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THE FIGHT ON ISSUE

Local tells tale of 'Whitey' on KCRW

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

THIRD STREET Those who lived in the same Santa Monica apartment building as infamous Boston mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger and his companion Catherine Greig are still finding it hard to believe that the quiet couple known for providing coins for the laundry or giving little gifts was actually in hiding from the FBI.

It's been a year since Bulger and Greig, who went by the names Charlie and Carol Gasko, were arrested at the Princess Eugenia Apartments on Third Street. The 82-year-old reputed crime boss, who has been accused of 19 murders and eluded law enforcement for more than a dozen years, now sits in a jail cell awaiting trial, while Greig was sentenced earlier this month to an eight-year prison term for helping Bulger.

In Gideon Brower's radio show "The Couple in 303," which airs today at 2:30 p.m. on KCRW as part of the UnFictional series and can be found on the station's website (kcrw.com), the screenwriter who lived across the street from Bulger interviews his neighbors to gain insight into what it was like to live next to a man who stashed dozens

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Ex-Boston mobster's lawyer says he was given immunity

JAY LINDSAY
Associated Press

BOSTON The attorney for James "Whitey" Bulger said Monday that the former Boston mob boss and one-time FBI informant shouldn't be prosecuted in 19 murders because the government promised him immunity for past or future crimes.

Attorney J.W. Carney said he'd soon file a motion to dismiss the charges because "a representative of the federal government" gave Bulger the blanket immunity during the 1970s.

Carney wouldn't say who allegedly gave Bulger immunity or explain how it was possible to grant immunity for future crimes,

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Cartoon producer hospitalized after hit-and-run

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

COLORADO AVE The producer of classic cartoons from the 1980s and '90s was in a medically-induced coma over the weekend after being struck by a car in an alleged hit-and-run early Saturday morning.

Roger Slifer was taken to the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in critical condition after a witness called the police at 12:57 a.m. to report the accident.

Slifer, 57, had spent the evening with friends at Rusty's Surf Ranch listening to music, said Barry Dennis, one of the people who had been with him that night.

A group left the restaurant, but Slifer chose to stay a little longer, Dennis said.

Slifer was in the crosswalk at Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue when what witnesses described as an older white sedan made a left turn from eastbound Colorado Avenue to northbound Fifth Street at approximately 10 to 15 miles per hour, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department.

The witness did not see the vehicle hit Slifer, but he or she did see Slifer fall to the

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Holding the purse strings

City Council to authorize a plethora of purchases

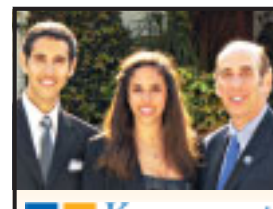
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Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by

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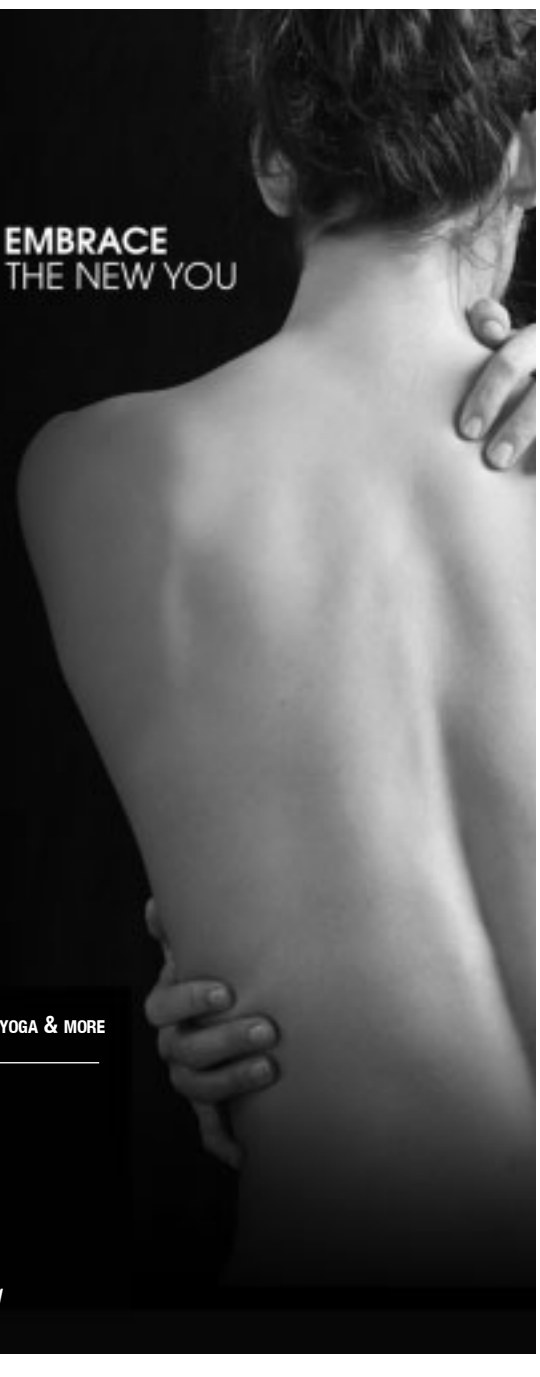
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Tuesday, June 26, 2012

Salty classic
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH,
6:30 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.
The beach house's summer theater artist in residence, the Salty Shakespeare Company, will discuss its upcoming presentation of the classic "Hamlet." Guests are invited to try their hand at a theater exercise as part of the fun. Please come with one line from a Shakespeare play or sonnet memorized — and prepare to converse, not declaim. The company will also demonstrate their use of rap, Alexander Technique and parkour in the midst of crowds. For more information, visit saltyshakespeare.org.

Beauty by night
Viceroy Santa Monica
1819 Ocean Ave.,
7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Spaphile and Three Day Rule present "A Night of Beauty (Part II)," an event featuring fun giveaways, raffle prizes and live music performances. While there, learn about the latest in beauty brands, spa services and fashion accessories. For more information, call (310) 400-0772.

City Council meeting
City Hall Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 5:30 p.m.
The City Council will meet to discuss existing litigation, the flight training reduction incentive test program, the Civic Center Parking Structure lighting project and other issues. For more information, call (310) 458-8211.

Time to get down
Typhoon
Santa Monica Airport,
8 p.m. & 9:30 p.m.
Poncho Sanchez Latin Jazz Band is scheduled to perform at Typhoon at the Santa Monica Airport. Dinner reservations are highly recommended for this spicy event. Admission includes a $20 cover charge. For more information, call (310) 390-6565.

Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Magical room
Main LIbrary
Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Author Patty Farmer heads to the Main Library to talk about her book "The Persian Room Presents," which gives an historical account of New York City's famous Persian Room in the Plaza Hotel. For more than 40 years, the Persian Room dazzled with its magical aura and entertainment legends — including Liza Minnelli, Carol Lawrence, Eddy Duchin and Victor Borge. Surprise guests (and ex-performers) will join Farmer for the book sale and signing. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Ernest eats
Caffe Luxxe
925 Montana Ave.,
6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
All drinks aside, Ernest Hemingway loved eating. Head to Caffe Luxxe for the launch of author Craig Boreth's latest cookbook, which features meals influenced by the legendary wordsmith's writings. Tapas inspired by some of the book's recipes will also be served. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 394-2222.

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RUNNING THINGS: **Samohi's Sebastian LaRue returns a punt for a touchdown against Channel Islands in last season's playoffs.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi's Sebastian LaRue commits to USC

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI It looks like the University of Southern California got its man.

After a lengthy recruiting process that attracted some of the most storied football programs in the nation, Santa Monica High School standout wide receiver Sebastian LaRue decided to stay close to home and become a Trojan after his senior season.

"When USC offers and you're from Southern California, you have to consider it," LaRue said of his choice.

LaRue's decision to eventually sign on to play for the Trojans is sure to disappoint fans stretching from Michigan to Oklahoma.

Recruited as both a defensive back and a wide receiver, LaRue said that USC's willingness to allow him to play offense helped tilt the table. That and its illustrious past.

"I was pretty excited," he said of the offer. "I think it's a place I can have a lot of success."

LaRue, who is on the ESPN top 150 recruit list, is the second Samohi player to decide to play at USC. He'll join offensive lineman Chad Wheeler on campus for the start of the 2013-14 school year.

Wheeler is already enrolled, having graduated early from Samohi after the fall semester.

