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THE CHURCH ISSUE

# Priest accused of sexual battery

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A priest at Saint Anne's Catholic Church and Shrine has been put on leave as police investigate allegations of sexual battery against a female adult.

The victim came forward on July 1 alleging that Rafael Venegas, the administrator at Saint Anne's, had committed an act of sexual battery against her in September 2011 while on church property.

She is not a parishioner at the church.

The California Penal Code defines sexual battery as the act of touching an "intimate" part of another person for the purpose of sexual arousal, gratification or abuse while the victim is restrained.

In a statement read during mass on Saturday and Sunday, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles stated that it considers the allegations to "be credible."

"Father Venegas has been removed from ministry and will be living privately pending the outcome of the matter," the statement reads. "A law enforcement investigation is pending and the Archdiocese is cooperating in that investigation."

Venegas' attorney declined to comment for this article.

Anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective DeRyck at (310) 458-8944, Sgt. Jacob at (310)458-8460 or the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8495.

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THE SITE: **Rafael Venegas, the administrator at Saint Anne's, has been removed from his post pending an investigation. A woman alleges that Venegas committed sexual battery against her.**

## Church in Ocean Park allowed to embrace homosexuality

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN PARK The Rev. Janet Gollery McKeithen defied the United Methodist Church rule book in July of 2008 and performed marriage ceremonies for homosexual couples at the Church in Ocean Park.

In doing so, she put herself out on a limb, risking charges from lay people or other clergy that could have resulted in the loss of her ordination.

Back then, McKeithen's decision was one of only a handful of other clergy made, and at their own peril.

As of last Friday, the entire Western Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church signaled that it had her back.

The Western Jurisdiction, which encompasses the western United States from Colorado to the coast, passed what's called a "statement of gospel obedience," taking the position that the wider church's position on homosexuality is fundamentally wrong.

The Book of Discipline for the United Methodist Church dictates that homosexuality is fundamentally incompatible with Christian teaching, and that "self-avowed practicing homosexual persons" cannot be wed or ordained within the church.

The leadership of the Western Jurisdiction called on its bishops, clergy, local churches and ministry to go on with their work as though that mandate did not exist, "creating a church where all people are truly welcome."

The move was a reaction to the position taken at the United Methodist Church's General Conference just a few months before, which reaffirmed the international church's more conservative position.

The General Conference includes the international community of Methodists and happens once every four years. It's the only place that the rules binding the entire Methodist congregation can be changed.

"Many people came into that conference wanting something dramatic to happen," McKeithen said.

It was the opposite.

Almost 60 percent of those present stood for the traditional beliefs, said Tom

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, July 27, 2012

**Dream big**
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave.,
2:30 p.m. — 3:15 p.m.
Ages 3 and up can enjoy this fun Friday afternoon and decorate a crown to wear home. Kids can become a king or a queen and do some arts and crafts, too. For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

**Cinema on the street**
Third Street Promenade
Between Arizona Avenue and Wilshire Boulevard, 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Summer is here and to mark the season Downtown Santa Monica Inc. is excited to present its second annual "Cinema on the Street" series of weekly summertime movies! This Friday the movie will be this year's Academy Award-winner for Best Picture, "The Artist." Uggie the dog will be making a special appearance, followed by a "Roaring 20s" fashion show. Parking is available in surrounding city parking structures, and vehicles entering after 6 p.m. pay a $5 flat rate. Attendance is free. For more information, call (310) 393-8355.

**Lots of Hart**
The Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
Hart Pulse Dance Co. presents 10 new works for Revel at Miles Memorial Playhouse. These contemporary pieces are exciting and engaging, blending ballet, modern and jazz dance styles. Tickets are $15 presale at hartpulsedance.com and $20 at the door. Free parking is available at the AT&T structure on Lincoln Boulevard, just before Wilshire Boulevard. For more information, call (310) 458-8634. Performances on Sunday as well.

Saturday, July 28, 2012

**The flying boat**
Museum of Flying
3100 Airport Ave.,
10:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
The Museum of Flying will begin its "Aviation Presentation" series with this talk about the famous Spruce Goose. Nissen Davis, president of the Aero Club of Southern California and chairman of the selection committee of the California Aviation Hall of Fame, will present the program. The presentation is included with the admission price: $10 for adults, $8 for seniors and students, $6 for children 6-12 and free for children 5 and under. For more information, call (310) 398-2500.

**Working on your fitness**
Third Street Promenade, 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Discover a new lifestyle at the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce's Health and Fitness Festival. Drop by to get health advice and expertise and sample products from some of Santa Monica's best organizations. Also, all trainers on the Westside can compete in a series of events for the title of "Santa Monica's Best Trainer." For more information, call (310) 393-9825 x14.

**Celebrating summer**
Grand Lawn of National Veterans Home
11301 Wilshire Blvd., 12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Vietnam Veterans of America, Region 9, will host this celebration with refreshments, music, guest speakers and a special tribute to World War II and Korean War veterans. Whole Foods Brentwood and Martinelli's are two of the sponsors for this event. For more information, call (310) 490-6495.

**Appreciate the ocean**
Santa Monica Pier Aquarium
1600 Ocean Front Walk,
12:30 p.m. — 6 p.m.
Celebrate and appreciate the sea at the Heal the Bay Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. You can take costumed photos with your friends and family, play fishing games, make and race plankton in the "Great Plankton Race," go on a scavenger hunt, create ocean-themed arts and crafts and get your face painted with a sea creature. There will also be presentations about environmental issues. For more information, call (310) 393-6149.

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SM HISTORY MUSEUM

### Look back at the Miramar

The Santa Monica History Museum's premier exhibit, "Life at the Miramar," showcases the hotel's history since its creation in 1875. With the potential upcoming renovations to the Fairmont-Miramar Hotel & Bungalows, which were recently presented to City Council, this exhibit is put into perspective.

The exhibit presents original photographs, artifacts and documents from the Fairmont Miramar Hotel's star-studded history. John F. Kennedy, Sir Anthony Hopkins, Marilyn Monroe, Charles Lindbergh and Steven Spielberg are a mere few of the long list of celebrities and political figures who stayed at the hotel over the years.

The Miramar Moreton Bay fig tree which stands in front of the hotel has been there since 1879, and is one of Santa Monica's oldest landmarks; it is also chronicled through this exhibit.

"The 'Life at the Miramar' exhibit is one of several marvelous collections on display for residents and guests to experience at the museum," Louise Gabriel, president and CEO at the Santa Monica History Museum, said. "I hope that everyone who visits the museum gains a deeper knowledge and excitement about Santa Monica's history and appreciation of the founders who made our beautiful city possible."

The exhibit was originally scheduled to close in Oct. 2011 but was extended due to its popularity, museum officials said.

Tours of the museum are available by appointment. Visit santamonicahistory.org for more information.

– HANNAH BERKMAN

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### Placing students in 'green' jobs

Santa Monica, Golden West and Irvine Valley colleges are joining forces with regional human resources centers to prepare Southern Californians for a variety of jobs in the green industry.

The schools have united under the patronage of the California Works Alliance (CWA), a community-based, job-training organization sponsored by the Department of Labor, to create the Green SoCal Jobs program.

"This program is about getting solid knowledge and experience that will put graduates on the path to finding a job that helps both the environment and the economy," said Laina Long, project manager for CWA.

Students will be provided with the opportunities to develop critical skills and participate in on-the-job training, as the program focuses on recycling, resources management and zero waste planning.

Ken Matsagas, one of 36 graduates from Orange County and a 67-year-old ex-Marine and Vietnam veteran, snagged a job with Beach Side Recycling after graduating from the program last April.

"I've always considered myself a businessman first and environmentalist ... seventh, but the program helped me apply my business experience to recycling and zero waste so they make good business sense," Matsagas said. "Now I'm starting a new business venture that helps me do what I do best."

SMC is currently accepting registration for the fall 2012 semester for its Recycling and Resource Management Certificate Program.

To enroll, potential candidates must attend one of many intake sessions, which are being offered during the months of July and August in the Los Angeles and Orange counties.

Intake sessions for SMC have been scheduled for Aug. 1, 7 and 9 at the PACE Westlake WorkSource Center located at 1055 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 900A. Classes will begin Aug. 27 at SMC.

For more information, call (310) 434-3325 or go to www.GreenSoCalJobs.org.

– SEAN FITZ-GERALD



**SUPER FRESH**

Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

**A distressed man brushes his teeth before jumping into the ocean from the Santa Monica Pier so he would 'have fresh, fresh' for when he receives CPR from the lifeguards. The status of the man was unclear as of presstime.**

# Soda companies racing for a new sweet spot

**CANDICE CHOI**
AP Food Industry Writer

NEW YORK Coke and Pepsi are chasing after the sweet spot: a soda with no calories, no artificial sweeteners and no funny aftertaste.

The world's top soft drink companies hope that's the elusive trifecta that will silence health concerns about soda and reverse the decline in consumption of carbonated drinks. But such a formula could be years away.

That's because the ingredient that makes soda taste good is also what packs on the pounds: high-fructose corn syrup. Artificial sweeteners like aspartame that are used in diet drinks don't have any calories but are seen as processed and fake. Natural sweeteners that come from plants present the most promising alternative, but companies haven't yet figured out how to mask their metallic aftertaste.

Despite the complexities, soft drink makers push on in their search.

"I can't say when it will be here, but it's in the reasonable future," said Al Carey, who heads the beverage unit for the Americas at PepsiCo Inc., the world's No. 2 soda maker.

