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THE NOT COOL ISSUE

Reward offered in fatal sea lion shooting

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM BAY A $5,000 reward was offered Wednesday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever fatally shot a sea lion in the Santa Monica Bay a week ago.

On the afternoon of Aug. 3, an adult female sea lion was found dead on Venice Beach, said Paul Wallerstein with Marine Animal Rescue, the organization offering the reward.

"Blood was spurting out like a faucet," said Wallerstein, who has been rescuing marine mammals in Los Angeles County for over 25 years. "We found three bullets in her. … She was very healthy otherwise."

Some fishermen have been known to kill seals, sea lions and pelicans because they view them as a threat to their livelihoods. Some shoot the animals while others use "California seal control devices," otherwise known as seal bombs.

The devices, which resemble powerful firecrackers, are typically used to scare off wildlife, including seals from around fishing nets. They are legal when used for that pur-

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The Shack raises thousands for injured Giants fan

BY SERLI POLATOGLU
Special to the Daily Press

WILSHIRE BLVD Local sports bar The Shack, home to many Phillies fans, successfully raised an estimated $7,500 for injured Giants fan Bryan Stow.

Stow, a paramedic and father of two, was severely beaten at the Dodgers home opener in late March and remains hospitalized.

Nearly 300 people meandered in and out of the bar throughout the night, according to Jon Burk, event organizer. There was a silent auction and raffle. Donations were also made by patrons.

Stow's mother and sisters attended the event.

"They said it was the biggest fundraising effort they'd seen," Burk said, adding that the family was "moved" by the community's support.

According to support4bryanstow.com, a website that is regularly updated by Stow's family, his condition has been improving in recent weeks. Family members said Stow can slightly lift his arm and leg and respond to some directions.

"Having the Stows there was so special," said Debbie Axel, an event organizer. "Apparently Bryan puckered his lips to kiss his sister the other day — I can only imagine what they're going through."

Officials at San Francisco General Hospital say Stow remains in serious condition.

Louie Sanchez, 28, and Marvin Norwood, 30, the two men accused of beating Stow, were arraigned Wednesday and plead not guilty to criminal charges.

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CRUNCH

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Santa Monica police investigate the scene Wednesday of a two-car, one-motorcycle accident at the corner of 19th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. Police officials said that the car in the foreground was heading west on Santa Monica Boulevard when the sedan in the distance, which was traveling north on 19th Street, broadsided the other vehicle. The motorcycle involved lost control trying to avoid the accident. Police added that the driver of the small sedan suffered moderate injuries, as did the motorcyclist. The other driver was not treated for injuries.

Long-time coastal defender Douglas decides to retire

NOAKI SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES They might not know his name but the millions of visitors annually lured to California's 1,100 miles of coastline are no doubt familiar with his work.

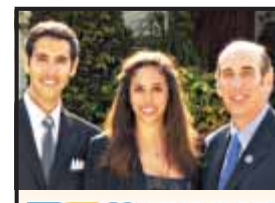
Peter Douglas, who has worked four decades to rein in development and keep vast stretches of one of the world's most breathtaking coastlines natural, announced his retirement Wednesday as the executive director of the California Coastal Commission. The 69-year-old, whose gravelly voice choked up as he talked about his decision at what will be his last series of

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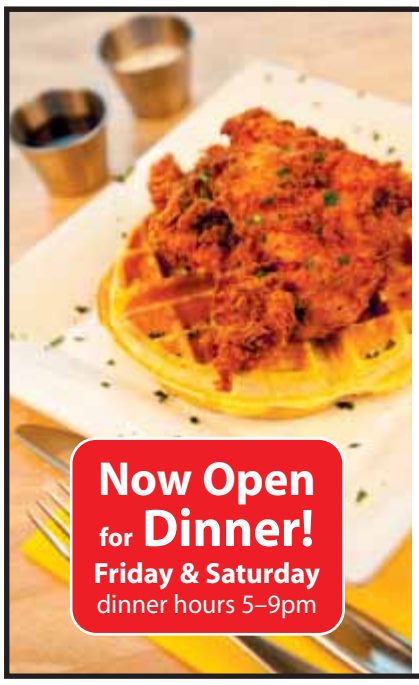
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Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011

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The Santa Monica Rep's new adaptation of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" offers magic, mystery, comedy and romance, and promises to be a visual and sonic treat, featuring enormous puppets, physical theater and original songs. The show is staged outside the Marion Davies Guest House, so bring your hats and sunscreen (giant Elizabethan ruffles not required). Cost: free, reservations required, late seating available. For more information, call (310) 458-4904 or visit www.santamonicarep.org.

Gather 'round the campfire
Temescal Gateway Park
15601 W. Sunset Blvd., 7 p.m.
Sponsored by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Family Campfire Evening is a nature program that features family activities and a fun way to learn about the great outdoors. The campfire songs and marshmallows are provided, you can just bring yourself. Meets at the Stone Amphitheater. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 858-7272 x131, or visit www.lamountains.com

Dog problems?
Barnes & Noble Bookstore
Third Street Promenade, 7 p.m.
Stop by Barnes & Noble for a discussion led by Carol Quinn, author of "Follow My Lead: What Training my Dogs Taught Me About Life, Love and Happiness," on it led to her self discovery. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 260-9110 or visit www.barnesndnoble.com.

Farmers' Market celebrates 30 years
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
In celebration of 30 years of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, come to a discussion with farmers, customers and friends about its evolution and what it will become in 30 more years. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Friday, Aug. 12, 2011

Tell your story
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
10:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.
Retired English professor Lawrence Owen lends his experience to "Writing for the Future," a writing workshop for seniors. Workshops occur Fridays through Aug. 26, with each one covering simple writing assignments and exercises designed to give the authors a glimpse of who they are. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Before he gets big
McCabe's Guitar Shop
3101 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Come see a live performance by Robert Ellis, up-and-coming Texas country and folk singer, who the New York Times hailed as a cross between Jackson Browne and George Jones. Cost: $15. Open to all. For more information, call (310) 828-4497 or visit www.mccabes.com.

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Join the hunt
Santa Monica Pier entrance
2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Locals and tourists alike can see the Venice boardwalk in a different way — on a scavenger hunt. Come in teams and race to win by following clues and photo challenges on this Venice hunt. Cost: $25. Open to all. For more information, call (323) 799-1374 or e-mail info@outoftheboxevents.com.

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CORRECTION

In the article "Trash becomes art," which appeared in the Aug. 5 edition of the Daily Press, it should have stated that a fundraiser for 5 Gyres, an environmental group dedicated to freeing the world of plastic pollution, is scheduled for Aug. 25 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Fred Segal, 500 Broadway.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SMMUSD HDQTRS

SMMUSD seeks new personnel commissioners

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District is seeking applicants for the Personnel Commission, which has a vacancy come Dec. 1, 2011.

The Personnel Commission is the body that selects and promotes all non-teaching employees in the SMMUSD, using the "merit system," a combination of interviews and written examinations.

"A person must go through the merit process, a process of examination, to obtain a job here," said Dr. Wilbert Young, director of the Personnel Commission.

Decisions to give employees additional training is also merit based, he added.

The body is comprised of three members appointed for three-year terms, with each member serving for one year.

The district is seeking as many applicants as possible to fill one membership role on the Personnel Commission, Young said.

Applicants for the position must be registered voters within the SMMUSD boundaries and should be familiar with the merit system.

Applicants cannot already be members of the SMMUSD Board of Education, the Los Angeles County Board of Education, or any kind of employee of the district.

Applications are available in the SMMUSD Office of the Superintendent, at 1651 16th St., or online at www.smmusd.org. All applications must be submitted by Oct. 14.

Aspiring commissioners can call (310) 450-8338 for more information.

COLIN NEWTON

DOWNTOWN

Rapper Xzibit teaches kids car maintenance

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica will co-host "Ready to Role" today, an event intended to teach youth confidence and pragmatic car skills.

FRAM oil filter presents this event in conjunction with former club member Xzibit of "Pimp My Ride" fame.

The event will dispense valuable information about car repair and upkeep to members of the club's "Passport to Manhood" program.

The program consists of 14 hands-on sessions that teach boys aged 11 to 14 various lessons about manhood.

Ready to Role will take place today from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club outdoor play field.

SERLI POLATOGLU



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ON TRACK? **A Redevelopment Agency plan to renovate the historic Santa Monica Civic Auditorium may have been saved on Tuesday.**

Council stands behind Redevelopment Agency

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City Council members heard the first reading of an ordinance Tuesday night that will allow $33 million in what officials refer to as "ransom payments" to the state to keep the doors of the city's Redevelopment Agency open.