LaRue said that Wheeler's experience in Trojan country helped him make up his mind.

"He's somebody I look up to," LaRue said of Wheeler. "He was a great person to talk to about the whole thing. He told me that USC was all about winning."

For his part, Wheeler wasn't holding punches when describing the atmosphere at USC.

"I told him that it's all work, I wasn't going to lie to him," Wheeler said. "But, I also told him that I can see him succeeding here."

Samohi Head Coach Travis Clark couldn't agree more.

Having mentored LaRue this past season, Clark believes that the added pressure of living up to the USC standard will push him like never before.

"He's going to have to work harder this year, from the classroom to the weight room," Clark said. "This will bring the best out of Sebastian."

Considering that LaRue just recently ended his junior year, his commitment comes early in the process. But, as Clark noted, USC is still under NCAA sanctions and only has 15 scholarships to offer LaRue's class. Making a quick decision was key because, as Clark said, "they aren't going to wait around. When USC comes calling, you have to listen."

LaRue said that he didn't make the decision to get his recruitment over with, but instead came to his choice after weighing his options, which included offers from Texas A&M, UCLA, Boise State and Arizona, among a raft of others.

Weighing heavily on LaRue's mind was the invaluable connections he can gain by attending USC and what it offers off the field.

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Supreme Court agrees to hear pollution appeal from county

BY SEAN FITZ-GERALD
Special to the Daily Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. The U.S. Supreme Court acquiesced Monday to hear an appeal by Los Angeles County regarding a ruling that would require the county to clean two polluted waterways.

On March 10, 2011, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals found the county's Flood Control District responsible for untreated stormwater runoff in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers.

"The Court of Appeals viewed the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers as storm sewers and not as rivers," said Gail Farber, chief engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, in a statement.

Initiated in 2008 by nonprofits Santa Monica Baykeeper and the Natural Resources Defense Council, the original lawsuit sought to hold the county responsible for documented violations of the Clean Water Act (CWA) in Southern California's rivers and beaches since 2003.

The CWA, enacted in 1948 and amended in 1972, establishes basic structures for regulating discharges of pollutants into U.S. waters and regulates quality standards for surface waters, according to the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The CWA deems discharging pollutants from point sources — which include items like pipes and man-made ditches — into navigable waters unlawful unless a permit is obtained.

Though the county was issued a CWA permit in 2001 by California's Regional Water Quality Control Board, the council and Baykeeper allege it has violated the permit.

"[The 2011] ruling holds L.A. County responsible for their massive water pollution problem," said Aaron Colangelo, senior attorney with the council, in a statement issued in March of 2011. "For years, the county claimed that it could never be held accountable for its toxic discharges, even if the water were so polluted that it literally caught on fire."

A 2009 council report found that stormwater runoff was the primary known source of pollution at beaches nationwide —

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Fired up over firing

Editor:

The firing of Samohi's baseball coach Sheldon Philip-Guide is completely uncalled for, unjustified and unwelcomed by a great many at Samohi, its alumni and the community of Santa Monica ("Samohi parts ways with coach," June 22). We just lost a great coach and a huge asset to the baseball program.

Sheldon has gone above and beyond as coach at Samohi. He's won two league titles, playoffs all three years and twice voted coach of the year by his peers. He spends countless hours with his players and working on the field. No other baseball coach has put in the time and energy Sheldon has.

Sheldon has created a great program, one of the best on the Westside. He has raised tens of thousands of dollars for his program. But, also for the upgrade, repair and maintenance of the baseball facilities (painting, major improvement to the grandstand area, overseeding of the outfield, laser leveling of the infield and a snack bar shed) are just a few of the wonderful improvements he has made. All that he's provided created an amazing atmosphere for all to enjoy.

With that said, I can't find one reason he should of been fired! To say the school is going in a different direction is unacceptable. It's only been improving over the last three years.

So, what direction do they want to go? For all he has done for the school in which he is an alumni, he deserves more than a phone call. If a few parents can have him removed as coach, the rest of us who support him should demand he be reinstated as coach of Samohi baseball. It would be the right thing to do.

I thank you Sheldon for all you have done. Working hand and hand with you over the last three years on the field was a wonderful experience I'll never forget. We took a poor field and made it one of the best on the Westside. I wish you the best! Thank you!

Barton Burdick
Samohi alumni





Three Innocents Abroad

Charles Andrews — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The little differences

Editor's note: Longtime Santa Monican Charles Andrews is traveling across Europe in a camper van for one year, with his family.

TIME FOR ONE LAST COLUMN ON MORE differences we've observed and experienced between Europe and the U.S., particularly as Santa Monicans:

• Public toilets (including campgrounds) in southern Europe, meaning the old Yugoslavia (Croatia, Montenegro, Macedonia, Bosnia), Albania, occasionally Spain, even in France, but especially in much of Greece and parts of Italy, may just be a hole in the concrete and two footprints to line yourself up.

C'mon, you guys conquered the world and built highways and aqueducts from Britain to India, and you still don't have pipes big enough for a decent sewer system? Even when there is a standard seat (or, more likely, a bowl without a seat), you'll still find a sign warning you not to put your used tissue in the toilet. There's a small wastebasket there for that purpose. Are you sufficiently grossed out?

Everywhere in Europe you will find a small plastic brush in its small plastic holder next to the toilet, which you are expected to use to clean up after yourself.

Germany is modern, but usually you find pay toilets, and that does not sit well with Americans.

• Bike paths are standard. You can see Paris quite nicely by bike. Oslo, Brussels, Prague, Lisbon (but lots of hills), Copenhagen, Berlin and Barcelona, too. Rome or Athens if you're brave. And of course the bike is king in Holland, even in the countryside between small towns.

Many cities have thousands of bikes easily available, for free or very cheap. Hop on and ride to your destination, leave it there, usually unlocked, and grab another for your return trip. Our Santa Monica beach bike path is a treasure, but kudos to Mayor Villaraigosa for taking a step to make all of L.A. more bike-friendly.

• Meat. Almost all Europeans seem to be enthusiastic carnivores, but it's so expensive they usually buy it in very small packages, 2 to 4 ounces — only a few slices.

Spain is the land of jambon. They love their leg of boar, which comes smoked to last weeks, and complete with hoof and hair, flipped upside down for easy carving in restaurants and at home on its specialized platter with posts and screws. There are specific grades of quality and you can pay $100 or more for one, and you see rows and rows of them lined up in supermarkets and especially all those butcher shops still common throughout Europe, often hanging from the ceiling. Spaniards spend their euros on big pig, not big cars.

• Driving takes a big adjustment at first. Europeans blithely declare it's easy to drive there. Well, not if you're used to not only American rules, but American mentality.

In most countries they almost universally follow the rules of the road. They know it all flows nicely if you do. If someone comes right up to the edge of the road, even fairly fast, and if they don't have the right of way, they stop, and enter the flow of traffic when they can. In America, when someone comes right up to the edge of the road, you don't know if they're going to be a bonehead or inattentive and cruise right into your path. That just doesn't happen here.

Europeans will miss each other by an inch or two and it's not a problem. In the U.S., you blast your horn and scream at a guy who came "too close" to your precious metal. It takes many hours of classes and instruction, at high cost, to get your license in Europe. Seems to pay off. And they rarely drink and drive; one infraction, at very low blood alcohol levels and you can lose your license for life.

Stop signs mean stop only if there is someone coming, otherwise zoom on through, almost like a yield sign. No right turns on red; at signals, there will always be a turn arrow. When you see the yellow light, better hit the brakes, it will probably be very short. Most places you'll get a quick flash of yellow light at the end of your red signal, warning you green is coming, start moving. Signals are always right where you stop, not across the intersection somewhere. Don't pull up too far or you may not be able to see your light (though usually there is a set of mini-lights down low, to cover that).

Many Americans hate traffic circles; I mostly love them. They're smart, they keep traffic moving quickly and smoothly. You can go half a day many places and never hit a traffic light. Two problems I've had: sometimes finding the right lane in the circle to exit when I need, and listening to my GPS who often miscounts the exits when he tells you which one to take.

On highways, do not be in any lane except the slow one unless you're passing everyone, no matter what your speed. It's considered thoughtless and rude.

