterion 6<br/>1313 Third St.<br/>(310) 395-1599</p> <p>Marvel's The Avengers (PG-13) 2hrs 22min<br/>12:20pm, 7:00pm</p> <p>That's My Boy (R)<br/>11:15am, 12:30pm, 1:55pm, 3:30pm, 4:45pm, 6:30pm, 7:40pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm</p> <p>Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min<br/>11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm</p> <p>Prometheus (R) 2hrs 04min<br/>12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:25pm</p> <p>Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 22min<br/>3:40pm, 10:20pm</p> <p>Lola Versus (R) 1hr 29min<br/>11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm</p> |
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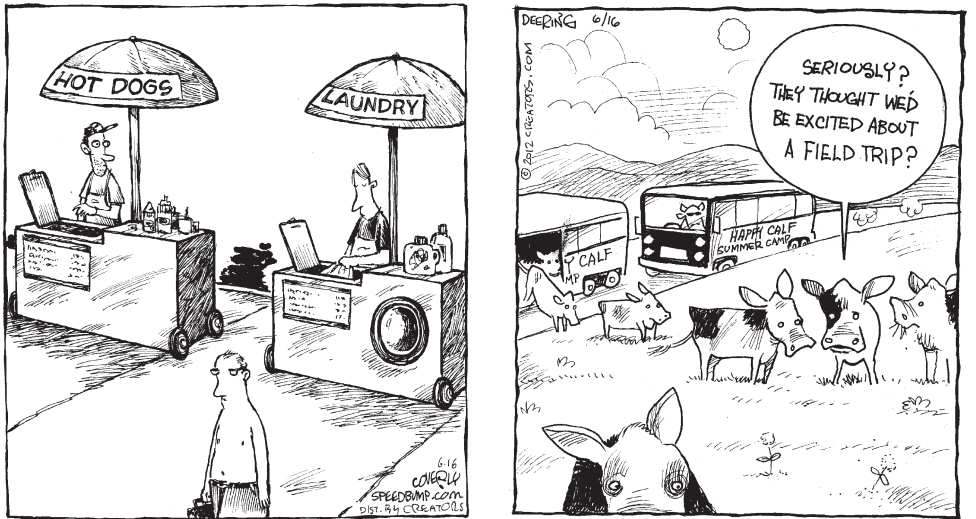
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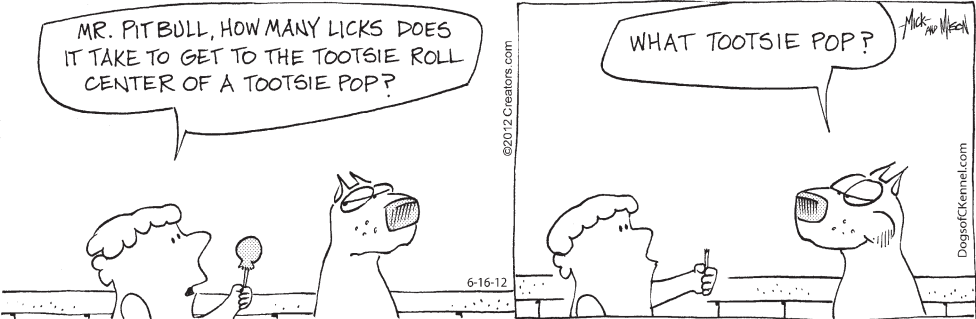
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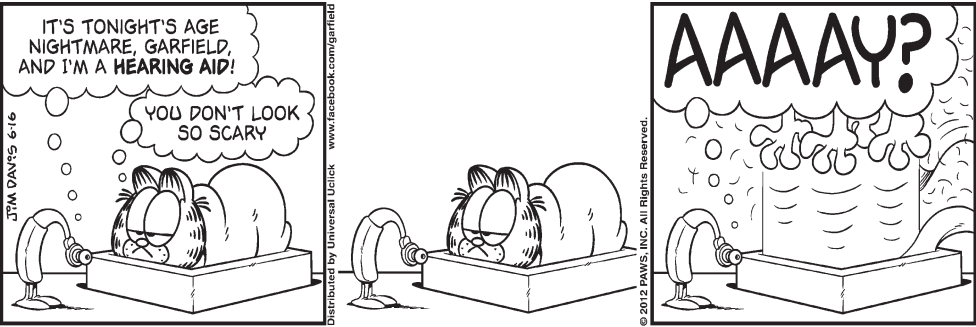
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No worries, Scorpio

