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THE GREAT VIEW ISSUE

City Hall considers local-hiring plan for new developments

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL If lowering unemployment, increasing economic activity and cutting down on traffic in the city sound like attractive goals, City Hall's newest project may have some appeal.

Andy Agle, director of the Housing and Economic Development Department, presented options for a local-hiring program, which could require companies that build in Santa Monica to hire Santa Monicans either for the construction or for positions in the new company.

Agle said the "hire local" model would have many of the same benefits of the "buy local" campaign created by City Hall and the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, which encourages people to shop at local stores instead of driving to nearby cities, thereby saving gas while pumping more money into the local economy.

"It's good for job development, economic development and sustainability," Agle said Monday.

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Commissioners leading charge to open swim facilities

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Special to the Daily Press

CITY HALL There is no reason that a child in Santa Monica should grow up without learning to swim.

That's the position that Recreation & Parks commissioners have taken, anyway.

The commission requested staff place an action item on the August agenda to ask the City Council to open up local pools for use to take burden off the one municipal pool in the city — the Santa Monica Swim Center, located on the Santa Monica College main campus.

The goal would be to offer programs similar to those that kids enjoy at the center, or at least give lap swimmers and other recreational users a place to go so that more classes could be offered at the center.

It became clear that demand was far outstripping supply when two commissioners reported that they could not get their kids enrolled in swim classes at the Santa Monica Swim Center, said Commissioner Phil Brock.

"You've got three pools in the city that are available," Brock said. "We've got capacity that's not being used. Whether it's for lessons or for lap swimming, it'll take the weight off the Swim Center."

The commission is targeting the two pools that are under the control of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District — Santa Monica High School's Drake pool and the pool at Lincoln Middle School — as well as the pool at the Annenberg Beach House.

"We've heard from citizens that there's a need to have more facilities open," Brock said. "Commissioners [Richard] McKinnon and [John] Petz would like to see the

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ACCIDENT ON WILSHIRE

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Neighborhood Resource Officer Adam Gwartz of the Santa Monica Police Department takes notes Monday at the scene of a double injury accident on Wilshire Boulevard. Police officials said that a 28-year-old driver failed to stop at a crosswalk and collided with the two pedestrians. The male victim, 61, suffered multiple fractures. The female, 62, sustained a head injury. Both are at a local hospital. The driver is cooperating with the investigation and was allowed to go home after the incident which occurred at approximately 10:40 a.m.

Judge OKs request for more time in Bulger case

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON A magistrate judge has granted a request to give federal prosecutors more time to turn over evidence to lawyers for former Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger.

Last week, prosecutors said the ordinary period of 28 days to turn over discovery material to the defense is "simply insufficient time" to produce thousands of hours of audiotapes and videotapes, hundreds of photos and other evidence. Bulger's lawyers agreed to an extension until Aug. 31.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler granted the motion Monday.

Bulger, one of the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives, was captured June 22 in Santa Monica after 16 years on the run. He is accused of participating in 19 murders.

Bulger was apprehended with his longtime girlfriend, Catherine Greig, who is charged with harboring a fugitive.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Aug. 2, 2011

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Public Safety Facility
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Join your police department as it hosts National Night Out, an event meant to strengthen partnerships between cops and the community, raise crime prevention awareness and entertain kids. The first 500 people to register will receive a free mini-flashlight. Retailers specializing in emergency supplies will have items available for purchase. Come prepared to stock up on and/or replenish your personal emergency kits. Be prepared for any natural disaster or other emergency. There will be entertainment, carnival games and plenty of food. Free parking is available in the Civic Center Parking Structure. Call SMPD Community Relations at (310)458-8474 for more information.

Bring your reading glasses
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Join Red Hen Press in celebrating poetry at the beach! In this third of four readings this summer, featured readers are Matthew Shenoda, recipient of the Hala Maksoud Award, Ilya Kaminsky, winner of the Whiting Writers' Award and Dana Goodyear, staff writer at The New Yorker, moderated by Alice Quinn, director of the Poetry Society of America. Tickets are free but seating is limited and reservations are required. If you would like to attend, please reserve online. Plan to arrive by 6:15 p.m. to retain your reservation. Late seating, even for reservation-holders, is not guaranteed. To adjust or cancel your reservation for this event, e-mail beachhouse@smgov.net.

Wednesday, August 3, 2011

Farmers' Market
Arizona Avenue and Second Street, 8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Enjoy the fresh produce and easy atmosphere of Santa Monica's Farmers' Market while enjoying featured samples from Pourtal Wine Bar. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/farmers_market.

'Tangled' up
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Friends and family can gather to watch Disney's latest CGI masterpiece. "Tangled" premiered last year, recounting Rapunzel's traditional tale. This movie tells of life experience and self-discovery: a message for all ages. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Thursday, Aug. 4, 2011

What's that I'm eating?
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 3 p.m.
The Main Library, in conjunction with the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, leads a discussion where teens can educate themselves about the foods they eat. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings





WHAT A SURPRISE

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

U.S. Navy Sailor Miguel Valencia (right) and his fiancée Genesis on Sunday are given a surprise wedding package that included a custom-designed wedding dress by local designer Hanna Hartnell (left), a meal at The Lobster and a free night at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel & Bungalows. Valencia was in town as part of fleet day in Santa Monica.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Gas explosion forces family out of home

A gas leak marred a Santa Monica family's first night in their newly-purchased home, as a gas explosion and small fire drove them from their beds.

The explosion occurred at approximately 6:15 a.m. on Saturday, at a house on the 1700 block of 10th St., according to the Santa Monica Red Cross.

The Santa Monica Fire Department quickly extinguished the blaze and there were no injuries reported, according to the statement.

The husband and wife, along with their two pre-teen children, were moved to temporary housing in a local motor hotel, as officials feared other possible gas leaks, and structural damages made the house unsafe to live in.

Temporary housing was secured for three nights with help from the Red Cross.

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DOWNTOWN

CEPS asks residents to fight for district

The Community for Excellent Public Schools, a nonprofit political action committee based in Santa Monica, is celebrating a decade of supporting the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District with an informative survey.

The committee asks residents to "weigh in with their thoughts and concerns about public education," according to a statement released last week.

The survey can be found on the committee's blog at excellentpublicschools.blogspot.com and will be live through Oct. 1.

The committee hopes this survey will help fight the continued budget cuts to public schools.

"We hope everyone who cares about our schools here in Santa Monica and Malibu will take five minutes to send CEPS some feedback," said Shari Davis, committee co-chair.

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DOWNTOWN

Pavley bill increases protection for domestic violence victims

Gov. Jerry Brown signed a bill that allows criminal courts to issue restraining orders for up to 10 years against those convicted in domestic violence cases, officials announced Monday.

Currently, California courts can only issue restraining orders for an extended period of time in the event of a felony conviction where serious bodily injury takes place.

In other misdemeanor or felony cases, the victim is afforded no protection once the culprit is released from jail, unless they seek a restraining order in family court.

Obtaining restraining orders can be an arduous process, as more time and money must be spent before the order can be secured.

The new bill will streamline the process by giving judges the power to issue increased protective measures. The law will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2012.

State Sen. Fran Pavley (D-Santa Monica), the bill's author, was pleased with the law's positive reception from both sides of the political spectrum.

"We simply must protect victims from the threat of further attack from an abuser," Pavley said in a statement released Monday.

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Gov. Brown vetoes bill targeting petition circulators

SHEILA V KUMAR
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday vetoed a bill that sought to make it illegal to pay people per signature when they circulate ballot petitions, a move the bill's author says was intended to prevent fraud.