Council members convened a special meeting to hear the ordinance to get it passed before the September deadline set by the Legislature and Gov. Jerry Brown in the budget signed in June.

The Legislature tacked on two bills — AB 26 and AB 27 — which proposed to kill the nearly 400 redevelopment agencies across the state and take the money they hold to plug a $1.7 billion hole in the state budget.

The agencies use tax money to fight blight by supporting infrastructure, building projects and affordable housing in specific zones created in cities by ordinance.

If host cities or counties want to keep the agencies in their present form, they have to pay their portion of that $1.7 billion to the state.

If not, the Legislature would begin sifting through redevelopment agencies to find ones out of compliance with the law, and shut them down by Oct. 1, at which point localities would create a new "successor" agency to pay out money for projects that were already committed in contracts.

In Santa Monica's case, that means $26 million in fiscal year 2011-12 and another $6.4 million in ongoing payments, according to Andy Agle, director of Housing and Economic Development at City Hall.

"Staff recommends that the council adopt this ordinance under protest to continue the Redevelopment Agency," Agle said.

Santa Monica's Redevelopment Agency is paying for $276 million in projects, including work already started at the Santa Monica High School campus and renovations on the historic Civic Auditorium, that the City Council agreed to commit to in August 2010, long before the governor proposed the budget that included the dissolution of the agencies.

Although city officials hope that commitment will keep the agency safe through the end of the those ventures, the only way to be sure is to make the payments.

Councilmember Bobby Shriver expressed concern that the city might be getting in over its head in spending money on projects, particularly those contracted just through the design phase, that might never happen.

"We would not have designed projects that we would not be able to finance in a year or two's time," Shriver said.

City Manager Rod Gould assured the council that City Hall would be able to follow through with its projects, although it might require a longer timeline and the pursuit of future financing.

Council members approved the initial reading, with reservations, in order to keep the millions of dollars worth of projects rolling.

"By taking this action tonight, we allow ourselves to continue to move forward," said City Council member Kevin McKeown. "We don't know how this will play out, we cannot possibly, but our history shows we've done pretty darn well in how to handle difficult situation."

It's already in question whether or not the "ransom" payments will be necessary.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Hard to swallow

Editor:

This letter is to Bob Guzik of Sacramento who spent $318 visiting Santa Monica every summer but not next summer after getting a $53 parking ticket ("Punishing policy," Letters to the Editor, Aug. 4).

I sympathize with you, Mr. Guzik. Now imagine living here and accumulating $53 parking tickets all year round, because after paying $45 a year for parking passes as your home near the beach has no off-street parking, you still can't find a space and are ticketed, just "for the privilege of spending time" here, as you so finely put it. Mr. G, you wrote: "This experience has left such a bad taste in my mouth."

Now you know what residents have to swallow!

Henry Rosenfeld
Santa Monica

Saving shark fins

Editor:

I've loved the ocean for as long as I can remember. The beauty, power, grace and bounty of the sea are transforming, invigorating and life-affirming.

As such, it's alarming and disturbing that an estimated 73 million sharks are killed each year by the ruthless practice of shark finning – slicing off the fins while sharks are still alive – primarily for use in shark fin soup. The finned sharks are then tossed back into the sea, and, unable to swim, die.

This systematic killing of sharks for their fins is contributing to the near-collapse of shark populations worldwide. In fact, research shows that the massive depletion of sharks has destructive cascading effects on the oceans' ecosystems. It's shocking to think that demand for shark fins puts the entire ocean at risk.

We have an opportunity to end this unsustainable practice. California Assembly Bill 376 – which will ban shark fin possession, sale, trade and distribution – is headed for a vote by the Senate Appropriations Committee. If it passes, the bill will then head to the Senate floor for a final vote. AB 376 will give critical protection to sharks and help preserve the health of our oceans.

Hawaii, Oregon and Washington have already banned the sale of shark fin products, leaving our state one of the largest contributors to the shark fin trade. As California represents a significant market for shark fins in the United States, it's time we did our share to help save our sharks and ocean environment.

Please join me in urging our legislators to vote "yes" on AB 376.

Thomas J. Fleming
Santa Monica

Time to eliminate nukes

Editor:

Aug. 6 marked the commemorations of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Sixty-six years is enough! It is time to retire all nuclear weapons. Keeping thousands of such weapons on high-alert creates unacceptable risks and huge expense. In this time of budget crisis, it is unthinkable that we continue to find funding for these unneeded weapons while cutting essential programs that support our nation.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu recently wrote, "It is deeply troubling that the U.S. has allocated $185 billion to augment its nuclear stockpile over the next decade, on top of the ordinary annual nuclear-weapons budget of more than $50 billion."

This is deeply troubing to me as well! I'm proud to join a growing international movement for the elimination of all nuclear weapons worldwide. I'm "1 More 4 Zero" – are you?

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Life Matters

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Pause before taking the plunge

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

Several weeks ago you wrote a great article about people who you called "anxiously attached" and tend to be jealous and clingy. You also mentioned an avoidant/detached type, which sounds like it could be my fiancée.

I tend to get anxious around him but never thought of myself as anxiously attached. In this case, however, I feel like I might become so. Is it possible that relationships create this or at least trigger it in us? Or am I kidding myself? Also, how do I know if l am engaged to an avoidant type of person? From what you wrote, I am wondering if this might be a big mistake, even though I love him.

Thanks so much,
Grateful for your advice

DEAR GRATEFUL,

Thank you for your kind words. I truly hope that I am helping someone with my articles; otherwise, I would not write them.

You ask excellent questions and I hope to answer them for you.

As I said in the earlier article, people are either securely attached, anxiously attached or detached and avoidant. This latter group, the detached avoidant, is highly self-reliant and they often feel like they don't need anyone. It is actually the far end of the spectrum in relationships to being securely attached, which is ideal and healthy.

These detached and avoidant folks have been the most disappointed in their attachments, and while often lonely underneath, their defenses make them feel as if they are in control and comfortable, and from an outside perspective they often look better off than most of us. They are usually high achievers because their intense drive to avoid needing anyone pushes them to work harder and be better than others.

It is only after achievement has left them lonely at the top that they seek help for their loneliness and accompanying depression when it starts to be felt. However, often feeling down and seeking help never happens.

Unless a major depression or severe loneliness brings them into treatment, they usually do not reach out for help. This is because they have suffered the most injurious of losses and disappointments in their attachments, either early on or along the way. They really do not want to rely on anyone, it is simply too dangerous in their minds, and they do not trust most people, if anyone.

In terms of your question, avoidant/detached types find ways to soothe themselves because they prefer to avoid relying on others. Because they are often very accomplished due to this drive to not need others, they often have acquired many "things" that they can use to soothe and comfort themselves with.

Honestly, they often prefer being alone and using their things and their fantasies to comfort and stimulate themselves. They may have elaborate fantasies about relationships, but more often than not they are just fantasy. They actually prefer being in their own world and often view or experience relationship interactions as intrusions.

Your question about could your partner be creating this in you is a good one. There is no one hard and fast rule, but most experts would agree that if you are truly in love and he is attached but avoidant, then this indeed could be making you feel anxious. Being in a relationship and of course this means forming an attachment, always brings with it some conflict. You may have two very different attachment styles.

[A]VOIDANT/DETACHED TYPES FIND WAYS TO SOOTHE THEMSELVES BECAUSE THEY PREFER TO AVOID RELYING ON OTHERS.

But one thing is for sure, to be the same with everyone is to be with no one! Our reactions to others are always somewhat a part of who they are and what they bring to a relationship. How we react and what we do with it comes back to us. It actually can become very circular.

I think the securely attached would give it a try but after a short while, call it a day. They would not tolerate the subtle (or not) rejections.

So, if you are truly hanging in and thinking of marriage, yet find yourself feeling anxious and a little helpless with him, then maybe something is being triggered in you, i.e., something in your own history. Ask yourself the question, "Is this a familiar feeling?" if it is not, then there is something about him that causes anxiety and a sense of being alone in the relationship. You would be well advised to get premarital counseling before taking your vows. A life alone, albeit married, is not fun or healthy. As I have said before, there are very good treatments available today for these types of attachment problems.

I think you might want to "pause before you plunge."

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Children need extra help settling into a new home

MELISSA KOSSLER DUTTON
For The Associated Press

For children, the excitement of moving into a new home is often clouded by uncertainty. Parents can ease the transition — starting at the dinner table.

The ritual of sitting down to a family meal can help kids start to feel at home, said Nancy Darling, a psychology professor at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio. She also urges adherence to bedtimes.

"When kids feel like everything is changing, they need that stability," she said. "They need attention and stability."

That may mean anything from choosing familiar paint colors in the new house to letting kids be part of decorating decisions.