• Cities and towns are mostly attractive throughout, with rare ugliness (even in industrial zones) and extensive green areas and so many more trees than U.S. cities. Yes, their buildings are older, from a time when it was a given that structures were designed for function and aesthetics, but they spend the money to maintain them. We rarely saw a cathedral or old town hall without scaffolding for restoration.

Some cities, like London and Rome, discourage private auto traffic by charging a hefty fee to drive your car into the center, and many more use cameras to send you a very expensive citation if you should venture there despite the warning signs (in a language you can't read). Of course they have the public transportation to back it up.

• Restaurants. The meal is semi-sacred across Europe, not just a time to gobble down calories, but the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. A restaurant in Europe will never present you with the bill until you ask for it, even if it's been an hour since the last item you ordered. No bums rush to empty tables for the next round of customers. We've stayed past closing time and still never been nudged.

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What's the Point?

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History is written by the victors

ON MONDAY, THE SUPREME COURT issued a ruling regarding a controversial immigration law in the state of Arizona. The timing of the ruling, coming just a week before the Fourth of July, is a poignant reminder of the history of our country.

We are a country that was founded by illegal immigrants, with lands both seized and purchased from other sovereign nations. We have a government that was established because of the failure to act by a monarch, a failure to listen to the subjects of the British colonies.

The Supreme Court ruling struck down several key portions of the Arizona law and left intact one regarding proof of immigration status. In a New York Times article the president is quoted as saying:

"I agree with the court that individuals cannot be detained solely to verify their immigration status. No American should ever live under a cloud of suspicion just because of what they look like," Obama said. "Going forward, we must ensure that Arizona law enforcement officials do not enforce this law in a manner that undermines the civil rights of Americans."

Our civil rights have been, and continue to be, under attack from a government that is acting out of a sense of fear to control people. Everything from the horribly misnamed Patriot Act to the extensive rights the police have to lie to a detained person in order to coerce a confession out of them are attacks on our civil liberties.

California does not have a law similar to the Arizona one, and at the moment I am not likely to be stopped by the police to have my immigration status confirmed. But that can change.

And if you don't believe me, I'll use my recent experience with gay marriage in California to be an obvious example. The right to marry was granted to all California citizens, and was then revoked by a proposition that was funded and championed by the Mormons, the Catholics and a few other fringe religious zealots. They bamboozled the public in a flurry of misdirection and outright lies and — bam — my right to marry another man was stricken from me.

Fooling the public is an easy thing to do, especially when the flames of misogyny, bigotry and racism are fanned with fears of job loss, crime and loss of majority status. Humans are innately afraid of the different, whether it be skin color, gender or nationality. It is a fight or flight mechanism that is hardwired, and we are not the better for it.

In Arizona, the bigots won out for a while, and in some ways they still have a tool or two at their disposal with this court's ruling. However, the federal government is still pre-eminent and will have the final say, which is good for all of us in some ways as the local prejudices should not overtake the power of the federal government. And bad in others, as the heavy boot of the feds can be a crushing force.

"The national government has significant power to regulate immigration," Justice Kennedy wrote. "With power comes responsibility, and the sound exercise of national power over immigration depends on the nation's meeting its responsibility to base its laws on a political will informed by searching, thoughtful, rational civic discourse."

CALIFORNIA DOES NOT HAVE A LAW SIMILAR TO THE ARIZONA ONE, AND AT THE MOMENT I AM NOT LIKELY TO BE STOPPED BY THE POLICE TO HAVE MY IMMIGRATION STATUS CONFIRMED. BUT THAT CAN CHANGE.

We fought a war 160 years ago that stood for the proposition that the federal was greater than the state, and we need to remember that. This ruling keeps that war in mind, which means that should the federal government decide "papers" are needed for everyone, we could all be subject to having to provide proof of citizenship at any time.

"Arizona may have understandable frustrations with the problems caused by illegal immigration while that process continues, but the state may not pursue policies that undermine federal law," Justice Kennedy added.

As we approach the Fourth of July remembrance of our declaration of independence from Britain, this ruling is a timely reminder that the federal government is still in power, but also that we the people are supposed to keep an eye on the government and make sure it is serving us, and not the other way around.

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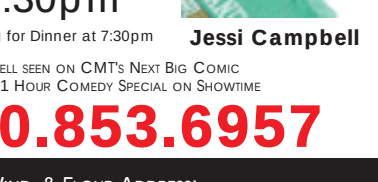
Future of park's residents

The Planning Commission last week approved a proposal to develop one of the city's remaining trailer parks, potentially displacing its residents.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think would be fair compensation for the Village Trailer Park's current residents and why?

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Arraignment delay in Chinese USC student killings

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LOS ANGELES A delegation of Chinese students from the University of Southern California crowded an arraignment court Monday only to be disappointed by a delay in proceedings for two men charged with murdering a pair of USC graduate students from China.

Some 30 to 40 students who stayed away from jobs or classes to be on hand expressed confusion outside court about the procedures that led to a postponement of the arraignment of 20-year-old Bryan Barnes and 19-year-old Javier Bolden to July 18.

Lawyers representing the defendants asked the judge for a delay.

The men are accused in the April 11 shootings of 23-year-old engineering students Ming Qu and Ying Wu, who were sitting in a car in an off-campus neighborhood. Prosecutors say the motive for the crime is believed to have been robbery.

Outside the courthouse, the student group unfurled a huge banner saying, "Protect Our Safety." It bore thousands of signatures in Chinese and English which were collected on campus and in the Southern California Chinese communities.

Members of the USC Chinese Students and Scholars Association also submitted a letter with 7,000 signatures to District Attorney Steve Cooley.

"We are counting on your office to help deliver justice in this case," the letter said. "We and many others in China and elsewhere are paying close attention to this case."

It said many Chinese students and their families have become very concerned about their safety.

Chen Zhunmin, head of the education office at the Chinese consulate in Los Angeles, attended the hearing. He said outside court that the victims' families in China are grieving but do not plan to come to the United States for the legal proceedings.

"Their families can't be here, so we are here," said Ashley Zhang, a recent graduate of the public policy masters program at USC.

Zhang, 24, who came from Yunnan, China to study at USC, said she was not personally acquainted with the victims.

"This isn't just about people who knew them. It's about all USC students," she said.

Zhang said she, like the students who were killed, were only children because of the Chinese government's one-child rule.

Newly appointed public defenders for Barnes and Bolden said they had not yet received discovery in the case and asked for a delay until the end of August. Superior Court Judge Shelly Torrealba said that was too long and set the next hearing for July 18, when the defendants will be expected to enter pleas.

Both defendants also are accused of attempted murder for a Dec. 3 shooting at a party, and an amended complaint filed last month accuses Bolden of attempted murder in a Feb. 12 party shooting. Prosecutors say an error led to Barnes initially being charged in the latter case.

The defendants answered "yes" when asked if they agreed to the postponement.

Outside court, Lyong Liu, a graduate student in economics from Shandong Province China, said students have felt in danger since the killings.

"It's very scary," she said.

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Teacher, students arrested in hazing investigation

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FONTANA, Calif. Police said Monday they have arrested a teacher and four students as they investigate allegations of brutal hazing at a summer school in Southern California.

Three boys were attacked in separate incidents in the classroom of masonry teacher Emmanuel Delarosa at A.B. Miller High School, Fontana police Sgt. Robert Morris said. One 18-year-old student — Fernando Salgado — is being investigated for child cruelty, assault with intent to commit mayhem or rape and attempted sodomy.

Delarosa, 27, may have directed the students to carry out one of the assaults, Morris said.

"They would assault the other kids to basically maintain order in the classroom on their own," Morris said. "The teacher at some point became aware of the situation, and knew about what was occurring and in one incident may have actually directed them to do it."

One of the victims suffered minor injuries. Morris declined to detail the nature of the assaults, citing the ongoing investigation.

Delarosa was arrested Saturday for investigation of child cruelty and has been placed on administrative leave. Three other students arrested were minors.

No working number was listed in public directories for Delarosa, who was released on Sunday, or Salgado, who is being held on $100,000 bail.

The probe began on Friday when a victim reported one of the incidents to the Fontana school police, who referred the case to the city's police department.

The school has assigned an assistant principal to take Delarosa's place for the last week of a five-week summer session and professional counselors have been sent to the campus about 50 miles east of Los Angeles, said Fontana Unified superintendent Cali Olsen-Binks.

"We're all taken aback, most definitely," she said.