There's good reason that soft drink makers are so eager to tweak their formulas. Once a beloved American treat, sodas are now being blamed for the nation's bulging waistlines — two-thirds of the country's adults are overweight or obese, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That, coupled with the growing variety of flavored waters and sports drinks, has sent per capita soda consumption down 17 percent to about 1.3 cans a day since its peak in 1998, according to data from Beverage Digest, an industry tracker.

In New York City, a ban on the sale of sugary drinks bigger than 16 ounces in restaurants, theaters and stadiums could take effect as early as March. The mayor of Cambridge, Mass., proposed a similar ban last month. And in Richmond, Calif., voters will decide in November whether to pass the nation's first penny-per-ounce tax on soda and other sugary drinks such as fruit juices and teas.

All the negative publicity has some once-faithful soda drinkers cutting back. Krista Koster, a 29-year-old who lives in Washington D.C., used to down about two cans of soda a day. Now she's trying to kick the habit and be more conscious about what she drinks.

"I've just been hearing how bad soda is," said Koster, who works in public relations. "You start considering a lot of the ingredients, whether it's fake sugar or the real sugar."

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Post office profit

**Editor:**

I am writing to protest the proposed relocation of the Santa Monica post office from 1248 Fifth St. to 1653 Seventh St. I urge you to see that this does not happen. Keep the Fifth Street post office open!

Although a meeting on the proposed relocation was held on July 19, it was an insult to citizens who attended to learn that regardless of their comments the proposed relocation is expected to take place.

The facility on Fifth Street is centrally located in Downtown Santa Monica, walkable from neighborhood shops and restaurants, the Third Street Promenade, and the twice-a-week Arizona Avenue Farmers' Market.

The proposed move to the unsafe, unreachable-by-bus location of Seventh Street and Olympic Boulevard would present a hardship to other senior citizens like me who don't own cars. Up until now we have applauded our local government's efforts to keep more cars off Santa Monica's already overcrowded streets.

Postal service was sufficiently important to our founding fathers for them to have it included in Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution. The purpose of the Postal Service is service, not profits.

Anyone visiting the current facility at 1248 Fifth St. can attest to the fact that it is fulfilling its mandate to provide service, by looking at the long lines of people waiting to be served. In fact, we learned at the July 19 meeting this facility does, in fact, generate a profit.

**Rhoda Newman**
Santa Monica

### Guns kill people

**Editor:**

The truth: The killings in the theater in Aurora, Colo. could not have happened without guns. It would be impossible for one person to kill and wound that many people without guns. And the National Rifle Association's answer, arm all Americans to the teeth and this will not happen. And chickens won't lay eggs.

The NRA and its surrogate, the Republican Party, are making it ever easier to have a gun, claiming that guns are for hunting and self-protection. Somebody forgot to mention that to James Holmes or any of the others who have gone on wild killing sprees. Guns are used for killing, whether it's animals or humans.

Countries that have gun control laws don't have the problems America has: over 100,000 people were killed and injured with guns last year. And you just know there are others out there already planning to one-up James Holmes. How will they do it; guns, guns, guns.

**Ron Lowe**
Santa Monica




## Laughing Matters

**Jack Neworth** — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

# Were the good old days all that good?

YOU MIGHT WANT TO TURN OFF THE TV and or the computer for a while and head out to Westwood because today, tomorrow and Sunday are the last three days of the 86th annual Farmers Classic tennis tournament at UCLA. Presented by Mercedes-Benz, it's L.A. County's only top-tier pro tennis event ($700,000 total prize money, $100,000 to singles champion). Worth noting is the tournament's rich history as for decades it was America's number two tennis event, right behind the U.S. Championship (which became the U.S. Open).

The year was 1927 when the famed Los Angeles Tennis Club first hosted the event. Calvin Coolidge was president, Babe Ruth hit 60 home runs and Charles Lindbergh made his historic transatlantic flight in an era known as the "Roaring Twenties." (What will this era be known as? The "Texting Teens?")

Originally the Pacific Southwest Open, the first champion was Big Bill Tilden. Subsequent winners have been the greatest players in tennis history, including: Sampras, Agassi, McEnroe, Connors, Courrier, Chang, Ashe, Laver, Kramer and Pancho Gonzalez, who won in '49, '69 and again in '71 when, at 43, he defeated Jimmy Connors, a month shy of 19.

In the glory days, Hollywood stars flocked to the tournament to see and be seen. The likes of Marlene Dietrich, Jean Harlow, William Powell, Clark Gable and Carole Lombard showed up regularly. While recuperating from a broken hip, Joan Bennett was such a tennis fan that she hired an ambulance to bring her daily to watch matches from her patio box. For me, it was always fun to see Johnny Carson, America's all-time favorite talk show host, studiously taking in the action from his front-row box.

In 1968, Rod Laver became the first L.A. Champion of the Open era and added a second title in 1970.

"So many stars would come out to watch the matches," Laver said in awe, "it was like a who's who of Hollywood."

It was also a who's who of tennis.

But were the good old days as good as we remember? Yes, tennis was filled with glamor and glory, but just below the surface was racial and religious discrimination. As late as the mid-'50s, players of color and Jews were excluded.

For example, Harvard-educated James Blake would not have been allowed to compete because he's black. As it happens, Blake has an amazing story. Ranked as high as No. 4 in the world, in 2004 he broke his neck after slipping on the clay and colliding with the net post. Blake also developed shingles, which paralyzed half his face and blurred his sight. (And he also lost his father to cancer.)

But with tons of hard work, in 2005 Blake was named Comeback Player of the Year.



Photo courtesy Matthew Hynes

WINNER: **Former Santa Monica resident Sam Querrey celebrates a winning shot.**

And in 2007 he wrote his autobiography "Breaking Back: How I Lost Everything and Won Back My Life," which became a N.Y. Times best-seller. He lost at UCLA this past Tuesday in a third set tiebreaker but my guess is he's got his priorities set as he and fiancé Emily Snider have a brand new baby, Riley Elizabeth, who was born last month.

Another tremendous comeback story is Brian Baker. Sidelined after five surgeries, Baker was off the tour for six years but his love for the game never waned. And amazingly, this past Wimbledon he reached the fourth round and is currently ranked 79th in the world. Baker lost in the first round here but it's only a minor setback given his remarkable year.

In the meantime, 24-year-old local boy Sam Querrey (born in Thousand Oaks), the second seed, is very much in the hunt . The big-serving, two-time winner of this event cruised Wednesday night to a first round victory 6-2, 6-2 much to the delight of his many fans, "the Samurai" cheering group. Each time Sam served an ace, the group banged a loud gong and chanted their practiced cheers. The final is on Sunday and many are hoping for a Querrey vs. top-seeded Frenchman Benoit Paire title match.

Reflecting on the tournament got me to thinking. Certainly, life's great memories are to be cherished and even idealized. But for Baker, back after six years, and Blake with a new baby, and maybe for all of us, the good old days can also be now.

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# Federal court taking second look at DNA sample law

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO A federal appeals court decided to take another look at a California law that requires DNA samples to be taken from anyone arrested for a felony, not just after a conviction.

A panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the law in February on a 2-1 vote. But the court said Wednesday a majority of its judges had decided to set the ruling aside and have an 11-judge panel review the case.

Opponents of the law say it amounts to an unconstitutional search and seizure.

But in February's ruling, Judge Milan Smith likened it to fingerprinting, saying law enforcement officers analyze only enough DNA information to identify the individual.

Law enforcement's interest in solving cold cases, identifying crime suspects and even exonerating the wrongly accused outweigh any privacy concerns raised by the forced DNA collections, the panel ruled.

State Attorney General Kamala Harris, a supporter of the law, said it has been used to reopen many cold cases.

Judge William Fletcher dissented, writing that the DNA samples are not used for identification purposes but as an investigative tool that is taken without a warrant or reasonable suspicion.

The DNA samples are obtained with a swab of the cheek and stored in a DNA database. Arrestees who are never charged with a felony can apply to have their samples expunged, although prosecutors can veto the request.

Voters overwhelmingly approved a ballot measure for the law in 2004. A separate case challenging the law is pending in the state court system.

The appeals court panel is expected to conduct its new hearing during the week of Sept. 17.

# New park unveiled in downtown Los Angeles

BY ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The heart of downtown used to stop beating at sundown.

Office workers would clear out of Civic Center to begin long commutes to the suburbs, leaving an empty concrete landscape surrounded by courthouses and government buildings and inhabited mainly by homeless residents of Skid Row.

Hoping to bring new life to those streets, city officials on Thursday unveiled Grand Park — a great green hope for the future of the nation's second-largest city.

The $56 million renovation aims to create a 12-acre strip of lawns, winding paths and gardens that will become a vibrant center of city life.

It continues the renaissance of downtown, which in recent years has seen the $2.5 billion entertainment complex called L.A. Live sprout just 10 blocks away. L.A. Live includes Staples Center, home to basketball's Lakers and Clippers and hockey's Kings, as well as a pair of world-class hotels and numerous upscale restaurants, nightclubs and theaters.

Closer to the park, the economy has slowed but not stalled the coming of thousands of residents who are moving into upscale apartments and condos in the once drab neighborhood.

Eventually, Grand Park is expected to stretch from Grand Avenue at the Music Center to Spring Street at City Hall. The first segment, officially opened on Wednesday, includes a renovated fountain, children's splash pool area, stage, plantings of drought-resistant plants from around the world, and lots of pink benches.

Walter Lutz, 40, sprawled on one of those benches to enjoy the sunshine while his 6-year-old daughter, Scarlette, made friends with another young visitor on Thursday.

Lutz, a high school teacher who lives about seven miles away in the Highland Park area, has been visiting Civic Center for decades to take advantage of its museums and theater complex. He and his daughter would stop in the old park in the area for some shade, but it wasn't a destination.

