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Housing Authority is cleaning house

Applicants for Section 8 need to reapply, or lose their place in line

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Applicants for subsidized housing programs in Santa Monica need to look alive, or risk losing a spot on a list they've been waiting on for half a decade.

The Santa Monica Housing Authority is beginning an update of its waiting list, which contains the names of approximately 3,600 people who are hoping to get housing assistance.

The "purge," as it's known in federal terminology, is a precursor to opening the list up to new applicants, something which hasn't been done since 2006.

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Schools to teach accomplishments of gays, lesbians

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
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SACRAMENTO A change is coming to the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, one meant to broaden the scope of history to include a traditionally marginalized group — the homosexual and transgendered community.

Last week, Gov. Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 48, a piece of legislation carried by Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), which mandates that the accomplishments of members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community be included in school textbooks and lesson plans.

A similar bill was originally championed by Santa Monica's own Sheila Kuehl — it made it as far as then-Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's desk before being cut down by the veto pen.

Much like Kuehl's 2006 version, there are two pieces to SB 48, Leno said.

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TO THE BEAT

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Musicians with the Taiko Center of Los Angeles perform before a packed house at the Main LIbrary on Monday afternoon.

Elderly women involved in fatal traffic accident

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PICO BLVD An 80-year-old woman was struck and killed by a car driven by a fellow senior citizen Sunday morning as she illegally walked across Pico Boulevard near 26th Street, Santa Monica police said Monday.

The name of the victim was not released pending notification of next of kin.

SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis said the victim was walking west on the south sidewalk of Pico Boulevard, about 30 feet east of 26th Street, when she started to cross Pico against a red light. Witnesses tried warning the woman against jaywalking when she was struck by a Toyota Prius traveling eastbound on Pico on a green light.

The driver, who was traveling around 30 mph, immediately stopped her car and cooperated with police, Lewis said. She was transported to a local hospital and had her blood drawn to determine if she was under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The victim was also transported to a local hospital but she succumbed to her injuries.

"So far it looks to be a tragic accident," he said.

The accidents marks the fifth fatality so far this year involving a pedestrian and an automobile, authorities said.

Lewis reminded those on foot to always look both ways before stepping out into the street and urged everyone to use crosswalks and not jaywalk. He asked that drivers pay close attention to the roadway and their surroundings, particularly when approaching intersections.

The accident is still under investigation and anyone with information is urged to contact Investigator Chris Dawson at (310) 458-8954.

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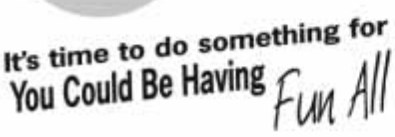
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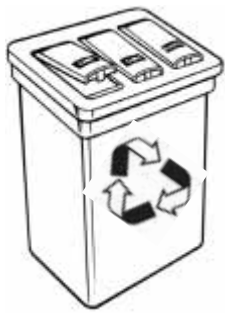
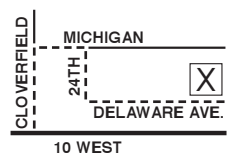
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What's Up Westside

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Tuesday, July 19, 2011

Poetry and verse
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1201 Third Street Promenade,
10:30 a.m.
Barnes & Noble presents "Poetry and Verse" hosted by Bill Robertson. Participants can strengthen their poetry creation, appreciation and dedication. By mixing enlightened analysis with innovative authorship, they will improve their writing talent and skills. Cost: Free. For more information, call (310) 260-9110.

Head in the clouds
Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce
1234 Sixth St., 11:45 a.m. — 1 p.m.
What is the Cloud? Learn all about cloud computing and the "a la carte" web-based services you can use to help make your business easier to run. Learn all about the business apps, backup storage, e-mail hosting and virtual servers that can be delivered as "pay as you go" services. Bring your lunch and laptop for this workshop session hosted by professionals who help small businesses navigate the cloudscape every day! For more information, call Shelly Locks at (310) 393-9825. Cost: Free for members, $10 for non-members.

Volleyball registration
Clover Park
2600 Ocean Park Blvd.,
7 a.m. — 11:55 p.m.
Youth volleyball league for boys and girls ages 7-15. Four divisions, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-15. The eight-week program teaches the fundamentals of volleyball such as serving, passing, setting, spiking, blocking and playing the game. All games and practices are held at Clover Park, and registration for this program can be done online at www.USYVL.org or you can request a registration form by calling the USYVL National Office at (888) 988-7985. Cost: $145 by Aug. 15, 2011.

Move to the music
Annenberg Beach House
415 PCH, 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Hearken back to a Marion Davies-era costume ball with this Latin dance party featuring L.A.'s favorite Brazilian songstress, Kátia Moraes. Come prepared to get a groove on — extra points for beads and feathers worn! Samba lessons given before and during the show. Please note that seating will be extremely limited. Tickets are free and reservations are required. To adjust or cancel your reservation for this event, e-mail beachhouse@smgov.net. For hours, events and more, visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com, or call (310) 458-4904.

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Self healing
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
12:30 p.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Join Maria Locsin, acupuncturist and Chinese herbalist with a master's in traditional Chinese medicine, as she teaches seniors how to stay healthy and how to heal themselves. How? Maria repeats and reiterates: Food is your medicine. Maria's lectures are fun! She involves her audience in helping them to learn how to ease pain and discomfort with pressing certain body points and working with areas of the body to increase blood flow. Each session covers a new and unique topic. Must be a Senior Center member to participate and membership is open to all ages 50 and up, and best of all membership is free! For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Play ball
Memorial Park
1401 Olympic Blvd., 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Warriors Baseball Club presents its 2011 Summer Youth Camp. Warriors Camp offers a kid-friendly environment for local players aged 7 to 12 at local fields with local instructors. For details or to register, call or fax Warriors baseball at (310) 314-8872 or e-mail Warriorsbaseball@aol.com. Price: $275 per week or $80 for "Day Rate."

Sharing is caring
Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
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ROLLING: **Bike @ Work bikes line a room at City Hall on Thursday. There is talk that the program may be duplicated for the general public.**

Public forum to introduce city bike share

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Bike sharing, the practice of communities loaning out bikes to people to take short, local trips, is used throughout Europe and other cities in the United States. Santa Monica has used a similar program for city employees since June 2010, but there are plans to create a public system for residents.

On Wednesday, July 20, local transportation officials and Global Green USA will be hosting a public forum to familiarize Santa Monica residents with proposed plans for a public bike sharing program. A solar-powered bike sharing station will be on display, and bikes will be available for test rides.

Global Green USA, the entity co-hosting the event, is a Southern California-based, nonprofit organization that fights global climate change through energy efficiency, according to Gina Goodhill, policy and legislature associate at Global Green USA.

Although Global Green USA has helped cities, including Santa Monica, create solar energy programs, this is the first time that the organization has worked toward making a bike sharing plan, Goodhill said.

"We have some of the best weather in the United States, we have really flat terrain,

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Venice woman still missing after a year

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN Police in Los Angeles are pleading with the public to help them find a woman from Venice who has been missing for over a year.


BARRETT

Nancy Barrett, 53, was last seen on July 14, 2010 around 4:45 p.m. in the area of her home in the 2600 block of Grand Canal Court in Venice.

Barrett, described as a white female with brown hair and brown eyes, 5 feet 8 inches tall and weighs approximately 150 pounds, moved from her apartment to her car, which was parked in front of her former home, police said.

She abandoned her car and possessions and left the area under unknown circumstances. She has not been seen or heard from since, and her family is extremely concerned about her welfare, police said.

Police believe Barrett's hair is most likely gray. She may have been wearing green cargo pants and a tan sweater. She may be in Venice or Santa Monica.