Barbara Miller, an interior designer in Portland, Ore., who has moved with her children three times, painted their new rooms the same color as their old ones.

"I try to keep things as much the same (as possible) — especially if they're nervous," said Miller.

Moving can be more disruptive for kids than parents realize, added Doug Tynan, a child psychologist with the Nemours Foundation in Newark, Del. Be prepared to handle tears or unusual behavior as children adjust to their new setting, he said.

"Don't take it personally if they walk into a wonderful new house and burst into tears," said Tynan, who estimates it takes five to six weeks for children to adjust to a move.

He recommends that parents talk openly with children about the move as soon as they decide it's going to happen. "The more information the better," he said. "Be as up front as possible."

When John Seyerle's fellowship was ending at a hospital in Columbus, Ohio, he and his wife, Maria, told their daughters, Anna, 8, and Sophia, 5, that a move might be in their future. When he took a job in Cincinnati, the couple took the girls house hunting.

"We did talk about what their criteria were for a new house," Maria Seyerle said. "They wanted a swing set and tub with jets."

The girls, who got their swing set shortly after moving into their new home in June, have adjusted well, Maria Seyerle said. "That's not to say that they don't have their moments of being sad," she said. "We've made it clear that we have mixed emotions too."

Tynan, Darling and Miller offered these additional tips to help children adjust to a new home:

• Introduce children to their new home: If possible, take them to the new house before the move. If they don't have a chance to see the interior, take photos or show them the online listing. Talk about how the family will use the new spaces.

• Let them help arrange their new space: Give kids a floor plan of their new room and let them decide where to place the furniture.

• Show them their new school: If the school has a website, spend time online getting to know the building and its teachers. Arrange to visit the school in person as soon as possible.

• Pack with care: Pack the kids' room last so they face as little disruption as possible. Unpack their room first at the new house.

• Let them help: Give children a box to pack. Tell them to put their most valuable possessions in it. If possible, let them carry the box with them when traveling to the new house.

• Show kids around the new house: When you arrive, take kids on a tour. Point out the location of light switches, bathrooms and other useful details. Make sure children know how to get to their parents' room during the night. Consider using night lights or placing glow-in-the-dark stickers on light switches to help kids feel more comfortable.

• Take them around the neighborhood: Visit a playground or other attractions they might like. Point out positives, such as proximity to a pool, ball field or ice cream shop.

• Keep children active: Sign them up for sports teams, classes and other extracurricular activities as soon as possible. If the move occurs during the summer, try to register for a camp or class that will include local kids.

The Q Line

Hiring locally

City Hall is contemplating forcing new developments to hire local residents before considering people from outside of the area.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the city should pursue this concept or let the open market prevail?

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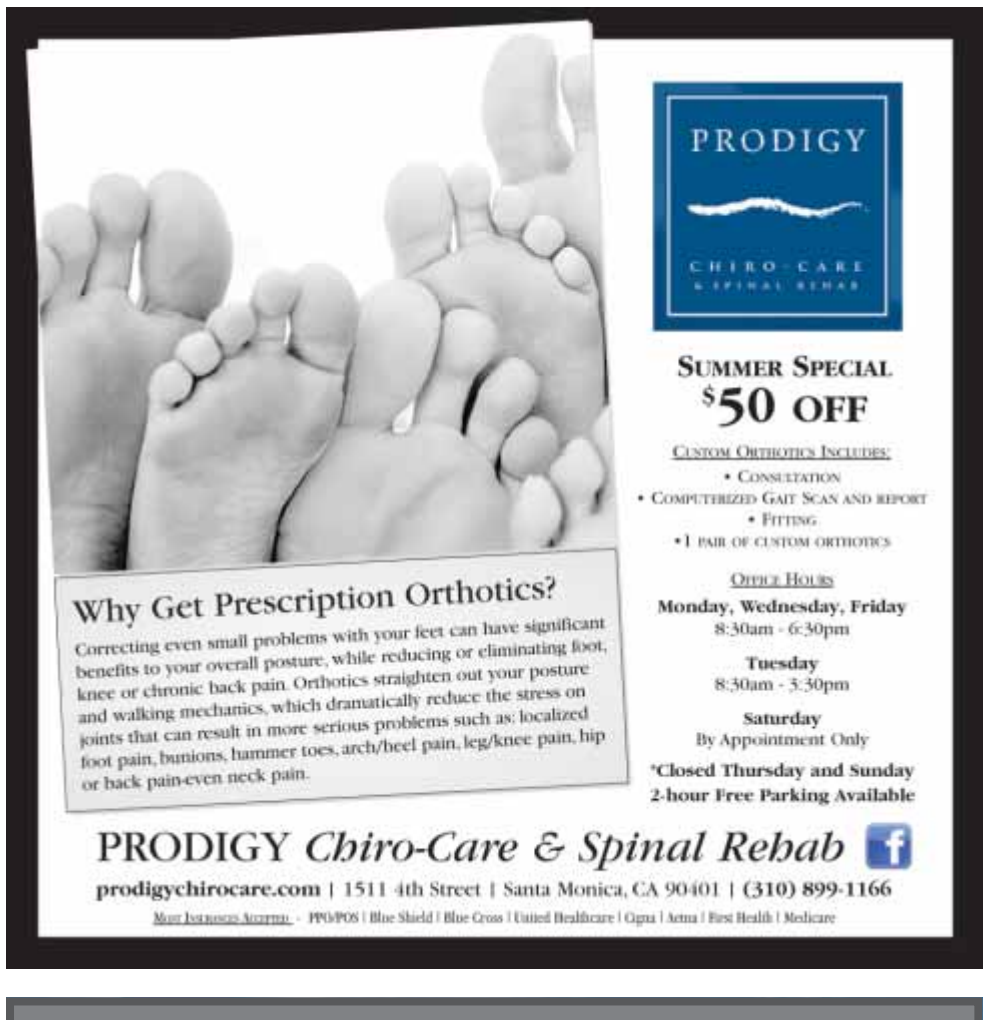
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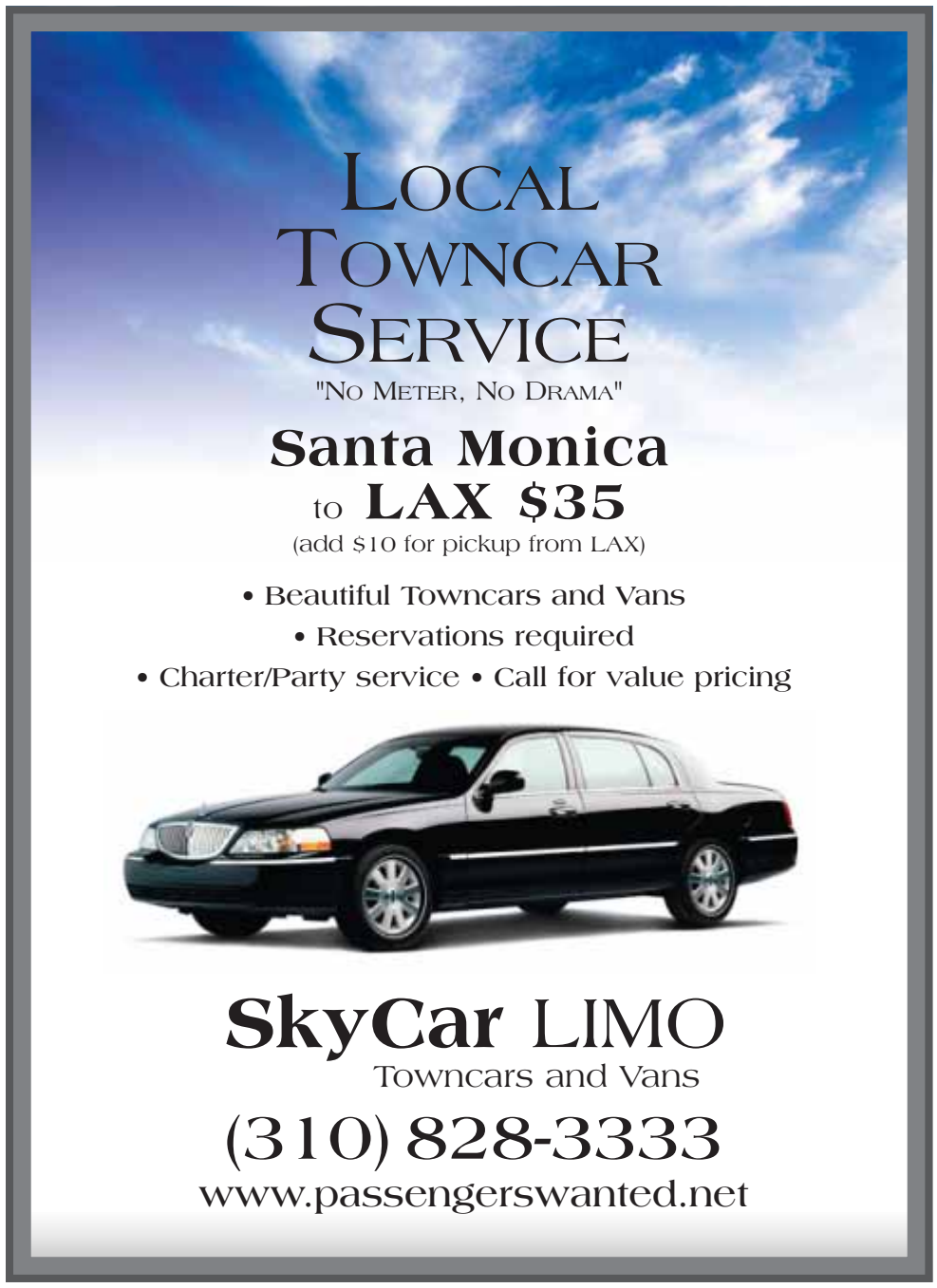