"It was pretty much a pass we would pass through," he said. "There wasn't anything really here to do.

"It's definitely a lot more welcoming and attractive," he said of the renovations.

Some officials hope Grand Park will become a miniature version of New York's Central Park.

## The Q Line

**In the mail**

The U.S. Postal Service is considering shuttering the post office on Fifth Street, something that doesn't sit well with some residents.

**So, this week's Q-Line question asks:**
Where do you stand on the possible closure, or does it not matter if it goes away?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **310-573-8354**.



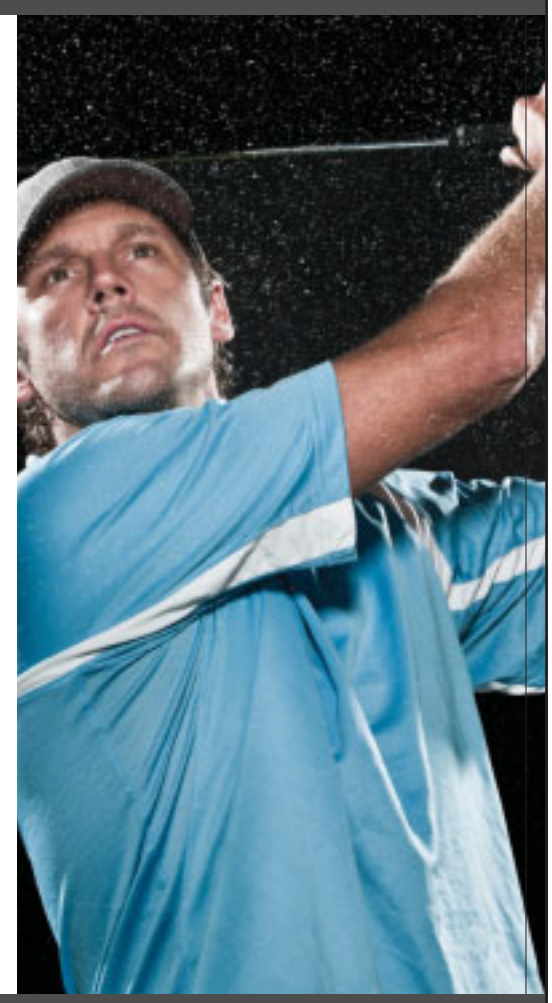
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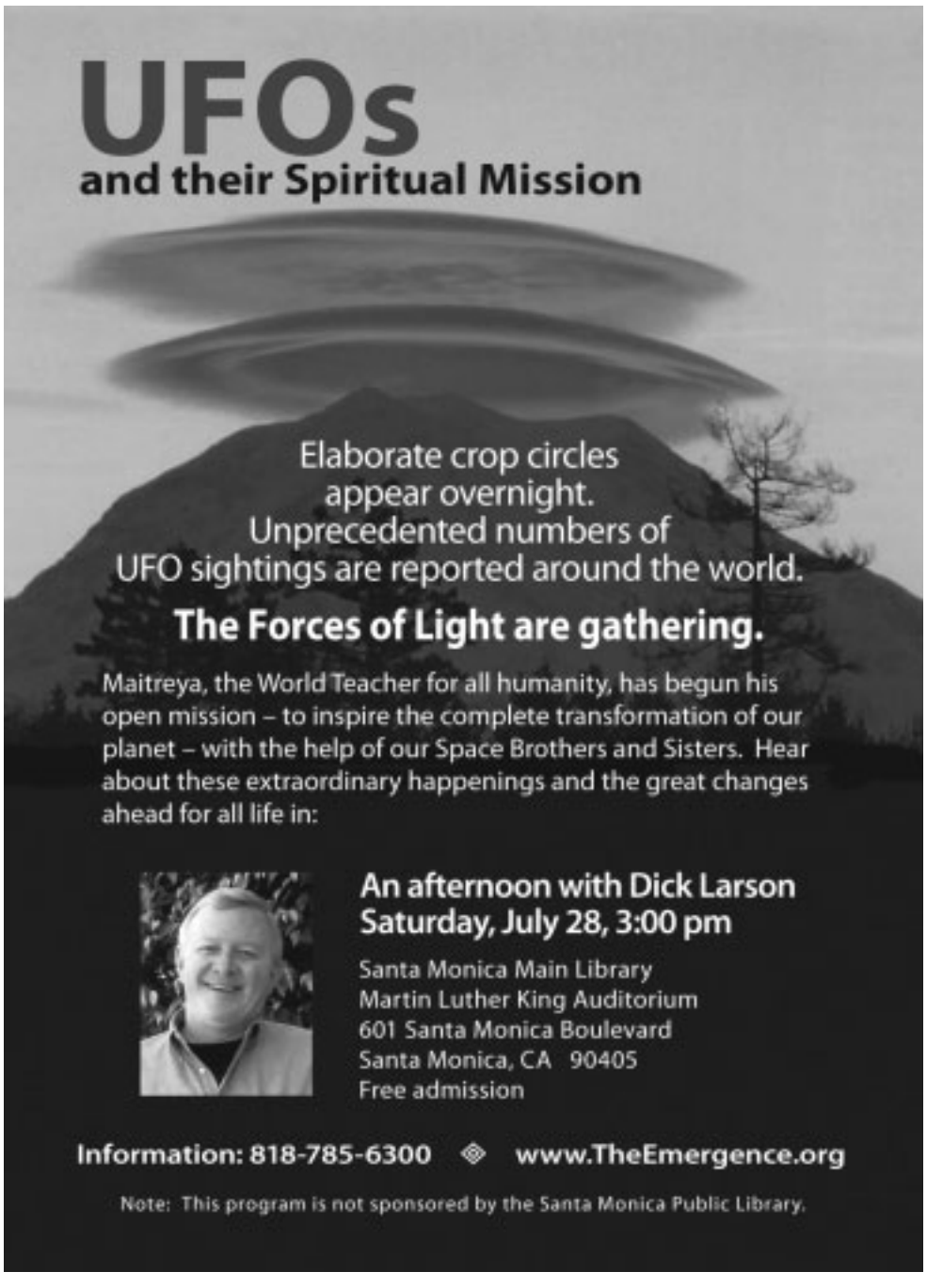
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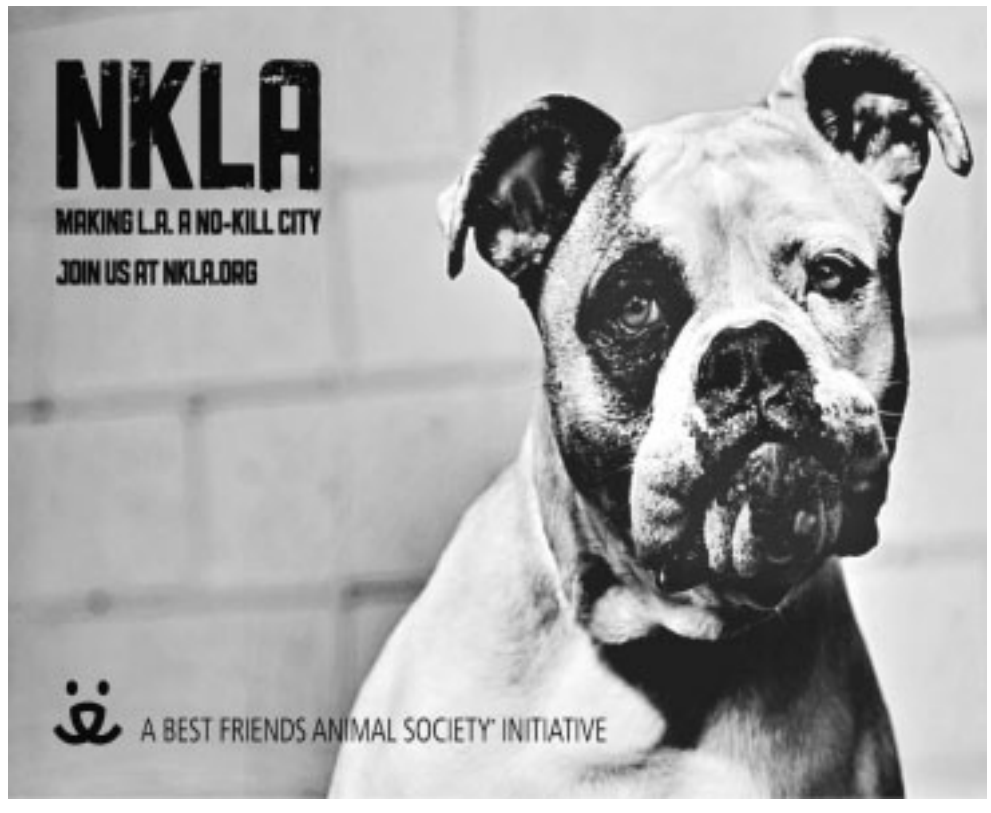
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# CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

## Homeless man arrested for allegedly stealing tip jar

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

TUESDAY, JULY 17, AT 8:18 A.M.,
A Santa Monica police officer and a jail manager walked into the Coffee Bean at 3150 Ocean Park Blvd. when employees pointed to a man standing outside the store and told the officer that he had just stolen the coffee house's employee tip jar. The officer and jail manager confronted the men, who handed the tip jar back to the store manager. The suspect allegedly tried to avoid arrest, but was taken into custody without incident. The suspect was transported to the Santa Monica Jail. During a background check, police learned that the suspect had several prior convictions for petty theft and robbery and was on parole. The suspect was booked for petty theft with a prior and the parole violation. He was identified as Dontee Lawrence Cason, 29, a transient. No bail was set.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, AT 9:16 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 700 block of Taft Way regarding a report of an auto burglary that had occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said that she was visiting Marco Polo Imports on Colorado Avenue and had parked her car in the back. While inside the shop, she heard a vehicle alarm go off. She went to check and saw a man walking away from the woman's car carrying a piece of cinder block. Next to the car was another piece of the block, police said. The woman looked into her car and noticed that some of her property was missing. She called police and officers detained the suspect in front of Denny's on Lincoln Boulevard and Colorado Avenue and he was positively identified by the victim. The victim's property was recovered and the suspect was booked for burglary and a probation violation. He was identified as Patrick B. Gallagher, 48, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $20,000.