Anyone who has seen or may have information regarding Barrett's whereabouts is asked to contact the LAPD Missing Persons Unit at (213) 996-1800. During non-business hours or on weekends, calls should be directed to (877) LAPD-24-7.

Anyone wishing to remain anonymous should call Crime Stoppers at (800) 222-TIPS (800-222-8477). Tipsters may also contact Crime Stoppers by texting to 274637 (C-R-I-M-E-S on most keypads) with a cell phone. All text messages should begin with the letters "LAPD." Tipsters may also go to LAPDOnline.org, click on "webtips" and follow the prompts.

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'Carmageddon' warnings pay off as roads run smoothly all weekend

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES For those who say the weekend-long freeway closure dubbed "Carmageddon" was a non-event, Los Angeles County's transit agency has two words: You're welcome.

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority spokesman Dave Sotero said the agency's coordination of wide-ranging efforts to keep residents out of their cars — especially in the area around the shut-down portion of Interstate 405 — kept the weekend of freeway construction from generating the epic traffic jams that many had feared.

"People thought we were crazy. They said there's no way to get two-thirds of the motorists who drive the 405 to stay away or stay home here in Los Angeles, the car capital of the world," he said. "But we actually did it."

On Monday afternoon, about 24 hours after the 10-mile freeway stretch linking the San Fernando Valley and the Los Angeles Westside reopened almost a day ahead of schedule, traffic on area roads was back to its normal congested but functional state.

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It's a personnel matter

Editor:

I'd like to thank the head of the library. I had just heard the director of the Chess Program would not be running the program ("Library drops popular Bloch from chess program," April 28, page 1). I couldn't imagine how this could be possible, as the program was perfect.

I read the statement of the head of the library and was incensed. I drove down the 405, still angry about what I'd read, thinking about the library head's answer.

My reverie was interrupted by the flashing lights of a CHP cruiser; I glanced at the speedometer.

"Oh no, I am doing 95 with a cop behind me, just great."

His siren kept wailing, even after I signaled to the side. Then, something clicked in me and I floored it. He caught up to me in less than 20 seconds. I swerved through traffic, trying to get away from the incessant siren. I dashed down an off-ramp, careening around traffic. I clipped a few, but, what the heck; just collateral damage. I saw kids in the back of a van I'd sideswiped, obviously upset, but healthy enough to cry and scream at me as I sped away. I smelled gasoline, I knew I'd need to switch rides.

At a stop, I pulled up behind some old guy in a sedan. I opened his door, tossed him to the curb and sped off. It was exhilarating to have that much power. Pulling onto my street, the swoosh and roar of helicopters interrupted my thrill. There was a road block and sharpshooters on my roof. It was over. I thought about taking off. I was gripped with the same anger I'd experienced when reading about the chess program; filled with the same resentment about the director's answer.

I followed the officers" commands. After Miranda, the CHP investigator said to me:

"What were you thinking? You sped, you evaded an officer of the law. You menaced other peoples' lives and property! You hit four cars with kids and fled the scene. You carjacked a senior citizen war hero and abandoned a burning vehicle. Tell me, what's going on here?"

"I can't," I said.

"Why not," the cop asked.

"It's a personnel matter."

Wow! Faster than you can say "Jackie Robinson," choppers split, cars skedaddled and I was left alone in my driveway; until a tow truck showed up with my car, completely repaired with a brand new paint job. I was off the hook, although still angry about chess. I owe the head of the library a "thank you" for using his line, to avoid responsibility for the mayhem I'd caused. I've used it several times since. It seems to work best in situations involving municipal management, councils or newspapers. I urge all to appropriate this one-size-fits all excuse, as often as they can. It might catch on.

Think of it:

Judge: "Charlie Manson, why did you order all those murders?"

Charlie: "Sorry, I can't talk about it, it's a personnel matter."

Or ...

Teacher: "Billy, why isn't your homework in on time?

"Sorry teach, I can't talk about it, its a personnel matter."

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Dying the slow death

WELL, MY CAMPAIGN TO END THE POO bags seems to have gained enough traction, what with the California Supreme Court upholding Manhattan Beach's ban on single-use plastic bags, that I can now move on to other topics. Thanks to the great efforts of men like Kevin McKeown and the rest of the City Council that supported the plastic bag ban, and the Styrofoam ban, we are making progress on helping to clean the planet, or at least our little section of it. And the fight continues.

This time the fight is for something greater than gaining the right to vote or eliminating racism. This battle is for hearts and minds, but also for stockholders and pocketbooks. It is for awareness and for concern of the planet. It is a battle literally for our world.

Our enemy now is ourselves. We must change. We must see the dangers and the damage that we have done to our planet. It comes in the form of being wasteful of our natural resources, of our dogged determination to have convenience and be "germ-free" in a world that is filled with germs, some good, some bad.

In a world where plastic coffee stirrers are used once, then thrown out in the trash to sit in a landfill for a millennium or two, how can we expect there to be anything left for those children that people are so devoted to? Paranoid overprotective mothers use disposable diapers, disposable bottles and raise their children in a plastic encased bubble to protect them from the facts of life, but at the cost of the health of the planet those children are supposed to inherit.

I go to the café at the bowling alley and several other restaurants around town that use the single-use creamers; those little plastic cups with metalized paper on the top which creates a safety seal and every time I have to ask myself, where in the planet is this piece of plastic going to end up?

I'd like to suggest that the next thing that gets eliminated from our stream of commerce is the plastic stirrer and the single-use coffee creamer. They are both avoidable with great ease. I'd like to see us return to the days of porcelain cups and little metal pitchers that dispense cream. If Starbucks on the Third Street Promenade and the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf on Main Street and Flying Saucers on Pico Boulevard can all arrange for a thermos of non-fat, half-and-half and soy milk, I see no reason why the restaurants can't also make alternate arrangements.

I know this sounds like a bit of the crazy has infected me, but seriously, we have to think beyond today. The common enemy we need to stop the wars and the political bickering is here. It's the fight for the planet. It's taken years to grow from the soapbox of the weird-hair crowd. From Main Street to Wall Street, the message is finally being heard. Decades of work have gone into making "Going Green" an overnight success, and just in time.

I'D LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT THE NEXT THING THAT GETS ELIMINATED FROM OUR STREAM OF COMMERCE IS THE PLASTIC STIRRER AND THE SINGLE-USE COFFEE CREAMER.

The campaigns are working because I've been thinking about things like going vegetarian, or at least pescatarian. The PETA displays on the promenade on Friday nights are having an impact on me. The Sea Shepherd campaign that alerts us to the lies the Japanese and Norwegians tell of their "scientific study" of whales has made me aware of the issue and that they are the last two countries who have "commercial" whaling.

Changing hearts and minds takes time and concerted effort. The win in the Supreme Court of an issue that a local council member championed for years reminds me that the wheels of justice grind agonizingly slow, but they do grind.

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Pension funds grow more than 20 percent

ADAM WEINTRAUB
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO California's two largest public pension funds each reported hefty returns of more than 20 percent for the fiscal year ended June 30, the investment teams announced Monday.

Despite the windfalls, both funds still face tough questions about whether they will be able to meet their obligations to millions of retirees and their families in the long run

However, the top-drawer returns — the highest since before the recession — gave new ammunition to pension supporters against calls by critics for sweeping pension reform at the state Capitol or through the ballot box.

"These healthy returns at a time when the economy is struggling should put an end to the doom-and-gloom scenarios of politicians who want to take a wrecking ball to our state's pension funds," said Dave Low, chairman of Californians for Retirement Security, a coalition of public employee groups.