The governor said the legislation would have created a system that "makes productivity goals a crime" because it would prevent organizations from setting signature goals for the paid gatherers.

The bill was intended to discourage gatherers from faking signatures or getting them from people not permitted to sign. Its author, state Sen. Ellen Corbett, D-San Leandro, said she was disappointed with the veto.

"It's well known that paying signature gatherers on a per-signature basis — using a 'bounty' payment — creates an economic incentive to pad numbers, and we know from the secretary of state that this type of payment system has produced many cases of fraud in recent years," she said in a statement.

The bill's sponsor, the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center in Washington, D.C., issued a statement saying the legislation would have eliminated an incentive for fraud.

The California Secretary of State's Election Fraud Investigation Unit investigated more than 200 allegations that signature-gatherers had faked signatures between 1994 and last year, leading to 30 convictions.

Corbett's bill, SB168, would have made it a misdemeanor for anyone to pay or receive payment based on the number of signatures collected for a state or local initiative. She recommended paying hourly wages or salaries instead.

Brown said the bill would have driven up the cost of campaigning and favored well-funded organizations.

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Benefits are there

Editor:

To Bill Bauer, "community benefits" never means more than "traffic flow" ("What community benefits?" My Write, Aug. 1). Benefits like open public plazas, trees, community meeting space, local jobs and the presence of a hip Hollywood studio should pale in comparison to the thrill of arriving at my destination a minute or two sooner.

Bill trivializes the internships that the Colorado Creative Studios project has promised. But I help an organization that seeks out internships in order to help troubled kids find a path to decency, and it is but one of many such organizations that can use all the internships they can get.

And Bill, you're wrong if you think that nobody cares about wider sidewalks. Show me towns with vibrant street life, outdoor cafes and a sense of community, and I'll show you wide sidewalks.

Of course, there are places where drivers can go as fast as they want, with no impediments. We call them ghost towns.

Paul Bergman
Santa Monica

Fight for your right to repair

Editor:

The National Grange, the nation's oldest national agricultural organization, calls on Congress to pass the Motor Vehicle Owners' Right to Repair Act (HR 1449) on behalf of its more than 200,000 members in order to protect individual vehicle ownership rights, particularly for residents of farming and rural communities.

Our members value their ability and freedom to fix and repair their own vehicles, tractors and other farm equipment. Should they seek assistance elsewhere, local repair shops should have access to all necessary computer codes and service information from the manufacturers in order to properly and efficiently make repairs.

In the absence of the Right to Repair Act, our members in some rural areas would be forced to put off important vehicle repairs and maintenance, jeopardizing their safety and the safety of others on the road. It is also important to note that our members often farm and ranch in remote locations where repair shops are just not available. Traveling long distances to a dealer for repairs or waiting days for parts from dealers can mean missing crop target pricing, costing our members in agriculture a great deal of revenue.

We believe every American has the right to maintain, service, repair and rebuild their own vehicles or farming equipment on their own accord or by the repair shop of their choice. Please join us and take action by visiting www.righttorepair.org to send a letter to your members of Congress urging them to support the Right to Repair Act.

Nicole Palya Wood
Legislative Director
The National Grange



Your column here

Sarah Mosko — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Meat lovers guide to a more environmentally-friendly diet

A PLANT-BASED DIET BEATS A TRADITIONAL meat-based one hands down when it comes to trimming one's contribution to greenhouse gases, but not everyone is willing to plunge head-long into a life of tofu dogs.

The good news for meat eaters with an environmental conscience is that meats and dairy products are not all created equal when it comes to the quantity of greenhouse gases (GHG) produced. In fact, a study just released by the nonprofit Environmental Working Group (EWG) and titled "Meat Eater's Guide to Climate Change + Health" reveals that by avoiding just the three worst GHG offenders — lamb, beef and cheese — even hard-core meat eaters can make a sizable dent in their diet's climate change footprint.

EWG, in partnership with CleanMetrics, an environmental analysis firm, examined the "cradle to grave" lifecycle, from farm to retail to plate to disposal, of 20 popular foods in four categories — meats, fish, dairy and vegetable protein — and compared the GHG produced by each.

To get as complete a picture as possible of a product's lifecycle GHG emissions, EWG included emissions from cooking and even from disposal of uneaten food in their analysis. For example, the study accounted for the 20 percent of meat that goes to waste, according to figures from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The study focused on the conventional kinds of foods most Americans eat, i.e. grain-fed and non-organic. Fish were represented by farmed salmon and canned tuna; and the four dairy products included were cheese, milk, yogurt and eggs. Among the vegetable proteins were common favorites like nuts, lentils, dried beans and tofu.

The two ruminants, lamb and beef, clearly stand apart as the greatest GHG producers, in large part because of the methane they release through flatulence: methane is a 25 times more potent greenhouse gas than CO2.

Perhaps surprising, cheese came in as the third biggest GHG emitter, though its emissions were under half that from lamb or beef but were racheted up nonetheless because cheese also derives from a ruminant. Pork, farmed salmon and turkey all trailed pretty closely behind cheese. The harder a cheese the greater are the GHG emissions because hard cheeses require more milk.

With the exception of yogurt and milk (2 percent) — with emissions between one 10th and one 20th that of lamb or beef — chicken, canned tuna and eggs produced the smallest quantities of GHG among the animal products. Of all the meats, chicken generated the least (even 37 percent less than turkey) because chickens generate no methane and the amount of feed they require is relatively small.

Emissions associated with canned tuna were lower than those from farmed salmon, in large part because wild tuna catch their own food whereas farmed salmon eat prepared fish meal which is energy-intensive to produce.

GHG emissions from lamb or beef were at least nine times (and as high as 44 times) that of any of the plant-based products. Especially good news perhaps for vegans is that plant foods considered high in protein, like nuts, lentils, beans and tofu, were all among the very lowest GHG emitters.

EWG also detailed where in each product's lifecycle the greatest GHG emissions occur. For meats, fish and eggs, the lion's share of emissions occur during the "farming" phase before products undergo any processing. In addition to obvious emission sources like running farm machinery, every step in farming produces GHG. As example, nitrogen fertilizers used to grow feed grains emit nitrous oxide (N2O), a GHG with 300 times the global warming potency of CO2, and the fastest growing source of atmospheric methane is animal manure.

For plant products, however, most emissions come about after crops have left the farm and often stem the most from cooking. A pressure cooker can cut cooking times way down, not only for dried beans, lentils and vegetables, but also for meals based on meats.

The EWG study report is rich in many other details about how foods compare in their effects on the environment and human health (www.ewg.org/).

It also lays out how meat eaters can make seemingly small changes in eating habits, besides just avoiding lamb and beef, which measurably reduce one's climate change footprint. For example, if a family of four skipped meat and cheese just once weekly, the impact would be equivalent to taking a car off the road for five weeks.

The per capita GHG emissions of Americans are double that of people in the European Union, and the fact that we consume 60 percent more meat contributes to this difference.

However, the EWG report points out a sobering fact, that individual actions like eating less meat will not suffice to stop global warming. If all Americans converted to a vegetarian diet for example, the country's GHG emissions would be reduced by less than five percent, according to EWG calculations.

EWG stresses that achieving the necessary cuts in GHG emissions will require bold political actions which trigger comprehensive shifts in national energy policy and put the nation on a resolute path to green energy.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Connection is key to survival

SUNDAY MORNING I WAS SITTING IN THE lobby of the Loews Hotel overlooking the Santa Monica Pier having breakfast while reading the New York Times. The hotel is filled with people from across the globe. There are German and French families frolicking in the pool and teenage boys from Illinois hanging out, occasionally looking up from their iPhones long enough to see that there is a beach full of teenage girls, then back to their iPhones.

