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THE TAKING TO THE FIELD ISSUE

City Hall, school district share successful season

Field sharing agreement going well, teams say

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SAMOHI The field-sharing agreement that gave community members access to the new field at Santa Monica High School is now a year old, and groups are taking full advantage of the new play space, officials say.

The agreement trades access to a plethora of facilities at the high school, including tennis courts, practice gyms and a wrestling room, in return for half of the money raised by Measure Y, a transaction and use tax that voters passed in 2010.

That tax raised almost $6 million last year for the schools, although the prize of the deal — a brand new turf football and soccer field — wasn't available until the end of October.

When the field opened for permitting, groups signed up for 56 percent of the time slots available. By the spring season, which runs from Feb. 6 to June 17, 92 percent of the time was used, said Kathy LePrevost, community recreation manager with City Hall.

Those calculations are based off the time on weekday nights and weekends not already claimed by Samohi teams, which get priority under the agreement.

"We started out a little slower, but we have picked up," LePrevost said.

The lower fall rate may have more to do with circumstances than popularity. This

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

IN ACTION: **The Samohi football team conducts a summer practice on Monday.**

Court to probe stabber's ability to stand trial

Man charged with three counts of attempted murder

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

LOS ANGELES A court date has been set to determine whether or not a man suspected of stabbing three homeless people in the back and leaving behind "death warrants" is mentally fit to stand trial.

Courtney Anthony Robinson, 37, will attend a hearing to determine his mental state on Aug. 20, according to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

To be considered competent, a defendant must show the ability to consult with and understand their attorney and that they understand the proceeding being conducted against them, according to the National Judicial College's Mental Health Competency model.

Robinson is charged with three counts of attempted murder for allegedly stabbing two men and a woman in the back as they slept.

The attacks occurred in early to mid-July. One of the male victims was stabbed July 17 on a bus bench on the 500 block of Santa Monica Boulevard in Santa Monica.

Robinson surrendered to police on July 20, although he plead not guilty at his arraignment. He remains in custody. His bail was initially set at $3 million.

If convicted, Robinson faces life in prison, according to the DA's office.

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Lawyer: 'Whitey' Bulger to testify in his own defense

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON Former Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger will take the stand in his own defense when he goes on trial next year on charges that he participated in 19 murders, testifying about his claim that he was given immunity, his attorney said Monday.

Attorney J.W. Carney Jr. said in court that Bulger will testify about his claim that he was given immunity for any crimes he committed while he was a top-echelon FBI informant against the Mafia.

"James Bulger will testify at this trial and he will present evidence, corroborated by others, that he received immunity from the Department of Justice," Carney said.

Carney had said he planned to file a motion to dismiss the charges against Bulger based on his immunity claim. But he said he no longer plans to file such a motion because Bulger believes he can get a fairer hearing from a jury on the immunity claim than he can from the judge who is to preside at his trial.

Carney had unsuccessfully tried to have U.S. District Court Judge Richard Stearns recused from the March 2013 trial because Stearns was a top federal prosecutor in the 1980s, when Bulger allegedly was committing crimes with impunity while also acting as an informant. The defense has said Stearns — who was head of the U.S. attor-

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Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway,
6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
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Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Dave Tiziani, from Precision Wallcovering and Painting, installs a historical photo mural at the Santa Monica Pier's viewing deck on Monday.

Man wants to farm shellfish off SoCal coast

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONG BEACH, Calif. A Southern California entrepreneur already has a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers provision permit to harvest a million pounds of mussels and oysters from an underwater shellfish farm nearly five miles offshore. The project, described as a milestone in aquaculture, now needs California Coastal Commission approval.

Open ocean cultivation, rather than shallow bays and estuaries, will produce higher growth rates, better meat yields and heavier production than shellfish farms close to shore, Philip Cruver said.

"Our goal is to show this can be done and put a dent in the nation's $10.4 billion seafood deficit," said Cruver, 67.

Construction of a 100-acre pilot plot of hanging nets off Long Beach could begin next year with the first harvest of 500,000 Mediterranean mussels and 500,000 Pacific oysters, the Los Angeles Times reported on Monday.

Cruver hopes to expand his KZO Sea Farms mussels and oyster ranch to 1,000 acres.

KZO plans to grow oysters and mussels on nearly four dozen 500-foot lines spaced 100 feet apart and anchored to the ocean floor. Coast Guard-approved buoys with battery-powered lights would suspend the long lines 30 feet beneath the surface.

KZO has partnered with the University of Southern California Wrigley Institute of Environmental Studies on Santa Catalina Island for monitoring environmental effects and conducting research on breeding.

Institute geneticist Dennis Hedgecock calls Cruver's proposal "a milestone in aquaculture — and about as green a way of producing protein for human consumption as one can imagine. That is because oysters and mussels filter water naturally as they feed on microscopic plankton."

Michael Rubino, director of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's office of aquaculture, said Cruver's project is consistent with the agency's mission to create jobs, provide nutritional food and improve the marine environment by putting shellfish back in the water.

With the Army Corps of Engineers provisional permit already in hand, Cruver must now win over the coastal commission, which last week requested details on the anchors, flotation devices, ropes and nets the farm would use. Cruver must also explain how they would be installed and how the shellfish would be harvested.

The potential effect on fisheries and habitat resulting from marine debris, ship strikes and entanglement of whales, dolphins, porpoises and sea turtles concerns the commission. But commission environmental scientist Cassidy Teufel said the project design appeared flexible enough to adapt to contingencies.

The commission is expected to make a final decision later this year.