Public pension costs have drawn political pressure and efforts to drastically revise the system at the Capitol or at the polls. Public employees have been pushing back, arguing that pensions can be fixed with relatively minor changes to curtail abuses and that the recession's effects would dwindle over time.

Retirement benefits are paid from investment returns and from contributions made by workers and the governments that employ them. Every dollar generated through investments is a dollar that doesn't have to come from one of those other sources.

The California Public Employees' Retirement System, the nation's biggest public pension fund, reported a one-year return of 20.7 percent, with gains in nearly every investment category.

That preliminary figure was the best after-fees return in 14 years for CalPERS, which oversees benefits for 1.6 million current and retired state and local government employees and their families.

It's also the second consecutive year CalPERS topped the 7.75 percent investment return target assumed in its long-range financial model.

Still, critics say the assumption is too optimistic and retirement benefits are too high, leaving taxpayers on the hook for costs the system will not be able to cover.

"While we can't assume that we'll sustain this high level of earnings, we have averaged a net return on investments of 8.4 percent for 20 years," said Joseph Dear, the fund's chief investment officer.

Dear warned that uncertainty is much higher for the year ahead because investors can't count on continued fiscal and monetary stimulus from the federal government, which faces a potential problem with its debt ceiling.

"I don't want expectations to become inflated," Dear said in a conference call with reporters.

The gain for 2010-2011 was due largely to a 30.2 percent annual return on the fund's stock portfolio, but other investments also saw increases. Private equity stakes returned 25.3 percent and real estate returned 10.2 percent through March 31, the most recent data available. The real estate portfolio didn't hit its target for returns, almost entirely because of weak performance in housing and land development investments.

In all, the gains helped boost the fund's value to $237.5 billion, up from $200.5 billion a year ago.

Assets fell as low as $165 billion in 2009, after a 2008 drop in the stock market and global credit freeze cut the fund's portfolio value by tens of billions of dollars. The fund still has not returned to its pre-recession peak of about $265 billion, Dear said.

The state's second-largest pension fund, which covers teachers and school administrators, announced even larger gains. The California State Teachers' Retirement System posted a 23.1 percent return for the fiscal year, its highest in a quarter-century.

That's nearly twice the 12.2 percent gain the previous year, but CalSTRS, too, is clawing back from a 25 percent loss in 2008-2009. Fund officials say the system eventually will need more money, and it's unrealistic to expect such booming returns to continue.

The Legislature will have to address the long-term funding problem because, unlike CalPERS, the teacher retirement system can't unilaterally increase the amount of money the state pays to cover retirement benefits.

"Without legislative approval for increased contributions, even given this past year's impressive performance, CalSTRS would need a more than 20 percent investment return each year for the next four years to achieve full funding in 30 years, an impractical expectation," chief executive Jack Ehnes said.

Long-term projections at CalSTRS suggest the system will fall $56 billion short of the money it needs to meet all its benefit obligations over the next 30 years, and the longer the state waits to make changes, the higher that number is likely to go.

The Q Line

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Movie studios try to lessen what's lost in translation

GLENN WHIPP
For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Pixar Animation's "Cars 2" went out this summer in 44 different languages. And every country faced the same problem when it came to dubbing the aw-shucks ramblings of one of the movie's lead characters — the country bumpkin tow truck Mater, voiced in the movie by Larry the Cable Guy.

"Mater's kind of a redneck, but that means nothing to anyone overseas because they don't have that particular vocal culture," says Rick Dempsey, senior vice president of Disney Character Voices. "So we had to figure out what region of Germany, for example, has more of an uneducated population without being offensive."

Playing that fine line while lessening what's lost in translation so that movies work globally is a delicate yet increasingly important business as Hollywood relies more on international audiences to bolster profits.

Subtitles have been around since the age of silent film. When Hollywood converted to sound in the late 1920s, several European countries — notably Germany, France, Spain and Italy — decided to substitute the voices of their own actors in place of their American stars.

In those countries, dubbed movies still dominate multiplexes today, though European moviegoers in cities like Paris, Berlin and Madrid have the choice of seeing movies with subtitles, too. Japanese theaters typically offer both versions. In Central and South America, subtitling, a less expensive process, has always been the practice.

Both translation processes pose particular challenges, most notably for talky comedies, especially the crop of raunchy, R-rated versions out this summer. Translators using subtitles must condense dialogue, cutting proper names and modifiers to maintain the gist of what's being said without overwhelming the audience with too many words to read.

"You're getting a more abstract version of the movie," says Sandra Willard, who has spent the past 30 years writing detailed reports to help translators and vocal dubbers do their jobs.

"You have to be obsessive to do this," Willard adds. "And you have to keep up with pop culture, too, in order to ensure you're staying true to what's being said."

A case in point from yesteryear, Willard remembers, was the French translator who recast the "gag me with a spoon" catchphrase from the 1983 cult comedy "Valley Girl" as "stick a spoon in my throat."

And, no, French teenagers didn't latch onto that one.

Massaging those kinds of cultural nuances rates as an essential part of the job. Elena Barciae writes Spanish subtitles for Central and South America using a single translation, a process she likens to being forced to create a generic language that would cover the United States, Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

"The more slang, the harder it gets because slang tends to be very localized," says Barciae, a 25-year veteran in the business. "Simple words are affected, too. 'Bicho' means bug everywhere except Puerto Rico, where it's a slang word for a part of the male anatomy. That wouldn't go over too well for the title of 'A Bug's Life,' would it?"

For movies that take place in the past, like this week's comic-book adaptation "Captain America: The First Avenger," translators and dubbers must find linguistic equivalents of 1940s-era American slang expressions like "holy cow" and "your goose is cooked."

Next week's big-screen version of the cartoon series, "The Smurfs," was an easier job. "Smurfs" is an invented word, and, as such, has already been translated in numerous languages. (The little blue creatures are called pitufos in Spanish-speaking countries and schtroumpfs in France.)

Entries found in the dictionary can pose greater problems. Most languages have no ready-made equivalent for "nerd," even though, in English, the words "dork" and "geek" cover the same basic idea and will be in constant play during this week's annual Comic-Con gathering in San Diego.

Sometimes, words do translate, but a country's censors won't allow them on screen. Barciae's Central and South American territories are primarily Catholic countries, sensitive, she says, to profanity. Barciae removes all the f-bombs tossed in Hollywood's R-rated comedies or waters them down to "damn it."

"You try to get the feeling across and still get by the ratings," Barciae says. "Subtlety is important."

That kind of keen attention to detail may be going by the wayside. More studios are farming out translation and dubbing work to larger media companies like Deluxe and Technicolor, who offer one-stop, package deals to producers.

"This type of thing is growing fast, especially with more movies releasing day-and-date (simultaneously) around the world," says Roy Dvorkin, senior vice president of business development at SDI Media, which owns and operates studios in 18 countries.

But the need for speed could result in less nuanced translations, Barciae believes. While this may not be as critical for action and effects-laden pictures such as "Transformers: Dark of the Moon" — where two thirds of the box-office grosses come from overseas, regardless of translation — ideas could be lost with more dialogue-dependent movies such as "Larry Crowne" or even "Bridesmaids."

"Good translators are really writers who love working with language," says Barciae, who has a master's degree in comparative literature from Brown University. "And you've got to love movies, too, because you'll be watching a lot of them over and over again."

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Cities sue over redevelopment bill

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SACRAMENTO Groups representing California redevelopment agencies and cities sued the state Monday to halt a change that would eliminate the agencies and funnel their estimated $1.7 billion in tax revenue to local services.

The California Redevelopment Association, the League of California Cities and two San Francisco Bay area cities — San Jose and Union City — filed the lawsuit with the California Supreme Court. They asked the court to block the redevelopment change from taking effect until the case can be heard.