THURSDAY, JULY 19, AT 10:20 A.M.,
Officers responded to a home on the 800 block of Ashland Avenue regarding a report of a man beating another man with a metal bar. When officers arrived, they found the victim outside an apartment complex with multiple injuries. Paramedics were called. While waiting for them to arrive, the man told officers that he lived with his father in the apartment complex. The two were arguing when the father allegedly grabbed the metal bar and chased the son out of the apartment. While running, the son said he fell and his father hit him several times on the back and the butt. The victim was taken to a hospital and treated for minor injuries. The suspect was arrested inside the apartment and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. He was identified as Frederico Sanchez Campos, 56, of Santa Monica. Bail was set at $30,000.

FRIDAY, JULY 20, AT 9:20 P.M.,
Officers responded to an apartment complex on the 2000 block of Cloverfield Boulevard regarding a report of someone possibly selling drugs at the rear of the complex. When officers arrived, they began questioning residents and locked onto one in particular who allegedly let officers into her apartment where they said they saw cocaine in plain sight. The woman denied knowing anything about the drugs. She was arrested and booked for possession of a controlled substance. She was identified as Arlene Susan Resa, 54, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $10,000.

SATURDAY, JULY 21, AT 12:25 A.M.,
Officers were patrolling on the east end of the city when they saw a green GMC Sierra traveling east on Broadway that appeared to be weaving in and out of the bicycle lane. Officers conducted a traffic stop on the 1500 block of Centinela Avenue, believing that the driver was under the influence. Officers spoke with the driver, who told them that he did not have a license. Officers searched him and said they found methamphetamine in his pants pocket. A passenger was also searched. Officers said they found two bindles of cocaine inside his backpack. Both suspects were placed under arrest and booked for possession of a controlled substance. The suspects were identified as Toni Sanchez Gomez, 23, and Jesus Lopez, 25; both from Los Angeles. Bail was set at $10,000 each.

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## CHURCH
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Lambrecht. Lambrecht is vice president of the Good News magazine, a conservative Methodist publication.

"The General Conference sets the rules for how we are to live together," Lambrecht said.

Although the church has a commitment to reach out to gays and lesbians, it does not condone the lifestyle and it won't in the foreseeable future, Lambrecht said.

Melvin Talbert, a retired bishop of the Methodist Church, was disappointed.

He stood before the General Conference and, for the first time, went public with his concept of "biblical obedience," an idea based on passages from the Bible that emphasize love and inclusivity that he feels trumps the church's law.

Talbert used to hold traditional views on homosexuality, but changed his mind after a weekend retreat in the 1970s where homosexuals and heterosexuals mingled without revealing their preferences.

"As I met all these fine people, we began to reveal whether we were straight or gay. I was blown away," Talbert said. "I said to myself and to God that never again would I allow myself to be prejudice against someone because of sexual orientation."

Although he failed to sway the General Conference, Talbert's ideas gained purchase in the west, and the conference affirmed its belief that the act of the General Conference was immoral and unjust.

"We are going to be responsible to a higher law than the law of the church: The Gospel of Jesus Christ," Talbert said.

Other bishops gave Talbert the responsibility to supervise the new movement, called "radical inclusivity," in defiance of the law.

He will support clergy and lay people, answer questions and dialogue with other members of the church. He will also have to pass along charges if any are laid against the more liberal priests who decide to put their words into practice and marry or ordain homosexuals.

If they are found guilty in a church trial, they can lose their ministry.

"It's not something they can take lightly," Talbert said. "Their future is at stake. They have to ask if they're prepared to take that risk for the cause of the Gospel."

McKeithen knew that when she made the decision to perform gay marriages.

"I was never worried before because I believe I should do what I should do," McKeithen said.

And now that she can move forward with her ideals with the support of the Western Jurisdiction behind her she said, "It feels great. It was a really good conference."

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# SODA
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High-fructose corn syrup, the cheap sweetener that's used in most sodas, has the same nutritional value and taste of sugar. A can of regular soda typically has about 40 grams of high-fructose corn syrup and 140 calories. By comparison, the same amount of apple juice has about 38 grams of sugar and 165 calories, but companies can tout the vitamins and other nutrients juice provides.

Aspartame, the artificial sweetener commonly used in drinks such as Diet Coke and Diet Pepsi, doesn't have any calories. But some drinkers worry about the fact that the sweeteners are not natural. Public perception has been colored by past studies that have suggested it caused cancer and brain tumors in rats even though The American Cancer Society says there's no evidence showing it has any link with an increased risk for cancer in adults.

The concerns have led soft drink companies to search for natural, zero-calorie sweeteners, including stevia, which is derived from a South American shrub. Natural sweeteners have neither the calories of sugar nor the negative associations of artificial sweeteners. The trick, however, is figuring out how to make them taste good in colas.

"Every sweetener has its own notes that need to be mixed with other flavors," said Mehmood Khan, chief science officer for PepsiCo. "It's a bit like an orchestra playing music, as opposed to one instrument."

So far, stevia is the natural sweetener that has gotten the most attention and is already used in Coca-Cola and PepsiCo products, including orange juice and bottled teas. But it's proving more difficult to hide the aftertaste in colas.

Soft drink makers are testing different extracts from the stevia plant that they hope will be easier to blend. They're also scouring the world for other naturally occurring sweeteners, such as one called mogroside that is extracted from monk fruit and a derivative of a berry called miracle fruit.

The Coca-Cola Co., based in Atlanta, says it's currently testing additional drinks that use stevia and other natural sweeteners but declined to give details. The tests are part of the ongoing "home-use tests" the company conducts, in which consumers may be given a six-pack of a new product to try over the course of a week.

To accelerate the pace of such trials, Coca-Cola two years ago dedicated a production line at one of its plants solely to churning out test beverages. But taste isn't the only consideration for the world's biggest soda maker.

"Some of the very exciting (sweeteners) we're playing with are really small in terms of production and planting, and they need to be nurtured," says Katie Bayne, president of Coca-Cola's North American soda business.

Coca-Cola also is testing versions of its Sprite and Fanta that use stevia in Atlanta, Detroit, Louisville, Ky. and Memphis, Tenn. The drinks have about half the calories of regular Sprite and Fanta (70 per can, instead of 140 or 160, respectively). But the "Select" drinks fall short of the ideal because they have sugar.

PepsiCo, based in Purchase, N.Y., is also on the hunt for new drinks that use natural, no-calorie sweeteners. In 2010, the company entered a $62 million, four-year deal with food flavor company Senomyx Inc. to develop natural sweeteners and "taste enhancers" that can intensify sweetness. Coca-Cola also previously had an eight-year contract with Senomyx; neither of the partnerships has yet produced any products for commercial use.

Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc., the nation's third-largest soda maker, also is searching for the right combination. The company's line of flavored sodas, such as Sunkist and A&W Root Beer, may make it easier to mask the taste of natural sweeteners like stevia than with colas.

At a beverage industry conference earlier this year, Dr Pepper's Chief Financial Officer Marty Ellen said he thinks a "sweetener breakthrough" is achievable in the next few years.

Recreating the exact taste of extremely valuable brands such as Coke and Pepsi is a high-stakes game and companies don't want to rush any drinks to the market. But making a natural cola that doesn't have any calories isn't impossible. Smaller companies such as Zevia, based in Culver City, Calif., already make such colas using stevia.

Zevia is now sold in 10,500 locations — including Kroger and Whole Foods — up from just 850 locations four years ago. CEO Paddy Spence doesn't think Coke and Pepsi's efforts to come up with their own zero-calorie drinks will threaten his company.

"When consumers see a brand all of a sudden with different positioning, they see right through that," Spence said. "They'll say 'you're a sugar soda company that has a couple different stevia products.'"

Still, considering their enormous resources, it's likely that soda companies will eventually find a way to make natural drinks with no calories that taste good, says Mike Jacobson of the Center for Science in the Public Interest.

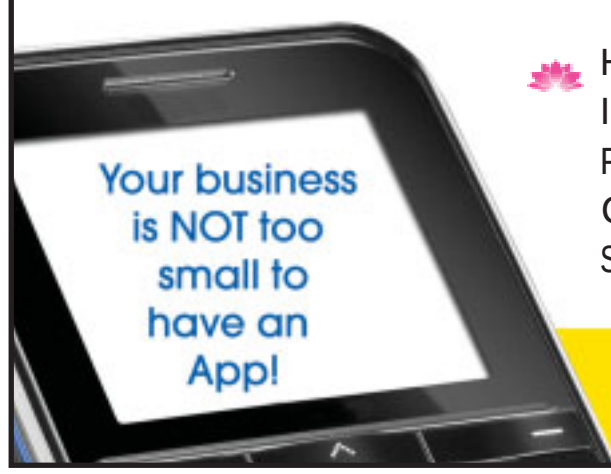
"If you look 10 years ahead, we're going to see a different marketplace for sodas," he said.

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# White House makes clear: No push for new gun laws

BEN FELLER
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON President Barack Obama will not push for stricter gun laws this election year, the White House said Thursday, one day after his impassioned remarks about the need to keep assault weapons off the streets suggested he may plunge into that political fight and challenge Congress to act.