Senator: Legislative pay hikes could hurt tax plan

DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The leader of the state Senate said Monday that he had "a few sleepless nights" during lawmakers' summer break worrying that pay raises given to legislative staffers could undermine Gov. Jerry Brown's tax initiative in November.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg defended the raises to more than 1,000 legislative employees. But he said he also recognizes they could hurt Democrats' effort to pass an initiative that would temporarily raise income and sales taxes.

The revelation led to widespread outrage because the raises were handed out as lawmakers were making deep budget cuts. Opponents already are using the raises as ammunition against the tax proposal.

Steinberg said the state's budget deficit seemed to be finally under control when he authorized the raises a year ago. He said he felt then that the state could afford to bring legislative employees' wages back in line with other state workers who had been receiving regular merit increases even as they lost pay to furloughs.

"I will admit I've had a few sleepless nights over the break about it, because you know I pride myself on thinking through things," Steinberg, D-Sacramento, told reporters.

"The last thing I want to do is — I want the taxes to pass and the state to recover. But you know what? We live with our decisions, and we did it for the right and a fair reason," he said.

"Part of this job is you take the hits. You take the hits and move on."

Some top Assembly and Senate employees were given raises as high as 10 percent, and more than 110 of the 1,090 raises went to employees with salaries above $100,000.

Steinberg has said he will freeze Senate pay increases for the coming year, but

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Editor:

Can you give this information to the community?

There are 10, nine-hour parking spaces on the north side of Pico Boulevard between Centinela Avenue and 34th Street, right under the 10 Freeway overpass. In five years, I've never seen a car parked there.

Ursula Fox
Santa Monica

Sleeping the night away

Editor:

One hour ago (0320 hours) while I am watering some trees, I spy four coyotes (probably juveniles) gathering around the lower east pond of Douglas Park. Some of them picked me up right away, some were too eager for snacks, I guess. Anyway, I did not move for a minute or so, as to observe them. Man! While y'all sleep (I'm an insomniac of the first order), what you don't see is incredible. I've seen other coyotes decades ago in Santa Monica, skunks with tails and manes which you would not believe, raccoons foraging on duck eggs laid in the shrubbery nearby, and more, involving wild avi-fauna (birds). Wake up and see the sights!

Max von Klein
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After the Bell

Merv Hecht — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Economics can be difficult

I WISH I UNDERSTOOD ECONOMICS. I find economic reports confusing. Here are some examples:

• "Our economy is bad because we are in a period of slow growth." If we are still growing how bad can it be? I read in the International Herald Times last month that only three major countries are still in a growth period; Canada, the U.S. and Germany. Other than Germany, Europe is having a hard time. Growth has pretty much stopped in China and India. In the rest of the world, countries like Mexico seem tied up by corruption or bad leaders. We should be glad to live in the U.S. where we still have economic growth. It seems unrealistic to expect strong growth all the time.

• "The 8 percent unemployment rate is killing our economy." Well, it would be nice if everyone that wants a job could have one. But my recollection is that during my adult life we have always had an unemployment rate not far from 8 percent. I recall 6 percent for a while, and 10 percent for a while. I don't recall any extended period below 6 percent. So yes, our leaders should work on helping people get jobs, but I don't see it as anywhere nearly the economic crisis that the politicians claim it to be. Right now in France, where I am writing this, unemployment is fluctuating between 10 and 12 percent.

• "Taxes are too high, and they are preventing growth." In fact our tax rates are much lower than in most developed countries. And as we all know from recent disclosures of our candidates, the rich are paying a ridiculously low tax rate. I've never seen any hard evidence that reducing taxes would benefit the economy, and personally I think the things my taxes pay for are a bargain — things like roads, police, fire protection, clean water and sewage. All of these come out of various taxes I pay, but I would hate to have to pay for them myself.

• "We can't afford to pay for healthcare for all." This seems the most silly of these claims. All over Europe there is healthcare for all, and it works well enough. If the rich want better healthcare or special services they can buy them. But for the average guy, access to basic healthcare services is a really nice thing in life, and preventing people from walking down the street spreading disease because they were not treated is not an attractive alternative. And if necessary, I would gladly pay a few hundred dollars more on my taxes if that's what it takes, and I suspect most people would also. Certainly universal healthcare has not hurt the economies of Germany and Norway. If they can afford it, why can't we?

• "The Greek crisis and Euro zone in general are going to cause the U.S. stock market to drop way down." Not according to all the economic data I read from the professionals. Nor has that happened in spite of the fact that we all know Greece is a disaster, other European countries are in trouble, and the whole area is in recession — except for Germany. And yet my wife is convinced that the European community, the Euro zone, is not viable and when this becomes apparent the U.S. equities market will fall 20 percent.

So what do I make of all this? One thing that strikes me is that our culture has changed so that we expect more and more. One way to look at all this is that we are getting greedy. And when we don't get what we expect we turn negative. While there are many people numerically in the U.S. that need help to lead a reasonable existence, the vast majority are eating well — too well in many cases — and have adequate transportation and housing. Not what they long for, but not bad. Generally we don't have huge slums like in Brazil where thousands of people live in cardboard shacks without running water.

What does this mean for investments? It seems that for the rest of 2012, and perhaps into 2013, the overall equity market in the U.S. probably won't move up or move down much. But there will be some swings as bad news comes and goes. Yet profits remain pretty strong for the top U.S. companies, and even banks and financial institutions might start to improve a bit. I don't think it will matter too much (economically) who is elected president. The actions taken by the current administration don't generally take effect for years after they come into office. We are just now reeling from the over-expenditures and generous tax cuts of the Bush administration.

So what to do? Hang in there. Good companies will do OK. With some research you might find the next Apple. We are looking now for companies in the water business because we think water will be more scarce in the next generation. And we have invested in 3D printing companies since that seems like a really good idea.