The Legislature approved two budget bills in June that would eliminate the state's 400 redevelopment agencies by Oct. 1. It allowed local governments to launch new agencies if they agreed to pay a share of property taxes to local governments and schools, replacing money the state pays.

Cities and agencies called that a "ransom demand." They say the move runs counter to Proposition 22, the constitutional amendment approved in November 2010 by 61 percent of voters that was supposed to halt state raids on local funding.

"The governor and Legislature have blatantly ignored the voters and violated the state constitution," Chris McKenzie, executive director of the League of California Cities, said in a prepared statement.

A spokesman for Gov. Jerry Brown could not be reached by phone or email Monday afternoon.

Redevelopment agencies say the change will interfere with one of the few remaining tools local governments can use to finance construction projects and the jobs they generate. They also said many cities and counties will not be able to pay the money to keep operating under the new system.

The change would require each redevelopment agency to pay a share of the $1.7 billion in the first year to keep operating, and a proportional slice of $400 million a year thereafter.

Brown had been pushing since January to eliminate the agencies as part of his budget proposal, saying scarce funds should be spent on core government services.

The agencies were created 60 years ago as a tool to fight post-war urban blight. Since then they have taken on roles in financing affordable housing, public works and commercial development. They've been used to finance convention centers, retail complexes and entertainment districts, with tax proceeds from the work reinvested, sometimes to support private developments.

Critics and audits have pointed to questionable projects — sometimes in areas that show little sign of "blight" — and inflated local government salaries, accusing some agencies of acting as development slush funds.

But some legislators were leery of Brown's plan. It gained traction in June as part of a Democrat-backed two-bill package, with ABx1-26 eliminating the agencies and ABx-27 allowing their recreation — if they pay.

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Report: Deaths tied to child welfare problems

Problems in Los Angeles County's child welfare system have been linked to the deaths of two youngsters.

The Los Angeles Times says poor use of technology and problems keeping experienced social workers in difficult jobs played roles in the deaths last year.

The Times says an inexperienced social worker wasn't able to confirm any abuse when he went to the home of Jorge Tarin in Montebello. The 11-year-old boy was being beaten at home and he later committed suicide.

The Times says an illegible computer printout meant a social worker kept going to the wrong address and never located 2-year-old Deandre Green, who was beaten to death at his Long Beach home.

Employees were disciplined in both cases and agency officials say they are working to correct problems.

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LOS ANGELES

4-year-old boy dies after apartment fall

A 4-year-old boy has died after falling from a third-story Los Angeles apartment.

Fire Department spokesman Matt Spence says the boy fell from the window Sunday evening at the Mirabella apartment complex near Marina del Rey.

Coroner deputy chief Ed Winter says Nico Lurie died Monday.

Police Sgt. Kevin Lowe says the boy fell from a bunk bed next to a window while playing a game with friends. The boy landed on concrete.

The incident is being investigated as an accident.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Not guilty plea made in expired boarding pass case

A man accused of breaching airport security when he used an expired boarding pass to get a free ride on a Los Angeles-bound flight from New York pleaded not guilty Monday to a stowaway charge.

Olajide Oluwaseun Noibi, 24, appeared before a U.S. magistrate judge and entered his plea. He could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted of being a stowaway and attempting to enter a secure area of an airport by fraud or false pretense.

Noibi remains in federal prison while he awaits trial, scheduled to begin Aug. 30.

Noibi, who has dual citizenship in the U.S. and Nigeria, boarded a flight in New York on June 24 using an expired boarding pass with someone else's name on it, authorities said. The Virgin America crew didn't realize until mid-flight that an extra passenger was onboard in a premium seat that was supposed to be empty.

Noibi spent several days in Los Angeles and was arrested when he tried to board a Delta flight with another expired pass, authorities said.

Investigators still have not said how Noibi got past security at John F. Kennedy International Airport. Assistant U.S. Attorney Edward Alon declined comment outside of court.

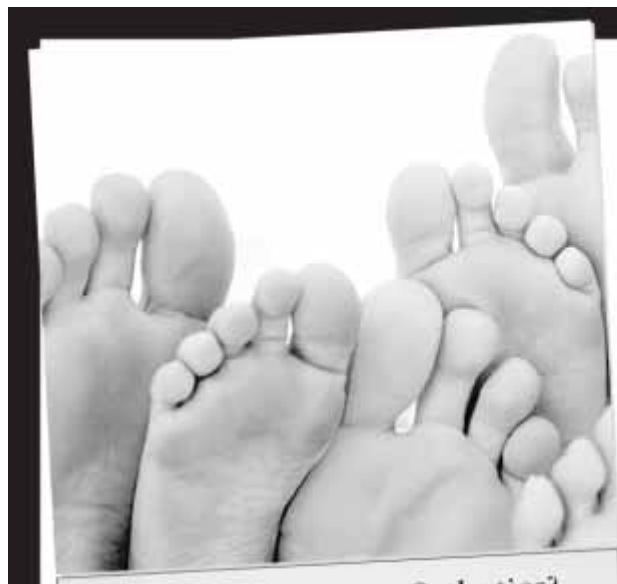
Noibi told federal investigators he was able to go through security screening in Los Angeles by presenting a boarding pass, his student identification and a police report that said his U.S. passport had been stolen, according to court documents.

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BIKES
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and we are a hub of tourist activity," Goodhill said, citing reasons why Global Green USA believes that Santa Monica is a prime candidate for a bike share program. "It would be a great opportunity for Santa Monica to utilize the natural resources we have to get people out of their cars, out of traffic."

Goodhill also compared the small community of Santa Monica to college campuses which have utilized bike sharing programs. UC Irvine has used a bike sharing program since October, 2009, that the college's students, faculty and staff have embraced, said Lynn Harris, senior analyst of parking and transportation at UC Irvine.

Santa Monica already has a bike share for city employees, the Bike@Work program. This program allows city employees to check out bicycles to make trips around Santa Monica instead of using their cars. But City Hall is eager to install a version of the program that's available to the public that might unclog traffic while staying environmentally friendly.

"The City Council in Santa Monica has said that by 2030 they want to have no more new car trips. Our whole overall land use and transport strategy is geared toward relying less on automobiles so that we won't pollute as much," said Lucy Dyke, transportation planning manager for City Hall.

Santa Monica has also been recommended for a grant that would supply the city with the funds necessary for getting the program rolling.

"We think we're going to get almost two-and-a-half million dollars for the program in 2016," Dyke said.