As I read about the coming economic disasters, I came across a story about one of our local businesses — Vidiots. They had a beautiful story about the changes in the movie rental industry and what steps Vidiots has taken to survive in a rapidly evolving field.

In a world where more and more video is on demand, and Netflix seems to be the dominant player, it was nice to see a local business that I support garnering publicity from such a large outlet as the New York Times.

The article focused on the ways in which Vidiots is distinguishing itself from the competition. Rather than try to undercut on price, which is usually a bad idea for a business, especially one that is up against the giant forces, Vidiots is using an old fashioned, tried-and-true method to increase sales. They are bringing people together, drawing on the sense of community and common interests to sustain their company and grow it.

The article was accompanied by a photo of people attending an event at The Annex, which is a screening room and meeting center that was built at Vidiots to house their film series, and bring people together. In the photo is the ever recognizable Jerry "Peace Activist" Rubin. He's the only person I recognized in the photo, but I found him to be a most appropriate icon in a story about community organizing for survival.

Vidiots is surviving because they are reaching out to people and connecting. They are providing a film appreciation series, they have a lecture series, but most importantly, they are doing what the Internet only claims to do; they are creating points of contact between us.

I find it appropriate that a movie rental house is increasing its business by bringing people together for a common experience. After all, isn't that what movies originally did and still do? That's why so many first dates are to a movie. It's a shared topic that allows for post movie conversation over cheeseburgers and pie. The connections that moviemakers have made over the years are what allow us to speak in a cultural shorthand.

Memorable lines are like a familiar smell, they flood you with images and feelings, you instantly recognize not just the line, but the movie, the actor and they transport you back in time. Lines like, "Adrian!" "No wire hangers!" "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn" and "I'll get you my pretty" are iconic. Those lines, and millions more like them bring us together. They remind us of the movie, the feelings we attach to them, and often who we were with when we first saw it.

Going to the movies is a time-honored tradition and we are lucky to live in the land where movies are made. We have so many great resources to learn more about the process, and to become filmmakers if we want.

VIDIOTS IS SURVIVING BECAUSE THEY ARE REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE AND CONNECTING.

The Times article about Vidiots featured other video stores and what they are doing to bring people back to the store and continuing to use their services. In Brooklyn a video rental house is going to combine food and a bar. In Chicago, one store created a series of film classes for children and adults, which was the inspiration for Vidiots to do a similar program. In West L.A. CineFile has the occasional free stand-up comedy routine.

Netflix is great, and for someone like me who doesn't have a television and a cable provider, I like having streaming videos to watch at my convenience. The problem is that there are times where I want a specific title and it's not available, but I can rent it from Vidiots. I also get to have the emotional and social experience of going to a store, chatting with someone about the movies, learning something of substance about the history of Hollywood and feeling connected to my community.

Streaming a video doesn't provide any of that. So that's why I support Vidiots and continue to rent videos and was glad to see that they had a good write up in the New York Times.

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The Q Line

Bikes for all

City officials are contemplating a bike-share program that would provide low-cost loaners to the public.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What do you think about the idea and would you take advantage of the program?

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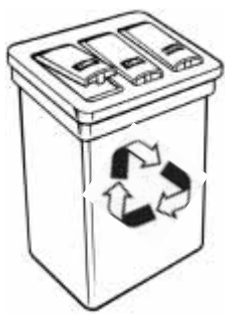
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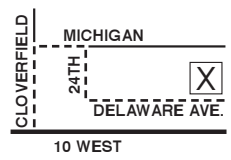


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STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

County defies subpoena for child death records

Los Angeles County supervisors are refusing to turn over subpoenaed records involving the deaths of youngsters under supervision by the Department of Children and Family Services despite a warning from the state auditor that it is a crime to do so.

The Legislature ordered an investigation into the deaths earlier this year after reports in the Los Angeles Times that more than 70 children have died since 2008 of abuse or neglect after coming under the purview of county social workers. Many of the deaths involved serious case management errors.

The inquiry is aimed at determining whether the deaths were due to systemic flaws and whether procedures should be changed. The state and federal government fund 70 percent of the county's foster care system.

A lawyer hired by the county, Daniel P. Barer, told the Times that auditors have been given dozens of boxes of records and they have been allowed to interview social workers. But he said officials would not turn over documents they believe are shielded by attorney-client privilege.

Sharon Reilly, chief legal counsel for state Auditor Elaine Howle, said state statutes stipulate that auditors have the same access to documents as county lawyers. The state is now drafting a new subpoena, Reilly said, adding that the investigation of Los Angeles County would now be deepened.

Alameda, Fresno and Sacramento counties, which are also being examined in the sweeping probe, have complied with similar subpoenas.

County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said the county hoped to work out a compromise since not all requested documents are privileged.

Los Angeles County has repeatedly been criticized for violating state laws mandating the public release of information concerning the death of children under DCFS supervision.

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LOS ANGELES

Family claims threats, kicks in drug raid

A woman is claiming that federal immigration agents pushed her to the floor and kicked her during a drug raid on a Southern California house where her family had moved less than three weeks before.

Forty-six-year-old Carmen Bonilla told a press conference Monday that agents stormed the house in Norco on July 19, pointing guns at her and threatening to shoot.

Family members say Immigration and Customs Enforcement found no drugs but are now threatening to deport Bonilla, her two children and daughter-in-law.

Family attorney Jessica Dominguez says evidence obtained about their immigration status should not be used against them because they were not the target of the raid.

ICE says the agency had a warrant to search the home and is investigating the family's allegations of misconduct.

AP

SACRAMENTO

Governor signs ban on caffeinated beer into law

Gov. Jerry Brown has signed a bill prohibiting the production and retail sale of caffeinated beer, making California the seventh state to do so.

Critics say the beverages are aimed at young people and make it easy to drink too much. They typically come in large containers, with high alcohol content and sweet, fruity flavors.

The drinks drew scrutiny after incidents in which college students drank too many, some requiring hospitalization.

The bill's author, Democratic state Sen. Alex Padilla of Los Angeles, says the beverages are a threat to public health because they can mask the effects of alcohol. Brown announced he had signed SB39 on Monday.

Most manufacturers have changed their formulas to exclude caffeine.

AP

PASADENA

Hiker dies after fall off trail

Authorities say a man was killed when he fell about 30 feet over a waterfall on a popular Southern California hiking trail above Pasadena.

Pasadena Fire Department spokeswoman Lisa Derderian said Monday that Erwin Molina was hiking with three friends when he lost his footing and fell from the top of Eaton Canyon Falls onto rocks below on Sunday.

Derderian says Pasadena and Los Angeles County firefighters responded after a cell phone call from Molina's companions, and he was unresponsive when they arrived.

Molina was taken by helicopter to Huntington Memorial Hospital, where he was declared dead.

Authorities say Molina is in his 20s, but his exact age and hometown were not clear.

AP

POMONA

2 dead when car bursts into flames in crash

Two people were killed when the unlicensed driver of a stolen car slammed into a Nissan Maxima at high speed early Monday, slicing the Nissan in half in a burst of flames on a Southern California street, investigators said.

Lorraine Martinez, 26, driver of the 2008 Infiniti G37S reported stolen Sunday evening, received minor injuries and was arrested and booked for investigation of auto theft, Pomona police Corporal Bert Sanchez said. Martinez was an unlicensed driver, authorities said.