Delarosa, a trained bricklayer, did his apprenticeship and worked at Winegardner Masonry in the nearby desert town of Yucaipa, said Julie Salazar, the company president. He left the company four years ago to become a teacher, she said.

"He always was a respectful person so it comes as beyond a shock," Salazar said. "That doesn't reflect anything at all about how we knew him here."

No charges had been filed in the case as of Monday. Salgado is set to be arraigned on Tuesday and Delarosa is expected to appear in court on Wednesday, said Christopher Lee, a spokesman for the San Bernardino County District Attorney's office.

STATE BRIEFS

SACRAMENTO

Plan would freeze UC, CSU fees if voters pass tax

Gov. Jerry Brown and Democratic leaders have come up with a plan to freeze tuition rates at California's public universities if voters approve a tax hike in November.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg said Monday that lawmakers will move a budget-related bill that appropriates an extra $125 million each for University of California and California State University in the 2013-14 academic year.

The money will be made available to the UC system if the board agrees not to increase fees this year. The CSU would have to rescind a $500 increase that is going into effect this fall.

Brown and Democratic lawmakers are relying on taxes to balance much of the state's $15.7 billion shortfall. The measure would raise the sales tax statewide and income taxes on high earners.

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LOS ANGELES

Pair charged in taped road rage beating on freeway

Los Angeles County prosecutors have filed charges against two men suspected of kicking the head of another motorist in a videotaped road rage incident on a freeway.

The district attorney's office said Monday that 21-year-old David Mendez and 27-year-old Edras A. Ramirez are each charged with assault with a deadly weapon — their feet — and assault by means likely to produce great bodily injury.

Prosecutors say the assault on driver Jerry Patterson occurred June 12 after they stopped their cars on Interstate 5.

A video recorded by another motorist showed the men fighting and Patterson being thrown to the pavement and then kicked in the head.

Mendez and Ramirez surrendered to authorities on June 20 after the video went viral on the Internet. Arraignment is set for July 13.

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LOS ANGELES

Ex-deputy gets jail for smuggling drugs in burrito

A former Los Angeles County sheriff's deputy has been sentenced to two years in jail for attempting to smuggle drugs into a courthouse jail in a burrito.

Henry Marin was sentenced Monday and remanded into custody following the hearing. The 27-year-old pleaded no contest to one count of bringing drugs into a jail. A conspiracy count was dismissed.

Prosecutors say a woman who was cooperating with a sheriff's investigation handed Marin a burrito containing heroin. The exchange took place outside an Airport Courthouse courtroom were Marin was assigned. Investigators stopped the deputy before he went back into the courtroom.

Marin resigned in April.

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SAN FERNANDO

Metrolink train kills pedestrian

A pedestrian has been struck and killed by a Southern California commuter train.

The northbound Metrolink train hit the pedestrian at about 8:05 a.m. at the Brank Boulevard crossing in San Fernando, about 15 miles north of Union Station in downtown Los Angeles.

City News Service says there are no details about the victim.

Metrolink spokeswoman Sherita Coffelt says Metrolink train No. 203 had earlier left Union Station and was heading north on the Antelope Valley line.

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LOS ANGELES

Charter school group settles sex-harass claims

A group that runs 13 Los Angeles charter schools has settled claims that a former director sexually harassed employees.

The Los Angeles Times says ICEF Public Schools paid out nearly $1.4 million in connection with claims against Fernando Pullum, who was performing arts director before leaving last year.

The claims were made by Pullum's former assistant and two teachers. The Times says Pullum has denied wrongdoing in two cases but didn't return calls or emails seeking comment.

ICEF has contracts to operate 13 publicly financed charter schools in south and southwest Los Angeles. It has struggled financially and several times has nearly closed.

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LOS ANGELES

Freeway work to cause traffic around Grapevine

Several lane closures on the Grapevine pass is expected to create traffic delays on the main highway between Southern and Central California this week.

The state Department of Transportation began repaving Interstate 5 north of Los Angeles Sunday evening by closing all but one northbound and southbound lane at the Kern County line.

Officials said lane closures will go on the rest of the week. No more than three lanes will be opened during the brief afternoon window when construction stops.

Heavy snowfall and wildfires typically force lane closures on the Grapevine. A deadly collision in the truck lane tunnel closed the busy highway for two days in 2007 and cost $17 million to clean up and repair.

AP

PALMDALE

12 arrested before alleged dogfight in home

Authorities have arrested 12 men during a raid of a Southern California home where dog fights were suspected of being held.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Lt. Larry Gregg said deputies went to a house near Palmdale Saturday after receiving a tip made to the Humane Society. He said the raid occurred just as the suspects were preparing to weigh the dogs for a fight.

City News Service reports that deputies seized eight dogs, three of which bore obvious scars. They also recovered scales, a pit believed to be used for fighting, three treadmills and "fight bars," which are pieces of wood used to separate fighting dogs.

The suspects were arrested on suspicion of animal cruelty and dog fighting. They were being held in lieu of $20,000 bail.

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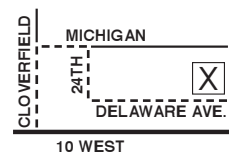
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TALE
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of guns and over $800,000 in the walls of his rent-controlled apartment.

From the beginning of the program it is clear that the neighbors can't seem to come to grips with the fact that the white-haired man and woman they had conversations with were not who they pretended to be. It raises the question, how well do we really know our neighbors?

"I was surprised that some people said that they missed them, and it's because they miss Charlie and Carol," Brower said of the subjects of his show. "They still don't feel like they knew Whitey and Catherine. Those were some other people from Boston. They never saw that side of them and still can't quite take it in."

One person interviewed, Josh Bond, summed it up best with this statement: "All I can say is they were very good to me and very kind to me while they lived there … and you know, reconciling that with the fact that he murdered innocent people, I'm not really sure how to understand that. Or if I really need to."

Brower, who helps produce shows for KCRW's Warren Olney and volunteers at the Santa Monica College-based station, began working on the radio program — his first — soon after Bulger and Greig were arrested. When he saw the media attention the arrest generated, he felt compelled to document the stories. He found the dichotomy intriguing. Here's an alleged mass murderer who apparently put the past behind him and tried to start a new life in which he was just an ordinary man who liked to take walks and chat about music. And he lived right across the street, making the experience all the more surreal.

"You see this on TV all the time and it's always happening to somebody else, so when the threat kind of lands on your own doorstep, it's just hard to take it in," he said.

Brower skillfully crafts a compelling, entertaining narrative that draws the listener in and makes them ponder what it would be like to live next to a gangster and whether or not they should inquire more about their neighbors.

"I think most just want to know if their neighbors are a threat to them and I think there's a pact that you sort of stay out of each other's way," Brower said. "You may go one step further and help them out or do favors, but we all want our own privacy. The more we intrude and want to know more about our neighbors' lives, the more we open up ourselves to that. Some people like that, while others do not."

It's not uncommon for people to know little about those who live next door. Some 28 percent of us know none of our neighbors' names, according to a 2010 Pew survey; it's particularly pervasive among younger and lower-income people.



Photo courtesy Department of Justice

FIRE POWER: **When he was arrested James Bulger had a stash of guns hidden in the walls.**

Through the Bulger arrest, Brower said he has been able to get to know his neighbors more now that they have something in common to talk about. Having lived across the street from his subjects for many years, Brower was able to get them to open up and reveal more about their time with Bulger, providing details not heard elsewhere. That said, Brower did have some difficulty in getting certain people to go on record, perhaps because of fear for what might happen if they talked.

"He is or was a dangerous guy and people don't feel comfortable just chatting about it, even though most of what people said about both of them was really positive," Brower said.

For those who can't get enough Whitey, "The Couple in 303" is essential. And to those who could care less, the show is sure to have them thinking twice about how much interaction they would like to have with those on their block.

"I think a lot of people would rather observe and invent stories about neighbors then actually find out about them," Brower said. "That's kind of more fun sometimes."

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BULGER
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saying it would all be in his motion.

The sensational allegation came on a busy day for Bulger's defense, which was granted a four-month delay in Bulger's trial Monday. And earlier in the day, Carney filed a motion to have the trial judge in the case recused, saying he expected to call him as a witness during his motion to dismiss.

Carney said U.S. District Judge Richard Stearns was a top prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's office when Bulger was allegedly committing crimes with impunity during the 1980s. But Carney noted the office never charged Bulger, and he argued Stearns would now do whatever he could to shield former colleagues.