Stadium study appears to overstate tax benefits

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES An annual Pac-12 championship. Boxing matches with consistent knock-out audience sizes. A Super Bowl-sized mega-event each year.

These are among the outsized engagements that Anschutz Entertainment Group counts on luring to the NFL stadium it wants to build in downtown Los Angeles in order to generate tens of millions in state and local tax revenue.

The sports and entertainment firm has dangled that tax bounty before officials in its efforts to garner public support for its plan to build a venue for an NFL franchise in a city that has been without a team since the Raiders and the Rams left the region within months of one another some 16 years ago.

Council members cited the project's economic impacts when they voted to approve a memorandum of understanding with AEG that sets the stage for future binding deals between the city and the developer.

But a close reading of an economic study that AEG released last month shows that the promise of a sales and property tax windfall appears to be overblown.

It anticipates a highly optimistic number of events, some of which would not be new to the region. And a chunk of the tax revenue included in the tally is apparently already spoken for by other projects.

AEG wants to build its $1.2 billion stadium known as Farmers Field on the city's convention center campus. The plan approved by the City Council anticipates the issuance of $275 million in tax-exempt bonds for the relocation of a convention center building that now stands where the planned 72,000-seat venue would be built.

The framework deal with the city requires AEG to secure a NFL team before any work on the project, which would start with the convention center relocation, could begin.

AEG president and CEO Tim Leiweke told reporters this week he's been in touch with team owners about a possible move to Los Angeles, but declined to identify likely candidates or say whether any formal negotiations had begun. He said no move would be announced until the end of the 2011-2012 football season.

The financial study, completed by consultancy Metropolitan Research and Economics primarily using data provided by AEG, estimates that new economic activity from the stadium and improved convention center would result in $41.8 million in annual tax revenue for city, state and other public entities.

The study released by AEG sees some $22.1 million in city taxes being generated, including $11.6 million that would come from hotel room taxes.

Yet, two of the largest hotel offerings in the area got breaks on those taxes to spur their development. The JW Marriot and Ritz-Carlton hotels in AEG's adjacent LA Live entertainment complex get to keep their respective room taxes until 2035, unless better-than-expected business gets it to a maximum rebate of $246 million before that.

AEG chief operating and financial officer Dan Beckerman said new stadium and convention business would help the hotel reach the rebate cap faster, so the city would begin collecting the taxes sooner.

Also unlikely to materialize are the $3.1 million in property tax and $1 million in parking taxes that the study says would go to the city, since the deal approved this week would earmark that cash for the repayment of a loan taken out to move the convention center building.

Beckerman defended the inclusion of that cash in the tally.

"The purpose of the study is to identify the universe of new taxes and then the city will identify the portion of those new taxes that are going back into the project," he said.

City legislative staffers have said they would complete an analysis of the study's findings. The city's own consultants, who use more conservative estimates and strip out taxes that would be recycled back into the project, have projected that the stadium and convention center improvements would add an average of about $14.7 million in new taxes to city coffers each year, about two-thirds of the amount estimated by the AEG-funded study.

Among the firm's most optimistic projections concern the numbers and types of events it hopes to host.

The projected 38 events outnumber tallies for comparable venues such as Atlanta's Georgia Dome, which hosts about 33 events each year. Arlington, Texas' Cowboy's Stadium, Glendale, Ariz.'s University of Phoenix Stadium and Indianapolis' Lucas Oil stadium each draw 25 events per year, according to a Metropolitan Research and Economics tally of events at comparable NFL venues released separately by AEG.

"Thirty-eight does seem high to me," said Daniel Rascher, president of San Francisco Bay Area-based consultancy SportsEconomics. "It just seems it would be pretty amazing to have that many events in basically a football stadium."

Beckerman said AEG's status as one of the world's leading sports and entertainment companies gives it better access to large bookings than other stadium operators, while the large Los Angeles market is able to support more big events.

Among the 38 expected events were 12 NFL games, each generating nearly $180,000 in sales taxes per year. That number of games could only be reached if the Farmers' Field home team makes the playoffs each year — and if the league's players somehow agree to a controversial proposal to extend the season, Rascher said.

AEG also said in the study that it planned to host a Pac-12 Championship each year, generating some $747,200 in new sales taxes, even though Pac-12 organizers plan to hold matches on the campus of the team with the best record for the foreseeable future.

Beckerman said he preferred to anticipate that the venue would host a total of 16 professional and college football games, with the 12 NFL games and the Pac-12 championship being components of those 16 some years.

AEG also expects to host a boxing match each year with 50,000 people in attendance, adding $380,625 to government coffers. Fight promoter Roy Englebrecht, who helped form Golden Boy Promotions with boxing champ Oscar De La Hoya, said AEG is unlikely to stage a match with such a crowd even once, let alone every year, unless it virtually gives tickets away.

"If you look back in the history of professional boxing in the United States, you could probably put on one hand the number of championship fights that drew 50,000," he

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said.

Pro-wrestling or ultimate fighting matches, which draw huge audiences, could stand in for boxing matches some years, Beckerman said.

AEG also planned to hold a Super Bowl-sized event each year, earning more than $1.4 million in tax receipts, but Rascher said that too is an unrealistic expectation.

"They'll get a bunch of Super Bowls, but maybe that's every fourth year. What is the other big event?" he said, speculating that it may snag a World Cup soccer final and an occasional college basketball championship, but that such events would be few and far between.

Beckerman said that AEG's muscle in the sports and entertainment business made him absolutely confident that it could secure such a booking each year.

Meanwhile, several of the events on AEG's list appear to be ones that would be displaced from other area venues, such as the Los Angeles Coliseum and Pasadena Rose Bowl, which have in recent years held the Los Angeles Galaxy and Chivas Guadalajara friendly matches and other international soccer events that the company anticipates staging in its new venue.

Those games are credited with generating some $240,000 in sales taxes.

AEG even anticipates generating nearly $207,400 from the three-day long ESPN-produced X Games event, which has been held at the company's nearby Staples Center indoor arena and other local venues for nearly a decade. This year, the X Games are being held entirely at Staples Center and AEG's adjacent LA Live hotel and entertainment complex.

With the vast majority of sales tax money going to state and county government agencies, it is questionable how much of an impact on tax rolls these events would be if they are simply shifted around the region, said David Carter, a sports marketing professor at the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business.

"Is the fact that you're moving the game two miles going to affect how much is spent?" he said. "How much is that spending actually different from what is already occurring in the area?"

