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THE ON THE STREET ISSUE

Green thumb for hire

City Hall puts out cash to keep plants happy

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL Santa Monica may be a green city, but it needs a little help to keep its greenery going strong.

Staff put forward TruGreen Landcare, a Maryland-based company, for a $1.7 million annual contract to tend to almost 350 current and future parks, gardens and other landscaped areas throughout Santa Monica.

Under the terms of the agreement, the company will provide at least 28 full-time staff to tend to Santa Monica's landscaping for five years with the option to extend the contract an additional two years.

If all seven years are used, City Hall will pay TruGreen Landcare $12,117,791 over the life of the contract.

Staff selected TruGreen Landcare out of a field of four companies vying for the job.

TruGreen was the second-cheapest of the lot, and had more experience and better recommendations than the other companies, according to the staff report.

The contract represents just under half of the money that will likely be appropriated through Tuesday's consent agenda. City Hall is also expected to accept $559,801 in grants and other payments.



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SPLISH, SPLASH: **A young girl plays in one of the fountains Monday that line the Third Street Promenade. The landscaping around the fountain is slated for maintenance.**

SANTA MONICA PIER CORPORATION

The City Council is expected Tuesday night to put aside $507,350 to help fund the newly-minted Santa Monica Pier Corporation.

The organization, formerly known as the Santa Monica Pier Restoration Corporation, takes roughly one-third of its $1,535,350 in revenues in the form of grants from City Hall.

Another $455,000 comes from rentals, film permits, merchandise sales, the visitor center and corporate promotions. The remaining $573,000 is expected to flow in from program sponsorships like the

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Trailer park developer exploring compromise

Company examining plans to keep section of park for trailers

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

COLORADO AVE The local face of the development group trying to replace the Village Trailer Park with condos, apartments and affordable housing has signaled his desire to explore a "middle way" with a proposal which would allow some residents to stay on the property.

Marc Luzzatto, president of The Luzzatto Co., asked to delay an Aug. 28 City Council hearing for a development agreement for the proposed East Village project so that he and his team could come up with a "creative solution" to reconfigure the design and preserve some of the trailer spaces in the process.

This is a big shift from the company's previous stance that all the trailers would have to go to make way for the roughly 440-unit development, despite protestations from the largely elderly and disabled community that a move could do them irreparable harm.

Details of the proposal are scarce at best, but the company hopes to come before the City Council with a full work-up within one or two months, said Maxwell Baldi, a spokesperson for the Luzzatto Company.

If the team deems it economically feasible, the plan could keep an undefined but limited number of current tenants in the park while the commercial project is built literally next door.

Between 25 and 32 of the 42 full-time Village Trailer Park residents can be moved to the Mountain View Mobile Home Park, a city-owned trailer park four blocks away

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2012

Spike it
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway,
4 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
Kids and teens ages 7-15 are welcome at this beach volleyball class. All levels can attend this semi-private class. Classes cost $18. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

Santa Monica on two feet
Downtown Santa Monica, Main Street, Montana Avenue
Call for times
If you're interested in learning more about the city this summer, take a walking tour around Downtown Santa Monica, Main Street and Montana Avenue. When participating, you will discover all of Santa Monica's best stores, restaurants, art exhibits, entertainment and history with fun stories to go along. Admission costs $20 per person. Tours take place seven days a week. For more information, call (310) 595-4526.

Wednesday, Aug. 15, 2012

On its way
Virginia Avenue Park
2201 Pico Blvd.,
1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
Join city officials and Pico Neighborhood advocates as they break ground on the upcoming Pico Branch Library. Designed by the Santa Monica firm of Koning Eizenberg Architecture, the one-story library will be oriented toward Pico Boulevard and consist of a dynamic, two-building design. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Thursday, Aug. 16, 2012

Laugh it up
Mi's Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third St., 8 p.m.
The Westside Laugh Party is celebrating its first year with a roster of comics including Jeff Dye, Theo Von and Matt Price. Cover: $10. For more information, call (310) 451-0850.

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Bodega Wine Bar
814 Broadway, 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Forte Animal Rescue will be hosting a fundraiser at Bodega Wine Bar. Bodega will donate 10 percent of sales that evening to Forte, a dog rescue outfit.
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From Mali to the beach
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
Amadou & Mariam will headline this week's installment of the Twilight Concert Series. They blend music from their native Mali with a touch of rock 'n' roll. Cost: free. For more information, visit www.twilightseries.org.

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Bill to close corporate tax loophole moves forward

HANNAH DREIER
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. The Assembly on Monday approved a bill that would help middle class Californians cope with soaring college costs by closing a corporate tax loophole and using the expected windfall to reduce tuition.

AB1500 would eliminate a $1 billion tax break for out-of-state corporations. The Legislature approved it in 2009 as a way to get a handful of Republican lawmakers to vote for the state budget.

The bill is the second component of Assembly Speaker John Perez's "Middle Class Scholarship Act." The Assembly previously approved the other part, which would reduce tuition by more than half for families whose annual household income exceeds the cap for getting a free ride at California's public universities ($70,000 a year for the California State University system and $80,000 for University of California system) but is less than $150,000.

Republicans objected to what they framed as an attempt by Democrats to undo a previous budget deal.

"This wasn't a loophole, it was a product of careful, extensive negotiations and promises," said Assemblyman Don Wagner, R-Irvine. "Promises made by one side of the aisle to secure the votes that they needed from the other side of the aisle. Promises that have now been completely undone."