"Since Judge Stearns was part of the governmental prosecuting agency which did nothing to stop the defendant from committing the criminal acts when they occurred, no reasonable person would believe he can now be impartial," Carney wrote in a motion for recusal.



Photo courtesy Department of Justice

BIG BUCKS: **James Bulger had a huge amount of cash on hand when he was arrested.**

Christina DiIorio-Sterling, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office, said the office didn't have any comment on Carney's motion or allegations. "The government will respond as appropriate through the court," she said.

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ASKING AROUND: **A sign asks for the public's help in finding a hit-and-run driver who struck a pedestrian on Saturday morning near the corner of Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue.**

PRODUCER
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ground as the vehicle continued driving. It was the only car in the area.

A social worker called Dennis the next morning at approximately 6 a.m. because he was the last person Slifer had spoken to on the telephone before the accident.

The impact broke some ribs, Slifer's collar bone and his shoulder. Surgeons also had to remove a portion of his skull, Dennis said.

He and other friends have gone to the hospital every day to check on Slifer, and posted fliers in the intersection where he was struck with contact information to encourage witnesses to come forward.

Dennis and Slifer were roommates when Dennis first moved into the area. Dennis, a comic book collector, had been excited to learn that Slifer had worked on some of his favorite comics, specifically "The Defenders," a group of heroes in the Marvel Universe that featured the Hulk and Doctor Strange.

Slifer later moved to Sunbow Entertainment where he helped produce classic cartoons like "Jem and the Holograms" and "G.I. Joe." He also co-created Lobo, a fictional character in D.C. Comics.

He was working on a new project before the accident, Dennis said.

Dennis and some of Slifer's other friends sought out Slifer's family after they received word that he had been hurt.

Connie Carlton, Slifer's sister, will be flying out from Indiana to help care for her brother.

"With a lot of prayer and support, we hope he comes through it OK," Carlton said. "It's not going to be an overnight sensation, it's going to take a lot of work to get him back the way he was."

She was extremely thankful to his friends for their efforts in caring for her brother and informing the family.

"It's amazing what they've done," Carlton said.

Dennis hopes that between the posters and the ongoing police investigation, more witnesses will come forward to identify the mysterious white car.

"It doesn't matter if you knew them, someone hit someone and left them for dead," Dennis said. "It's insane that there are people out there who would do that."

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IMMUNITY
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Steve Davis, whose sister Debra was allegedly strangled by Bulger in 1981, was stunned by Carney's allegations of an immunity deal.

"A license to kill, according to Mr. Carney. It gets you boiling. ... I don't even know how to put the thoughts together," he said. "There had to be some agreement for all the crime he was committing, but I don't think he had (a) license to kill or murder."

Bulger, who allegedly ran the notorious Winter Hill gang, was a top-echelon FBI informant who fled Boston in 1995 after being tipped by John Connolly Jr., his longtime FBI handler, who recently completed a 10-year prison sentence on racketeering charges. Bulger was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., last June after 16 years on the run

Carney had argued the case is so complex, he needed until November 2013 to prepare his defense, including reviewing 320,000 pages of evidence turned over by prosecutors. The evidence was such a mess when it was given to him it was like a "shuffled deck of cards," Carney argued.

But prosecutors say Carney hasn't accepted their help and preferred to "wallow in confusion and to complain." They also said Carney's problems were his client's fault, because he remained a fugitive for so long.

On Monday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler granted Carney's motion to delay the start of Bulger's trial from this November until March 4, 2013, calling it a compromise.

"Clearly, the (evidence) remains a problem in this case, because of its volume," she told Carney. "Clearly, you have a right to review it."

Prosecutors said they'd call 30 to 50 witnesses at Bulger's trial, which they estimated could last up to three months.

Tom Donahue, whose father was allegedly killed by Bulger when Bulger was targeting another man, said his biggest concern about the delay granted Monday is that the 82-year-old Bulger won't live long enough to face justice.

"He's an old man. I'm worried about him surviving. Time is not on our side," he said. "But it's only four months."

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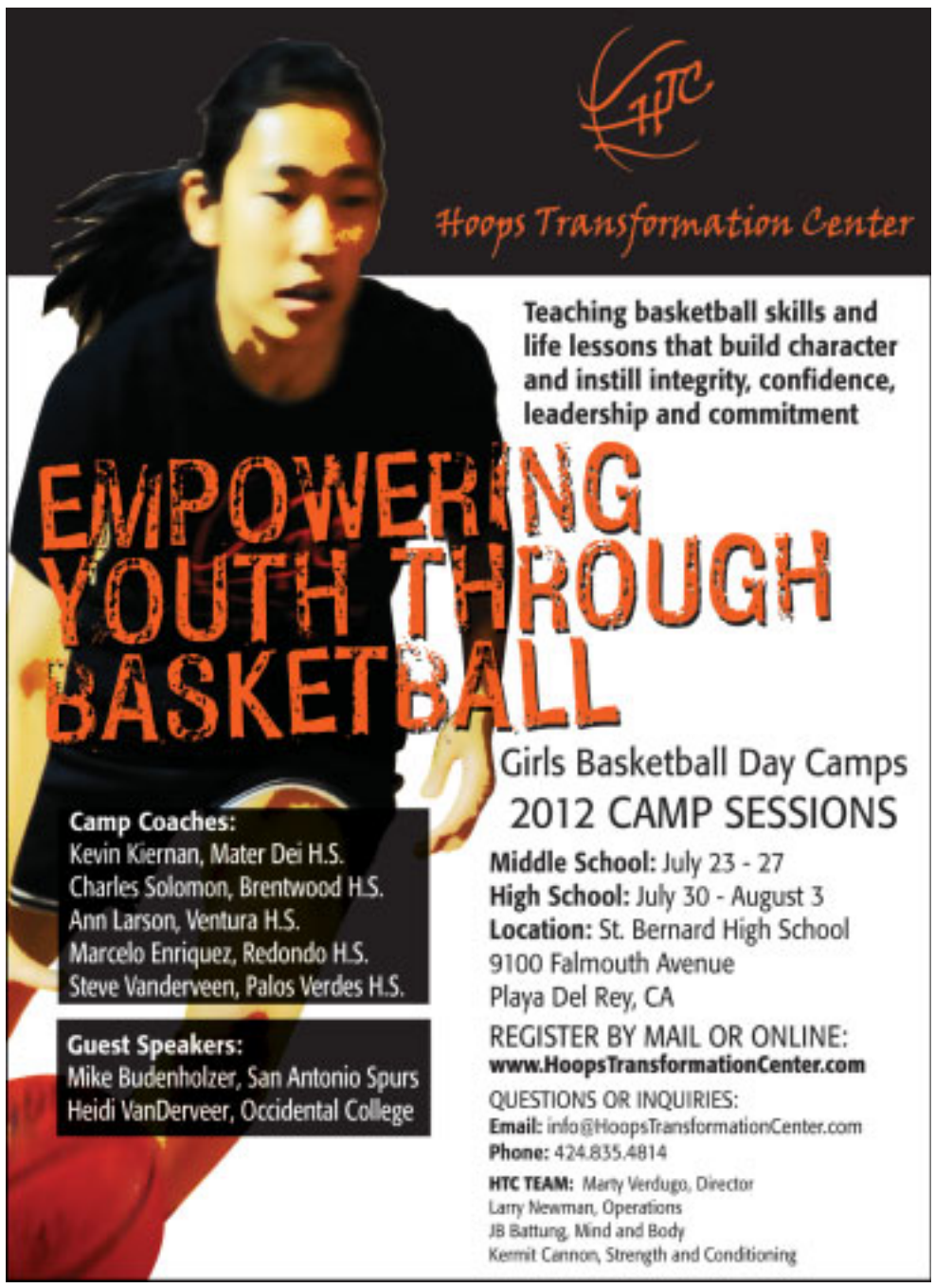
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CONSENT

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the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL The City Council is expected to approve a bevy of purchases for City Hall, a task that proves that small expenditures really add up.

The 62 contracts represent purchase orders for goods and services used throughout the year by various departments, and cost a total of $4,202,256.25.

The contracts are broken down across 14 departments, divisions and offices, and cover things like replacement parts on vehicles, flooring and roofing services and ammunition for police.

In total, the contracts account for most of the $5,374,098.20 consent agenda.

EFFICIENCY

Sometimes, it pays to be green.