The 1995 Nissan with a driver and passenger was attempting to make a left turn into a fast-food restaurant on Holt Avenue at 1:41 a.m. Monday when it was broadsided at a high rate of speed by the Infiniti, investigators said.

The impact split the Nissan in two. The Nissan then slammed into a light pole and burst into flames, Sanchez said in a police news release. Los Angeles County firefighters extinguished the flames.

The bodies were burned beyond recognition. They appear to be those of a man and a woman, coroner's investigator Jerry McKibben said.

Holt Avenue near Garey Avenue, major thoroughfares in the city some 30 miles east of downtown Los Angeles, was closed more than seven hours while the police major incident team investigated the crash.

AP

Prosecutors to seek death in 'Grim Sleeper' trial

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Prosecutors said Monday they will seek the death penalty against a man accused of the "Grim Sleeper" serial killings of prostitutes and other women who were shot, strangled or both over several decades in Los Angeles.

The announcement came as capital punishment is coming under increasing fire in California for lengthy delays in executions and for the expenses involved in winning cases, fighting appeals and keeping inmates on death row.

Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman told a court her office will ask a jury for the state's harshest sentence if 58-year-old Lonnie Franklin Jr. is convicted.

Franklin has pleaded not guilty to the murders of 10 women and one count of attempted murder.

Most of the victims linked to the "Grim Sleeper" were found in alleyways within a few miles of Franklin's home south of downtown Los Angeles. Those victims were killed after some kind of sexual contact.

The killings got their name because of an apparent long gap between some of the deaths, which began in the 1980s and extended into the 2000s.

Franklin, a mechanic, was arrested in July 2010. Police have also been investigating him in connection with other murders and now theorize there never was a break in the killings.

Franklin's attorney Louisa Pensanti said she continued to pore over tens of thousands of pages of evidence in the case.

"The steps have been taken to see if the charges are true," she said.

During a hearing Monday, prosecutors were granted the right to take a voice sample from Franklin. Outside court, they said they want to compare it to the voice heard on two 911 calls they believe Franklin made.

"Sometimes (killers) want to stand back and watch the chaos ensue," police Detective Paul Coulter said in explaining why someone might call police after carrying out a killing.

Detectives fear at least three women whose photos and IDs were found in a refrigerator in Franklin's garage suffered the same fate as Janecia Peters, whom Franklin is charged with killing and whose picture was in the same stash. They also are seeking to identify women in 51 other photographs found at his house.

Outside court, Detective Dennis Kilcoyne spoke to a group of relatives of victims and said the death penalty is "almost a nonissue" in California because it takes so long for convicts to be executed.

"In 20 to 25 years, when it comes up, many of us won't be on this planet anymore," he said.

Franklin, wearing an orange jail jumpsuit, did not speak during the brief hearing.

Keevin Limbrick, whose sister Alicia Monique Alexander was among those killed, said he chose not look at Franklin in court but would watch his execution if it ever happens.

"I just want to see that day," Limbrick said. "Then I'll look."

Last month, a state Senate bill that seeks to abolish California's death penalty advanced after its first legislative hearing in the Assembly. Now awaiting action in a committee, the bill would put the question before voters in 2012 if it is passed.

A recent study by a federal appellate judge and a university law professor found California taxpayers spend $184 million annually to try death penalty cases, defend the state through appeals and incarcerate condemned inmates. Most of the 714 condemned inmates on the nation's most populous death row are more likely to die of old age than lethal injection, the study found.

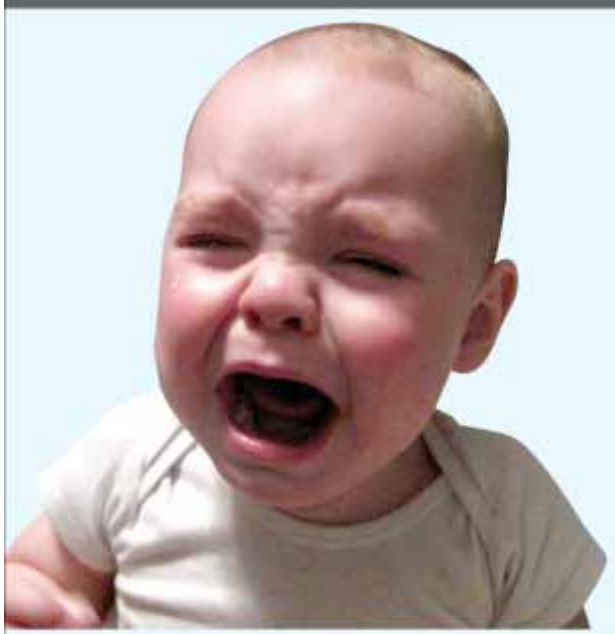
The researchers calculated that capital punishment has cost California $4 billion since it was reinstated 34 years ago, yet just 13 inmates have been executed — none in the past five years.

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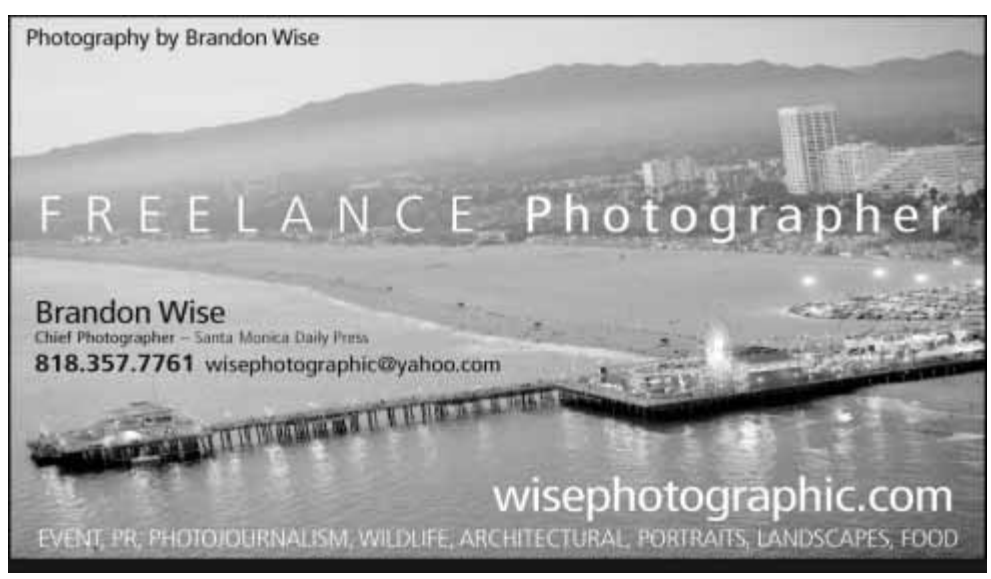
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Prosecutors: Suspect kicked unconscious Giants fan Stow

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The brawling began soon after the Dodgers beat the rival San Francisco Giants on opening day, and ended with a paramedic on the ground with a brain injury.

Newly released details in the attack that outraged baseball fans across the nation indicate that suspects Louie Sanchez and Marvin Norwood initially went after a group of young Giants fans in the stadium parking lot, with Sanchez taking a swing at one of them.

Detectives think he may have hit other fans in the same group, though no one else has come forward.

Then, Bryan Stow and a group of friends walked past as Sanchez stood by his sister's car. Sanchez hit two of them before chasing down Stow and punching him from behind in the side of his head, prosecutors said in a court document filed Monday.