Perez, D-Los Angeles, argued that there was no use in preserving a status quo where "you are getting kicked in the head by other states."

"This will help California businesses remain competitive while ensuring that California's middle-class families have the same opportunities to succeed as our generation had," he said.

The 2009 tax loophole deal allowed companies operating in multiple states to choose the cheaper of two formulas for calculating their tax liability in California. They can use an option that considers sales, property and payroll.

Perez's bill would force corporations to use only the single sales factor, a change the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office has endorsed.

At least 11 other states, including Texas and New York, require that corporations calculate their tax obligations this way, according to the Federation of Tax Administrators.

Last year, Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, passed a single-sales requirement through the Assembly, but his measure failed to get GOP support in the Senate.

AB1500 bill passed 54-25. Assemblyman Brian Nestande was the lone Republican supporter, while Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher, an independent, also voted yes. The bill now moves to the Senate.

The bill still faces several obstacles.

Several out-of-state corporations are lobbying against it, and Republican lawmakers are promising to block Democrats from reaching the two-thirds majority vote they need in the Senate.

An initiative on the November ballot provides another wrinkle. Proposition 39 would close the loophole and dedicate a portion of the additional revenue to clean-energy projects. Proponents of the ballot initiative have promised to stop campaigning if Perez's package is signed into law, but if voters approved the measure anyway, it could lead to a court battle.

The act is expected to benefit about 200,000 college students and could take effect as soon as this fall if it passes the Legislature and is signed by the governor

Tuition for the University of California and California State University systems is three times what it was a decade ago.

Californians urged to conserve power again

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Operators of California's electricity grid have declared a Flex Alert for today to encourage conservation as inland regions continue to swelter in high heat.

The California Independent System Operator said Monday that the forecast peak demand is 47,500 megawatts and conservation will be critical.

A Flex Alert was also called on Friday and Cal-ISO says consumers reduced demand by nearly 1,000 megawatts, equal to the output of two large power plants.

The National Weather Service has issued excessive-heat warnings for the central and southern San Joaquin Valley and from Santa Barbara County through southeastern California.

A wide area of mountains and adjacent deserts in the inland region east of Los Angeles is under a flash-flood watch because of very moist and unstable conditions that will produce afternoon thunderstorms.



OUT IN FORCE

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Santa Monica police shut down a portion of Fourth Street between Broadway and Santa Monica Boulevard in Downtown on Monday following an assault on a bus that may have been a stabbing, a police spokesman said. Police combed the area for evidence and evacuated a Michael's arts and crafts store during the investigation. Witnesses said that a man was seen running through the store, but had few details. One man was treated at the scene for what appeared to be stab wounds. His condition is unknown. More information to come.

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Omission

Editor:

After reading Mr. Whitehead's column purporting what he believed to be the unconstitutional incarceration of an Arizona man for simply exercising his religious beliefs by holding a weekly prayer meeting in his home, I was outraged ("Are we all criminals now?" That Rutherford Guy, Aug. 11-12). Michael Salman, Mr. Whitehead's story goes, is serving a 60-day sentence in a "Guantanamo-like" facility where the temperatures reach 145 degrees, for nothing more than violating city building codes. Outrageous, right? Wrong. What Mr. Whitehead, a skilled lawyer, didn't want his readers to know is that Mr. Salman had transformed his home into a born-again Christian church, by illegally building an extension to his single family home and furnishing it with a lectern, pews, tithing boxes, and 80 congregants, many of whom using his front lawn as a parking lot. When his neighbors objected, Mr. Salman turned the other cheek and ignored them. That's when the city took up the case.

To make a long story short, Mr. Salman, a former gang member who did time for assault, had applied for an extension to his home stating he was building a game room, this despite having filed for IRS tax exempt status for his new "church." Thou shall not lie, notwithstanding, and 96 fire code violations later, Mr. Salman landed himself in court where a judge ruled the good reverend and his church were in violation of the city's zoning code.

The neighborhood rejoiced at the news of his conviction, but their joy was short lived because Mr. Salman, despite a court order, continued holding services, even collecting contributions from his growing congregation. And that's how Mr. Salman found himself a guest in Sheriff Arpaio's "Tent City" jail, where, mind you, it's never been 145 degrees, despite Mr. Whitehead's tall tale, which if it were, would beat out El Azizia, Libya, the current record holder for highest temperature ever recorded on Sept. 13, 1922, at 136 degrees.

John Whitehead's acts of omission in telling this story were contemptible, and should result in the suspension of his column by this paper, or at the very least, be retitled for what it is, a work of fiction.

Bob Tur
Santa Monica





What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Canine custody concerns

WHENEVER I'M WALKING MY DOG ON the boardwalk, I get stopped by people who want to talk to me about him. Often there is a story about how they had a dog and then it comes out they had to give it up in a breakup.

Case in point is the very public breakup of actors Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart. There's something going on in this breakup that speaks specifically to an issue that countless Americans go through each year that oftentimes results in anger, bitterness and a desire to hurt each other. If you think I'm talking about infidelity, you're wrong. I'm talking about a pet. More specifically, who gets the pet after a divorce or breakup.

In the case of this embittered celebrity couple, it appears they are battling over who gets custody of Bear, the dog Pattinson rescued from a New Orleans shelter and the couple cared for and raised together. Sound trivial? It's not.