But we're not investing much in those kinds of stocks. We invest primarily in well-managed companies that pay good dividends. Then we write options against them for additional premium income. We try to generate between 8 and 12 percent a year on our invested capital, between dividends, option premiums, and — occasionally — a capital gain, depending on the year and the amount of attention I give to it. And if a stock underperforms over an extended period, we sell it at a loss "for tax purposes" as Woody Allen would say, and reinvest in something that looks better. The value of the capital base goes up and down from year to year, but I don't pay too much attention to that, on a macro basis. I try to watch the individual stocks and maintain the income stream.

Most of all, I pay little attention to all the negative press.

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Your column here

Karen Melick

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Argument against gay marriage phony as a $3 bill

I WAS EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED THAT THE Santa Monica Daily Press gave an organization, the Family Research Council, that has been identified by the Southern Poverty Law Center as a hate group, a half page of your newspaper as a forum for its discriminatory platform against gays and lesbians ("Counterfeiting money — and marriage," Your Column Here, Aug. 2). The author lives in Washington, D.C. Why was he given this platform in a local Santa Monica paper?

The argument that Robert Morrison gives is absurd. What is really the counterfeit issue is the argument that domestic partnerships, or civil unions, are equal to marriages. As one of the 18,000 same-sex California couples that got married during the five months in 2008 when it was legal, I can tell you that domestic partnerships are not equal to marriage.

I thought that the United States learned the lesson in the 1960s that separate is not equal. Being married changed the way my family, friends, son, co-workers and society in general view my relationship with my wife. In fact, it wasn't until I was married that I felt comfortable calling my spouse my wife. As domestic partners I would call her my partner and some people interpreted that as a business partner, not a spouse.

The Family Research Council is a conservative Christian group that advocates and lobbies for discriminatory legislation to uphold its religious and social beliefs. The members of this group have every right to their opinions but they do not have the right to legalize and force their religious beliefs on others. Despite their claims that the United States is a Christian country, this country was founded by people who came here to escape religious persecution and they specifically set up our government to have a separation between church and state.

Marriage for same-sex couples is legal in six states, the District of Columbia and 11 countries and there is no direct evidence that the institution of marriage has been harmed in any way. Heterosexuals have done that quite well on their own with the high divorce rate, quickie marriages, divorces and infidelities. It's interesting that many conservative Christians have been married and divorced multiple times with known instances of adultery (Newt Gingrich as an example). Yet these groups aren't going after adulterers, people who are breaking one of the 10 commandments, a known detriment to the institution of marriage. Instead they are using what, in the initial scriptures, were only a few vague references that conservative Christian groups have turned into a crime much worse than adultery to keep civil rights from a minority group of United States citizens.

GIVEN THE ATTITUDE OF TODAY'S YOUNG PEOPLE, NATIONAL APPROVAL FOR MARRIAGE OF SAME-SEX COUPLES IS INEVITABLE AND IN 30 YEARS PEOPLE WILL WONDER WHY IT TOOK SO LONG, JUST AS WE NOW LOOK AT INTERRACIAL MARRIAGE.

Even worse, this group's beliefs are actually very unchristian like. The Christianity that I learned growing up and continue to practice and teach our son includes the golden rule — do unto others as you would like done unto you — and the teachings and actions of Christ, which are to love and embrace everyone, particularly the ones being discriminated against like the lepers were in his time.

Regarding the quote that was in bold letters: "The only places in the U.S. that have legalized same-sex couplings are those where the liberal judges and politicians do not dare let the people vote on marriage" and "wherever the people have voted, they have powerfully affirmed true marriage." In California in 2008, Proposition 8 was passed by only a 2.24 percent margin, or 52.24 percent of the vote, hardly powerful. Polls now show that a majority of Californians support marriage for same-sex couples. Given the attitude of today's young people, national approval for marriage of same-sex couples is inevitable and in 30 years people will wonder why it took so long, just as we now look at interracial marriage.

It is illogical to have civil rights put to popular vote. Civil rights legislation by our representative government and judicial rulings is to prevent a majority from discriminating against a minority group. That same group that is discriminating against the minority group should not be the ones who decide if they can discriminate.

KAREN MELICK is a Santa Monica resident who lives with her wife, Clare Thomas, and their 15-year-old son, Greg Melick.

The Q Line

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Stocks rise after rough week

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NEW YORK U.S. stocks edged higher on a day marked by uncharacteristic quiet following a turbulent week.

In the absence of major economic news, stocks were riding a tailwind of optimism from the most recent U.S. job numbers released last week and hope for more action by European authorities to address that region's debt crisis.

On Monday, beleaguered stock trading company Knight Capital Group said it has lined up $400 million in financing that will allow the firm to continue to operate. Knight was fighting for survival after a disastrous software glitch in its systems sent the trading of dozens of stocks into chaos last week.

Best Buy's stock soared after its founder offered to buy the company.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 21.34 points at 13,117.51. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index added 3.24 points to 1,394.23. The index came within half a point of 1,400, where it hasn't traded since May 3. The Nasdaq index rose 22.01 points to 2,989.91.

Markets fell the first four days of last week after investors were disappointed by the lack of specific action from central banks in Europe and the U.S. to support the economy. The Dow lost 197 points from Monday through Thursday.

The Dow soared 217 points on Friday, however, following a surprisingly strong jobs report. The U.S. economy generated 163,000 jobs last month, the fastest pace since February and far more than economists were expecting.

The upturn was seen as a sign that the U.S. may be resilient enough to pull out of a midyear slump and grow modestly, even as the rest of the world slows down. Investors drove markets higher Monday on hopes that the positive momentum will continue.

Stock indexes also rose in Europe. Speculation has been building that the European Central Bank will support struggling countries like Spain and Italy.