City Hall expects to save $32,000 a year on maintenance and energy costs if the City Council approves a new energy-efficient lighting system for the Civic Center Parking Structure.

The current lighting system relies on indirect fixtures to bounce light off of the walls and ceiling of the garage to light the spaces.

Dust settles on the upward-facing lenses, which can dim the lights and makes cleaning necessary.

New fixtures that point downward will reduce energy use and will stay clean longer. The Golden Sun Firm & Co. will install the system for $207,031.

Officials expect that the system will pay for itself in approximately six years based on the maintenance and energy savings.

FINISHING TOUCHES

City officials are recommending a three-year, $1.8 million contract with Carlos Guzman, Inc. to provide paint jobs for Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus coaches.

Paint and body repairs are necessary to keep the coaches in working order and while BBB employees can handle the smaller wear and tear in-house, damage created by major accidents has to be done off-site.

Staff selected Carlos Guzman, Inc. for the contract over three other bidders, two of which were disqualified for not meeting the basic requirements.

The council will only approve $600,000 for services for the 2012-13 fiscal year. The remaining $1.2 million will be approved in future years.

UTILITIES RELOCATION

The City Council is expected to approve an agreement with Southern California Edison to relocate the utility company's cables from under a future park to a new duct under Main Street.

Under the compromise, City Hall will provide civil engineering services for the excavation and installation of the cable lines to the new duct under Main Street.

That duct will connect with an existing 330-foot duct bank and electrical vault under Olympic Drive that was installed by Related Development over the course of constructing The Village condominium and apartment complex.

The utility company will do the actual installation of the line through the new duct and connect the cables to an existing duct on Olympic Drive.

City Hall and Southern California Edison would share costs under the agreement, which would be part of the $47 million budget for the Palisades Garden Walk Park.

The total cost of the construction is $158,487.

TIRES

City officials are proposing a three-year, $240,000 contract for tires and alignment for service vehicles in the Santa Monica Fire Department and the Big Blue Bus system.

Those vehicles need new tires every 20,000 to 40,000 miles or every seven years, as well as tire repair and front wheel alignment as needed. The Big Blue Bus system has 22 such vehicles; the fire department runs 51.

City Hall selected Byron Woodley Tire Co. for the three-year contract.

Only $80,000 will be available for the 2012-13 fiscal year. Future funding depends on council approval in coming years.

INSURANCE

City Hall staffers recommend that the council approve a new contract with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. to cover over $800 million worth of municipal buildings and vehicles.

The company has provided insurance services to City Hall for the past two decades. It is the only company that offers the Public Entity Property Insurance Program, and without it, City Hall would lose access to the advantages of the program.

The program provides difficult-to-obtain insurance coverage for the Santa Monica Pier as well as discounts for cities with a good track record, like Santa Monica.

The City Council is expected to approve $68,000 for the coming year, although the full contract will last five and costs $360,000.

TREE PROTECTION

City Hall put a lot of time and energy into developing a plan to best preserve and enhance Santa Monica's urban forest. Now, officials want to put out cash to protect that investment.

The City Council is expected to approve a $250,000 contract with R. Dan Jensen & Associates to review construction plans and inspect sites where new construction would impact municipal trees.

The consultant would provide no more than 385 hours per year.

The initial contract would be worth $150,000, with two $50,000 extensions.

RENT'S DUE

City officials are requesting that the council approve a month-to-month lease extension for a property on Fifth Street.

The Office of Sustainability and the Environment employees have been waiting to move from their current offices at 1212 Fifth St. to a new space on Fourth Street.

The space is currently held by City TV, which is waiting for improvements at its new facility on 19th Street to be completed before it moves over.

To account for the delay, City Hall will extend the lease for the Fifth Street space on a month-to-month basis until City TV vacates.

The cost per month is $8,323.95, which covers rent, parking and maintenance costs.

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"The thing that it came down to was USC's education," LaRue said. "Nobody can offer that."

But, before LaRue can suit up in the cardinal and gold, he has his senior year to consider.

LaRue helped lead Samohi to the semifinals of the CIF-Southern Section Western Division and a 11-2 record. In the process he amassed 55 receptions, 903 yards and 17 touchdowns last season for the Vikings.

Clark said that LaRue will be called on to lead the team, but he has a strong supporting cast.

Gone are a group of graduating seniors that included Boise State-bound Chris Collins and star running back Kori Garcia. The good news is the Vikings return most of its offensive line from last year's successful squad.

Clark singled out Andres Meza and Pete Breceda as key components of next season's success.

LaRue will also have a new quarterback throwing to him.

Senior Christian Salem, who will try to walk on at Northwestern University, graduates leaving a void at signal caller.

There's a trio of players vying for the spot with returners Niko Basile and Jordan Detamore fighting it out with transfer Ryan Barbarin.

In spring practice, Clark liked Barbarin's arm strength, but conceded that Basile and Detamore's grasp of his system make them strong contenders.

Either way, whoever is throwing the ball will have LaRue to call on.

"His stats will be their stats," Clark said. "Who doesn't want a part of that."

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APPEAL
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consistent with past years.

To remedy the problem, the council and Baykeeper had hoped to get a court order that would require the county to reduce runoff pollution to levels that would protect public health and the environment.

"There are really straightforward solutions in Los Angeles that can treat stormwater on site," said Liz Crosson, executive director of Santa Monica Baykeeper. "Potential solutions can include stormwater parks, rain gardens and infiltration basins."

Crosson said the ultimate goal would be for the county to construct a comprehensive plan to deal with the problems in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel rivers.

"[The appeal] presents another opportunity to demonstrate the county's ongoing attempts to avoid responsibility for pollution in Los Angeles," Crosson said in a statement. "It is time that L.A. County is held accountable for the public health impacts and ecological damage its stormwater pollution creates."

Oral arguments for the appeal will be held during the Supreme Court's October 2012 term.

"Water quality is an issue of national significance and one in which municipalities and flood control districts across the nation are working together to address," Farber said.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors is presently considering floating a parcel tax on all property owners to avoid being fined as much as $10,000 a day for violating a federal consent decree and to improve the county's water quality.

"We're very pleased that the Supreme Court has recognized the importance of our case and agreed to hear it," Farber said.

Steve Fleischli, senior attorney with the council, said he and his co-plaintiffs look forward to presenting their arguments to the court because they believe that the evidence and the previous court rulings will confirm the county's history of CWA violations.

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>
> **Steve Fleischli,**
> NRDC senior attorney

Said Fleischli: "We want the county to clean up its rivers and beaches, and we'll fight to address this persistent pollution problem, which affects millions of people who visit and enjoy L.A.'s popular beaches each year."

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SURF REPORT



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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64.9°

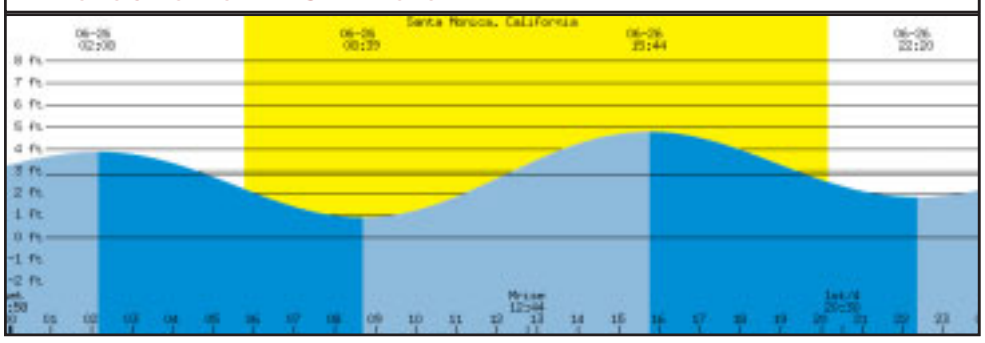
Swell Forecast

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

Long Range Synopsis

Looks similar.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **June 20, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 38 / 48
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 48

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	D	ns
Pearco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	B	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

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When You Hear About a Personal Injury or a Personal Injury Lawsuit, What Does It All Mean?