Instead, Obama's stand on the government's role ended up right where it was after the mass shooting in Colorado last week: Enforce existing law better.

That is same view held by his Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, as both reach for broader and more politically appealing ways to keep guns away from killers.

Obama still wants Congress to reinstitute a federal ban on military-style assault weapons that lapsed years ago, his spokesman Jay Carney said. But the president is not and has not been pushing for that ban, a nod to the politics of gun control.

There is no interest among many lawmakers of both parties to take on the divisive matter. Especially not with an election in just over 100 days.

Sealing the matter, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Thursday the Senate's schedule is too packed to even have a debate on gun control.

Asked if the Senate might debate the issue next year, Reid said, "Nice try."

Public opinion has shifted away from tighter gun control. Twenty years ago, polls showed that a substantial majority supported stricter limits on guns. Now Americans appear evenly divided. Nearly every statement on the matter from Romney and Obama includes reminders that they stand by the Second Amendment.

From the White House, Carney said: "There are things that we can do short of legislation and short of gun laws."

The lack of legislation reflects that reality, too: Police say laws and background checks are often futile in keeping someone with horrifying intent from executing a massacre. Authorities say the suspect in the Aurora, Colo., shootings broke no laws when he purchased the guns he is accused of using, and he passed the required background checks.

Obama and his team "gain nothing politically, and they just don't have the horsepower to pass anything," said William Vizzard, professor emeritus of criminal justice at California State University, Sacramento, and an author on gun control politics. "And then the problem is trying to craft a law that would really do something."

Yet at least one prominent gun control group sought Thursday to pressure Obama and Romney to offer voters concrete plans. The group's president, Dan Gross, said words alone were not enough in a nation in which 32 people are killed by guns each day. He specifically challenged Obama to move beyond the rhetoric.

"The president said very similar things in his last campaign," said Gross, head of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence. "A speech is not a plan. An endorsement of a measure is not a solution."

It was Obama who stirred the issue in speaking Wednesday night to the National Urban League, a civil rights organization whose mission is to help black Americans secure economic opportunity and power.

In his most extensive remarks on guns since the Colorado shooting left 12 dead and dozens wounded, Obama said steps to reduce violence have been opposed by Congress and "we should leave no stone unturned" in the national imperative of keeping young people safe.

And he got specific on assault-style weapons. "A lot of gun owners would agree that AK-47s belong in the hands of soldiers, not in the hands of criminals — that they belong on the battlefield of war, not on the streets of our cities," he said.

Obama's message was comprehensive, but he ultimately did not promise anything specific. He spoke of community policing strategies and mental health centers, or programs that steer people away into safe activities instead of gang violence, of ensuring that parents and teachers step in to fill a hole in a child's heart "that government alone cannot fill."

Romney, in an interview Thursday with CNN, said new laws won't help. He cited the case of Timothy McVeigh, who was convicted and put to death for the 1995 bombing of a federal building in Oklahoma City, which killed 168 people. McVeigh used fertilizer in constructing his bomb.

"I think that the effort to continue to look for some law to somehow make violence go away is missing the point," Romney said. "The real point has to relate to individuals that are deranged and distressed, and to find them and help them and to keep them from carrying out terrible acts."

The ban on assault weapons that became law in 1994, during President Bill Clinton's first term, contributed to the Democrats' loss of Congress that year. It expired during George W. Bush's presidency in 2004.

The ban would have prevented the Colorado shooting suspect, James Holmes, from legally buying one of the four firearms police found on him and in his car, an assault rifle. It also would have prevented him from buying new high-capacity ammunition magazines.

Vizzard, the gun control scholar, said there are legislative ways to reduce gun violence, particularly over a longer term of 20 to 30 years. But with an estimated 300 million guns in the United States, he said, Obama is right that "the things that have the most impact are cultural" and that shape the behavior of young people.

Obama once got into his own firestorm during the 2008 presidential race by saying some bitter small-town residents cling to guns and religion for solace. This time, Vizzard said, the president will not give any material to critics who believe he is out to strip their gun rights.

"He's a cagey guy," Vizzard said. "He's just not going to do it."










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# Stock market soars after ECB vows to protect the euro

**PALLAVI GOGOI,**
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK It was the buy signal that markets were waiting for.

When European Central Bank president Mario Draghi vowed to "do whatever it takes" to keep the continent's monetary union intact, stocks were off to races in the U.S. and Europe.

The Dow Jones industrial average on Thursday jumped 212 points, or 1.7 percent, to 12,888 following big gains in European markets. Benchmark stock indexes in Spain and Italy surged 6 percent and 4 percent in France.

Draghi's comments at an investor conference at the Olympics raised hopes that Europe's central bank might intervene to bring down the cripplingly high borrowing costs for struggling European countries like Spain and Italy.

After insisting for months that it was up to European governments to restore confidence in the currency shared by 17 nations there, Draghi pledged that "the ECB is ready to do whatever it takes to preserve the euro."

That commitment gave a big boost to global markets. "The No. 1 problem in the world now is Europe's finances," John Fox, director of research at Fenimore Asset Management, said. "When the head of the ECB comes out and says he's willing to do anything, that's code for 'We are going to agree to resolve this issue.' "

In other signs that investors were becoming more confident that Europe's financial crisis would not spin out of control, borrowing costs for Spain and Italy fell sharply, the euro surged a penny to $1.23 against the dollar and the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 1.43 percent from 1.40 percent late Wednesday. Investors tend to sell low-risk assets like Treasurys when they're less fearful about global markets and the economy.

As earnings reports this week from Caterpillar and Ford have shown, Europe's troubles can have a big impact on the results of major U.S. corporations.

"Close to 20 percent of the S&P 500 companies' revenues comes from Europe," said Lawrence Creatura, portfolio manager at Federated Investors. "We're in a global, interconnected economy and Europe's troubles are our own today."

The broader the Standard & Poor's 500 index rose for the first time in five days. It was up 22.13 points, or 1.7 percent, to 1,360.02 The gains in the U.S. stock market were broad. All 10 of the industry groups in the S&P 500 index rose, led by telecommunications companies.

In other trading, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 39.01 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,893.25, despite more disappointing news from technology companies including the online game maker Zynga.

Several U.S. companies were also rising sharply after reporting stronger earnings. Sprint Nextel jumped 68 cents, or 20 percent, to $4.05. The country's third-largest wireless carrier was successful in convincing smartphone subscribers to pay up for "unlimited data" service, and its service revenue zoomed higher, beating analysts' estimates.

In Europe, Draghi's comments came after days of uncertainty in Europe and rising concern over Spain's recession and the country's banks, which are reeling following the implosion of a real estate bubble. As borrowing costs for both Spain and Italy rose in the past week, investors feared that both countries might need to be rescued, like Greece, Portugal and Ireland had been in the last two years.

Borrowing costs for Spain's government plunged following Draghi's comments as investors anticipated that the European Central Bank might step up its purchases of Spanish government bonds.

The yield on Spain's benchmark 10-year bond dropped almost half a percentage point, a huge move, to 6.89 percent. That rate surged as high as 7.54 percent this week as investors dumped the country's bonds and lost confidence in Spain's ability to manage its debts.

Technology companies continued to report disappointing earnings following industry leader Apple's rare earnings disappointment earlier this week.

Zynga, which produces popular social network games "CityVille" and "FarmVille" posted poor quarterly results and cut its outlook, prompting a number of analyst downgrades. Its stock fell $1.90, or 37.5 percent, to $3.17.

Zynga's disastrous results were also a bad omen for Facebook, which got about 12 percent of its 2011 revenue from Zynga. Facebook plunged 10 percent in after-hours trading after the company reported a loss of $157 million for its second quarter. The stock was down $2.63 at $24.19.

Among other stocks making big moves:

• PulteGroup jumped $1.84, or 18 percent, to $11.86 after the homebuilder posted a quarterly profit, beating Wall Street's forecasts thanks to higher house prices and sales.

• United Continental slumped $1.21, or 6 percent, $19.20 after the combined airline's second-quarter net income dropped 37 percent as it continued to wrestle with merger-related issues.

• Whole Foods Market jumped $9.57, or 11 percent, to $94.10 after the natural and organic foods store chain lifted its profit outlook for the year. Its net income jumped 32 percent in the latest quarter as shoppers spent more.

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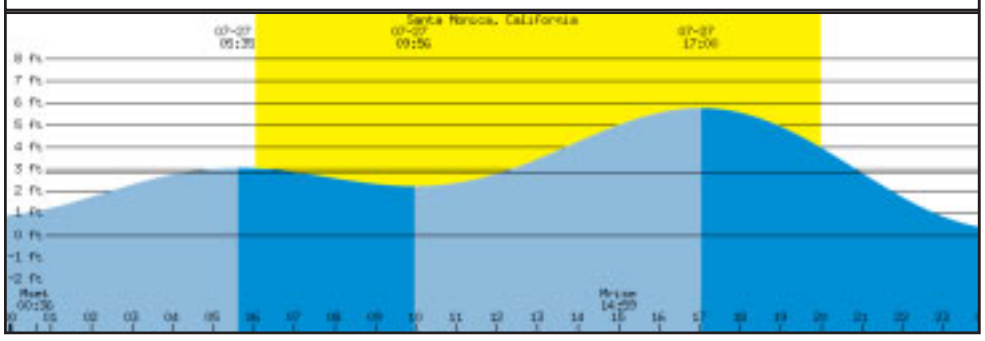

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**Surf Conditions** **Water Temp:** 64.9°

**Swell Forecast**
Should run waist high at south facing breaks, knee high at west facing spots.

**Long Range Synopsis**
Looks knee to waist high most everywhere.

**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 18, 2012**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

**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 -- 36 / 16
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Los Alisos creeks. | ns | ns |
| Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private). | A+ | ns |
| Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth. | D | ns |
| Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Latigo Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Pearce State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd. | A+ | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | A | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily. | A | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | F | ns |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | A | ns |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero). | A+ | ns |
| Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs. | A+ | ns |
| Point Dume at Los Tunas County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Trancas Canyon. | A+ | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | A | 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 17208 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. | C | 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 Westward Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |
| Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south. | A+ | ns |
| Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St. | D | ns |
| Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain. | A+ | ns |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW jetty). | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |

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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.