Germany's DAX and the CAC-40 in France both rose a little less than 1 percent. Spain's IBEX 35 soared 4.4 percent despite a five-hour blackout from a technical problem that halted trading for much of the day.

"Mutual fund managers and hedge funds have sizable holdings in cash and they need to put those to work," said Richard Cripps, chief investment officer for Stifel Financial.

Feds announce plan to turn trash into gas

SANDRA CHEREB
Associated Press

CARSON CITY, Nev. Common household trash will be converted into ethanol for transportation fuel at a planned biofuel production facility in northern Nevada backed by a $105 million federal loan guarantee announced by the Obama administration Monday.

The Fulcrum Sierra BioFuels project will help reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil and advance efforts to develop a cleaner, more sustainable alternative energy source, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack tells The Associated Press.

The company, a subsidiary of Fulcrum BioEnergy Inc. headquartered in Pleasanton, Calif., plans to convert 147,000 tons of municipal solid waste into 10 million gallons of ethanol annually at the new plant.

It will be the first such biofuel facility in the region and will serve as a flagship for other plants around the country, said Fulcrum Vice President Rick Barraza.

"What's exciting about this project, it's our first commercial scale facility," Barraza said. "This is really a watershed project."

News of the project and its backing by the federal government coincides with an annual National Clean Energy Summit being held Tuesday in Las Vegas and hosted by Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev.

"Today's announcement will mean hundreds of good paying jobs and a continued commitment by Nevada to help reduce our dependence on oil," said Reid in a statement, calling the project "another important step in the right direction toward making Nevada and our country more energy independent."

The plant will be built 20 miles east of Reno in the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center in Storey County. Officials said the project will create 430 construction jobs and 53 permanent jobs after completion by 2015.

In an interview before Monday's announcement, Vilsack said the technology used to create transportation fuel from garbage takes the biofuel industry to the next level.

"We're basically trying to create opportunities in all parts of the country," he said.

The federal loan guarantee is being issued under the USDA's Rural Development Biorefinery Assistance Program that was part of the 2008 farm bill.

Barraza said the company has already obtained a bank loan for the project and the federal government's guarantee provides added assurance to the lender of repayment.

"The USDA is only there if there's a problem, and we certainly don't anticipate any," he said.

Vilsack said such guarantees "create enough confidence in the other funders to allow the project to go forward."

He also said the agency has funded seven other biorefineries around the country that use an assortment of sources — from agriculture residue, woody biomass and algae.

But unlike other so-called feedstocks such as corn, which must be grown, trash is cheap and plentiful.

The trash-to-gas concept has been tried on a smaller scale in other places around the country, Vilsack said, and "has the potential to substantially reduce the pressure on landfills."

"What makes our business model unique, unlike other biomass, we're getting the garbage for no cost," Barraza said. "That helps lower the cost of production and lowers the cost of ethanol."

Fulcrum has 20-year contracts with Waste Management and Waste Connections Inc. to provide the garbage that will be sorted to remove other recyclables such as plastics, cans, bottles and paper. The plant will also use walnut shells from a processing facility in the same industrial park.

From there, the ethanol will be sold to Tenaska BioFuels LLC, which will market it to blenders in the Nevada and Northern California region as a gasoline additive.

Most fuel sold for passenger cars and pickups today is 10 percent ethanol and 90 percent gasoline.

Barraza said the company is already looking down the road to expand its trash biofuel footprint around the country once the Nevada plant is up and running.

"We have access to garbage in 19 states already," he said.



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MAKING ROOM: **Samohi sports teams now share their main field with community groups.**

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year, the fall season will open up sooner, and LePrevost expects the numbers to increase.

The first organization to snag space on the turf was an adult soccer league, and a variety of others followed suit including youth soccer teams, a municipal elementary and middle school day program, a local lacrosse club and the Santa Monica Rugby Club.

It's been a major boon for the rugby club, a 350-member group which in the past couldn't find lit fields for its adult teams, said Kilian Kerwin, with the club.

"There are two other artificial turf fields. One's at (John Adams Middle School) and only available to youth, and the other is at Airport Park," Kerwin said.

Adult soccer teams often get the use of the Airport Park, leaving the rugby players to find fields in Los Angeles for their practices, he said.

"It's great, it opens up more space for the community that we desperately need," Kerwin said.

Kerwin even had compliments for the permitting process, which he describes as better organized than any other municipality he's worked with.

"It's not an enviable job, and they do a really good job of facilitating," Kerwin said. "They have a lot of people making demands and they juggle it in a fair, and equitable fashion."

The most demanded times start at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m. on weekdays when professionals have gotten out of work and can make it to practice, said Carey Upton, director of theater operations and facility permits with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Try getting a permit for a Friday night, Saturday night or on a long weekend and you'll have more luck, he said.

The program had a steep learning curve at its outset, made more difficult by the success of both the Samohi football team and marching band.

The team made it to the semifinals and the band went all the way to the championships, stretching the need for the field beyond what City Hall expected.

While the permitting officials and other sports teams were flexible and made it work, school teams are still having difficulty conforming to the new procedures, which require them to sign up for field use long in advance of what they're used to.

"The challenge we're still having is adapting the school to making sure the city knows in a timely enough fashion … what the school's needs are," Upton said.

Neither the district nor City Hall can control a larger issue, a hold on the $57 million meant to improve the very facilities that the two entities are now sharing.

The money was to be used in a Redevelopment Agency project, an entity that paid for capital improvement projects throughout the city.

That entity was dissolved by the state Legislature, and officials from the state Department of Finance said that contracts for the campus improvements had been signed one day too late to reserve the money.

Although unfortunate, it won't impact the agreement between the district and City Hall, Upton said.