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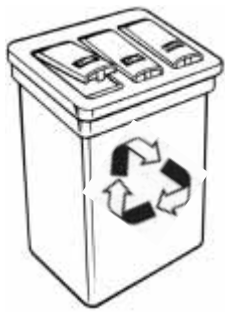
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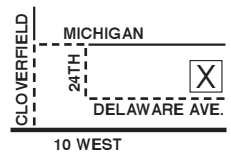



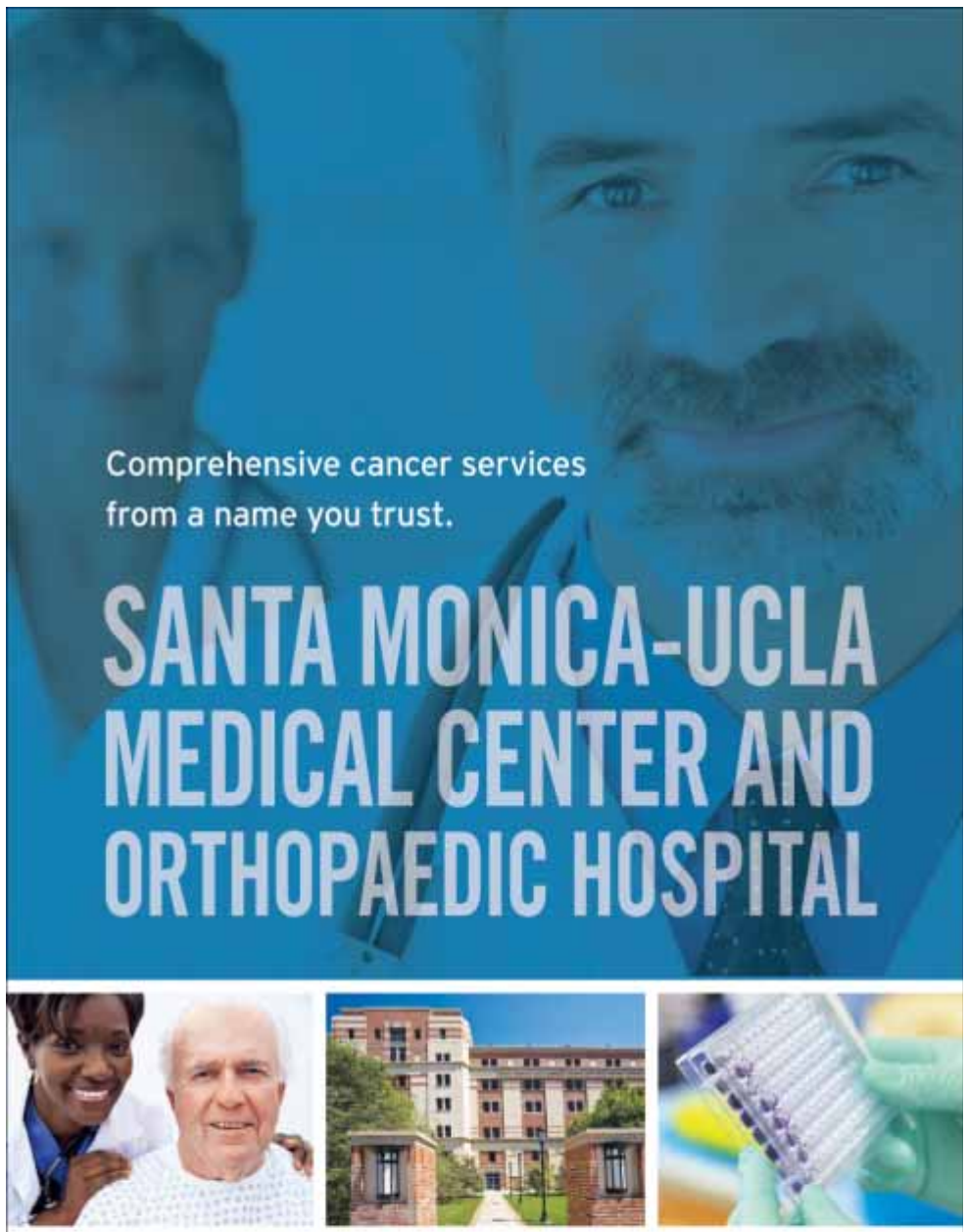
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TRAGIC: **A $5,000 reward was offered Wednesday for information leading to the arrest and conviction of whoever fatally shot this adult female sea lion in the Santa Monica Bay a week ago.**

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pose as long as they do not harass or injure marine mammals. But some fishermen stuff them into dead fish and feed them to the animals, the explosion killing them or causing life-threatening injuries.

"Just this year we went to El Segundo and … found this beautiful, healthy animal with its lower jaw just hanging by threads of skin," Wallerstein said. "She was still alive, sitting there looking up at us in this horrible state."

In February of 2009, Wallerstein said he rescued an 8-month-old sea lion pup that washed ashore at Dockweiler Beach in Playa del Rey with a bullet wound to its spine. The pup was paralyzed and had to be euthanized.

"We see multiple shootings a year, and these are only the ones we see," he added. "How many animals don't make it to shore?"

David Reilly, special agent with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Office of Law Enforcement, is investigating the most recent shooting. Killing a marine mammal is a violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, which can result in a $100,000 fine and a year in prison.

Reilly said it can be difficult to track down the perpetrators because the crime typically occurs far out at sea where there are few witnesses. Animals attacked may travel miles from the scene of the crime before washing up on shore.

Reilly uses forensic evidence as well as standard investigative techniques to track down those responsible.

"It's just like investigating a homicide involving a person, the only difference being that we are dealing with wildlife," Reilly said. "Hopefully someone comes forward."

Zeke Grader, executive director with the Pacific Coast Federation of Fisherman's Associations, said most out at sea would never intentionally harm a sea lion or other marine mammal. Not only is it against the law, but it is also bad for business.

"Fisherman are sensitive to the fact that the public cares about these animals and they are the people who buy their product, so the last thing we want to do is insult the public — our customers," said Grader, who recalls a time when customers stopped eating tuna because dolphins were being caught up in the nets.

"Our rule is basically just don't do it," he said. "If you are having problems with animals, report it to the authorities."

Wallerstein said while some fishermen may see sea lions as competitors who snatch their catch of the day, the majority report illegal activity and refrain from killing the mammals.

"I don't want to lump them all together into one category because we do get calls from other fishermen who do see injured animals. It's definitely a small minority, but one that causes a lot of suffering."

Wallerstein hopes the reward will lead to an arrest.

Those with information about the shooting or any other violation of the Marine Mammal Protection Act can contact the NOAA Office of Law Enforcement hotline 24 hours a day, seven days a week at (800) 853-1964.

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RETIRE
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commission hearings, has been battling lung cancer and will go on sick leave before officially retiring in November.

Some of the commission's decisions at the advice of Douglas have had surprising reach.

In the 1980s, Douglas advised the commission to vote against allowing for the expansion of the Jonathon Club, a private white men's club on the beach in Santa Monica unless they ended policy alleged to be discriminatory.

"It was a very difficult decision and it was disease driven," he told the Associated Press. "I'm at peace with it — it's been an incredible 41 years. It's been a meaningful, purposeful legacy."

In the 1970s while working as a legislative aid Douglas co-authored the proposition that created the coastal commission and, later, as a consultant for a state assembly environmental committee he co-drafted legislation that would become the country's most stringent coastal protections. Since then he's served as the agency's deputy director and executive director and is largely credited with helping to turn the start-up panel into one of the nation's most powerful land-use authorities.

His fans, which are numerous, say many of the commission's accomplishments would not have been possible without Douglas, whose staff advises the commission on how they should vote on issues.

"While God and nature created California's unparalleled coastal splendor, the preservation of our magnificent coastline simply wouldn't have happened without the work of Peter Douglas," said Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg upon hearing the news.

Sarah Christie, the commission's legislative liaison who has worked at the commission since 1999, agreed.

"The Hearst Ranch would be a golf resort, Monterey Bay would be lined with luxury condominiums instead of a public boardwalk, there would be no public access to any of Malibu's beaches, the cottages at Crystal Cove would have been demolished and San Onofre State Park would have been paved over for a toll road," she said. "The list goes on and on."

Voters established the largely independent, quasi-judicial commission out of growing concern that rampant development would eclipse the state's world-famous beaches, as well as the average person's ability to get there. The commission is composed of 12 voting members appointed by the governor, the state Senate Rules Committee and the Assembly speaker.

Coastal programs in other states don't have the reach or legal muscle of the California Coastal Commission thanks largely to the Coastal Act. The law placed a priority on public recreation over private development, created protection for nesting birds and other animals, and gave the agency authority to enforce the law.

But his tenure hasn't been without controversy. Douglas has spent years sparring with developers and property owners who have seen their projects dramatically changed, whittled down and even rejected over Coastal Act compliance issues. Critics have charged that his staff unfairly targets certain projects and tackles minor land use decisions that should be left to local communities.

Douglas, who survived nearly a dozen efforts to have him fired over the years, said he takes special pride that their agency has never been corrupted. Indeed, over the years there have been some colorful show-downs between Douglas, who often wears bolo ties and hiking pants and drives an old biodiesel-using Mercedes that smells of fries, and some of the country's rich and powerful over public access requirements or development plans in environmentally sensitive areas.

David Geffen, the film and music mogul, famously battled for decades to stop the public from using a stretch of Carbon Beach in front of his Malibu compound, before relenting in 2007. Geffen cited concerns about traffic, privacy and the potential environmental harm sunbathers would cause.