"Stow's friends, who are paramedics, describe that Stow immediately lost consciousness and fell sideways to the ground without breaking his fall," the document states. "When Stow's head hit the ground witnesses heard his head impact the concrete and saw it bounce."

Sanchez then kicked the unconscious Stow several times in the head while Stow's friends tried to shield him with their bodies, prosecutors said.

Norwood is also accused of kicking Stow then standing over his prone body and saying, "Who else wants to fight?"

The document, filed as part of a bail reduction hearing for Sanchez, provided the fullest account yet of the attack that left Stow near death and has kept him hospitalized for four months.

Sanchez, 29, and Norwood, 30, have been charged with mayhem, assault, battery and other counts in the beating of Stow. On Monday, a judge continued the request to reduce bail for Sanchez from $500,000 to $100,000.

Arraignment for both men was set for Aug. 10.

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SWIM
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Annenberg Pool open more hours, with temporary lanes put in so people could lap swim, and I believe the Lincoln pool would alleviate overcrowding at the swim center."

The most recent draft of the supplemental joint use agreement between City Hall and the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will allow community members to get permits to use Santa Monica High School's Drake pool when it's not being used by the district, said Carey Upton, director of facilities management at SMMUSD.

However, permitting for that pool and for the Lincoln pool is still done through the school district, and will be for the foreseeable future, Upton said.

"We do permit Drake to outside groups now, and have for years. We will continue doing that as we go," Upton said. "There's no plan as of today for the city to open it up for recreation et cetera."

If City Hall wanted to take on the responsibility to permit and program the Lincoln or Samohi pool, however, the school district would happily enter into a partnership, Upton said.

"If the city wanted to come in and do a partnership with that pool, we'd be happy to do it," Upton said. "The district is not interested in creating programs for the community to swim. It's not in our scope."

The district pool in Malibu, for instance, gets heavy use from the community, and is managed by Malibu's City Hall.

"When they're not using it for school, they're using it," Upton said.

It's unclear at this point how involved City Hall wants to be with the pool at Samohi.

Under a joint use agreement approved in June, the pool will be available for community use, said City Hall's Karen Ginsberg, assistant director of Community and Cultural Services.

The details of the hours and which agency will do the permitting hasn't been worked out yet, Ginsberg said.

The agreement hasn't been seen by the Recreation & Parks Commission, nor the City Council.

The Recreation & Parks Commission did ask staff to come back with an action item to recommend to the City Council that City Hall pursue a joint use agreement with the school district to open up the pool at Lincoln as they have the pool at Samohi.

"We're tired, as a commission, of it being put off," Brock said, citing several times that the commission has asked for the matter to be taken up between City Hall and the school district.

The goal is to get kids and adults swimming, at the same time cut down on obesity and poor health.

"All of that will be a tremendous asset to our city," Brock said.

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HIRING
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Hiring local would ostensibly pump more money into the local economy by putting dollars in the pockets of Santa Monicans, and simultaneously cut down on traffic by getting people to live closer to where they work.

At present, two-thirds of employed Santa Monicans work outside the city limits, according to figures in a city staff report.

How, exactly, to get locals hired is up for debate.

Santa Monica already has limited local hiring in place.

Four of City Hall's agreements with developers looking to build outside of normal zoning codes include a local hiring provision as a sweetener for City Hall, Agle said, but at this point, the programs are anything but uniform.

Over the course of 30 years engaged in development agreement negotiations, only 47 locals have been hired, according to the staff report.

"This was an opportunity to have it more formalized, and more effective," Agle said.

Other measures, like a $737,000 per year program that led six Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students to get jobs in construction and other fields got slammed by the council for waste.

"We need to think about the future for these internships," Holbrook said. "$100,000 a year each is not bad."

Staff reported at Tuesday's City Council meeting that other cities use a variety of programs to get locals hired.

First among those was a policy called "first source hiring," which promises locals an exclusive first shot at jobs before opening up the hiring process to a wider audience.

The practice was common both to public works contracts and to private development, Agle said.

Next came development agreements, which have the added benefit of tying hiring requirements into the nature of the development.

Development agreements have the added benefit of flexibility — provisions of local-hiring can kick in based on the size and scope of the project.

Agle also noted that community groups can haggle directly with developers, but it usually requires those organizations to be better funded than they are in Santa Monica, so that they have the resources to hire lawyers.

Lastly, the concept of in-lieu fees — payments that could then be used for job training programs — was broached.

That proposal drew support from Mark Loranger, the CEO at Chrysalis, an organization that receives municipal grants to help homeless and low-income people get jobs.

In-lieu fees would give City Hall more resources to put to organizations that already have the staff and infrastructure to encourage job placement, without spending money on a new program, he argued.

"Local hire programs are very well-intentioned, but they're also costly to administer," Loranger said. "We're in a unique position in the community, and we're ready to be a partner in the city to increase opportunities to Santa Monica residents."

The thought found favor with Mayor Pro Tempore Gleam Davis and Councilmember Bob Holbrook, although for very different reasons.

"It would allow local, well-established and high quality programs to take people marginalized because of their pasts to get them training and into permanent jobs," Davis said.

Holbrook, on the other hand, saw it as a way to get a public benefit without unduly burdening businesses by forcing them to go through a special hiring process.

Before committing public resources to any kind of program, said Mayor Richard Bloom, council members would have to see results from other cities to get a sense of possible outcomes.

Unfortunately, based on reports from other communities that have done studies of the programs, local hiring initiatives haven't gone too far.

"Cities that have gone through and studied their programs found that the impacts were not as great as they anticipated," Agle said.

At this point, staff is looking at the things that have worked best in other communities to cobble together a model specific to Santa Monica.

"We've looked at a lot of programs, and with general direction from the council, we'll choose elements of different programs," Agle said.

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Parents look for best ways to raise bilingual kids

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Associated Press

MIAMI One-year-old Alice Di Giovanni asks for "banane," not banana, when she's in the mood for one. She'll bid you farewell with a "ciao." And if she wants more, she says "mas."

The Miami toddler is one of an increasing number of Americans living in homes where a language other than English is spoken, and her parents want her to learn as many languages as she can. So her Polish-Canadian mother speaks to her in French, her father in Italian and her Honduran nanny in Spanish.

"She kind of mixes these things but I know she understands all three languages," says mom Anna Manikowska. Alice likely knows quite a bit of English, too, from living in an English-speaking environment and attending story time at her local library, Manikowska says. To top it off, her grandparents speak to her in Polish when they chat over Skype.

According to the U.S. Census, in 1980, just 11 percent of Americans lived in homes where languages other than English were spoken. By 2007, the percentage had nearly doubled to 20 percent.

In some of these homes, immigrant parents may not know English well enough to teach it to their children. But the issues are different for parents who speak several languages well. While past generations of Americans sometimes encouraged children to abandon mother tongues in order to assimilate faster, today's parents see the benefits of being fluent in more than one language, and they look for ways to encourage it.

Not only does speaking more than one language preserve cultural ties and perhaps open up future career opportunities in an increasingly global economy, but scientific research suggests that bilingualism is good for you, making the brain more flexible. One study found that speaking more than one language may even slow the onset of Alzheimer's.

Parents intent on raising multilingual children often cite methods like OPOL (one parent, one language) and mL(at)H (minority language at home). OPOL was coined by French linguist Maurice Grammont in 1902. The term mL(at)H is newer, but the concept has been discussed by linguists since the early 20th century. The benefits and drawbacks of each method are a hot topic of debate by parents and educators in blogs and online forums.

For Manikowska, her strategy boiled down to two rules: People should speak to Alice in their mother tongue, rather than an acquired language that doesn't come to them as naturally, and they should stick to that one language when talking to her.