"In the agreement, we anticipated additional use being available for the city as new facilities came online," Upton said. "If those never come online, it will remain as it is."

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Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles, will not.

The Assembly has a policy allowing for "modest salary increases for long-term employees whose salaries have been frozen for longer than three years, and for employees who have taken on significant new responsibilities," said Perez's spokesman, John Vigna. He said there are no plans to change that.

Steinberg and Vigna said the Senate and Assembly have cut their budgets substantially in other areas in recent years.

Opponents of the November tax initiative have also criticized Democratic lawmakers for failing to agree with the Democratic governor on major reforms to the state's massively underfunded pension systems.

Steinberg promised that legislators will make substantial changes before they adjourn Aug. 31, despite opposition from public employee unions that are Democratic lawmakers' major benefactors.

"We have a common goal here," Steinberg said. Both are committed to passing Brown's tax increases and both want to put the public employee pension issue to rest at a time of voter backlash against public sector employees in other states.

"The only way to accomplish both of those goals is to deal with it," Steinberg said. "Will it cause some discomfort, unhappiness? Yes. Do you sometimes disagree with your friends and your allies in order to do what you think is the right thing? Yes. And so I never expected that we're going to get high fives for any of this."

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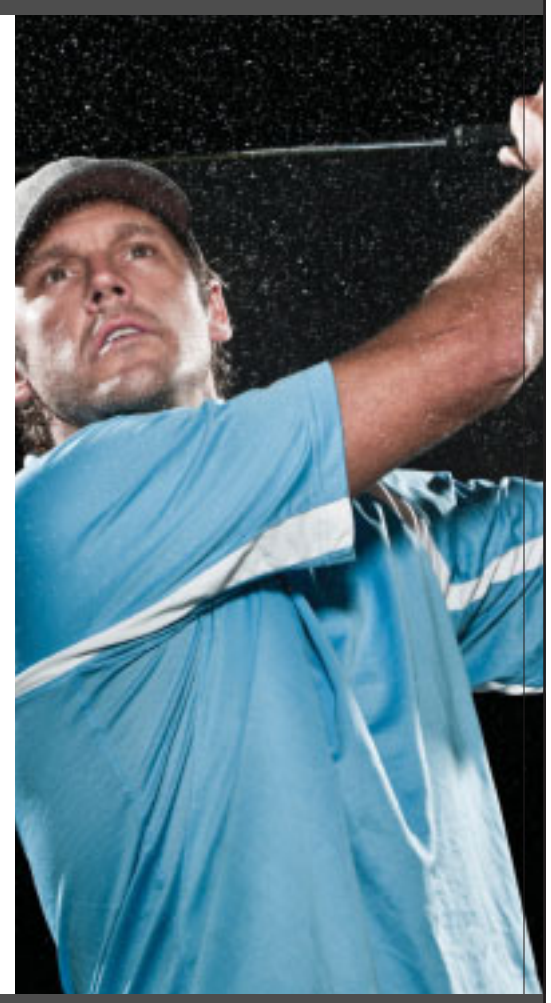
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ney's criminal division during part of the '80s — would try to shield his former colleagues and could not be impartial.

Stearns has said he would not step down. In a written order last month, he said he had no doubt about his ability to remain impartial, noting he was never involved in the prosecution of a case in which Bulger was a subject or target.

Bulger, the former leader of the notorious Winter Hill Gang, fled Boston in 1994 after receiving a warning through his former FBI handler that he was about to be indicted.

Bulger, now 82, was captured last year in Santa Monica, Calif., after 16 years on the run.

Carney said in court that it was not the FBI who gave Bulger immunity, but he would not identify who within the Department of Justice allegedly made him such a promise.

Former Boston FBI Agent John Connolly Jr. was convicted of racketeering in 2002 for allegedly providing the tip that prompted Bulger to flee. The corrupt relationship between Bulger and the FBI was an embarrassment for the agency and led some critics to charge that the FBI didn't try hard to find Bulger while he was a fugitive. The FBI has vehemently denied that.

Carney told reporters that Bulger "is going to tell the truth ... about why he was able to spend 30 years allegedly committing a whole host of crimes" and was not prosecuted for any of them until the 1990s.

"You will hear James Bulger testify about everything," he said.

Prosecutors have called Bulger's immunity claim "frivolous and unsubstantiated."

During the hearing, Carney sparred with Assistant U.S. Attorney Fred Wyshak Jr. over the pace at which prosecutors have been turning over evidence in the case.

Carney said prosecutors have turned over 32,000 pages of documents during the last month, materials he claimed could have been provided to the defense a year ago, right after Bulger was arrested. In total, the government has turned over approximately 350,000 pages of discovery.

Magistrate Judge Marianne Bowler said she was satisfied that the government is working "in a speedy and expedient fashion" to produce the discovery materials.

Carney also said he is being hampered in his defense of Bulger by the government's request to keep most of the discovery materials sealed so that only members of the defense can see it.

Carney said the current protective order prohibits him from sharing the documents with third parties, such as outside attorneys or focus groups, who could help him develop trial strategy.

"After 20 years, the government is still trying to hide the evidence," Carney said.

Wyshak accused Carney of "grandstanding" and said prosecutors have gone above and beyond what they are required to do.

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Durant, U.S. men roll over Argentina, 126-97

BRIAN MAHONEY
AP Basketball Writer

LONDON One 3-pointer after another, Kevin Durant shot down Argentina — and perhaps the notion that defense wins championships.

This U.S. men's Olympic basketball team is living proof that the best defense is a good offense. The road to gold in London is built on scores, not stops.

Durant scored 17 of his 28 points during the Americans' 42-point third quarter, turning a one-point game into a blowout that sent the U.S. soaring into the quarterfinals with a 126-97 victory on Monday night.