This year, amid speculation that the commission might approve a clutch of environmentally friendly mansions that U2 guitarist The Edge and other landowners wanted to build along a bluff overlooking Malibu, Douglas stood up and said he had "never seen a project as environmentally devastating as this" proposed in the Santa Monica Mountains. The commission voted against it.

"I think it would be a travesty if a state agency gives it's good housekeeping seal to a club on public land that wouldn't let half of you commissioners into their membership," he recalled telling the commission. "The club fought it, went to the Supreme Court and we won."

The commission's current chair Mary Shallenberger, who has known Douglas for decades, believes that even some of those who have squared off with Douglas may miss him.

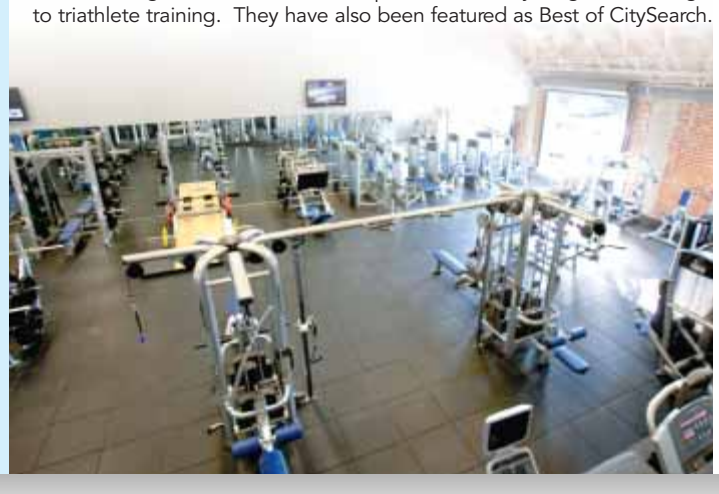
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A Roundabout Way Of Thinking

Drivers in Santa Monica might have noticed some recent changes to many intersections around town that have people wondering if they are headed down the Champs Elysees towards the Arch de Triumph or perhaps lost on an English country road.The roundabout intersection has made a roundabout trip across the world to Santa Monica with the hopes of easing traffic congestion and making the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Drivers here in Santa Monica must be aware of the traffic rules and regulations that govern roundabout driving so that motorists are not stranded like foreigners in a foreign land. Here are some basic rules and explanations about roundabouts that will hopefully help you on your way around town.

The basic definition of a roundabout is a circular junction in which road traffic must travel in one direction around a central island. Roundabouts increase safety in the community by requiring drivers to both decrease their speeds and in turn increase their awareness upon entering the intersection. Roundabouts also increase a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal by creating charming and unique architectural designs. Neatly landscaped circles or placement of a statue, monument, or flagpole give roundabouts a homely and suburban feel despite their very urban purpose. Pedestrians are often prohibited or discouraged from entering the center circle of a roundabout, but pedestrians and drivers can nonetheless enjoy the visual charisma that the intersection adds to a community. Roundabouts facilitate motorists, bicyclists, runners, and dog-walkers in an efficient and competent manner.

Roundabouts have some negative drawbacks as well. Larger vehicles and trucks may find it difficult to navigate through narrow roundabouts that are not built to handle such vehicles.The recent implementation of roundabouts in Santa Monica has also caused some backup and unwanted traffic delays at roundabouts where drivers are not familiar with the traffic laws and traffic flow. On the same note, there is a greater risk of traffic collisions and accidents from drivers who are simply not paying attention to their surroundings. Roundabouts require far greater concentration and awareness than do conventional squared intersections.

Upon entering a roundabout, drivers should first notice a sign or traffic indicator alerting the driver to slow down and prepare to yield.A painted dashed line will also alert drivers that they are entering a roundabout intersection. Unless otherwise indicated, drivers do not have to come to a complete stop; however, the situation may require a complete stop depending on traffic conditions at the time. Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way! So, if you see a bicyclist, jogger, or walker you must stop in order to allow that person safe passage. If there are no other cars in the roundabout and no pedestrians, the driver can then safely enter the roundabout. Most Santa Monica roundabouts are one-way, meaning a driver can only make a right turn to enter the roundabout and a right turn to exit the roundabout.

A driver that is already in the roundabout has the right of way over a driver that is entering the roundabout.Thus, if you are the car that is approaching the roundabout and slowing down getting ready to turn into the roundabout, do not expect another car that is already in the roundabout to stop or slow to let you in! This area tends to be one of the most confusing aspects of roundabouts, but if you remember that the car already in the roundabout has the right of way…you should be alright. Regardless of who has the right of way, drivers should nonetheless always remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings to prevent any kind of accident. Keep a slow to moderate speed while circling depending on the traffic at the time.Also, it is very important that drivers remember to use their turn signals. Turn signals alert circling drivers inside the roundabout and allow other drivers to adjust speeds based on turns. Moreover, a turn signal also notifies drivers waiting to enter the roundabout that the path is clear for them to safely make the maneuver.

Avoid unnecessary traffic citations, accidents, and congestion by following these simple roundabout rules. Remember to be aware, vigilant, and attentive to your surroundings at all time. Adjust to a roundabout way of thinking and enjoy the ride around town!

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STOW
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Prosecutor Frank Santoro said in court he did not object to a motion to allow television cameras in the courtroom because the case is built on admissions, not witness identifications.

"The case is based on admissions from both of them," said Santoro, who provided no further details.

He said 20 witnesses had been asked to look at the men, but only one could positively identify Sanchez and no one recognized Norwood.

The motion involving cameras was denied after the defense objected.

Outside court, Sanchez's attorney, Gilbert Quinones, was asked about the claim that the defendants had made admissions.

"Making assertions and proving them are two different things," Quinones said.

During the hearing, several relatives looked on as Sanchez and Norwood stood about 30 feet apart. The men did not look at each other and spoke only through their lawyers. Relatives later declined to comment to the media.

Police have portrayed Sanchez as the leader of the March 31 assault on Stow as the culmination of an alleged rampage in which Sanchez and Norwood are accused of lashing out randomly at rival Giants fans at the stadium.

The District Attorney's Office also said it would not file charges against Dorene Sanchez, the sister of Louie Sanchez. She had been arrested on suspicion of being an accessory after the fact, but prosecutors found insufficient evidence against her.

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The Associated Press contributed to this report

RDA
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The League of California Cities, California Redevelopment Association and some individual municipalities filed suit with the California Supreme Court, questioning the constitutionality of the two laws and requesting that the court put a hold on their implementation.

The argument rests on Proposition 22, a voter-approved initiative that restricts the state specifically from taking money from local governments, including redevelopment agencies.

Attorney General Kamala Harris' office responded, saying that the Legislature had every right to dissolve the agencies, because it moved to establish them in the mid 1940s.

This ordinance is a hedge against the possibility that the California Supreme Court will find in favor of the attorney general, while still including language that will allow Santa Monica to get its money back if it's forced to make its first payment in January 2012 before the court has reached a final verdict on the matter.

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Market continues wild ride, finishes down 519 points

STAN CHOE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Back to reality for the stock market — and back down.

Wall Street focused Wednesday on the bleak landscape ahead for the economy and sold off, wiping out the big gains from a day earlier and then some. The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 519 points.

The selling was intensified by worries about debt problems in Europe.

On Tuesday, the Federal Reserve said it planned to keep interest rates ultra-low for two more years. After some initial confusion, the stock market staged a huge comeback and had one of its best days.

But the interest-rate news proved to be a distraction. The Fed made the pledge because it sees almost no chance that the economy will improve substantially by 2013, and when investors focused on that, they dumped stocks again.

"Now it gets back to the fundamentals," said Mark Lamkin, founder of Lamkin Wealth Management, which manages $215 million.

The Dow closed at 10,719.94, down 4.6 percent for the day. By points, it was the ninth-steepest decline for the market. The Dow has now lost more than 2,000 points in less than three weeks.

Wednesday was another day marked by big moves. The Dow was down more than 300 points within minutes of the opening bell. It recovered some of that loss, then drifted steadily lower in the last two hours.

The market has traded that way for two weeks, lurching up and down. The most extreme example was Tuesday, when the Dow swung more than 600 points in the one hour and 45 minutes after the Fed's statement.

The stomach-churning highs and lows are reminiscent of the fall of 2008, the depths of the financial crisis, when swings of 800 or even 1,000 points in day were not unheard of.

Computerized trading systems — programmed to analyze charts, capitalize on the tiniest changes in price and execute trades with no human intervention — are making the market rougher.

High-frequency trading programs make up about half of the trades in a normal market day but 70 percent or more on a volatile one. The programs pounce on stock changes to make just slivers of a penny but do it so often that it adds up to real dollars.