The latest research backs up Manikowska's approach.

Experts say children, even infants, can sense whether adults are comfortable in the language they're speaking. And it's difficult to re-learn a language properly once you've learned it incorrectly from a non-native speaker.

Valerie Berset-Price, who does international business consulting, studied multilingualism research while writing grants for a French school in Portland, Ore. She was most convinced by a school of thought that says people's brains assign a certain language to each person. So if your mother always speaks to you in Mandarin, when you hear her voice, your brain switches to Mandarin mode and it takes a concerted effort to speak to her in any other language. This is why experts emphasize the need to be consistent in whatever language you speak with your child.

Berset-Price has spoken nothing but French to her 7-year-old daughter. When Collette has friends over, Berset-Price will address her in French and ask her to translate for her friends, or she'll speak in French to her daughter, then in English to her friends.

"It's a lot of work," Berset-Price acknowledges, but she says it's the only way to maintain more than one language.

Yelena McManaman of Raleigh, N.C., crafted her approach to raising her bilingual son, Mark, by watching what didn't work with her friends. Many of their children understand Russian but only respond in English. When Mark says something to her in English, she'll ask him how to say it in Russian, or if she thinks he doesn't know, she'll repeat what he just said but in Russian so he learns it.

"I don't respond to him in English, ever," McManaman says, even in public.

Doing otherwise, she says, "confuses the children and it sends the message that in public it is more desirable to speak English. So I'm pretty strict about that."

She also took it in stride when, at age 2, Mark's vocabulary consisted only of basic words, because she knew he was working on two languages at once. She also didn't sweat it when he'd mix the two languages in a single sentence. Friends of hers in the same situation got worried about their children being delayed or confusing the languages, and they ultimately stopped speaking Russian. But by 2 1/2, those hiccups had resolved and Mark was speaking in full sentences in both languages. Now 4, Mark seamlessly addresses his mother in Russian and his father in English.

There are a few cases where a language delay is of concern, McManaman says, but "I think a lot of parents drop the attempts too early."

Experts say it's well worth it to stick it through. In her new book "SuperBaby: 12 Ways to Give Your Child a Head Start in the First 3 Years," author Jenn Berman lists the numerous benefits of bilingualism — higher scores on IQ tests, better problem-solving skills, heightened language development, increased math ability, more cultural sensitivity and bigger earning potential.

Berman is less of a stickler when it comes to parents' level of proficiency in the language they're trying to pass on.

"Having someone who is fluent is ideal but some exposure is better than no exposure in my mind," Berman said. She was fluent in Spanish as a child but has since forgotten most of it. With her own children, she read books with them in Spanish, which helped bring back her skills and, she hopes, gave them a foundation to make it easier for them to learn later in life.

There are other low-cost options for exposing children to different languages, Berman adds. Instead of hiring a babysitter who only speaks English, pick one who speaks another tongue. Instead of taking your children to music class, take them to a Spanish music class. Instead of enrolling them in a regular public school, find one that's bilingual.

Rapper Snoop Dogg launches youth football in Chicago

BARBARA RODRIGUEZ
Associated Press

CHICAGO Rapper Snoop Dogg launched a Chicago version of his popular youth football league Saturday, saying he hoped the program will give kids in high-crime neighborhoods a positive release for their energy.

Dancing and high-fiving his way through a large crowd at the Chicago Indoor Sports Facility, the playful entertainer seemed intent on meeting all the kids involved in the inaugural season of the city's Snoop Youth Football League. Chicago's is a division of the league he established in Los Angeles in 2004.

Snoop Dogg spent most of his time interacting with the more than 100 football kids and fans, many whom waited several hours for his arrival.

"When I walked into the building, I felt the spirit," the rapper said of the loud welcome that included non-stop photo flashes. Obviously moved, Snoop Dogg smiled and danced as his songs played in the background.

He credited football, a sport he played growing up, with giving many kids in his California league the incentive to focus on their education and other aspects of their lives. He's hoping Chicago youth use the program to figure out what they want to do with their lives, and he's anxious to see how they respond.

"I want to give them something to fight for," he said of his intentions with the new league. "At the end of the day, they're our future."

The league in California has eight chapters with more than 3,000 participants. Chicago's league will have six chapters with more than 1,500 participants.

Snoop Dogg said the league prides itself on a strong support system, anchored by coaches and parents. "We're teaching life skills now," he said, referring to the program's more-than-football approach.

The rappers also proud that his league isn't afraid to go into some of the most dangerous neighborhoods to reach the young people who live in them.

"We're going to the toughest areas," he said. "We're going to deal with them face to face."

Chicago's league starts in August and is open to youth ages 7 to 14.





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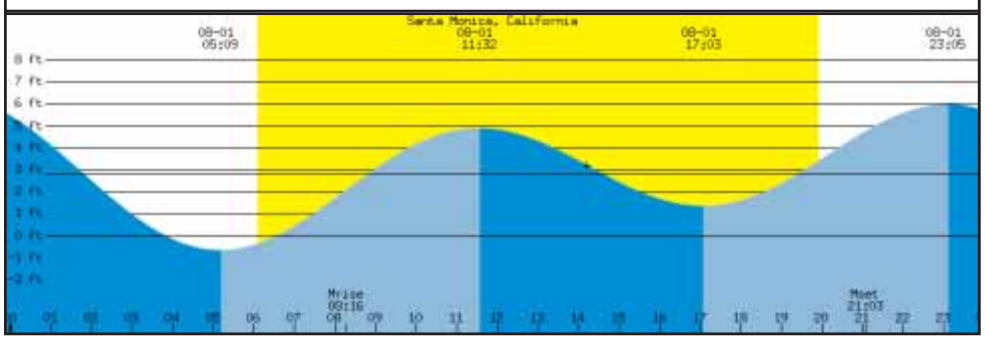
Swell Forecast

Looks like a waist high day at most all breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Southern hemi swell is due, but with size mostly waist high in the AM, bigger in the afternoon (chest max late in the day).

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

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

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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 Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	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 Rominer Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
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.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	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 D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

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MLB

A's owner calls for sale of Dodgers

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

OAKLAND Oakland Athletics owner Lew Wolff is hopeful that Frank McCourt will soon sell the financially troubled Los Angeles Dodgers so baseball can move forward from the sticky situation.

Wolff, a successful retail developer based in L.A., told The Associated Press on Monday he spoke out publicly on the topic in support of Commissioner Bud Selig, a longtime friend and former fraternity brother at Wisconsin. Wolff first discussed his thoughts in an interview with the Los Angeles Times.

"For the good of baseball, I sense that all of us would like to get the Dodger situation behind us for everybody's benefit," Wolff said in a phone interview with the AP on Monday. "I was prompted to do this because of the attorney accusing Bud Selig of taking more money. Bud has been a friend of mine for 50 years. It's just not fair. I was just upset."

The Dodgers filed for bankruptcy protection in June, about two months after Major League Baseball assumed control of the club's day-to-day operations. McCourt blamed a cash-flow crisis on MLB's refusal to approve a multibillion-dollar TV deal McCourt was counting on to keep the franchise afloat.

Selig expressed concern about McCourt using that money toward his "personal needs" in the wake of losing control of the team and the owner's bitter divorce from Jamie McCourt.

Attorneys for McCourt have argued that Selig himself has taken money out of MLB.