Two nights after surviving their first real test in a 99-94 victory over Lithuania, the Americans seemed headed for another tight finish. Argentina shot 56 percent in the first half and the U.S. led just 60-59.

Minutes later, the game — the last before single-elimination play starts — was effectively over.

"I think we did a great job of responding from last game," Durant said. "It was a tough game and so was the first half tonight. Guys played together. That second half is how we want to play."

The NBA scoring champion matched the Argentines' point total in the period, going 5-of-6 from 3-point range, the last one from well beyond 25 feet. The Americans didn't stop shooting and scoring until Carmelo Anthony made a 3-pointer in the final second of the quarter while taking what he and the U.S. bench right behind him felt was a cheap shot from Argentina's Facundo Campazzo, setting off an exchange of words and technical fouls.

It was too late by then for the Argentines. They needed to get closer to the U.S. shooters much sooner, and that was hard to do from some of the spots where Durant was pulling up.

The Americans (5-0) will play Australia (3-2) in a quarterfinal game Wednesday.

LeBron James added 18 points, including the Americans' first seven of the third quarter before Durant took over. Chris Paul finished with 17.

"We're great shooting team, but in close games sometimes you've got to go down and get some easy ones, and I wanted the ball, whether it was layups or in the post," James said. "Once you get a couple easy ones at the rim, then the 3-pointers open up and you saw what KD was able to do."

Durant's 3-pointer after James' surge gave the U.S. 10 points in 2:10 of the second half, and he made back-to-back 3s midway through the period to make it 85-68. Then he nailed consecutive 3s again later in the quarter, one from beyond the hash line, a distance that most players would never consider pulling up from.

"I really didn't pay attention to where the line was," Durant said. "When I caught that ball I was going to shoot it."

With his 17 points, Durant tied Argentina all by himself in the third quarter. He finished 8 of 10 from 3-point range, where the U.S. team was 20 of 39.

Durant, who holds the U.S. scoring record with 38 points in the 2010 world championship, might have threatened that if not for the lopsided score. He checked out for good about a minute into the fourth quarter.

"It sort of developed, but anybody in their right mind, when he gets shooting the ball like that, there's only one thing to do: Get the ball to him," Paul said of the plan to feed Durant. "Luckily, we have a team that has the presence of mind to get it to him. He is unbelievable. We have to yell at him to

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shoot the ball and as you see, he usually makes it."

Manu Ginobili scored 16 points for Argentina (3-2), which would have won Group A via tiebreaker if it had blown out the U.S. Instead, it finished third and will face Brazil in the quarterfinals.

"In the second half the U.S. really upped the ante, started playing very hard. They had a lot of defensive attacks and they started to run a lot more," Argentina's Leonardo Gutierrez said through a translator. "They also had an incredibly high percentage of 3-pointers. In the third quarter, they had three or four 3-pointers. They got one after another, all in a row, and we had a strong offense and gained many points. but that is something very difficult for any team to overcome."

A crowd featuring former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and ex-heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield was treated to an offensive show in the first half with little more defense than the NBA All-Star game. A basket on one end was answered quickly by a shot on the other in what was shaping up as a thriller between the last two Olympic champions.

But the U.S. simply has too much offense, even if the defense could use some tightening up.

The Americans have two days to work on it before facing the Australians (3-2), who pulled a surprise earlier Monday, handing Group B champion Russia its first loss, 82-80, on Patty Mills' 3-pointer as time expired.

Then again, maybe the defense is fine as it is.

James, who scored nine of his 20 points in the final four minutes Saturday, now has 225 points as a U.S. Olympian, just six away from Charles Barkley for third place on the U.S. career list.

The closer on Saturday, James was a late arrival Monday, returning from the locker room area, leaping over a barrier like an Olympic hurdler to jump back in line in time for the national anthem.

Still missing at the start was the U.S. defense.

The Americans, who insist their defense is their strength, allowed Argentina to make 11 of its first 15 shots, falling behind 30-29 when Gutierrez made a 3-pointer with 1:03 left in the first quarter. Durant's 3-pointer as time expired gave the U.S. a 34-32 lead headed to the second.

The U.S. could lead by no more than six in the second — though nobody was quite sure when that happened. Andre Iguodala's ferocious dunk on the fast break was thrown down with such force that it hit his chest and ricocheted back up through the basket so quickly that it was unclear if it went in at all. The public address announcer and scoreboard operator counted it, but Argentina simply pushed the ball up the other way without inbounding as if the shot had missed. Replays showed it clearly went all the way down, making it 45-39.

The game between the longtime rivals got testy in the second half, and they could see each other again soon. They would meet in the semifinals for the third straight Olympics if both win Wednesday.

"You kind of want to send a message a little bit," Kobe Bryant said. "This was the second game in a row that a team has played us close. We didn't want to give them confidence."

The teams played a physical exhibition game last month in Barcelona, the Argentines trimming a 20-point deficit to four in the final minutes before losing 86-80.

Campazzo, starting because Knicks-bound veteran point guard Pablo Prigioni is out with kidney stones, said he apologized to Bryant but not to Anthony, saying Paul didn't apologize for hitting him.

"He told me it's not necessary, and I told him I was really sorry," Campazzo said.