Other investors also use charts and market indicators to make trades based on market momentum. The bet is that if the market is rising, it will keep rising, and if it's falling, it will keep falling.

More investors are turning to this strategy because the sudden slowdown in the economy has left them unable to judge companies based on their fundamentals, like projected profits. The more people use a momentum strategy, the faster the decline.

The S&P 500 finished the day down 4.4 percent and the Nasdaq composite index down 4.1 percent.

Financial stocks led the market lower. Bank of America and Citigroup each lost more than 10 percent of their market value. Wall Street is worried because it doesn't know how badly American banks might be hurt by Europe's debt problems.

Investors fear Italy and Spain will be the next countries unable to repay their debts. The European financial system has been battered by fears about banks holding bonds of heavily indebted countries such as Greece and Portugal.

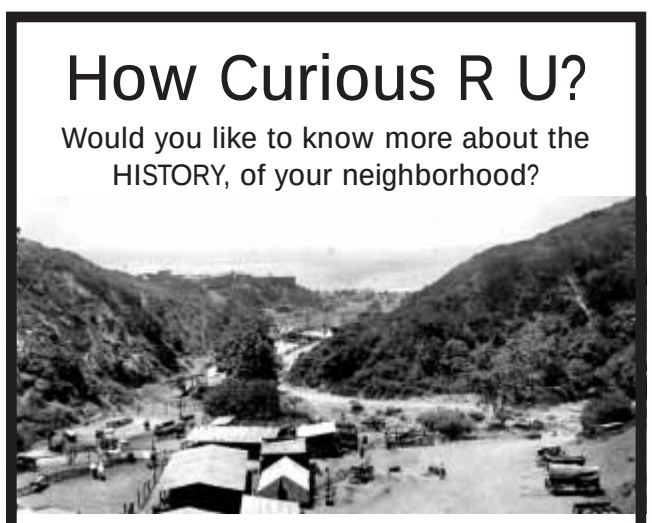
"It's the same game of Old Maid playing out in Europe that was played out here during the subprime mortgage crisis," said Quincy Krosby, an economist and market strategist with Prudential Financial.

The fear is that if European governments default on their bonds, it will hurt the European banks that own them. That could start a chain reaction that hurts the United States, because large U.S. banks own European bank debt.

Europe is also a big market for U.S. companies. It accounted for about 29 percent of foreign sales for S&P 500 companies last year.











SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.

Long Range Synopsis

NW is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 3, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 30 / 28
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 4

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisa 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 Ramirez 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 Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	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).	B	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	D	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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NFL

Former Bruin expects big things from Ayers

TERESA M. WALKER
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. Tennessee cornerback Alterraun Verner thinks so highly of his former UCLA teammate that he predicts linebacker Akeem Ayers can be the NFL's defensive rookie of the year.

Verner sees the 6-foot-3, 254-pound rookie as a perfect fit in the Titans' new defensive scheme with a head start thanks to similarities to the defense Ayers worked in at UCLA. Verner also hasn't seen the mental mistakes he expected as Ayers started learning in training camp.

"I'm not saying that for show or anything," Verner said.

"I really think if he plays the way I know he can, especially with our defensive scheme, he definitely should be in the running for it ... He hasn't been making mental mistakes. That would be the only thing I thought would have been able to hold him back."

Ayers had been rated as a possible first-round draft pick coming out of UCLA. Instead, he slipped into the second round where the Titans grabbed him with the 39th pick overall for his size, speed and attitude.

Nothing has changed since the opening of training camp.

Ayers has worked with the first-team defense since camp opened, and he is on track to start Sept. 11 in the season opener at Jacksonville. The last rookie to start his first game for this franchise was Jevon Kearse in 1999 and the first linebacker to do that was Eddie Robinson in 1992 when this team was called the Houston Oilers.

Coach Mike Munchak said they put Ayers in that spot from the start to see if he could maintain it. Nearly two weeks in, they like what they see.

"So far so good," Munchak said.

"He is stronger than we thought and saw on tape, maybe we will ask him to do more things that way. It looks like he has a lot of talent to rush the passer. He is going to be a very interesting guy, there are a lot of things he can do, and he is just going to get better and better."

Ayers has heard Verner's prediction and feels no pressure to live up to that. Then again, he's not ready to look ahead to Sept. 11 and whether or not he starts.

"I'm not looking that far ahead. I'm just working my way through camp and doing everything I can control. I can't control if they start me or not. I'm controlling my attitude and my effort out there," Ayers said.

The linebacker sees himself able to play the run, rush the passer as well as cover tight ends. In Tennessee, he's working daily against veterans like Craig Stevens and recent pickup Daniel Graham.

On Wednesday, Ayers popped Stevens hard after a short catch, knocking the tight end to the ground. Ayers quickly offered a hand back up, which the tight end knocked away.

Linebacker Will Witherspoon said Ayers has done a great job of playing his role. He's seen a few miscues and can occasionally see the rookie thinking. But he credits Ayers with listening to veterans and coaches, especially on technique tips or how to set his feet, or plant his hands.

"We don't want to take him from the 2- to the 4-gigabyte level yet," Witherspoon said. "But we're going to keep him going and a steady feed of info. He's done a great job of taking it in. There's a few mistakes here or there but nothing significant. Nothing that can't be fixed pretty easily."

Verner, himself a fourth-round pick out of UCLA a year ago, has done what he can to ease the linebacker's transition to the NFL. He had talked up Ayers before the draft. He said the texts and Twitter messages poured in once the Titans landed Ayers.

"I was excited because I knew what kind of player he was and that we got a steal in the second round," Verner said.

Some pre-draft projections even had Tennessee grabbing Ayers, though the Titans used the eighth pick overall on quarterback Jake Locker. The linebacker didn't expect to fall out of the first round either.

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NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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RFP: Web-Based Land Management System

The City of Santa Monica is seeking qualified companies to submit detailed proposals covering experience and abilities in implementing and managing a Web-Based Land Management System, including but not limited to installation of all hardware and software, maintenance of the system, operation of the system, data migration, and training.
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Please submit ten (10) copies of your entire proposal and one (1) electronic copy in Microsoft Word format or Adobe PDF format to the Building and Safety Division, Attn: Mr. Andy Pong, at 1685 Main Street, Room 111, Santa Monica, CA 90401 by 3:00 PM on August 31, 2011.

For further information, please contact Mr. Andy Pong at **andy.pong@smgov.net**.

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

Change-Up (R) 1hr 41min
12:45pm, 3:40pm, 6:30pm, 9:20pm

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Friends With Benefits (R) 2hrs 00min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:05pm, 9:40pm

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

Smurfs 3D (PG) 1hr 26min
11:15am, 4:45pm, 10:10pm

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:05am, 1:05pm, 4:05pm, 7:00pm, 10:05pm

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Final Destination 5 3D (R) 1hr 35min
12:01am

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
10:35am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 6:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:00pm, 10:30pm

Help (PG-13) 2hrs17min
9:30am, 12:40pm, 4:00pm, 7:20pm, 10:40pm

Smurfs (PG) 1hr 26min
10:30am, 1:05pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm, 7:25pm

Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
9:30am, 12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Tabloid (R) 1hr 21min
1:10pm, 3:30pm

Trip (NR) 1hr 47min
10:00pm

Point Blank (A Bout Portant) (R) 1hr 24min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Buck (PG) 1hr 29min
1:00pm, 5:20pm

Life in a Day (PG-13) 1hr 30min
3:00pm, 7:40pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Carmen ENCORE From Gran Teatre del Liceu (NR) 3hrs 00min
7:30pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
12:05pm, 3:10pm, 6:15pm, 9:25pm

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Change-Up (R) 1hr 41min
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30 Minutes or Less (R) 1hr 23min
12:01am

Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min
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Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
12:40pm, 3:35pm, 6:20pm, 9:10pm

Glee the 3D Concert Movie (NR) 1hr 40min
12:01am

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Disappear tonight, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Figuring out what to do with some fallout from a situation could consume more time than you desire. You have a way or style that demands a lot of time and attention. Focus on some of your work or errands to clear your head. Tonight: In the crowds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Support yourself in detaching from a hot and possibly triggering situation. You cannot find resolution dealing with the other parties involved. A changing attitude could help you bypass a problem in the future. Tonight: Only what you must do.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You might have had enough of the roller-coaster ride and want to step down. The issue is slowing it down enough to hop off. Once you are on the other side, you won't want to return. Look at the big picture, and a situation actually might become comical. Tonight: Treat your mind to some candy!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You cannot push someone any further. Don't try, unless you like anger and uproar. Let the upset settle, and everyone will sort out his or her role. At that point, you might have another perspective. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. Evaluate a changing situation more openly. Consider what is happening within a relationship or friendship once you cool down from a setback. Tonight: Out and about.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Much that occurs is related to yesterday. If you can detach, you will get a stronger grasp on what is going on. Laughter replaces other feelings once you distance yourself and see what is happening. Funnel any unrest into a project. Tonight: Working as late as need be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You are coming from a tense situation. You might need to relax a little before you take on another project. Schedule a late meeting. Realize what is happening between you and another person. Don't worry so much. Tonight: Get into the weekend spirit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Speak your mind as always, but your tone as well as your body language could reinforce your statements, or sabotage them. Do you know which one is more likely? Perhaps you are seeing more of one type of response than another. Tonight: Head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Curb spending, as you might be seeing a heavy expense down the line. A little moderation goes a long way. How you curb a partner's spending might look like separate bank accounts. Your energy surges at the end of the day. Tonight: Hang out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might need to do something very different from what you originally intended. Others seem very awry, encouraging you to walk in a different direction. Give others space. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Know when to move out of the line of fire. You might not like what you see and would rather not participate. That decision in itself speaks volumes. Make plans for late today; a meeting needs to be postponed until then if possible. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Someone might be kicking hard in your personal life. You could feel very uncomfortable. Detaching might serve to cool some of the passion and anger. Don't think you won't have to deal with this issue. Center on what you want. Tonight: Disappear.