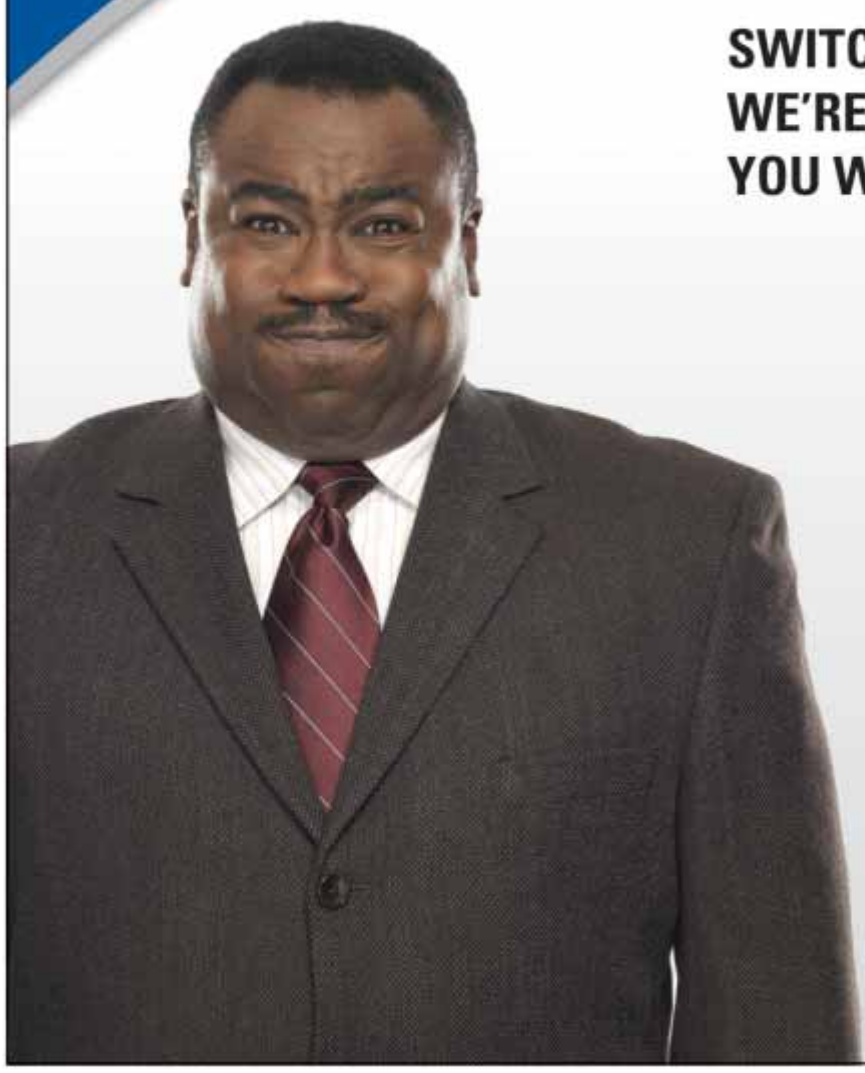
The projected program would utilize 29 stations and 345 bikes in total, according to Goodhill. However, many of the details about the number of bikes, their locations, and payment plans for bike usage are still in flux. Global Green USA wants to use the meeting on Wednesday as a way of getting in touch with the citizens of Santa Monica themselves.

"Part of what we want to do is talk to the community and ask direct questions, such as, where do you want to see a bike station? It would be really great to get feedback from the community that we can use," Goodhill said.

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HOUSING
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When they opened it last time, the authority was inundated with 5,000 requests, said Julie Lansing, housing authority administrator with Santa Monica.

Now, it appears that many of those who signed up for assistance either don't need it, or can't be reached.

"For every 100 names we pull, only 25 respond," Lansing said, referring to the authority's practice of calling applicants in batches of 100 when an opening becomes available.

That anemic response tells the authority that it's time to clean out the waitlist and open it up for people who need the assistance.

"Either people have moved and not updated their information, aren't interested anymore, or have passed away. There are different reasons," Lansing said. "It's an indicator to us that we're not current and timely on our waitlist. We contact everyone on that list, and instruct them to reapply, update their information and preferences, and that gives us a fresh new list."

The division reaches out to applicants through first-class mail to tell them that they need to reapply. If the person has moved and didn't update their address, they could miss the notice.

That's one reason that St. Joseph Center, a nonprofit that works with the homeless and impoverished to get them back on their feet, puts its own address on each application to make sure they get the notices in the mail, said Julie DeRose, director of programs at the center.

Those that get the mailers will know to reapply, a process that must be completed online.

It's the first year the process has gone paperless, using the perversely-named "Happy Waitlist" software.

If applicants don't have regular access to the Internet, they can stop by the housing office — at 1901 Main St., Suite C — to use a computer there, or go to the Main Library at 601 Santa Monica Blvd.

The division reserved a room of 14 computers for the purpose, and will post a staff person there from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday to help out, Lansing said.

Shifting the process online has been a real help, DeRose said.

"It's great that it's moved on to that system, because I think it's more accurate and easier for people to be found," DeRose said.

It also means the center doesn't have to rely on clients to deliver their information to the housing office directly, and risk lost paperwork or inaccuracies.

Clients have until 11:59 p.m. on July 28 to fill out their applications and get their names on the list before they lose the opportunity and have to get at the back of the line again when applications open to the general public in August.

In fact, the sooner they get it done, the better, Lansing said, because they could end up with a higher position on the waitlist than they had before.

The order of the list is determined first by preference — special factors like being a Santa Monica resident or full-time worker, chronically homeless, or a veteran — and then by the date and time the person reapplied.

Once that list closes out, the division will ready itself to open the list up to the public, which will happen at midnight on Aug. 15 and close at 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 16.

This round of sign-ups has another unique factor.

Last year, the City Council approved a master waitlist, which gives the housing division the ability to combine lists for all kinds of vouchers, including Section 8 housing vouchers — which requires individuals or families to put 30 percent of income toward housing, and covers every dollar of rent after that — and Shelter Plus Care, a program for the chronically homeless that includes case management with housing.

Between all the programs, there are 1,400 vouchers. Of those, four become available each month on average.

Using the master list, the division accepts all applications. If an applicant doesn't qualify for Section 8 housing, the housing employee can check against the other programs to see if they qualify for those.

That prevents the person from having to get back on a separate list to apply to another program, instead preserving their place in line.

"Before, people applied for a program they weren't eligible for, and they missed an opportunity for another program," Lansing said.

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BOOKS
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"One is the prohibition of bias or discriminatory information about the LGBT community being taught, and the other is the inclusive curriculum," he said.

The two components will be addressed by the State Board of Education and local school districts, neither of which the legislation nor the legislature has any control over, Leno said.

"The decisions will be made by the State Board of Education with regards to textbooks, and lesson plans will be done at the school level," Leno said.

That being said, Leno envisioned school textbooks treating the history and struggles of the LGBT community and its quest for civil rights much like that of the African American fight for equality.

"We require that our students be taught that there was an African-American man by the name of Martin Luther King, Jr., who valiantly fought for everyone's civil rights, and was assassinated for his efforts," Leno said. "There was also a gay American man by the name of Harvey Milk who fought valiantly for civil rights, and was also assassinated for his efforts.

"Why teach one and not the other?"

Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica) applauded the bill and its efforts to include LGBT students in the conversation about the history of their movement.

"I believe that if we're making sure students know that LGBT members of the community are contributing and recognized, it creates better conditions on campuses for LGBT students to know they're an inclusive part of the school community," she said.

The bill also had detractors, mainly from socially conservative groups like Concerned Women for America of California, who opposed the legislation saying that it promoted a dangerous lifestyle and that "identifying homosexual and bisexual activity as normal and healthy will result in confusion for children, possibly even encouraging experimentation … ."

This left Brownley scratching her head.

"I'm astonished by some of the comments that are being made," she said. "They think this is about teaching our children sex education. We're providing authenticity and accuracy about people who have contributed significantly to our society, and authenticating that if they happen to be gay, that kids should know that."

The attacks miss the point of the bill, Leno said.

"This is not about sex, this is about history. It isn't about outing historical figures, it's about recounting an ongoing struggle to have the great genius of our constitution slowly manifested for all people," he said.

With regards to textbooks, changes won't begin rolling out until at least 2015. That gives the state enough time to get its fiscal house in order — the normal textbook cycle has been suspended until the funding situation improves — and parse out exactly what will be required in state-approved textbooks as a result of the bill.

Once that happens, SMMUSD officials will get a list of approved textbooks to choose from, said Peggy Harris, director of education services, curriculum and instruction at the district.

The district will then take the selected texts and run them by advisory committees to make sure they're acceptable to teachers and the community.

The timeline on selection isn't totally clear, because texts cycle through every seven years. Since that process has been suspended, it's hard to say when adoption will be possible, Harris said.