Pet custody cases are on the rise in the United States and for good reason. Pets have always been considered property by the courts in much the same way as a television or car. But more judges are beginning to acknowledge the emotional component at play surrounding pets and their owners. While the law still sees pets as property, we are now seeing pet custody awarded based on what is in the best interest of the pet.

I had a case a few months back here in Commissioner Cowan's court and we were arguing over custody of the family dogs. My client wanted to move to Mexico after his divorce proceedings and requested that he take ownership of one of the two dogs he and his soon-to-be ex shared. The dogs stayed together here in Los Angeles. As a lawyer I argued for my client, but as a pet owner I understood why it was good for the animals to stay together.

For many couples, particularly childless couples, pets become like children. They are an integral part of the family structure and because of this I've seen couples fight just as hard for custody as they do when children are involved. And how can we avoid this battle when and if the time comes? Pet prenups.

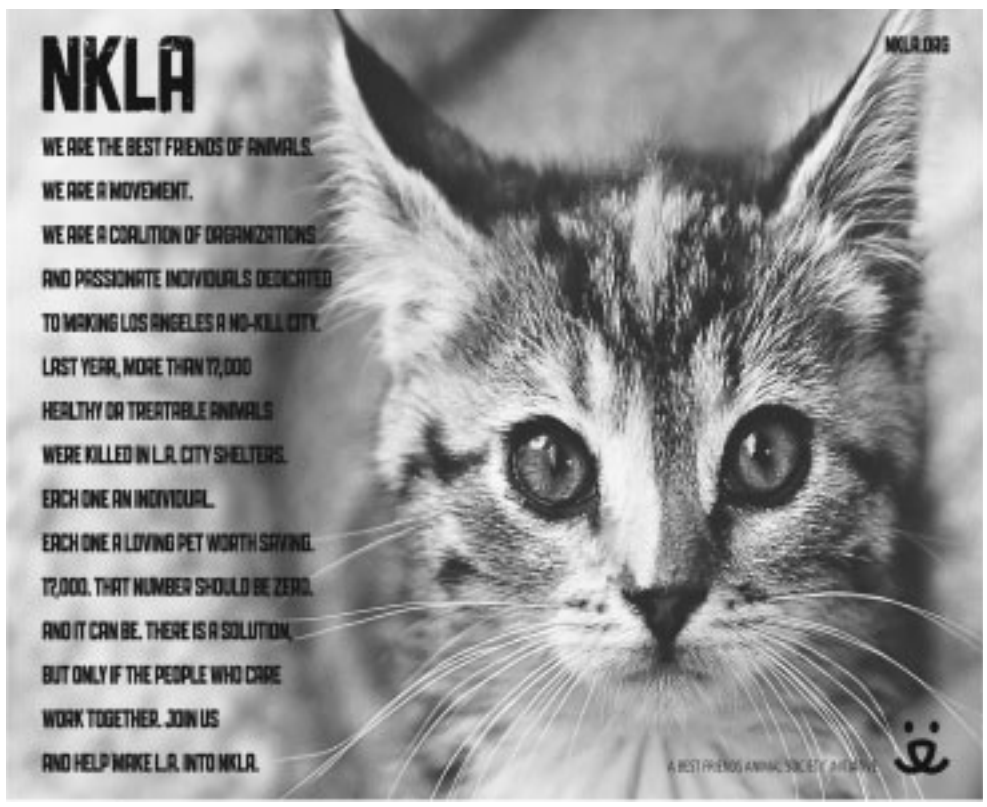
I am a huge proponent of prenuptial agreements for two reasons. The first is that in the eyes of the law marriage is a business contract. Would you enter into a business contract without being protected should something go wrong? Of course not. And the second is that statistics show that couples who create prenups actually have a better chance of having a successful marriage. This is mainly due to the fact that the parties are entering their marriage as a team with maturity and foresight.

The main consideration in a prenup for a pet is which party retains ownership following a divorce or breakup. Other elements that can be included are shared costs for big ticket items such as vet visits and boarding as well as how end-of life decisions will be handled. Just having these items agreed upon in advance and put down on paper can alleviate a great deal of stress down the road. And the couples that take the time to do so are showing that they are committed to the notion that every pet owner should be concerned with, which is what can I do to provide the best life for a pet.

I have a bit of a vested interest in this topic because, along with co-author and prominent pet expert Steven May, I wrote the first book on the topic of dogs and divorce. "What About Wally: Co-Parenting A Pet With Your Ex" looks at the topic from both the legal perspective, covering such issues as custody and co-parenting, as well as the impact a breakup has on the family dog.

In the case of Mr. Pattinson and Ms. Stewart, my only hope is that they don't turn Bear into a bargaining chip or use him as a way of hurting each other. The best case scenario is that they come together over their shared love and seek to create a co-parenting relationship where each will have access to Bear. But short of that, they need to jointly decide which one will be able to provide Bear with the best opportunity to enjoy a long, happy and healthy life.

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After the Bell

Merv Hecht
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Channeling his inner Carnac

SOME PEOPLE DON'T INVEST IN THE STOCK market because, they say, one can't predict where it will go or the value of any particular stock. I tend to agree with that, but it doesn't keep me from investing. While I don't pretend to be able to predict the price a stock will go to, or the market in general, I do think I can predict the likelihood of a stock within a range over a short time frame. And that's enough to make money in the market.