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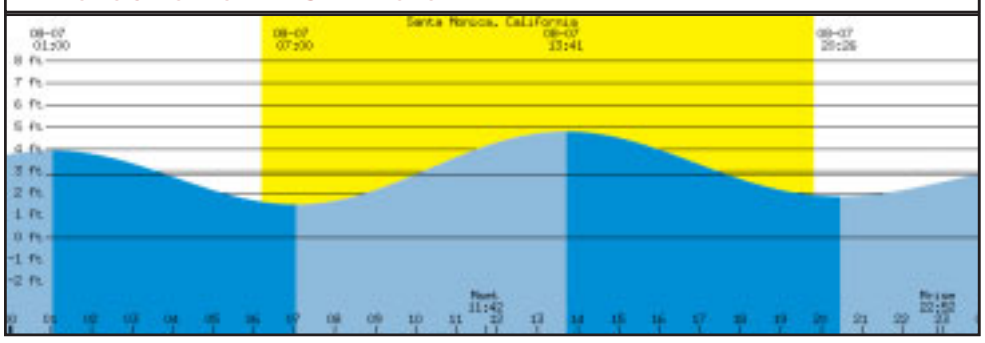
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Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
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Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (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.	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	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

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D.U.I. Do's & Don'ts

With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts and our own personal dilemmas, a few drinks come as a welcome respite for many. But before you have that extra glass of wine at dinner, make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI, here are 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a DUI checkpoint this year.

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests weand administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drive!: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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9:00am-12:00pm Patent, Trademark and Copyright Law with Attorney Marcus Risso (By appointment only)

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Brave (PG) 1hr 40min
1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
1:30pm, 5:15pm, 9:00pm

Magic Mike (R) 1hr 50min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:25pm, 10:05pm

Babymakers (R) 1hr 33min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

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

Amazing Spider-Man 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 16min
3:45pm, 10:25pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:50pm

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

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:20am, 12:05pm, 3:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:30pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG) 1hr 34min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

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

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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
4:45pm, 10:00pm

Farewell, My Queen (Les adieux a la reine) (R) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

To Rome With Love (R) 1hr 35min
1:50pm, 7:20pm

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Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 6:50pm, 10:00pm

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:55pm, 10:20pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
12:45pm, 4:30pm, 8:15pm

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

Watch (R) 1hr 42min
11:25am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 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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Not to be found tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Once more, you are nearly unstoppable with your high energy. In fact, if someone stands in your way, you might feel like a freight train about to run him or her over. As a result you could become irritable and difficult. Tonight: Whatever is your pleasure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You can express your feelings in a manner that lets you be heard. However, only someone who really cares about you might listen intently. You would be wise to say very little at this moment -- just wait for the right time. Tonight: Not to be found.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might want to look at a friendship in a new light. Somehow, others are not coming from the same place as you. You actually might feel pressured by a very assertive friend. Keep your chin up. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Venus moves into your sign today, adding extra allure and desirability. You find that others keep asking you to assume more responsibility in their lives. For some people, this request is authentic. For others, it is an excuse to have you closer. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Your fiery ways make a big difference with many people. Some people are intimidated by your energy, yet others find it to be contagious. Take comments with a grain of salt. Be careful of a new person you meet today. Tonight: Try something totally new.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be encouraged to deal with one individual directly. A sense of insecurity marks your interactions. You might feel pushed to the max. You'll gain a sense of well-being by handling this important matter. Tonight: Keep togetherness in mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You know what is going on, but you can't isolate yourself from dealing with the matter at hand. A situation could become increasingly difficult to handle. Perhaps you need to let go rather than try to take control. Tonight: Sort through ideas.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Realize that you are limited when it comes to how much you can accomplish. Understand what is happening with an associate or acquaintance you deal with on a daily basis. Open up to new thoughts and different approaches. Tonight: Easy works.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You could be torn between two options. One allows you to feel much freer. The other one demands a certain amount of self-discipline. A child or new friend pulls you into a fun situation. Go along for the ride. Tonight: Let off some steam.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be directly impacted by another's energy. He or she could be very pushy. For whatever reason, you think you need to step up to the plate and establish your boundaries. Tonight: Happy to head home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your words have punch to them -- much more than you think. Turn around and observe the reactions around you, then you will realize your power. Do not withdraw, but try to take a more nurturing approach. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Share dinner with a pal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Someone you care about might be unusually affectionate. Nevertheless, dealing with an associate or partner tests your limits and helps you stay grounded. Negativity is contagious, or so you'll discover. Tonight: Treat yourself well.

Happy birthday

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

This year you are full of energy and easily could become frustrated. Be verbal, and ask for more feedback. You are likely to lose your temper more than usual. Others could be taken aback as a result. Choose your words with care; otherwise, you could cause yourself more problems. If you are single, you find yourself drawn to a suitor who might be emotionally unavailable. A friendship could develop into more. If you are attached, the two of you would enjoy scheduling a long-desired trip. Do so, and you will become closer. Be respectful of each other's differences. ARIES makes a fun friend.

Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Dogs of C-Kennel
By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



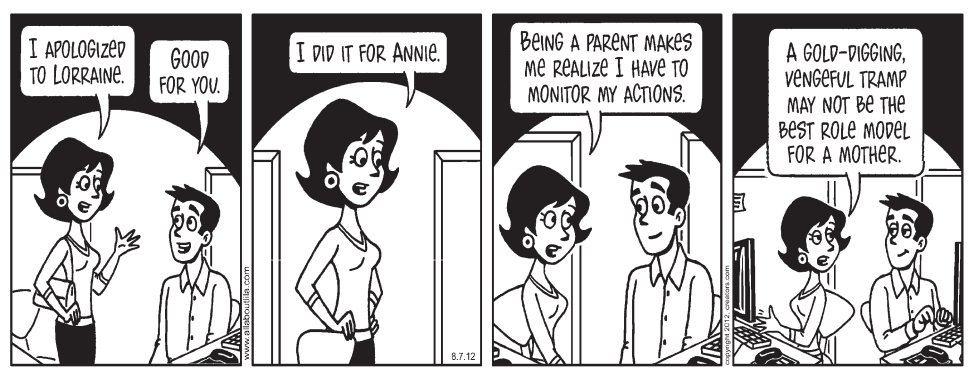
Edge City
By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★