Changes to curriculum could take place as soon as the bill comes into effect in January 2012, although what that means to schools hasn't been worked out yet.

The additions, she said, represent a positive move, one of which Santa Monica is already participating in through its freshman seminars, which discuss diversity and tolerance.

"One of the goals is to build a respectful, diverse community … ," Harris said. "We look at how things have happened in the past, and how man's inhumanity plays itself out ultimately."

Student advocates find themselves in a holding pattern until they see what exactly will be added to curriculum.

Olivia Mugalian, the former co-president of Samohi's Gay Straight Alliance, said that putting in historic information about the fight for gay rights could be risky if done incorrectly.

"I feel like if you have to teach a unit on this, it makes members of the LGBT community out to be a taboo super-minority," she said.

There's a more constructive message that could be sent out, particularly that homosexuals and transgenders eat, sleep, breathe and, in general, live like normal people.

"Now we're here, we're queer and we're just like you," she said, co-opting an old idiom.

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405
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"It's just a typical day," said California Department of Transportation spokeswoman Judy Gish.

Crews finished demolition work on the bridge early Sunday, toppling two massive pillars and creating about 4,000 tons of rubble to be removed.

Project contractor Kiewit Infrastructure West could have been fined $72,000 an hour for a delay in getting the freeway reopened, the MTA said.

Instead, Kiewit will receive an extra $300,000 for finishing early. The early finish saved $400,000 — even with the Kiewit bonus — since paying workers for an additional 12-hour shift would have cost $700,000.

Sotero said the contractor had accounted for possible mishaps — such as worker injuries, equipment problems and damage to the surrounding roads — when it estimated work would take 53 hours, but none of those fears came true.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa praised Kiewit for working so quickly and thanked city residents for heeding calls to stay off the roads. He also gave credit to news outlets for spreading word about the closure.

"This weekend was more of a 'Carmaheaven' than a Carmageddon," Villaraigosa said in a statement.

Sotero attributed the smooth weekend to cooperation among law enforcement agencies, city governments, transit authorities and others, who all pitched in to spread the word about the impending shutdown of one of the nation's busiest freeways.

For weeks, officials have issued grim warnings about the closure in the same tones reserved for floods and threatening wildfires.

To prepare the public for the closure, they flashed signs on freeways as far away as San Francisco reminding drivers over and over: Stay off the 405 July 16-17.

Los Angeles Police Department officials recruited celebrities with large followings on Twitter, such as Ashton Kutcher and Kim Kardashian, to get out the message.

Facebook agreed to direct some 6.6 million driving-age people in the greater Los Angeles area to the MTA's Facebook page detailing the latest traffic conditions this weekend.

As a result, traffic on many area freeways appeared to be lighter than on a typical weekend.

Some residents seemed to interpret the easy driving as evidence that the warnings were overblown and seethed at what they saw as needlessly canceled driving plans and other adjustments to their weekend schedules.

Westside resident David Noll complained during the weekend that he heeded the warnings and told his parents to cancel plans to come from the San Francisco Bay area for a visit.

"They made us believe that this weekend was going to be the worst thing ever, so I told my parents to stay home," he said. "I'm upset because we could have been hanging out together right now."

But University of Delaware sociology professor Joanne Nigg, a disaster-readiness expert who watched the "Carmageddon" saga unfold form across the country, said the weekend went off smoothly because of the warnings and other preparations.

"If they hadn't had this sort of education campaign ahead of time, if people hadn't taken alternate roads or changed their plans, it could have been horrible," she said. "In retrospect, people might say it wasn't a big deal but it could have been."

Nigg said authorities in Los Angeles are especially adept at spreading such warnings because of their experience managing responses to earthquakes and other emergencies. Southern California's vulnerability to quakes, wildfires and other calamities has also made area residents quick to adapt to adversity, she said.

Throughout the demolition job, powerful machines with long booms hammered away at the south side of the half-century-old Mulholland Bridge, which was removed to allow construction of an additional freeway lane. The plan is to leave the north-side lanes standing until the south side is rebuilt.

Another closure will be required in about 11 months to demolish the rest.

Officials said they were hopeful that the future shutdown would run just as smoothly as this one, but questions loomed over whether commuters would again heed dire warnings about massive traffic after the weekend went so smoothly.

"What we're afraid of is that the public will think this is a cakewalk for the next time we do this," Sotero said.

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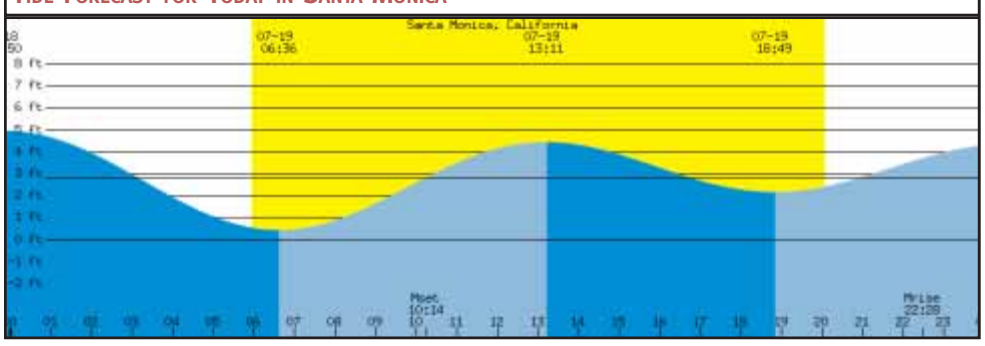
Swell Forecast

Some sporadic SW swell is due for mostly waist high waves, but chest high pluses at south facing breaks at times. West facing breaks remain smaller, knee to waist.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks similar, although a little bit of NW wind swell should increase west facing breaks to a more steady waist high.

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 **July 13, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 31 / 28
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 4

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

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

LEGEND

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

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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC suspends Tyler over comments

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Southern California tailback Marc Tyler has been suspended from all team activities and the Trojans' season opener for comments he made to TMZ that implied he gets paid to play for USC.

When asked by TMZ whether he could make more money at USC or in the NFL, Tyler said, "USC, they breaking bread," making a gesture indicating a large stack of money.

USC coach Lane Kiffin suspended his leading rusher Monday for the Sept. 3 opener against Minnesota and possibly longer. The fifth-year senior is facing potential discipline from the school after what he said were two alcohol-related problems in April.

"I am disappointed that I let down all the people who have supported me as I have been working through some personal issues," Tyler said in a statement released by the school. "I realize how my behavior and my statements, even though I was joking, can reflect poorly on so many people. As a veteran player, I should know that my job is to be an example for the younger guys."

USC is entering the second year of a postseason ban during four years of NCAA probation stemming from illegal benefits provided to Reggie Bush.

TMZ recorded Tyler's comments last Thursday outside Voyeur, a West Hollywood nightclub. Tyler, who turns 23 in September, also made a distasteful comment to TMZ about Kim Kardashian, Bush's ex-girlfriend.

"That is not the way that we expect our players to represent USC and our team," Kiffin said. "Although Marc may find this punishment severe, it is imperative we continue to have a high standard for player behavior. Marc needs to work hard to show us that he can meet the standards of being a USC football player."

Athletic director Pat Haden said Tyler "stepped way out of line. He did not represent himself, his university or his team the way we expect. Marc has a lot to do to prove he belongs on our team. We hope Marc learns from this and comes back a changed and better person."

Last month, Tyler said he had appeared before the school's Office of Student Judicial Affairs to discuss two complaints made against him in April. Tyler was accused of spitting on a female student while intoxicated, and later touching another female student inappropriately at a bar near USC's downtown campus.

Tyler acknowledged those problems could lead to student discipline, but he didn't expect to be dismissed from school with no prior history of problems. Tyler also said he sought counseling this summer.