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ Don't even question the thought that you need some time simply to indulge yourself. Whether it is a day at the spa or not bothering to get dressed in the morning, go with it. You have made enormous efforts toward others. Now it is time to relax. Tonight: Your treat.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★★ Your creativity and innate sensuality could delight many, whether you are making a meal or going for a romp in the country. Your ideas intrigue quite a few people. Decide who you want to spend today with, as there will be many invitations to choose from. Tonight: Let the fun continue.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★ You might feel like a drive in the country is just what you need. If you need to go solo, honor that desire. You seem to be rehashing something over and over again in your mind. Tonight: Nothing complicated.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★★ Do not let all the attention go to your head; otherwise, you might not be as much fun to be with. You are quite capable of a sarcastic retort or frustrated comment. Let it go. No one is perfect, as you well know. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Invite others to join you out, perhaps at the races or maybe playing beach volleyball. You need to be around physical activity, or you might try to relieve your stress by spending or some other form of indulgence. Tonight: Note an admirer. If you need to, let this person down gently.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★★ Wanderlust hits the normally calm and sage Virgo. Rather than fight these impulses, give in to several of them. You need to explore new ideas, activities and perhaps even people -- no question about it. Tonight: Follow the music.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ You need to understand what is happening with a dear loved one. You might be making more out of a comment or situation than you need to. Use self-discipline to avoid making a big deal about this, and try to become more aware of this person's thinking. Tonight: Let others make the first move.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★★ Listen to a friend who is very determined to have his or her way. Wouldn't it be easier to go along with what this person wants rather than take umbrage over his or her desire? What do you really care in the long run? Bring friends together for a movie and dinner. Tonight: Nothing is worth the worry right now.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★ You might want to evaluate your choices, especially when dealing with a combative person. Trust that there is another way or a different passage. Meanwhile, toss yourself into a favorite pastime or hobby. Tonight: Just don't push.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ You have a tremendous desire to roam, yet you cannot seem to get far away from a problem. Is this possibly because of a tendency to overthink? Find a favorite escape where you can turn your mind off. Tonight: A movie, play or some other treat for your mind.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Deal with family and loved ones. You often do so much for your friends that you forget your key loved ones. Do yourself a favor and give this day to them. Tonight: Entertain from home.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You may want to change plans because of a mild disagreement or someone's issues. Go along with the moment, yet be smart and do not trigger a reaction. You have free will here. Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.

Happy birthday

This year you are incisive and direct. Many people are drawn to you, as they would like to have the same clarity that you possess. If you are single, the opposite sex finds you to be most attractive. No one says you have to commit. You might enjoy dating a lot. If you are attached, redo an old date. Go out more often. You naturally will revitalize your bond. TAURUS can be a powerful friend but also an enemy.

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| The stars show the kind of day you'll have: |             |
| ★★★★★Dynamic                                | ★★ So-So    |
| ★★★★ Positive                               | ★ Difficult |
| ★★★ Average                                 |             |

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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| 9 |   |   | 5 |  | 1 |   |   | 8 |
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS 41 Boot parts  
5 Respect, in slang  
10 News summary  
12 From the country  
13 Let out, perhaps  
14 Last letter  
15 Book jacket bit  
16 Un-matched  
18 Gangland gun  
19 Bill makers  
21 Vanished  
22 Removals  
24 Enor-mous  
25 Some pop stars  
29 Clock unit  
30 Straight  
32 Ring setting  
33 Mex. neighbor  
34 Haul into court  
35 Molecule makeup  
37 "Jefferson in Paris" star  
39 Plains home  
40 Caught sight of

DOWN

- 1 Beach crawlers  
2 Depend-ed  
3 Play opener  
4 West of Holly-wood  
5 Urge on  
6 Mai-tai base  
7 Coos Bay setting  
8 Heathens  
9 Roofing material  
11 Nutritional need  
17 Fine points  
20 Writer Horatio  
21 Boarded  
23 Delhi folks  
25 Perfectly  
26 Atlas section  
27 Singer Uggams  
28 Makes schnitzel  
29 Moor plant  
31 Oboe parts  
33 Plies  
36 Singer Tormé  
38 Choose

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- Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.
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Solution for Task 1300

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| 10 ▶ | 11 + 6 - 7  |    |    |
| 20 ▶ | 3 x 8 - 4   |    |    |

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Draw Date: 6/12  
2 9 17 34 50  
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DAILY 3  
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EVENING: 2 5 9

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3rd: 04 Big Ben  
RACE TIME: 1:48.61

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD  
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In April, the Taiwan tabloid Apple Daily profiled a 27-year-old man who said he has tripled his previous salary by becoming a public snitch, turning in videos of litterers and spitters violating Taipei laws that reward informants a fee of one-fourth the amount of any fines. In the last two years, the man ("Chou") said he has had 5,000 cases result in fines, for which he has been paid the equivalent of \$50,000. He said he now teaches classes in snitching.

■ Researchers Need to Believe: Surely the world's longest-running science experiment is the 85-year-old continuing project to visually ascertain whether "pitch" (a tar) is liquid. Begun at England's Cambridge University, the project is now housed at the University of Queensland in Australia, where the custodian believes the next drop (the ninth ever) will fall in 2013. The previous teardrop-shaped bead descended in 2000.

■ Dung beetles are known to researchers to roll perfectly made balls with their back legs and to periodically mount the balls, pirouette and climb down to be on their way. Emily Baird of Lund University in Sweden explained why in a January issue of the journal PLoS One: The beetles are gathering celestial readings to help shepherd their balls home, away from predators. Baird's specialty is learning how animals with tiny brains perform complex tasks, and to test the dung beetle, she patiently watched 22 of them guide their balls through an obstacle course her team created.

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