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FOOTBALL

# United Football League will return for fourth season

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OMAHA, Neb. The United Football League will return for a fourth season and a cable channel will televise games.

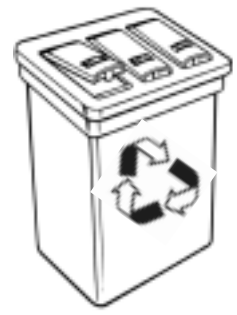
UFL spokesman Larry Weisman said Thursday that details about the second-tier pro league's structure would be announced later.

CBS Sports Network has agreed to televise games on Wednesdays and Fridays over an eight-week season starting Sept. 19. A network spokesman declined to disclose terms.

A network news release said former NFL coaches Marty Schottenheimer and Jim Fassel would return. Schottenheimer is with the Norfolk, Va., team and Fassel with Las Vegas. Omaha, Neb., and Sacramento, Calif., also had teams in 2011.

The league is made up of players who were cut in NFL training camps, veterans who want to get back to the NFL and free agents.

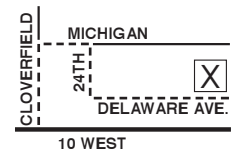
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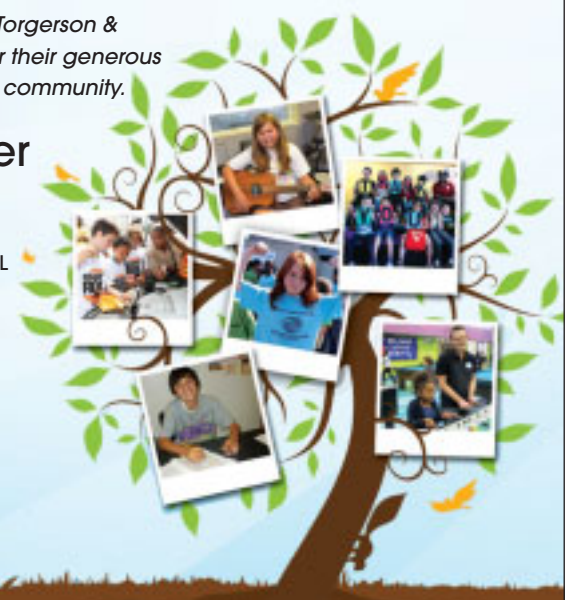
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## MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
**1328 Montana Ave.**
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**Breakfast at Tiffany's (NR) 1hr 55min**
7:30pm

**Two for the Road (NR) 1hr 51min**
7:30 pm

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**1441 Third Street Promenade**
**(888) 262-4386**

**Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 2hrs 16min**
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

**Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min**
1:00pm, 4:45pm, 8:30pm

**Magic Mike (R) 1hr 50min**
11:45am, 2:20pm, 5:10pm, 7:55pm, 10:30pm

**Katy Perry: Part of Me 3D (PG) 1hr 35min**
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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**Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 2hrs 16min**
11:45am, 6:15pm

**Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 2hrs 16min**
10:30am, 4:50pm, 11:15pm

**Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 16min**
1:40pm, 8:00pm

**Brave (PG) 1hr 40min**
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:15pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

**Ted (R) 1hr 46min**
11:00am, 11:45am, 1:45pm, 2:30pm, 4:40pm, 5:30pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 10:15pm, 11:15pm

**Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min**
10:30am, 12:05pm, 2:15pm, 3:45pm, 6:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:45pm, 11:15pm

**Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) 1hr 34min**
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:20pm

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**Day and Night (NR) 6min**
1:00pm, 1:15pm

**Well Digger's Daughter (La Fille du puisatier) (NR) 1hr 40min**
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

**Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min**
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

**Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG-13) 1hr 31min**
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

**To Rome With Love (R) 1hr 35min**
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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**Ice Age: Continental Drift 3D (PG) 1hr 34min**
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

**Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min**
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**Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min**
11:15am, 3:00pm, 6:45pm, 10:30pm

**Savages (R) 2hrs 10min**
12:15pm, 3:35pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

**Watch (R) 1hr 42min**
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

**Step Up Revolution (PG-13) 1hr 40min**
11:30am, 5:00pm, 10:20pm

**Step Up Revolution 3D (PG-13) 1hr 40min**
2:15pm, 7:40pm

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# Make it an early night, Virgo

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You are intense about one issue after another. Anything you do you will have to do again, in some form. You are best off doing something that is naturally repetitive, like cleaning the house or getting your hair trimmed. Tonight: Only with a favorite person.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might wonder why someone is so pushy. Think again with detachment, and the answer will become evident. With your inner strength and endurance, you are like a freight train coming down the track when you want something. Tonight: Add more spice to your relationship.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Fortunately, you are efficient and quick. Several people might ask you to pitch in here and there. You could feel as if you have no choice but to say "yes." Understand that you really need to establish better boundaries. Tonight: Where the gang is.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You have a natural charm that carries you through the most difficult of situations; however, you make a present episode harder because of your emotional connection to it. You might want to trust that you will land on your feet like a cat with nine lives, because you will. Tonight: Don't make it a late night.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to lay low once more. You want to be in prime shape and full of energy for the weekend. A child or loved one plays into your plans. Center yourself and complete anything you need to. Tonight: Romp the night away!

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Remain clear about what you want, and ask for just that. In a problematic relationship, you might feel as if a talk heals the situation. Tonight: Make it early.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Balance the books to prevent a problem in the near future. You want a checking account on the high-plus side. Suddenly, a spending spree feels like the right thing to do. Be aware of how much you offer or bring to the table. Tonight: Out and about.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Understand what needs to happen for you to finish a project before you relax. Do not hesitate to follow through and complete several other pending matters. Once you are done, you will feel much freer. Make time for a late lunch with a friend. Tonight: Treat a pal to munchies.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might not want to reveal what is on your mind. Perhaps you are not exactly sure of your thoughts and need to give yourself time to process them. In some cases, new information might be forthcoming. Still, others note that something is going on with you. Tonight: Nap, then decide.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You could have a very different opinion from many of the people around you. Of course, this variation is not surprising when you consider how very different you are from most of the people you meet. Tonight: Happy to head home.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Pressure to perform at your highest ability could be more of a challenge than the activity itself. Let go of any worry and stress. Give 125 percent. Tonight: Dance out the door. Get ready to paint the town red.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Notice what someone might not be talking about. If you think about it, this omission has been fairly regular. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

## Happy birthday

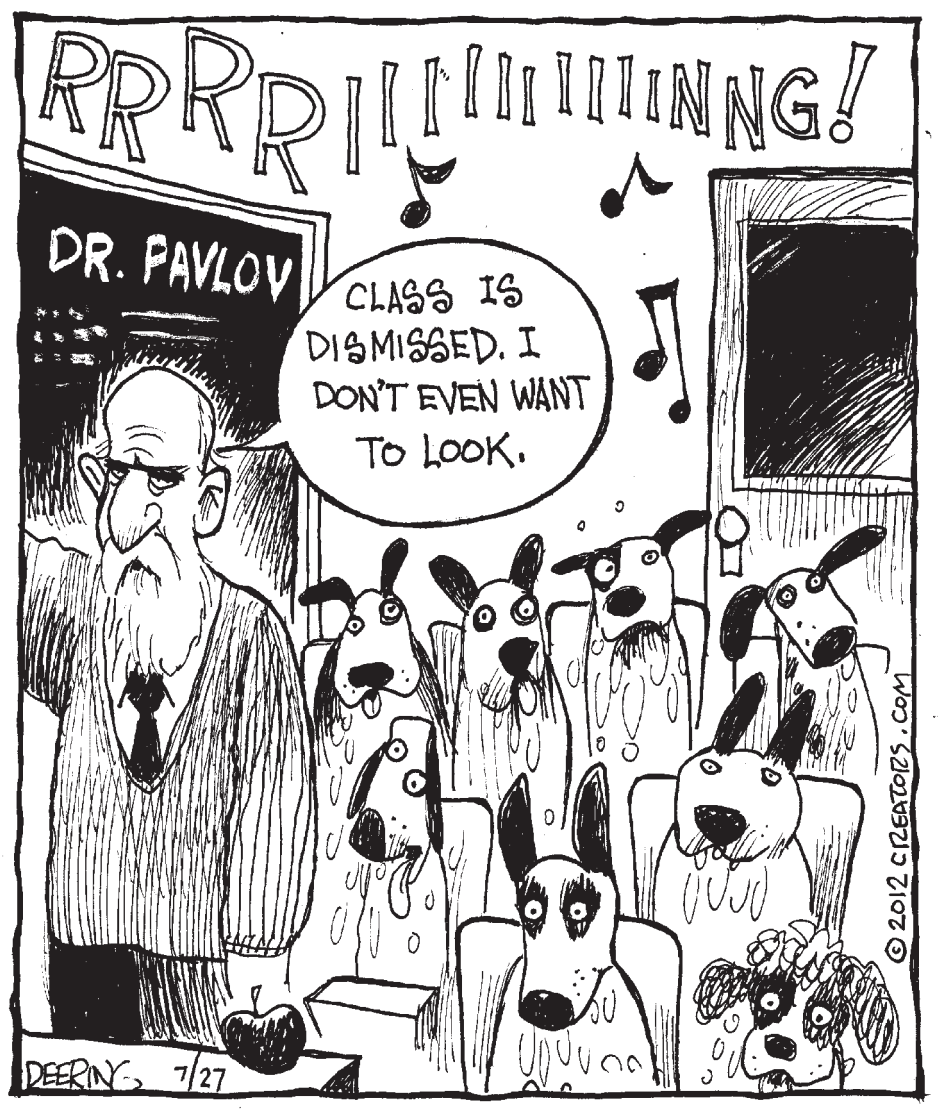
This year others often think of you as the personality among your crowd. What they miss is your depth. That quality will become more dominant as time goes on. You often share profound ideas. If you are single, meeting your match takes some talent, and you have some interesting adventures ahead this year. If you are attached, remember how important a friendship is to your bond. Nurture this quality, too. SCORPIO can trigger you more than many other signs.