For example, while I think Apple stock will go up and down during the rest of this year, I don't think it will fall more than 10 percent in any 60-day period. In other words, if we look at the next three 60-day periods, I don't think that the stock will fall more than 10 percent during more than one of those periods.

The fact is I don't actually think Apple stock will fall more than 10 percent in any of those three 60-day periods because I think we have just begun to see the tablet revolution, and Apple TV devices, which have barely started to be distributed, are going to be the next big hit for the company.

"If I were a rich man'" as the song goes, I might buy 1,000 shares of Apple stock. But $600,000 is too much for me to invest in one stock, particularly one that doesn't pay much of a dividend. Or maybe not: Apple stock has already moved up a lot based on future predictions, and I feel more confident about it not moving down than I do about it continuing to move up. So based on my prediction of statistical likelihood, I sell puts on the stock.

The last round of puts I sold on this stock were the July 530s. In other words, I was betting that the stock would not go below $530 (or I would be contractually obligated to buy 1,000 shares at that price, which, if I did, I would have sold the same day even if it were below $530 and I had to take a loss). For 10 puts I received $30,000.

It would be nice if I could keep all of that, but in fact I usually hedge my risks by buying puts at a lower price to protect me against a catastrophic loss. So here I bought 10 puts at a strike price of $515 and paid out $22,000. In fact, Apple stock went up a bit, so my profit for this 60-day period will be $8,000. My risk was limited to $7,000 (15 points less the premium).

Here are a few other predictions I am currently following in my account:

• I think Bank of America stock (BAC) will go up to over $8 a share by the end of the year. I am selling the $8 puts based on this prediction. Yes I realize that financials and banks have not done well, but the stock seems oversold to me for its potential. This is called an "in-the-money" put, which is a way to benefit if a stock goes up in price. Note that this is different from the other examples here, which are betting that stock will not go down below a certain level.

• Based on the research done by a friend who shared it with me, I have accepted his prediction that Green Mountain Coffee Roaster (GMCR) stock will not go below $20 a share. At the moment I have sold the September 20s, taking in a $2,100 premium. The stock dropped from over $90 a share down to the low 20s, and we think this is an over-reaction for a company in the coffee industry that has a good customer base.

• JP Morgan (JPM) stock was hit with unexpected trading losses, and the market reacted. But when I looked at it I noticed that in spite of billion-dollar losses, current profits remain higher than the losses. So again I felt that the market overreacted. I sold the July 30 puts and took in a $1,600 premium. Since I placed that trade the stock has moved up in my favor.

• I've been consistently writing puts on Unilever (UN) based on my assumption that the stock will go over $35 a share. It seems like a good stock that pays a handsome dividend, and if I have to buy it that's OK. So far my prediction has been wrong, and the stock has stayed between $33-$34 a share. But the premiums have been just about the same as the losses, so I've only lost a small amount during the past three quarters. I am continuing with the same prediction.

• When Walmart stock was around $58 a share it looked like a good investment, so I sold 10 puts at a strike price of $55, and bought the 45s as a hedge, taking in a net premium of about $800 due in September. Yes it appears that I made a profit, but I would have made a lot more had I just bought some of the stock. The stock has moved way up and is currently trading at around $73 a share. One of the negatives about writing puts is that you don't participate in the big hits!

• Some of you might have noticed that all of these predictions concerned upward price movements. None of them were predictions benefiting from the likelihood of a downward movement in price. That's true. Since the beginning of 2012 I've been generally bullish on the market, and felt that prices of good stocks in general will go up during the year. Also, put premiums have been greater than call premiums. But I do sell calls, based on a likelihood of a decline in price, and perhaps in my next article I can talk about that.

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The Q Line

In the weeds

City officials have so far refused to grant a business license to the owner of a laboratory that tests medical marijuana samples for potency and the presence of pesticides and mold.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Is banning a marijuana laboratory where no pot is sold a solid plan, or should City Hall ease up and allow the business?

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State Senate leader apologizes for TV blackout

Calling it a mistake, the leader of the state Senate apologized Monday for his office's last-minute decision not to televise a legislative hearing that included testimony about Gov. Jerry Brown's tax initiative on the November ballot.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, took responsibility for last week's TV blackout. The lawmaker said he did not want footage from the hearing to be used by tax opponents in campaign ads.

"The rationale was that (I) didn't want the hearing to become political fodder because it involves the initiatives. It was a screw-up," Steinberg told reporters before Monday's floor session.

The decision drew public criticism and rebuke from the committee chairwoman, a fellow Democrat. Steinberg said he realized it was the wrong decision not to air the hearing on public-access television.

"I value my relationship with members of the media and with the public and have always carried myself in an open and transparent manner," Steinberg said. "This was inconsistent with that. It was a mistake."

He pledged that it will not happen again on his watch.

The hearing was held last Wednesday and focused on tax-related initiatives on the November ballot, including the tax increase championed by Brown and Democratic lawmakers. Brown's initiative would temporarily raise the state sales tax by a quarter cent for five years and increase income taxes for people who make more than $250,000 a year for seven years to help balance the state budget.

Just a few weeks ago, Steinberg said he had "a few sleepless nights" during lawmakers' summer break worrying that pay raises given to legislative staffers could undermine support for the governor's tax initiative.

Steinberg defended the raises to more than 1,000 legislative employees while lawmakers were making deep budget cuts. But he said he recognized they could hurt Democrats' effort to pass a tax increase.