A personal injury is a type of harm that an individual suffers as a result of someone else's wrongful act or omission (failure to act when they should have). The types of injuries suffered vary depending on the circumstances and can include, among others, broken bones, lost sight, severed limbs, and death. Also, the wrongful injury causing event could be something caused without fault or intentionally. An example of an unintentional harm is when somebody accidentally rear ends the car in front of them because they simply were not paying attention. This is commonly referred to as negligence. Negligence, in a nutshell, means that a person either did something or did not do something, which resulted in someone else getting hurt. The actual legal requirements are a little more complex, but this simplified explanation will work for now.

Regarding personal injuries caused by the intentional or reckless acts of others, intentional acts include rape, assault, battery, and other types of physical and emotional abuse. Examples of reckless conduct that can cause harm to innocent people are drunk driving, discharging a firearm in public or detonating explosives in public places.

Whether we are talking about personal injuries caused by negligent, intentional or reckless acts, the law generally provides that victims of such conduct who suffer harm are entitled to compensation. And in some instances, victims are also eligible to receive punitive or exemplary damages to ensure that the person or business that caused the harm in the first place does not repeat its bad conduct. More about punitive damages in a minute. For now, let us talk about injury compensation.

What can the law do for you if you have suffered personal injuries caused by someone else? In a perfect world, the need to bring a lawsuit to receive compensation for your injuries would not be necessary because the person who caused the harm would apologize and then endeavor to pay for the damage they caused. The current Court system requires, and actually prefers, that those responsible for harming someone else accept responsibility and pay to the victim reasonable compensation. Reasonable compensation includes such things as lost wages, lost future wages if the hurt person can no longer do their job, the payment of past and future medical bills, and the costs of future and ongoing care if the person can no longer care for themselves. There are additional items that constitute reasonable compensation but the list can be infinite because each person and each harm is unique.

Regarding punitive damages, the imposition of punitive damages is designed to prevent more people from getting hurt. The prevention aspect of punitive damages is to create a "sting" to the defendant. A proper "sting" is only effective if the defendant feels it financially. Stated differently, generally, punitive damages are determined on an ability to pay basis. So do not be surprised when you hear or read about a jury that made a big punitive damage finding because it likely means that someone got hurt real bad or died, the defendant did something really bad, and the defendant has the financial wherewithal to pay the damages.

As a public service announcement, be leery of the argument and those promoting it that customers pay when there are big punitive damages awards. This is not really accurate because safe business practices actually save money in the short and long terms. And do not forget, we live in a civilized society and quick profits should never trump personal safety and well-being. Pass it on.

Why personal injury or victim compensation lawsuits? A lawsuit is necessary because sometimes those responsible for causing harm do not take responsibility for the harm. The Court case is designed to address issues of fairness. If the bad person caused the harm, the jury is empowered by law to tell that bad person to fix it. The concept is simple and injury victims should not be frowned upon because they were forced to file a lawsuit in the first place. After all, they did not ask to get hurt.

One more thing, if you have been hurt be someone else, or you know of someone who has been hurt by someone else, make sure medical attention is the first thing on everyone's mind. Take care of the injuries first. Worry about lawyers and lawsuits as a last resort and trust that the person or business that caused the harm will fix it. If not, then call a lawyer. To ensure that you receive what the law provides for your situation and injuries, be sure to seek the assistance of a lawyer.

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3:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:45pm

Seeking a Friend for the End of the World (R) 1hr 34min
1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

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Invisible War (NR) 1hr 37min
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Marvel's The Avengers 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 22min
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You're such a flirt, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ What you think upon waking up might not exactly play into your day. Relationships and discussions are highlighted. If you want to resolve an issue, communicate and trust your words. All signs point to success. Tonight: Go with someone's suggestion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You could be rethinking a relationship with a child or a new friend. You are likely to overspend if you are not careful. Others could discover that they owe you some money. Don't make any purchases until you see the actual cash. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Listen to news that is forthcoming. If you allow your imagination to wander, you could be amazed by what comes up. Consider acting on some of these idea morsels. You could be out of sync with many people, but your ideas are good, if not great. Tonight: Be a flirt; you do it so well.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Important phone calls and meetings need to happen early. Follow your instincts, and you'll come out in great shape. You might wonder what your limits are as you watch someone try to structure a situation. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Do not allow a money matter to remain pending any longer than need be. How you handle a situation and the choices you make could be quite exciting to others. Tonight: Brainstorm with your pals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You draw a stronger response in the morning. Use the evening to gain financial stability. You know what you want, and you can be quite precise in getting just that. Tonight: A late dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You might not believe that you have hit a banner day this morning, but keep the faith. Whatever you are involved in seems to flow, and perhaps a long-term desire finally becomes viable. Tonight: Make this a special time for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Consider which way you want to go with a critical issue. Go within yourself, and you will see why you are triggered. At that point, you might see the answer or solution far more clearly. Follow-through counts. Tonight: Be discreet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Clear out your responsibilities as soon as you can. You will feel better as a result. A meeting or lunch get-together could be time-consuming in the afternoon. You will want to be free to interact and enjoy the people you are dealing with. Tonight: Out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You have detached long enough. Now you are ready to take a stand or move forward with a project. You know your expectations and will decide the best path to get there. Do not undermine yourself by overthinking this idea or process. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a better sense of a key individual than you have had for a long time. Move away from the issue surrounding this bond through detachment. Look at why you get triggered, especially regarding this situation. Tonight: Relax to good music or a great movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might need to discuss a situation that affects others, even though you really know what to do. A conversation with a key friend or family member points you in the right direction. Trust your decisions and instincts. Tonight: Togetherness feels right.

Happy birthday

This year you alternate between communicating with excellence and withholding your thoughts. Be careful, as others could get confused by these mixed messages. If you discover that an issue is brewing, see if a misunderstanding with your communication is the source. If you are single, you will want to be open to meeting a life mate. This person could appear sometime close to your next birthday. If you are attached, the two of you nestle in. Talk to VIRGO.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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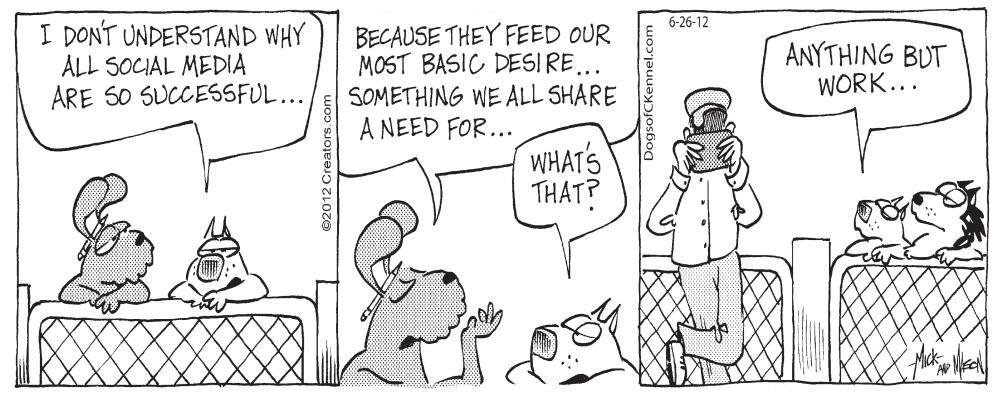
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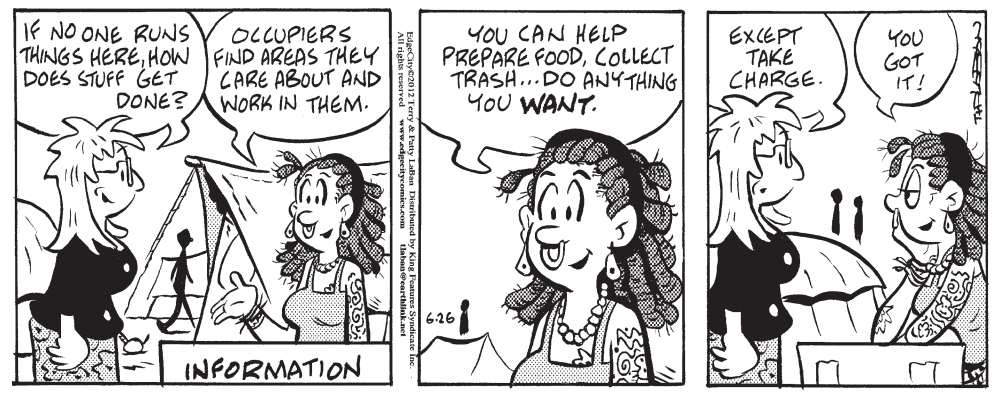
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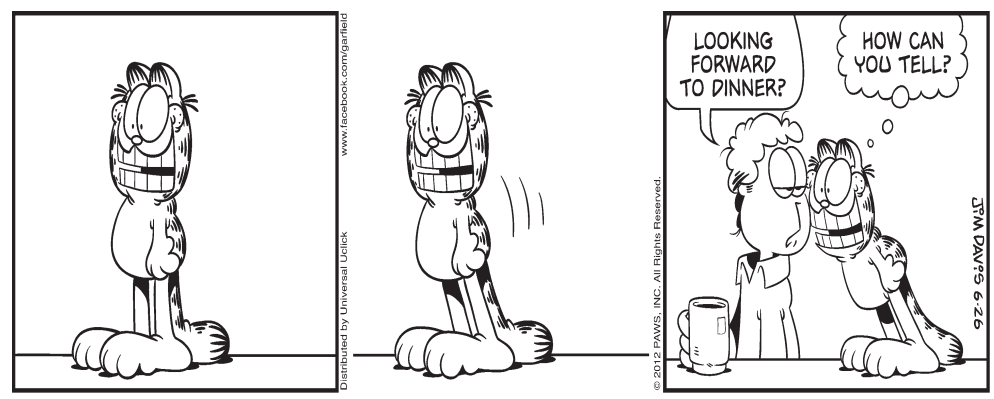
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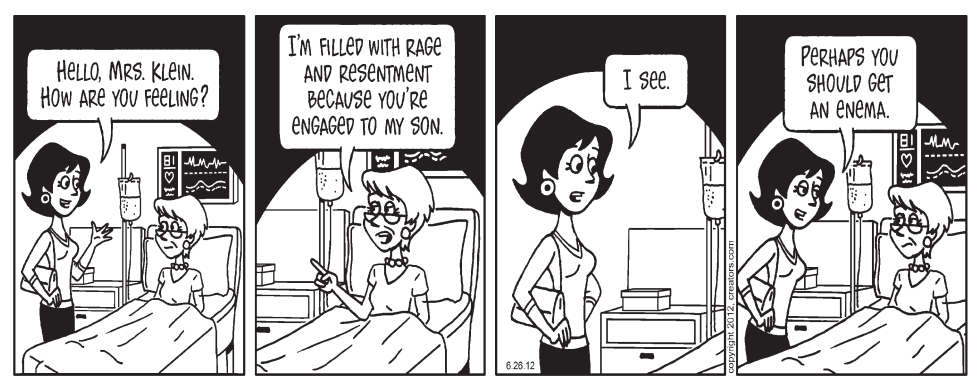
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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MYSTERY REVEALED!