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

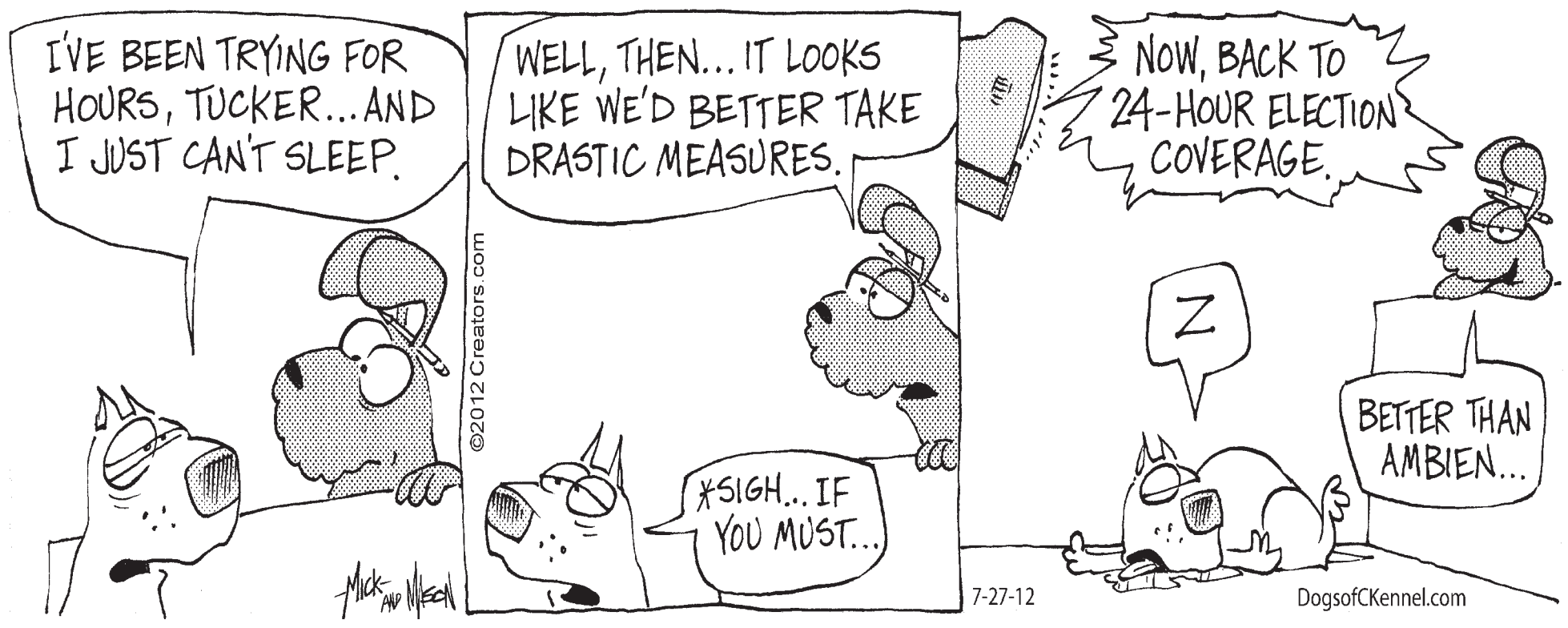
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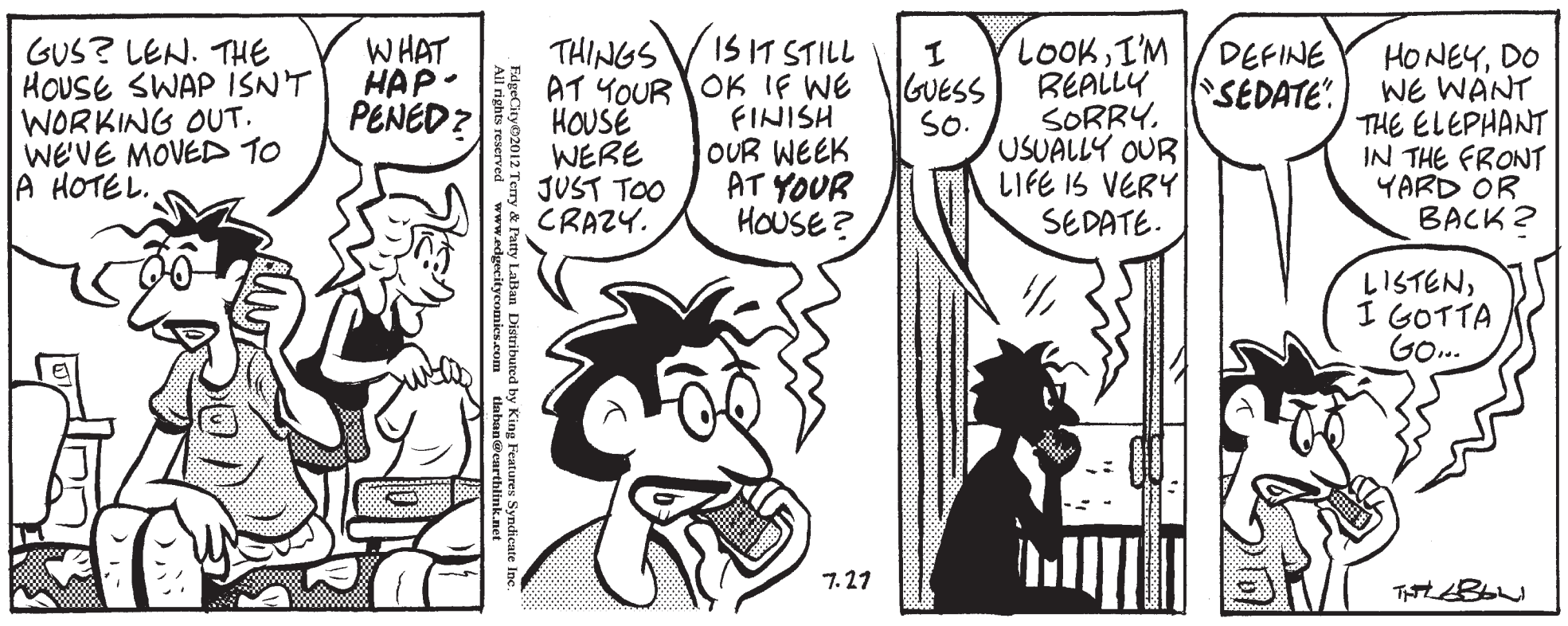

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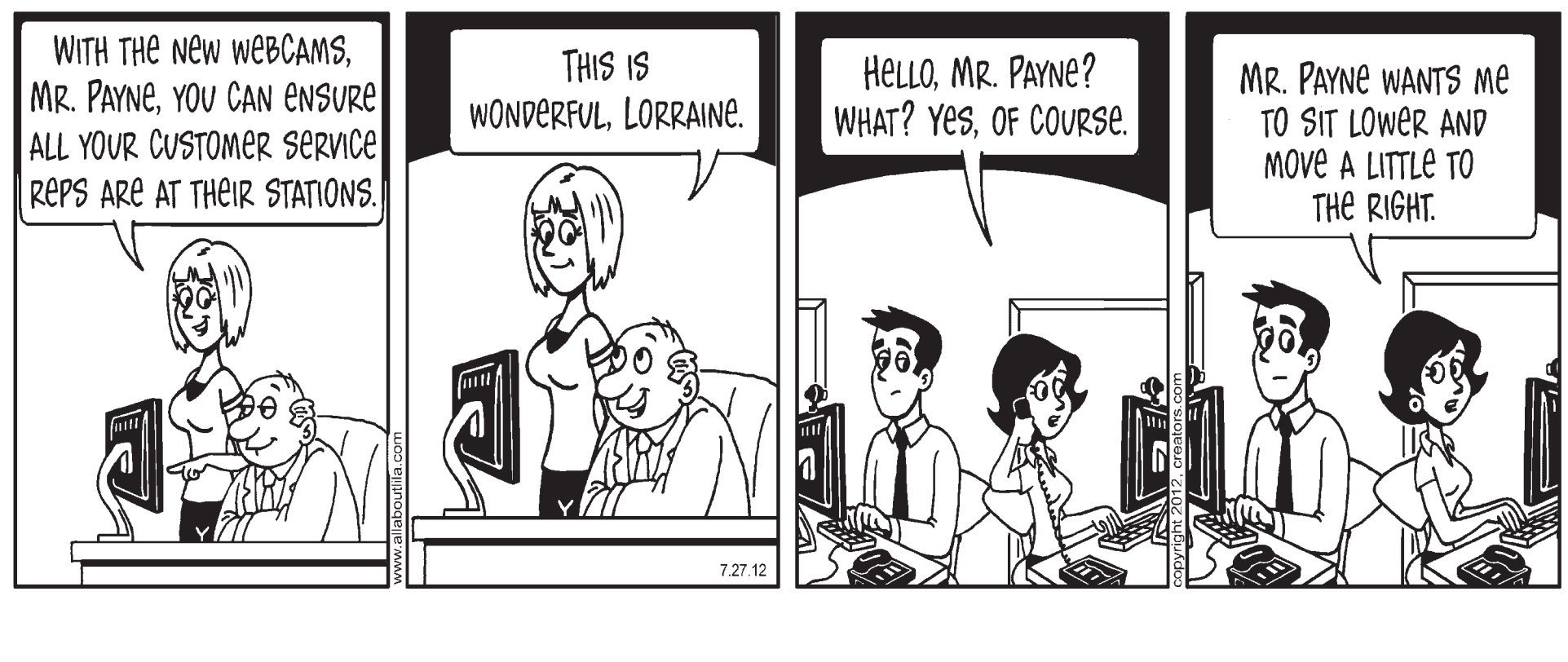