"For anyone to seek to diminish Bud's accomplishments in order to rationalize their own actions is, in my opinion, ludicrous and hugely disingenuous," Wolff told the Times. "My hope is that the Dodgers will be sold to a party that will restart this great franchise, and that Frank and his family will benefit from a positive sale. But to try and equate or compare what Bud Selig has done with the administration of the current Dodger franchise is unsupportable."

Wolff said Monday he didn't want to "go any further than I did in that."

"They're in court. It will get settled," Wolff said. "Bud's done so much for baseball. I feel very strongly that he's the best commissioner in the history of baseball."

Wolff is still waiting for Selig to tell him whether he can go ahead with his proposal to move the A's from Oakland into Santa Clara County even though the San Francisco Giants hold the territorial rights in technology-rich Silicon Valley.

Selig appointed a committee in March 2009 to evaluate the issue facing the Bay Area teams, yet he has provided no timetable for when he might announce a decision.

NBA

Stern: Nothing to be encouraged by in status of ongoing labor talks

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK NBA talks have started again and are apparently going nowhere.

A downcast Commissioner David Stern said "nothing" gave him reason for encouragement after a 2 ?-hour meeting Monday between owners and players, the first to include leadership from both sides since the lockout began exactly a month ago.

"I don't feel optimistic about the players' willingness to engage in a serious way," Stern said.

Stern added nothing had changed since the last meeting on June 30, hours before the old collective bargaining agreement expired, and said he doesn't feel players are bargaining in good faith.

Players argue that although owners insist they are committed to making a deal, their proposals say otherwise.

Neither side offered a new proposal Monday, exactly three months before the Nov. 1 scheduled opening of the regular season that seems more in doubt than ever.

Stern and Deputy Commissioner Adam Silver were joined by San Antonio owner Peter Holt, who heads the labor relations committee, and Board of Governors chairman and Minnesota owner Glen Taylor represented ownership.

Players' association Executive Director Billy Hunter, and President Derek Fisher and Vice President Theo Ratliff, both of the Lakers, attended along with union attorneys.

"It's a tough position to be in," Fisher said. "I think Peter, Glen Taylor, Commissioner Stern, Adam Silver are articulating certain things in the room, expressing their desire to get a deal done, but where their proposal lies makes it hard to believe that.

"So we're continuing to try to work around what's been said and really focus on the deal on the table, and right now we're still a very, very long way from getting a deal done."

Fisher said the sides would try to meet at least two or three more times in August. Stern said there is always reason to have meetings, yet made it clear owners feel not enough is happening during them.

"Right now we haven't seen any movement," he said, adding "there's still a very wide gap between us."

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Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
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Snow Flower and the Secret Fan (PG-13) 2hrs
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Transformers: Dark of the Moon 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 34min
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For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Stay home tonight, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ What was getting clearer or was perfectly clear dons a haze once more. See how you can change your course if you are uncomfortable. You enter a period for a few weeks that favors exploring your options. No excuses! Tonight: Try a new stress-buster.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Ideas keep popping up. Keep a notebook to jot them down in. Be especially clear and direct with others. Confirm any meetings. Tonight: Put together a favorite activity with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Stay anchored, knowing that there could be a level of uproar or confusion today, and for a while. Getting uptight won't help the situation. Learn different ways to gain more patience. Tonight: Only at home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your creativity soars. Return calls; schedule meetings. If there is a last-minute snafu, don't worry about it. At this moment, one needs to be easygoing and confirm plans and statements. Avoid taking comments personally. Tonight: Run an errand or two on the way home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Curb a need to be possessive or have certain matters go your way. It is quite clear that you cannot control everything and everyone. Don't even try to think that way. Allow others to assume that they might do better than you. In the long run, the results will be better. Tonight: Buy a coveted item on the way home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You have great ideas, but you might discover you have difficulty right now communicating the exact nature of a concept and the expected end results. Try as you may, count on having this conversation again another day. Tonight: Do what feels right.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★ Know when to step back and make room for others. You have something on your mind that might be bothering you. Take this extra time to help you clear your head. Talk to several trusted friends. Tonight: Take some time off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Where your friends are clearly is where you want to be. Let go and relax more. A meeting could be confusing. There doesn't appear to be any unity where you once thought there was some. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Others know you mean well but might have difficulty understanding your message. You will need to work on communicating your message in a more effective way in order to grab those wandering minds' attention. They soon will discover they have an issue. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Work with someone directly. You know what works better than many. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you want and need. You might have to make a request differently so the other party can hear you loud and clear. Tonight: Where there is music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might need to work on your listening skills in the next few weeks. It becomes apparent that you could have missed an important fact. On the other hand, a key partner could be the one who isn't listening. Give up the blame game. Find solutions. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might not want to approach a key person. However, before you know it, this person finds you. You could feel awkward. Take a deep breath and listen to what is being shared. Confusion surrounds others and their thoughts. Tonight: Don't mull over a situation too much.

Happy birthday

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

This year, work on clarity and direction. Misunderstandings seem to happen often. You will become an expert at preventing them from happening. When there is a problem surrounding communication, ask yourself how you could have prevented what happened. It is nice to be able to confirm and avoid misrepresentations, but it is even better not to have them occur. If you are single, your vitality draws quite a few people. Choose the right person for you. If you are attached, the two of you might opt to participate in some type of relationship seminar on communication. VIRGO nitpicks.