Opponents have used the pay raises as ammunition against the tax proposal.

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SACRAMENTO

Gov. Brown's office launches climate change website

Gov. Jerry Brown on Monday launched a website to document the effects of climate change and respond to those who question it, calling them climate change "denialists."

Brown's office announced the site while he was at Lake Tahoe with Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval for an annual summit focused on the health of the lake, which straddles both states.

The Democratic governor said in a statement that climate change has irrevocably altered Lake Tahoe. He cited a 2005 study that found the lake warming at almost twice the rate of the world's oceans and a 2010 study that predicted earlier snowmelt with more runoff in the Tahoe basin and more severe droughts by the end of the century.

Researchers at the University of California, Davis have reported that climate change will irreversibly alter water circulation there, changing the conditions for plants and fish.

"It is just one example of how, after decades of pumping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere, humanity is getting dangerously close to the point of no return," Brown said in a statement. "Those who still deny global warming's existence should wake up and honestly face the facts."

Since he took office in 2011, Brown has pushed for increased investment in renewable energy and signed a law requiring that 33 percent of the state's energy come from renewable sources by 2020.

He also supports building a $24 billion twin-tunnel system to carry water from the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to the Central Valley and Southern California.

The governor's Office of Planning and Research will manage the climate change website.

AP

NAPA

Mental hospital rolls out new alarm system

A California mental hospital where a psychiatric technician was strangled nearly two years ago is rolling out high-tech tracking and alarm lanyard devices to protect employees, though Napa State Hospital workers said the lanyards keep the strangulation risk alive.

"You don't wear a tie if you're working with patients on a psychiatric unit. Now everyone is going to have the equivalent of a tie," Dr. Richard Frishman, a psychiatrist and member of an employee safety advocacy group, told the Los Angeles Times.

The newspaper reports that the new alarm devices going into service on Tuesday will be worn by workers in the area where criminal patients are held. They transmit constant signals on the location of each employee and receive data so that workers can reach one another in emergencies.

The change comes almost two years after a patient strangled 54-year-old psychiatric technician Donna Gross to death on hospital grounds. The hospital was fined more than $100,000 for safety violations that contributed to Gross' death, including flawed alarm systems. The patient, Jess Massey, was sentenced to 25 years to life.

Hospital officials said the lanyard has a breakaway feature when there's 10 pounds of force to prevent strangulation. But employees said a savvy attacker can still use the length of lanyard as a garrote.

"We need to move forward to improve the safety of our employees and our patients, and not having the alarm at all is a less safe situation than moving forward with the alarm," Kathy Gaither, chief deputy director of the Department of State Hospitals, told the Los Angeles Times.

Hospital officials said they plan to test alternatives to the lanyard.

Similar tags have been used to track medical patients and prisoners. The manufacturer declined to comment specifically to the newspaper's questions.

AP

CONSENT
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Twilight Concert Series.

According to its budget, the Santa Monica Pier Corporation intends to spend all but $6,850 of its cash on management services for the carousel and pier deck, staff salaries and benefits and events.

THINKING AHEAD

The City Council will consider a half-million planning contract that will take a deeper look into the uses and needs of the Santa Monica Pier and a small portion of the Santa Monica Airport.

Staff selected IBI Group, a consulting firm, to put together enhancement plans for both the pier and 40 acres of non-aviation land at SMO.

The company will look at access, parking, uses, design, engineering, recreation and the development of guidelines for both the pier and the section of the airport, amongst other things.

At SMO, the company will focus on creating a feasibility study for a Sustainable Transportation Incubator.

IBI Group will also create a demographic and economic analysis of the pier to help craft a program for the iconic destination that serves its audience.

The company won the $500,062 contract out of a field of five proposals for the work.

NEW RIDES

City Hall is looking to buy nine new vehicles and one agricultural tractor to replace aging equipment.

The new vehicles will come from four different companies for a total of $564,968.

The Trans-West Truck Center will provide one Transit Connect electric vehicle, two propane-fueled 4x2 pickup trucks and one propane-fueled 4x4 pickup truck for $152,503.

An additional three cutaway-cab trucks will come from Santa Monica Ford at a cost of $208,394.

Two Nissan Leaf electric cars that cost $75,553 will come from the Wondries Fleet Group and Cal-Coast Machinery Inc. will deliver a new John Deere tractor for $128,518.

MICHIGAN AVENUE

Staff recommends Meléndrez, a California-based company, for a $164,000 contract to provide outreach and design services for a long-awaited piece of bicycle infrastructure on Michigan Avenue.

The Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Greenway would link the beach, Downtown and Civic Center with the Pico Neighborhood, Bergamot Station area and the Exposition bicycle and pedestrian path that will connect Santa Monica to the greater Los Angeles region.

Meléndrez was chosen out of seven firms that responded to the call for proposals. The company will provide two community meetings including an audit of walking and biking habits and a festival-like event to demonstrate components of the design.

The project will be paid for through a Caltrans Environmental Justice grant, local development and Planning and Community Development funds.

ADDRESSING THE DEAD

The City Council will consider extending a contract with an embalming service to cover cremation and the transportation of human remains at Woodlawn Cemetery, Mortuary and Mausoleum.

City Hall began providing mortuary services at Woodlawn in June 2011. By November 2011, the company that was providing transportation for remains and cremation could no longer deliver on its contract, forcing City Hall to cancel it.