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Reader Dave Thomsen correctly identified this photo of playground equipment at South Beach Park on Barnard Way. He will receive a gift certificate from Roast Deli & Market in Brentwood. Check out Wednesday's paper for another chance to win. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Sun-powered
6 Jazz variety
11 Acid type
12 Select group
13 How English text reads
15 Wisdom bringer
16 Father's Day gift
17 That lady
18 Most dismal
20 Frothy brew
21 Before, to bards
22 Platypus feature
23 Dance moves
26 Pita sand-wiches
27 Poet Whitman
28 Chestnut husk
29 Building wing
30 Purse
34 Ring legend
35 Sphere
36 Santa — winds
37 Com-pletely
40 Detail map
41 Stand
42 SAT takers
43 Young ones

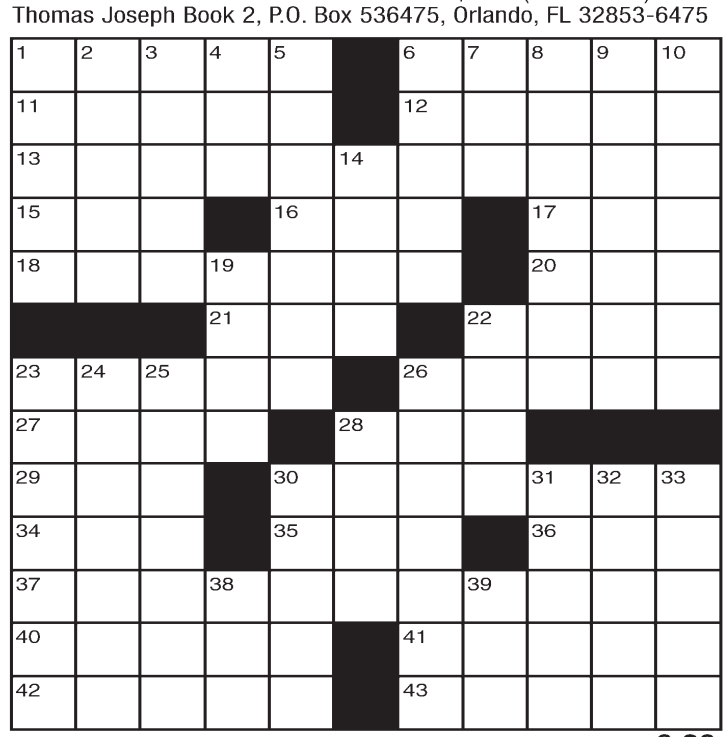
DOWN

1 Dieter's lunch
2 Last letter
3 Perma-nent inmate
4 Tiny worker
5 Cads
6 Floppy cap
7 Quarter-back Manning
8 Result of teasing?
9 Desde-mona's husband
10 Far-flying seabirds
14 French river
19 Retained
22 Pole explorer
23 Worry
24 Brewski
25 Squashed circle
26 PT 109, for one
28 Biting remark
30 Owl cries
31 Dyeing technique
32 Win by —
33 Toy-store section
38 Finger count
39 Attempt

P	A	L	I	N	■	W	A	L	E	■
A	L	A	M	O	■	A	G	E	N	T
W	I	M	P	S	■	N	E	A	T	O
E	B	B	■	H	O	E	■	R	I	P
D	I	S	C	O	R	D	A	N	C	E
■	■	■	O	W	E	■	D	E	E	R
M	A	I	N	S	■	C	O	R	D	S
O	M	N	I	■	O	R	R	■	■	■
D	I	S	C	O	D	A	N	C	E	R
E	S	P	■	D	E	W	■	O	L	E
S	T	A	K	E	■	D	A	L	E	Y
T	A	C	I	T	■	A	L	I	C	E
■	D	E	N	S	■	D	E	N	T	S

Yesterday's answer

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10 16 19 32 36
Meganumber: 13
Jackpot: $65M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 6/23
2 3 10 22 25
Meganumber: 7
Jackpot: $7M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 6/25
6 8 13 35 36

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 6/25
MIDDAY: 2 9 4
EVENING: 9 1 2

SAINT BIDDY
Draw Date: 6/25
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 02 Lucky Star
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
RACE TIME: 1:44.23

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Chinese media reported that on May 4th, at the Xiaogan Middle School in Hubei province, high school students studying for the all-important national college entrance exam worked through the evening while hooked up to intravenous drips of amino acids to fight fatigue. A director of the school's Office of Academic Affairs reasoned that before the IVs were hung, weary students complained of losing too much time running back and forth to the school's infirmary for energy injections. After the media reports, there was a public backlash, but less against the notion that China was placing too much importance on the exams than against reports that the government was subsidizing the cost of the injections.

■ Chilean artist Sebastian Errazuriz recently created "Christian popsicles" made from wine that Errazuriz obtained by trickery after a priest consecrated it into "the blood of Christ." The popsicle's stick is actually a figure of Jesus on the cross, as sort of a reward for finishing the treat. (Also, The Icecreamists shop in London, England, recently began offering a popsicle made with absinthe -- and holy water from a spring in Lourdes, France, which many Catholics revere for its healing powers. The "Vice Lolly" sells for the equivalent of about $29.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

2003 - The U.S. Supreme Court rules in Lawrence v. Texas that gender-based sodomy laws are unconstitutional.

2006 - Mari Alkatiri, the first Prime Minister of East Timor, resigns after weeks of political unrest.

2008 - The U.S. Supreme Court rules in District of Columbia v. Heller that the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution protects an individual right, and that the District of Columbia handgun ban is unconstitutional.

WORD UP!

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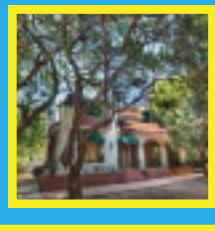




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