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 take your time. If you do not completely think through a problem, you might have to do a repeat otherwise. The advantage of being methodical and reflective starts to become clear, especially in your day-to-day life. No matter what your status, pent-up emotions could be a problem, causing you to act out or experience physical problems. If you are single, you could meet someone quite unique who you decide to get to know better. If you are attached, the two of you need to make more space to be your individual selves. AQUARIUS can be challenging.



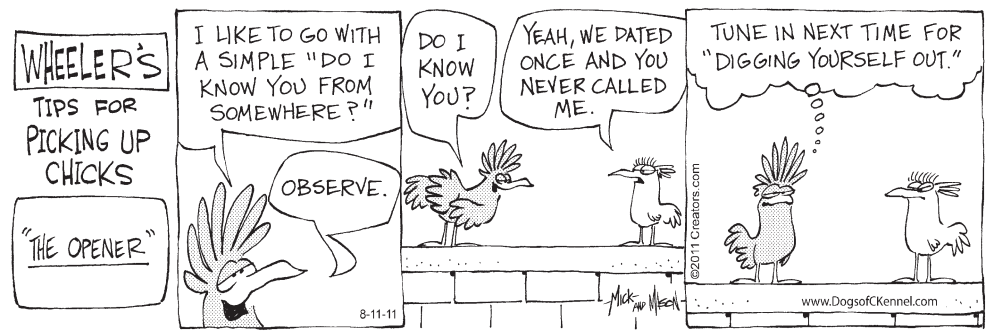
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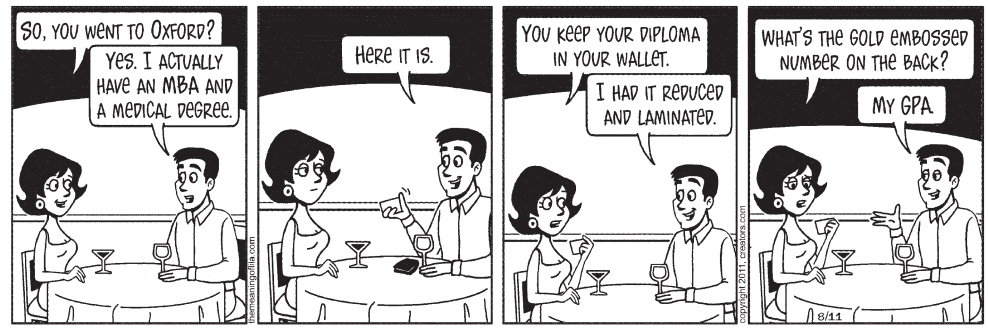
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



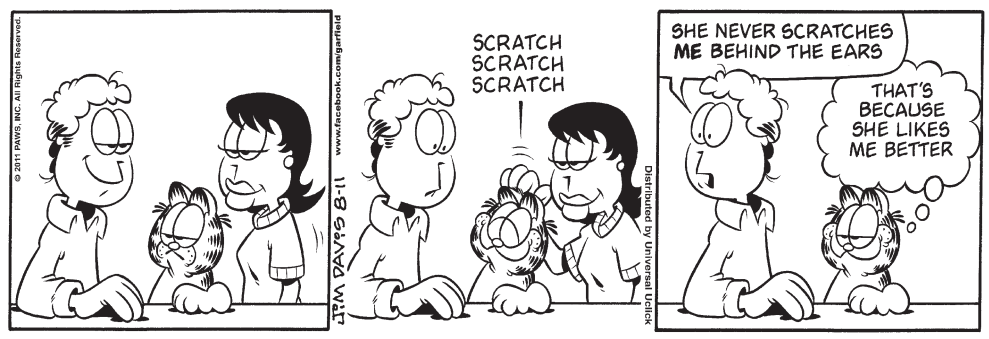
The Meaning of Lila

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By John Deering



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By Dave Coverly



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 ★★★

6					7			4
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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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Champagne bucket
5 Deep sleeps
10 Igloo shape
11 Base
12 Rocker Clapton
13 Pageant crowns
14 Element No. 51
16 Element No. 74
20 Sense of taste
23 West of films
24 Glorify
25 Raiment
27 Gun
28 Dunne and Cara
29 Element No. 78
32 Element No. 13
36 Beachcombing finds
39 "Apollo 13" org.
40 Oxygen-thriving organism
41 Clamors
42 Origami creation
43 Thin board

DOWN

1 Notion
2 Hokey stuff
3 Put out
4 Small concert
5 Stick
6 Approves
7 Spoil
8 As done by
9 Bro's sib
11 Expiate
15 Pound hound
17 Govt. agents
18 Move slowly
19 Lawman Eliot
20 Crime-doer, in slang
21 Skater's move
22 Molten flow
25 Oil container
26 Cues
28 Not available
30 Hawk's grabber
31 "You don't say!"
33 Finger feature
34 Annapolis sch.
35 Schooner feature
36 Pouch-like part
37 That lass
38 Historic period

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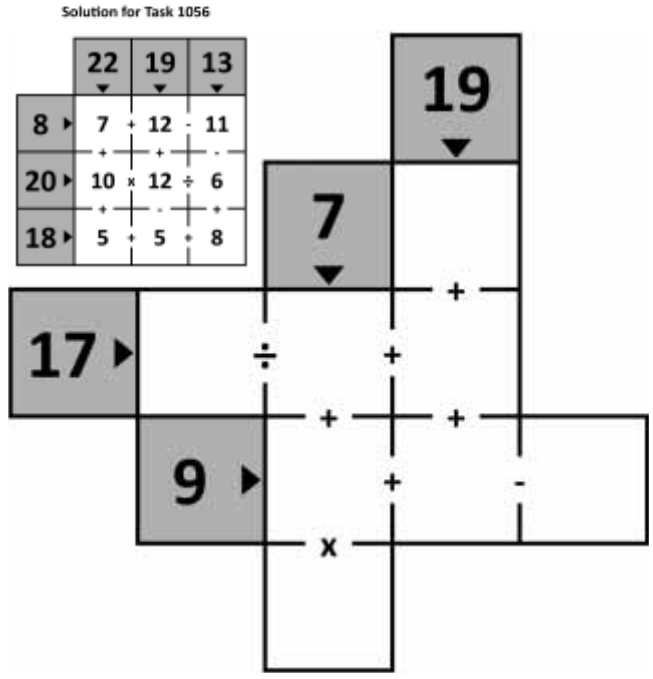
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Pablo Borgen has apparently been living without neighbors' complaints in Lakeland, Fla., despite general knowledge that he is, according to sheriff's officials, one of the area's major heroin traffickers, bringing in tens of thousands of dollars a month. Following a drug sting in June, however, neighbors discovered another fact about Borgen: that he and some of his gang were each drawing $900 a month in food stamps. Formerly indifferent neighbors were outraged by Borgen's abuse of benefits, according to WTSP-TV. "Hang him by his toes," said one. "I've been out of work since February (2008). I lived for a year on nothing but ... food stamps."

■ Roy Miracle, 80, of Newark, Ohio, passed away in July, and his family honored him and his years of service as a prankster and superfan of the Ohio State Buckeyes with a commemorative photo of three of Miracle's fellow obsessives making contorted-body representations of "O," "H" and "O" for their traditional visual cheer. In the photo, Miracle assumed his usual position as the "I" -- or, rather, his corpse did. (Despite some criticism, most family and friends thought Miracle was properly honored.)

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