Snyder's Embalming Service, which already did the embalming work at Woodlawn, stepped in with a similarly-priced bid to perform the other two services.

Staff recommends Snyder's for a $100,000 contract to provide embalming, decedent care, transportation of bodies and cremation at Woodlawn. It is the only Southern California company able to provide all of the related services.

BANKING SERVICES

Staff recommends extending an existing contract with Bank of America set to expire on Sept. 30 in order to wait out possible changes in banking needs brought on by the end of redevelopment agencies.

According to the staff report, City Hall may need to extend its contract with Bank of America by three to six months in order to create a "prudent and efficient selection process" with which to evaluate banks and allow enough time to negotiate a new contract and transition to a new bank if staff decides to leave Bank of America.

Staff chose to wait longer with Bank of America while state officials finalized legislation dissolving redevelopment agencies.

The legislation could impose new rules or bank account structures which staff would need to know about before selecting a new bank.

The bank charges roughly $30,000 to $35,000 per quarter for its services, meaning that the delay should cost no more than $70,000.

MOTORCYCLE PARTS

Long Beach BMW looks likely to win a two-year, $142,000 contract to provide parts and repair services for the Santa Monica Police Department's motorcycles.

The company was one of two that responded to the request for bids. Although their per-hour labor costs are higher than their competitor's, the amount saved on parts and after-hours repairs will offset that expense, according to the staff report.

Only $67,600 is available to pay for services this year. The remainder of the contract will be funded through future council approvals.

POLICE GRANTS

The Santa Monica Police Department won two grants worth $549,322 which will be used to pay for extra staff time to support the Crime Impact Deployment program and buy new equipment.

The Department of Justice awarded the department a $33,776 grant which will be used to pay for overtime costs associated with intelligence gathering for the Crime Impact Team.

The team identifies crime trends and then responds to those locations to enforce laws and, hopefully, reduce criminal activity.

The remaining $515,546 comes from the Urban Area Security Initiative grant to pay for an automated license plate reading system and airport security enhancements as well as training for both the police and fire departments.

CAROUSEL BUILDING RENTAL

The Santa Monica Pier Corporation hopes to lease a piece of the pier's Carousel Building to set up a visitor center and gift shop, according to a staff report.

The visitor center would replace a gift shop currently operating on a month-to-month lease, and pay approximately $10,479 annually for the space.

Money from the gift shop and visitor center would help support the Pier Corporation's other work.

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TRAILER PARK
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from their current home, Luzzatto wrote in an e-mail.

"However, as we listened to community input in all of the public hearings, a recurring theme seemed to be the desire of some residents to stay on site," Luzzatto wrote.

That theme has been the backdrop of the debate since Luzzatto first issued a notice that he would be closing the park in 2006.

He has been negotiating with City Hall through the intervening six years to, in part, find a place for Village Trailer Park residents to go after the park closes down.

Options Luzzatto put forward in the interim included moving some residents to Mountain View with a brand-new trailer purchased by his company and owned by the resident or up to 7.5 years of subsidized rent while the new East Village complex is built and then an affordable apartment in the complex.

A counter proposal, brought forward by architect Ron Goldman, suggested developing a portion of the land and granting the rest to a nonprofit corporation which would then operate the park next to the development.

The outline of the Luzzatto plan sounds similar to the Goldman concept, which the developer denounced at the July 24 City Council hearing.

"It doesn't work, it's a non-starter and we won't do it," Luzzatto said at the time.

It's unclear at this point if the section of the park would be operated as a trailer park in perpetuity, or if it would revert to the developer after the last of the tenants had moved or passed away, although the company is looking at both options, Baldi said.

The new idea appears to be largely crafted by the developers with little input from the rest of the Village Trailer Park residents. Baldi was unsure if the company had direct contact with residents.

City officials are hesitant to speak to the plan until Luzzatto has delivered a detailed proposal.

The process has been a long and difficult one, but the team hopes that the potential new plan will result in a better, more community-responsive project, Baldi said.

"The goal has always been to do this in a way that is humane and socially responsible," Baldi added.



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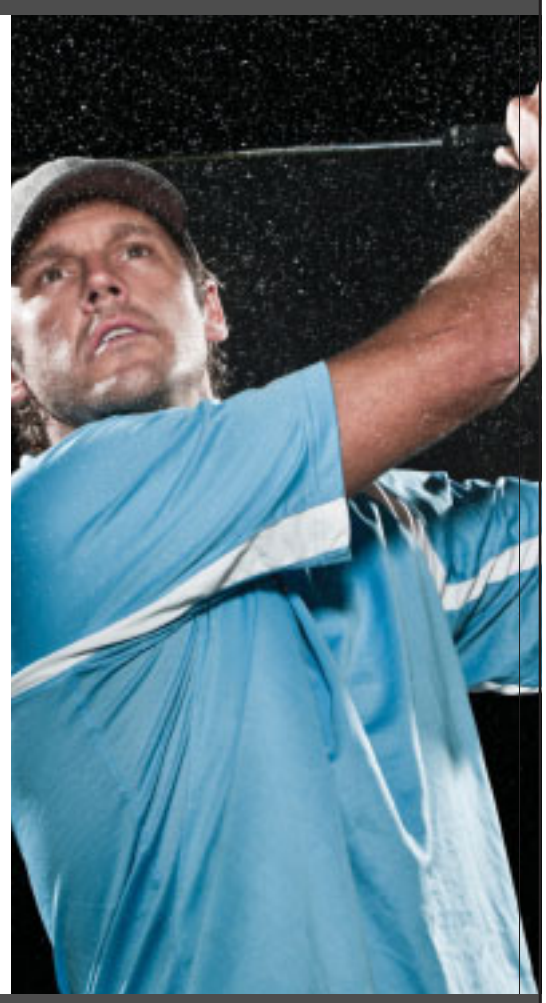
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Stocks fall as economic malaise spreads to Japan

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U.S. stocks fell Monday as evidence piled up that the global economic slowdown is dragging on Asia.