Tyler is the son of famed running back Wendell Tyler, who attended UCLA before an NFL career with the Rams and the 49ers. Marc Tyler played high school football in the Los Angeles suburbs with Carolina quarterback Jimmy Clausen, his close friend.

Tyler rushed for 913 yards and nine touchdowns last season, starting eight games during a yearlong struggle for playing time in the Trojans' deep backfield. He struggled with injuries for much of his first three years at USC, and he missed much of spring practice after reporting overweight and injuring his hamstring on the first day of workouts.

Tyler could have been the Trojans' unquestioned starter as the only returning tailback with significant experience. Multiposition threat Dillon Baxter is back for his sophomore season, while junior Curtis McNeal returns after missing last year with academic problems.

"I accept my punishment and I regret that I will miss the opening game of my senior year," Tyler said. "I am committed to doing everything the right way so that I can be reinstated to the team."

NFL

Execs to be briefed Thursday if deal OK'd

BARRY WILNER
HOWARD FENDRICH
AP Pro Football Writers

The NFL told club executives they could be schooled in the ins and outs of the new labor contract as early as Thursday, and the players' association summoned its leadership for a potential vote — the strongest signs yet the lockout might be nearing an end.

Lawyers for both sides met 8 hours Monday in New York, including 3 with a court-appointed mediator, to try to close a deal to resolve the sport's first work stoppage since 1987. Talks were scheduled to continue Tuesday.

"Making progress," said NFL Players Association outside counsel Jeffrey Kessler, who also represents locked-out NBA players.

Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA head DeMaurice Smith spoke to each other on the telephone Monday and planned to stay in regular contact.

"Nobody cheers for you at mile 25 of a marathon. You still have to cross the finish line," NFLPA spokesman George Atallah said in Washington. "There still are things that can get you tripped up, and we're going to push through."

Owners are set to hold a special meeting in Atlanta on Thursday, when they could ratify a new agreement — if there is one. Executives from all 32 teams then would be briefed there Thursday and Friday on how the terms would affect league business, two people familiar with the plan told The Associated Press.

The people said the clubs were told Monday that topics would include the 2011 NFL calendar, rookie salary system and guidelines for player transactions. They spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the process is supposed to remain confidential.

Any tentative agreement also must be approved by the players, of course, including star quarterbacks Tom Brady, Peyton Manning and Drew Brees and the other plaintiffs in a federal antitrust suit against the league.

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Project Nim (PG-13) 1hr 39min
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Pay bills tonight, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ A touch of cynicism will take you far. A proposal that seems unbeatable probably needs to be investigated with greater care and concern. Express your reticence in the most effective way. You don't want a strong reaction. Tonight: Listen to the whispers.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You have a lot to smile about, but if you take someone for granted, you could be witness to a sore ego. Avoid a difficult situation, and deal with a money issue head-on. You might be right, but on the other hand, another person could be out of kilter, too. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You have a style or way about you that sometimes attracts a lot of compliments. Do remember that you cannot control others, though you might give it a shot. Frustration is the only long-term outcome. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ If you are in the mood, venture in a new direction and have a long-due conversation. Explore various options before committing to any path. More knowledge cannot hurt, and will only create options and depth. Tonight: Return calls.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Extend yourself in the friendliest manner possible. You need to understand your limits -- where they end and where they begin. If someone says "halt," it is most likely because he or she means just that. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Once more, continue letting others assume the role they want. Understand what is going on beyond the obvious. Refuse to get caught up in a power play. Don't allow people and/or a specific someone to push your buttons. Understand when enough is enough. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ While others react to their lives and issues, stay centered knowing what has to be done. This attitude will get you far, very far. Realize what is going on with someone at a distance. You could be far more fiery and intimidating than you realize. Tonight: Take in news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ When used well, your creativity solves issues, entices others and sometimes provokes a loved one. Be aware of this tendency to cause unnecessary problems. With the same creativity, you can prevent a problem. Tonight: Relish the moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Your stability might be an asset. You are trying to deal with an issue involving home and family that is difficult at best. Stop wondering just how far you can go -- find out. Self-discipline proves to be necessary. Tonight: You cannot prevent someone from going up in smoke!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use your strong sense or ability to verbalize. Plug in your energy, and focus it where it can and will make a difference. Extremes mark your decisions. Partners give you feedback. Tonight: You don't need to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Your possessive side emerges, allowing greater give-and-take. Your ability to examine and touch base with real issues comes into play. A child or loved one is at best creating uproar. Know when enough is enough and say so. Tonight: Pay bills first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Focus on the positive, knowing full well your attitude could change the direction of a major venture. Be willing to state your feelings. Others have a strong reaction, which you shouldn't react to. Understand, but don't play into it. Tonight: As you like it.

Happy birthday

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

This year, tap into your creativity more often. Detach, and you'll see unusual pathways and restrictions clear. Don't wonder; rather, just explore. Travel and education could play significant roles. Some of you might publish or become involved with a spiritual group. If you are single, you will meet someone who elevates your mind and soul. Decide if you want more. If you are attached, the two of you finally need to plan a long-coveted trip. PISCES illuminates your day.



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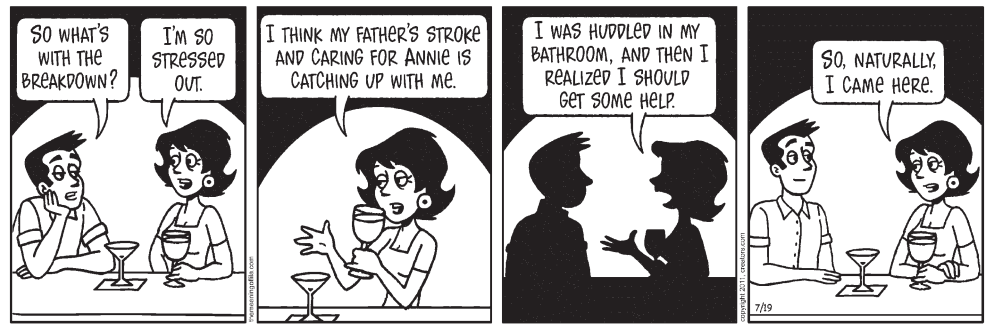
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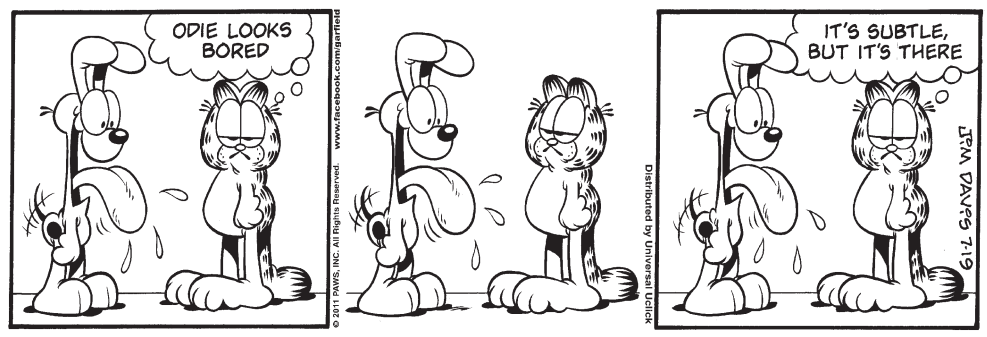
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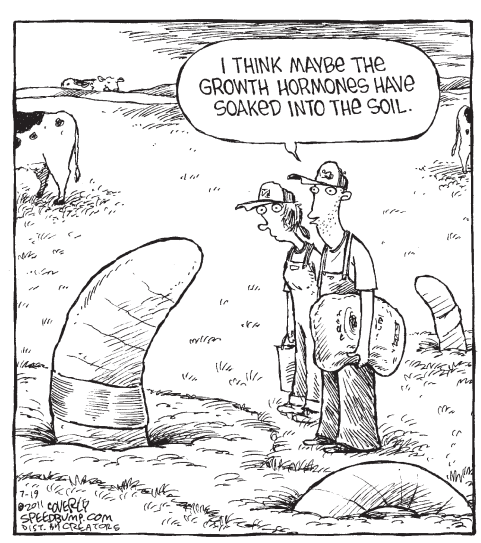
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Sudoku