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# Sudoku

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

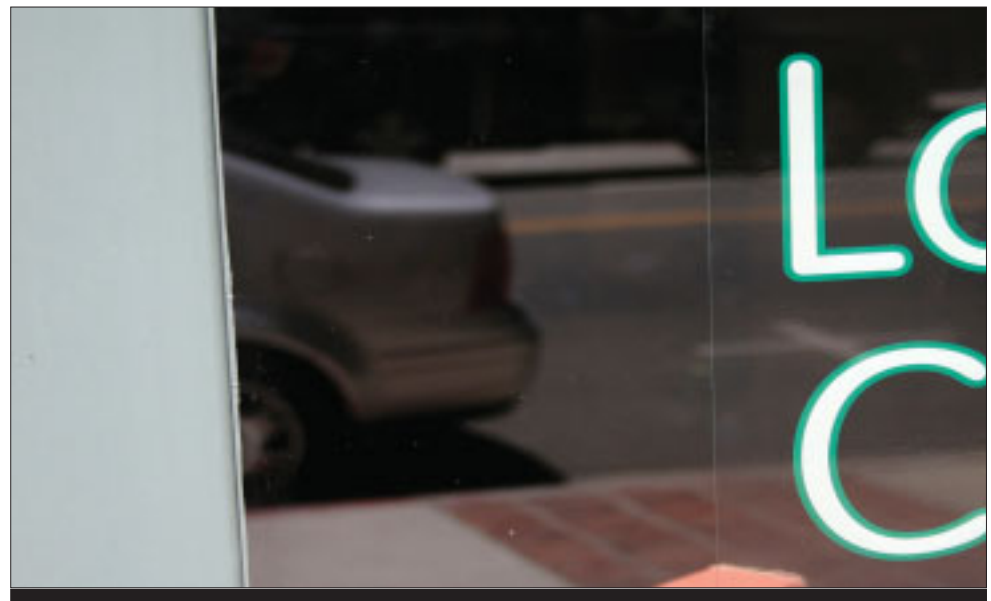
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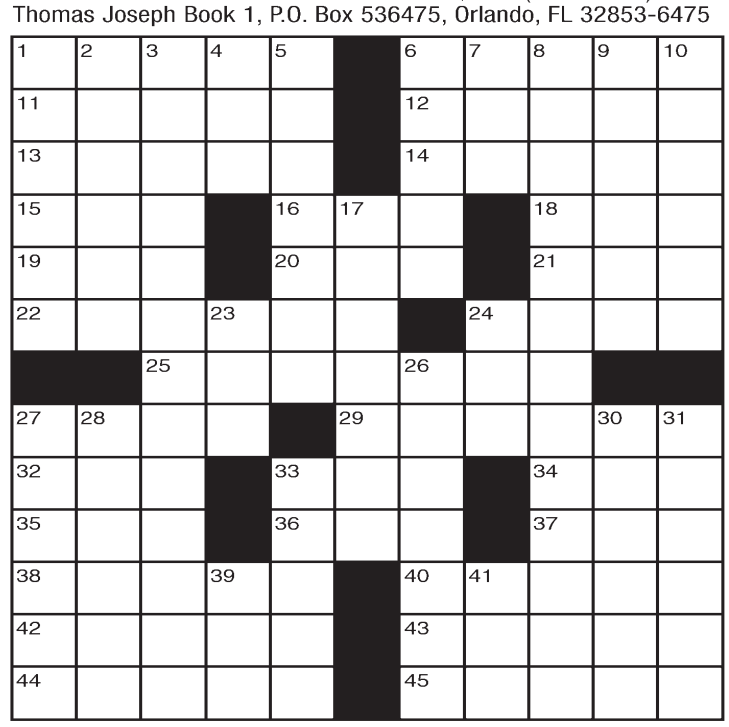
**ACROSS**
**1** Deadly
**6** Lucifer
**11** Muse of poetry
**12** Crockett's last stand
**13** Produces
**14** Fishing spots
**15** Live and breathe
**16** Clean Water Act org.
**18** Bulldog backer
**19** Back muscle, briefly
**20** Down
**21** Sardine holder
**22** Like some restaurants
**24** Uneven hairdo
**25** Muse of music
**27** Enthralled
**29** Bounded
**32** Athena's symbol
**33** Naughty
**34** Summer sign
**35** Curved letter
**36** Make a choice
**37** Samovar
**38** Boy, slangily
**40** Obstetric test, for short
**42** Incite
**43** Pocket beeper
**44** School paper
**45** Pitchers

**DOWN**
**1** Like mares and fillies
**2** Turkish peak
**3** Give up alcohol
**4** Had supper
**5** Wigs out
**6** Light lunch
**7** In the style of
**8** Get married
**9** First name in aviation
**10** Snooping
**17** Auto racer's warmup
**23** Bolt partner
**24** Masseur's place
**26** Bureaucratic nuisance
**27** Shuttle forerunner
**28** Off the bottom
**30** More spooky
**31** Gift givers
**33** Kentucky hero
**39** Monk's title
**41** Gullet

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**Yesterday's answer**

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## DAILY LOTTERY

**MEGA MILLIONS**
Draw Date: 7/24
5 9 38 46 51
Meganumber: 5
Jackpot: $52M

**SUPER LOTTO PLUS**
Draw Date: 7/25
3 8 17 20 44
Meganumber: 23
Jackpot: $7M

**Fantasy 5**
Draw Date: 7/26
5 20 24 26 37

**DAILY 3**
Draw Date: 7/26
MIDDAY: 0 7 3
EVENING: 1 5 4

**SANTA ANITA DERBY**
Draw Date: 7/26
1st: 08 Gorgeous George
2nd: 09 Winning Spirit
3rd: 12 Lucky Charms
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ While top stars of World Wrestling Entertainment, such as John Cena and Triple H, earn upwards of several hundred thousand dollars a year in U.S. rings, pro wrestlers in Senegal can (in the wrestling variation called laamb) make almost that amount too. In May, the undefeated national "champion," the "King of the Arena" Yekini, suffered his first defeat in 15 years at the hands of Balla Gaye 2, before a capacity crowd at Demba Diop Stadium in Dakar, earning the combatants a reported equivalent of $300,000 each. (Per capita income in the U.S. is about $40,000 and in Senegal, $1,900.)

■ Hard Times: (1) In May, the Missoula (Mont.) Sheriff's Office was investigating the theft of a car from the victim's yard -- a 1976 Ford Pinto (which, in addition to being a Pinto, had four flat tires). (2) In Mesa, Ariz., in May, Manuel Ovalle, 35, was charged with burglary after allegedly breaking into a home and taking a Playstation 3 and two bags of water from the home's swimming pool. (Ovalle told police his own home had no water supply.)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

**2000** - 540-metre (1,772 ft)-tall Ostankino Tower in Moscow catches fire, three people are killed.

**2003** - Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in nearly 60,000 years, passing 34,646,418 miles (55,758,005 km) distant.

**2003** - The first six-party talks, involving South and North Korea, the United States, China, Japan and Russia, convene to find a peaceful resolution to the security concerns as a result of the North Korean nuclear weapons program.

**2009** - The Burmese military junta and ethnic armies begin three days of violent clashes in the Kokang Special Region.

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## Obituaries

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Guy was the eighth child born to the late Maria Guadalupe and Clay Eugene Merchant on September 24, 1963 in Houston, Texas.

In addition to his parents, the following sister, nephew and brothers also preceded him in death:
Cecilia Merchant and nephew Chad, Richard and Thomas Merchant.

The following sisters and brothers, all from Texas, survive him: Becky and Ty Hunter, Suzy Rothschild, Alex Merchant and Fred and Linda Merchant.
Nieces: Windy, Haley, Amy and Jennifer Dominique, Theresa, Heather, and Nephew: Taylor
Grandnieces: Ansley and Kelsey
Grandnephews: Michael, Radley and Jordan
Godchildren: Alexandra and Nicholas

Guy earned his B.S. in 1985 at Baylor University, followed by a Master's Degree in Film at Boston University. He moved to Santa Monica, Ca in 1988. Guy has been an employee at UCLA Medical Center for 24 yrs. The last 14 years, as the Research Coordinator for the UCLA Emergency Medicine Research Associates Program.

He was a member of: St. Monica's Parish, UCLA's Master Swim Program, and the Santa Monica YMCA.

Guy lived each and every day to the fullest enjoying many hobbies. He approached the day with the biggest smile and spoke with the kindest of words. He was a genuine friend to all he met and touched the lives of so many.
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