The losses broke the longest winning streak for the Standard & Poor's 500 index since December 2010. The index had risen for six straight days.

Japan's economy grew in the second quarter at a 1.4 percent annual rate, slower than many analysts had expected. Last week, China released dismal figures on retail sales and exports in July. Traders had hoped Beijing would roll out stimulus measures over the weekend. That did not happen.

Slower growth in Asia worries investors because Asia's economic endurance has helped offset weakness in the U.S. and Europe in recent years. Exports from China and Japan are declining as Europe's economic woes hurt consumer confidence there.

"What's happened is the law of gravity is starting to hit," said Doug Cote, chief market strategist at ING Investment Management. Japan is volatile because it is still recovering from last year's massive earthquake and tsunami, he said, and China's growth is slowing sharply.

Yet stocks, bonds and most other investments are all up for the year, Cote noted. He said the markets have been "pricing in Armageddon when clearly things are much better than that." Cote expects stocks to resume their upward trend as fears about the global economy dissipate.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 38.52 points at 13,169.43. The S&P 500 declined 1.76 to 1,404.11. The Dow is still up 7.8 percent for the year, the S&P 11.7 percent.

The S&P 500 and Dow have risen every week for the past five weeks. The S&P 500 last wrapped up a five-week climb in mid-March. The Dow hasn't done so since last October.

Mondays, however, have brought mostly losses for the market in recent weeks. The Dow has fallen for 10 out of the past 11 Mondays, and the S&P 500 has finished down five of the last six.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 1.66 points to 3,022.52. The index was helped by solid gains for two of its biggest components, Apple and Google.

Google rose 2.8 percent after announcing that it would cut 20 percent of the staff at Motorola Mobility, the struggling mobile phone maker it acquired in May. Motorola hasn't had a hit product since it introduced the Razr in 2005. Google's stock rose $18.01 to $660.01. Apple rose $8.30 to $630.

Groupon Inc. plunged in after-market electronic trading after the daily deals website said its revenue fell short of analysts' forecasts. Groupon was down $1.41, or 18.7 percent, at $6.14 as of 5:10 p.m. EDT.

Most Asian and European markets closed lower. Stocks edged higher in Spain. Many traders believe that the European Central Bank will take a more active role in fighting the region's debt crisis by reducing borrowing costs for Spain, Italy and others.

Monetary authorities in the U.S. and China also are believed to be weighing plans to boost growth. Central banks have been hesitant so far to get involved with an economy that may be on the cusp of a rebound. They are mindful, however, of the effect that an achingly slow recovery has on businesses and consumers.

China revealed Friday that export growth in July plunged to just 1 percent from 11.3 percent as recently as the prior month. That was well below forecasts of about 5 percent.

The lack of global demand is trimming revenue for U.S. corporations. Many are cutting costs to limit declines in net income.

Investors had divergent reactions to two major asset sales by energy giant BP:

• Tesoro Corp. rose 9.5 percent, the most in the S&P 500 index, after saying it will pay $2.5 billion cash for a California refinery, pipelines, storage terminals and Arco-branded retail outlets in the Southwest. Tesoro's stock jumped $3.37 to $38.87.

• Eagle Rock Energy Partners fell 2.7 percent after the company agreed to buy two BP gas processing plants in Texas for $227.5 million in cash. The stock fell 24 cents to $8.72.

Among the other big gainers, Sears Holdings Corp. shot up $2.94, or 5.7 percent, to $54.36. The department store chain announced plans to spin off its Hometown and Outlet stores and some hardware stores into a separate, public company.



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Dems insist Romney quietly supports Ryan's budgets

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COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa Led by President Barack Obama, Democrats claimed on Monday that Republican challenger Mitt Romney privately backs controversial plans to overhaul Medicare and cut trillions from social programs that his new vice presidential running mate has publicly proposed.

Rep. Paul Ryan "has given definition to the vague commitments that Romney has been making," Vice President Joe Biden said as the Democrats welcomed the Wisconsin lawmaker to the race with a barrage of criticism. "There is no distinction" between the two, he said.

Romney lauded his running mate's work as he resumed his own four-day bus trip through campaign battleground states.

Ryan has "come up with ideas that are very different than the president's," Romney said in Florida, the state with the highest percentage of residents age 65 and over. "The president's idea for Medicare was to cut it by $700 billion. That's not the right answer. We want to make sure that we preserve and protect Medicare."

The former Massachusetts governor did not say so, but the tax-and-spending plans Ryan produced in the past two years as chairman of the House Budget Committee call for the repeal of Obama's health care plan but also would retain the $700 billion in Medicare cuts that were part of it.

Romney said there may be differences between his own budget plan and Ryan's, but he refused to say what specific policies his budget would include that would differ from the Wisconsin congressman's detailed proposal.