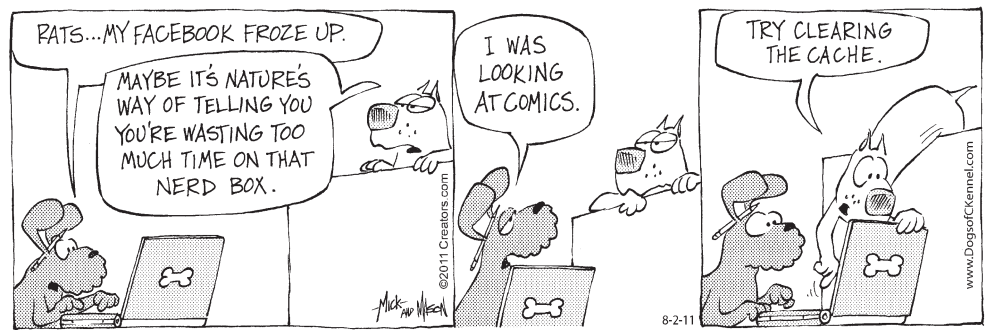
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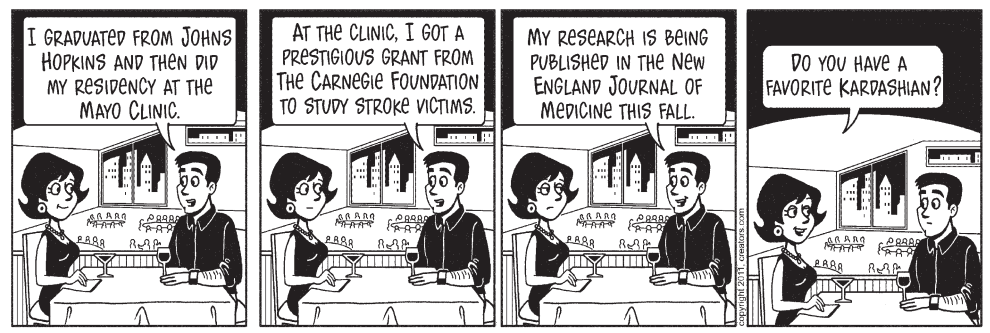
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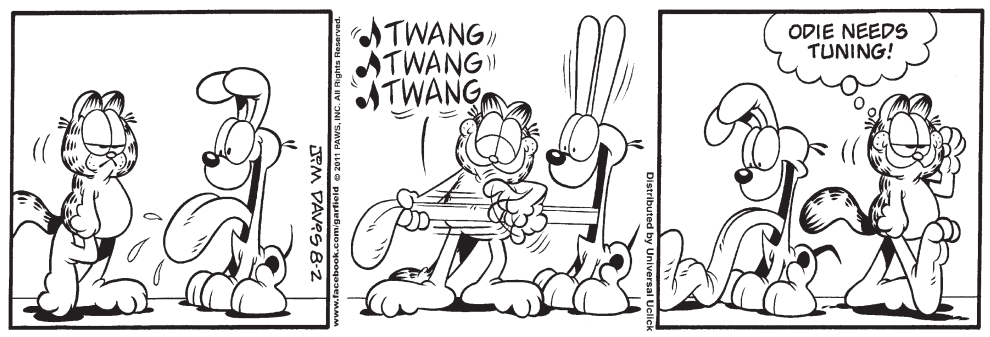
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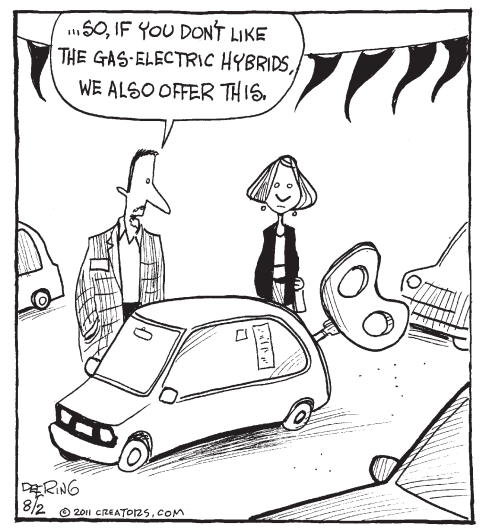
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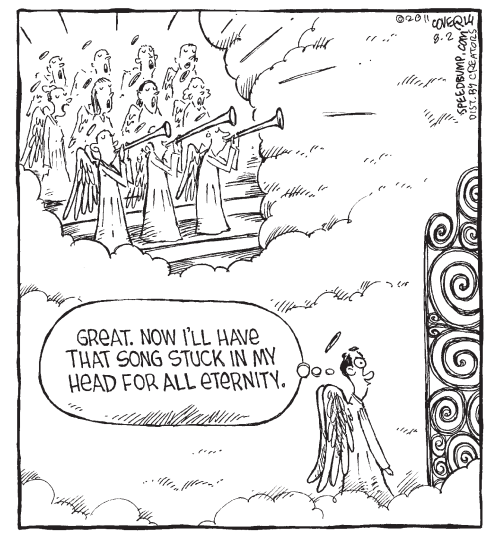
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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22 Peepers
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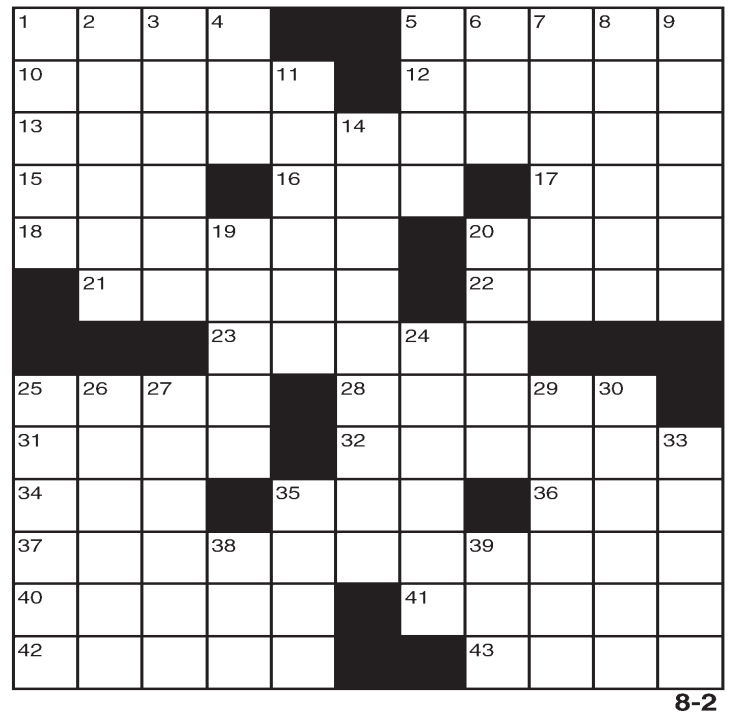
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7 Street type
8 Leatherneck
9 Inclines
11 Composer Barber
14 Jay-Z or Eminem
19 O'Neill output
20 Singer Della
24 Friend of Fozzie
25 Report-card data
26 Longing
27 Stick
29 Opera's Stratas
30 Boutique buys
33 Big hit
35 Like slasher movies
38 Zeus or Apollo
39 — out (be idle)

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R	A	M	A	■	T	O	P	O	U	T
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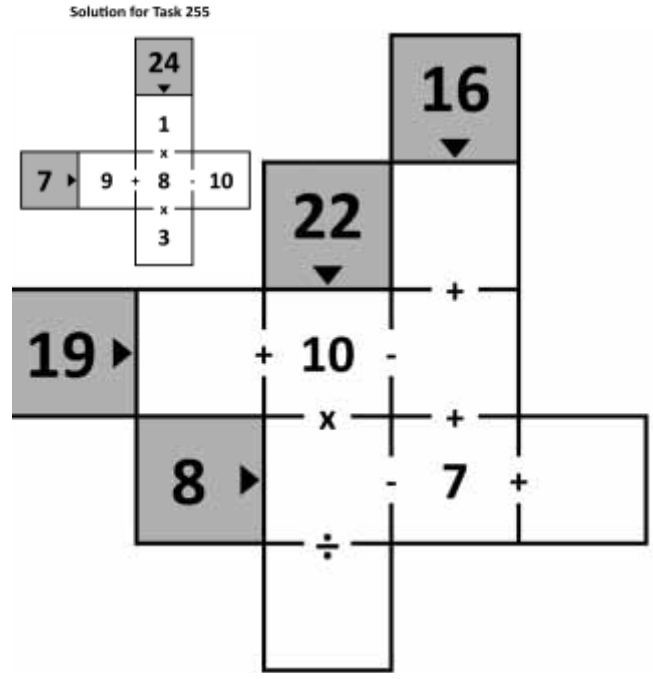
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In June, scientists at China's Agricultural University in Beijing announced that they had produced human breast milk from genetically modified dairy cows and expect supplies to be available in supermarkets within three years. Employing technology once used to produce the sheep "Dolly," researchers created a herd of 300 modified cows, which yielded milk that was reported as "sweeter" and "stronger" than typical cow milk.

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1980 A bomb explodes at the railway station in Bologna, Italy, killing 85 people and wounding more than 200.

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1989 Pakistan is re-admitted to the Commonwealth of Nations after having restoring democracy for the first time since 1972.

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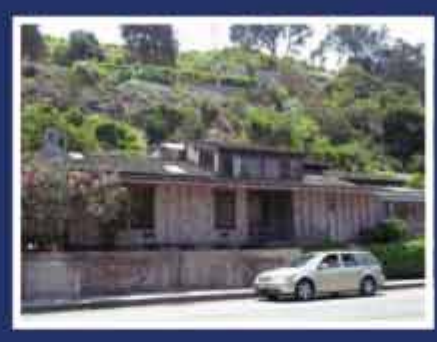
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