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

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1 Batter's low hit
6 Batter's high hit
11 Find darling
12 Sports setting
13 The Royals retired his number 5
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16 Hair goo
17 Fish eggs
18 Drug bust figures
20 Alcove
23 Runner's feat
27 Region
28 Words of approximation
29 Pitcher's no-nos
31 Snares
32 Like dry skin
34 Braying animal
37 Common verb
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41 The Reds retired his number 5
44 Audibly
45 Texas landmark
46 Cheers for a team
47 Detroit player

DOWN

1 Falls behind
2 Inkling
3 Lunch time
4 Drop the ball, say
5 Baseball's Jackson
6 Catcher Sandoval and others
7 Pete of the Phillies
8 Jury member
9 "Do — others ..."
10 Noggin
14 Snaky fish
18 Uniform material
19 Tale
20 Arrest
21 Lyricist Gershwin
22 Animation frame
24 Pitcher's stat
25 Egyptian snake
26 — Angeles Dodgers
30 Fans' place
31 "Casey at —"
33 Holler
34 Not quite closed
35 Song for one
36 "Get lost!"
38 Unseen problem
39 High point
40 Thunderbolt hurler
42 Squirrel's prize
43 Yale student

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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.

• Each empty square dictates the math operation that must be performed to meet the demands.

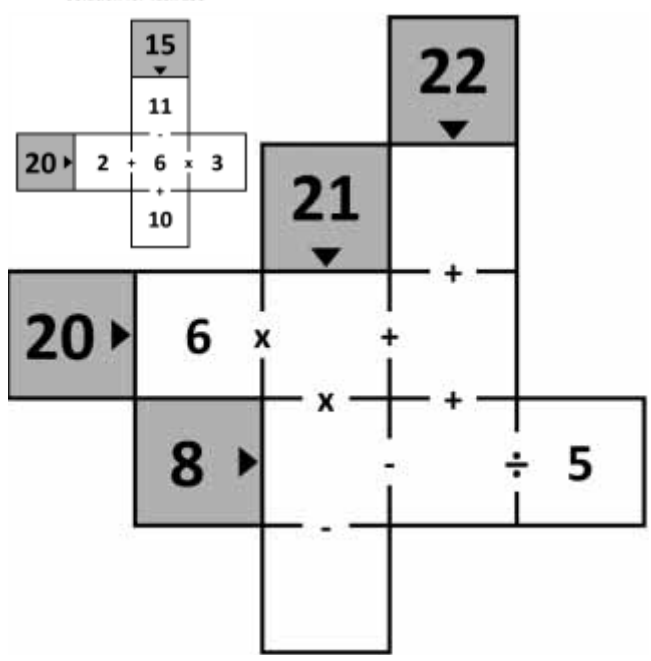
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Solution for Task 253



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In June, as five young men gathered around the Mount Tabor Reservoir near Portland, Ore., one urinated in it, thus "contaminating" the 7.2 million gallons that serve the city, and, said Water Bureau administrator David Shaff, necessitating that the entire supply be dumped. Under questioning by the weekly Portland Mercury whether the water is also dumped when an animal urinates in it (or worse, dies in it), Shaff replied, certainly not. "If we did that, we'd be (dumping the water) all the time." Well, asked the reporter, what's the difference? Because, said Shaff (sounding confident of his logic), "Do you want to be drinking someone's pee?"

■A 53-year-old man committed suicide in May by wading into San Francisco Bay, 150 yards offshore, and standing neck-deep until he died in the 60-degree water, with police and firefighters from the city of Alameda watching from shore the entire time. Said a police lieutenant, "We're not trained to go into the water (and) don't have the type of equipment that you would use ...." KGO-TV attributed the reluctance to budget cuts that prevented the city's firefighters from being recertified in water rescues.

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1947 Korean politician Yuh Woon-Hyung is assassinated.

1963 Joe Walker flies a North American X-15 to a record altitude of 106,010 metres (347,800 feet) on X-15 Flight 90. Exceeding an altitude of 100 km, this flight qualifies as a human spaceflight under international convention.

1964 Vietnam War: at a rally in Saigon, South Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Khanh calls for expanding the war into North Vietnam.

1976 Sagarmatha National Park in Nepal is created.

1979 The Sandinista rebels overthrow the government of the Somoza family in Nicaragua.

1983 The first three-dimensional reconstruction of a human head in a CT is published.

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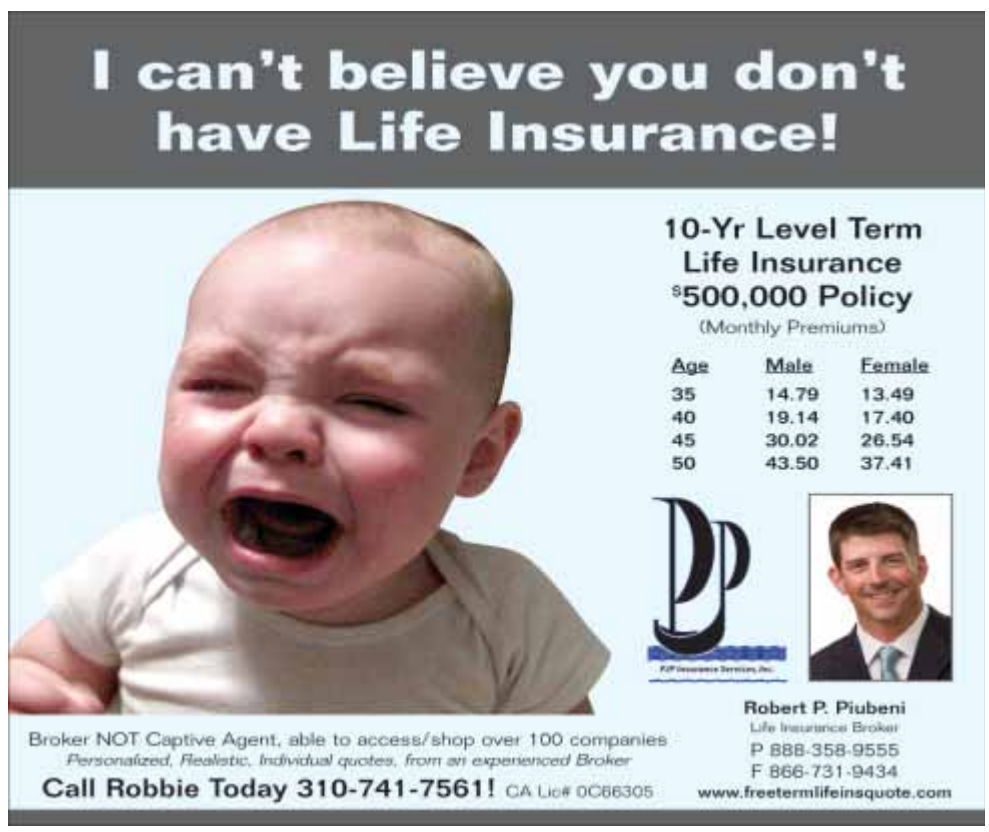


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