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

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Tolerates
7 Coming out of
11 Tire type
12 Musical Horne
13 Bridged
15 Fragrant wood
16 Ump's call
18 Expansive
21 Evergreen trees
22 Droopy tree
24 Lyricist Gershwin
25 Pot part
26 Had supper
27 Arrives
29 Even, as a score
30 College head
31 Stadium group
32 Band output
34 Explained away
40 Mark's replacement
41 Delete
42 Cart pullers
43 Imperfect

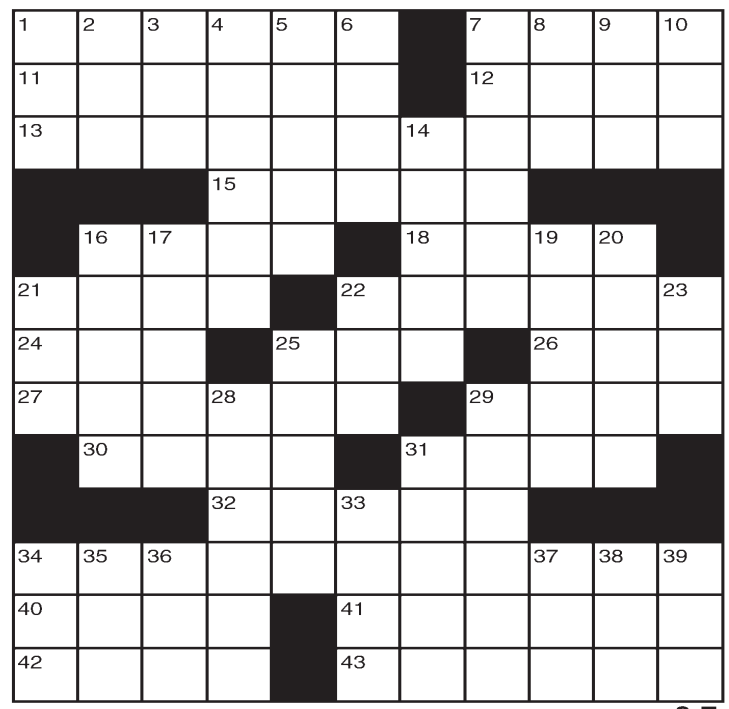
DOWN

1 Circle section
2 Watering hole
3 Courtroom oath
4 Olympics saucer
5 Studio stand
6 Winter glider
7 Like some wallpapers
8 Gun
9 Undivided
10 Spoil
14 Goliath's opponent
16 Dismissed
17 Make speeches
19 Murdered
20 Carries
21 Pear-shaped fruit
22 Take the title
23 Tie the knot
25 Lucy's brother
28 Bible strongman
29 Puget Sound city
31 Cuba's Castro
33 Lowly worker
34 Earth: Prefix
35 Belg. neighbor
36 Mine yield
37 Promise
38 Second person
39 Checkers side

F	I	R	S	T	■	E	V	I	T	A
I	D	A	H	O	■	X	E	N	O	N
G	O	T	A	T	■	P	E	C	A	N
■	■	■	K	A	T	E	■	A	D	O
S	T	E	E	L	E	R	S	■	■	■
H	A	M	S	■	A	T	H	O	M	E
O	R	I	O	N	■	S	A	B	I	N
O	P	T	F	O	R	■	V	E	N	D
■	■	■	F	O	U	R	E	Y	E	S
J	A	M	■	D	E	E	S	■	■	■
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Yesterday's answer

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2 10 13 38 46
Meganumber: 2
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SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 8/4
5 18 28 43 44
Meganumber: 24
Jackpot: $10M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/6
11 28 34 36 37

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/6
MIDDAY: 4 6 3
EVENING: 9 1 1

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 8/6
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:44.34

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "It's Just Politics": (1) Mark Schimel told reporters in Albany, N.Y., in May that it was nothing personal that caused him to run for the Republican nomination to the state assembly from Nassau County -- where the incumbent is his estranged wife, Democrat Michelle Schimel. Mark's mother seemed quite upset at her son. "I can't believe he'd do a thing like this (to Michelle)," she told a reporter. "I'm going to talk to him." (2) Democratic attorney Christopher Smith is the presumptive nominee for a Florida Senate seat from Fort Lauderdale, and it was just a coincidence, said Republican leadership in June, that their candidate is attorney Christopher Smithmyer. Registered Democrats dominate the district, but Smithmyer may win some votes by confusion.

■ William Voss has a tough job, noted a Bloomberg News report in June. He is CEO of the Flight Safety Foundation, which relentlessly campaigns for improving airline safety regulations, but admits that his primary obstacle is ... safe airlines. (The last major-airline accident in the U.S. was 11 years ago, leading to complacency by airlines, passengers and regulators.) "If anyone wants to advance safety through regulation," Voss said, "it can't be done without further loss of life."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1978 - U.S. President Jimmy Carter declares a federal emergency at Love Canal due to toxic waste that had been negligently disposed of.

1979 - Several tornadoes struck the city of Woodstock, Ontario, Canada and the surrounding communities.

1981 - The Washington Star ceases all operations after 128 years of publication.

1985 - Takao Doi, Mamoru Mohri and Chiaki Mukai are chosen to be Japan's first astronauts.

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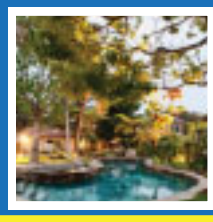
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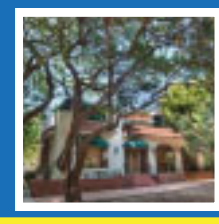
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