Aides said during the day that Romney has long disagreed with that specific element of the House Republican plan, and they said while he wants to repeal the health care law he also wants to restore the funds to Medicare.

The day marked a first in the race for the White House, with both major party tickets campaigning at full strength and a little more than 80 days remaining in a campaign dominated by a weak economic recovery and a national jobless rate of 8.3 percent.

Polls taken before Romney added Ryan to his ticket over the weekend showed Obama with a slender advantage in a contest that will be decided in eight to 10 battleground states.

Large crowds turned out for Romney and Ryan's joint appearances over the weekend, and conservatives have hailed the selection of the Wisconsin lawmaker, who is regarded by fellow Republicans as an intellectual leader within the party on budget issues.

Democrats counter that Ryan's presence on the ticket will make it easier to tag Romney with political ownership of the budgets that Republicans pushed through the House in 2011 and again this year. They say it will help their candidates in House and Senate races as well as the campaign for the White House.

As chairman of the House Budget Committee, Ryan was the chief architect of tax and spending plans that called for turning Medicare into a voucher-like program beginning a decade from now. Critics say it would lead to higher costs for beneficiaries, while supporters argue that a fundamental change is needed to prevent the program from going bankrupt.

Ryan's budget also calls for cuts of more than $5 trillion in other projected spending over a decade as part of a plan to ease future deficits.

Rebutting Democratic objections to such plans, Romney told reporters in Miami it is "radical and extreme to pass on trillions of dollars of debts to our children knowing that we're never going to pay back these obligations that we've taken on."

He said he was sure there are some differences between Ryan's budget and his own, but he made no mention of the $700 billion difference over cuts initially enacted as part of Obama's health care law. "We're on the same page. ... We want to get America back on track to a balanced budget," he said, referring to his running mate.

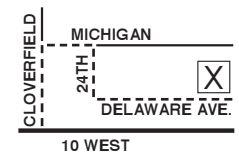
While the candidates engaged in campaign rituals — Ryan attended the Iowa State Fair in Des Moines and Obama snacked in Denison, Iowa, on a rainbow snow cone with cherry and watermelon ice — the costliest ad campaign in history churned on.

Restore Our Future, a super PAC that supports Romney, announced it was spending $10.5 million to air a commercial over the next several days that shows Obama saying his economic plan worked and "the private sector is doing fine" despite high joblessness and a weak recovery. The ad also accuses the president's allies of airing shameful and dishonest attacks, and the announcer says, "With no record to run on, it's the only strategy Obama has left."

That was a reference to a commercial aired by Priorities USA Action, which supports Obama, in which a retired steel worker suggests Romney and his private equity firm, Bain Capital, bear some responsibility for his wife's death from cancer.

The ad has been judged harshly by independent fact checkers and vociferously disputed by Romney's campaign. Even so, Obama's re-election aides decline to disavow it, noting they are barred by law from coordinating efforts with the outside group.

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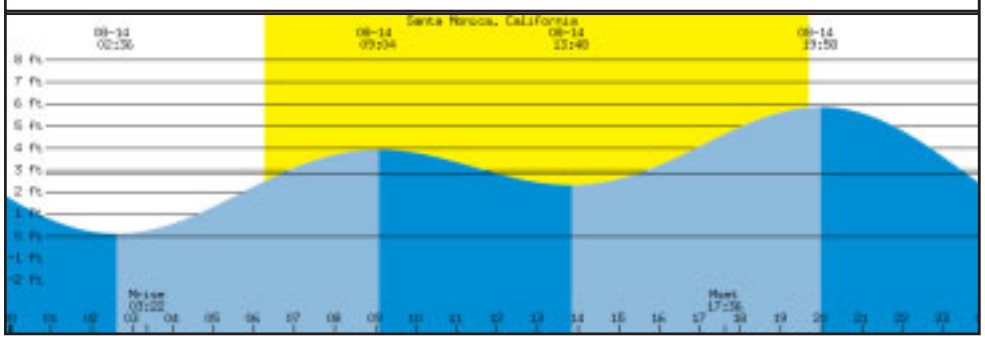
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Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Pearce State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pearce Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17308 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.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	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- appoxite 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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Fighting for Your Unemployment Benefits

In these tough economic times many people are finding themselves out of work, sometimes for the first time in their lives. More than three million Americans are fired each year. After the initial shock of being fired has worn off, the practicalities of having to navigate the unemployment insurance system come into sharp focus.

Generally, you are entitled to unemployment benefits if you are unemployed through no fault of your own, for example, if you were laid off, fired for a reason other than misconduct, or quit your job for good reason. Once the Employment Development Department (EDD) has received your application for benefits, it usually conducts a telephone interview with you, and also with your employer, to find out why you were fired.

Unfortunately, some unscrupulous employers challenge their former employee's application for benefits even when that employee was fired through no fault of his or her own. In this case, the employer usually claims that the employee was fired for misconduct.

If your application for benefits is denied, you have 20 days to file an appeal. If you believe that your benefits were unfairly denied, it is very important that you file a timely appeal. You will receive a hearing date about 4-6 weeks later. Sometimes, the employer does not even bother to show up to the appeal hearing; they were counting on the fact that you wouldn't fight the denial of your benefits.

The hearing is your chance to explain your side of the story to an Administrative Law Judge. It is natural to feel nervous before the hearing, but you will feel better if you are properly prepared to present your case. You should ask to review the EDD's file on your case, which will include the interview notes with your employer. This means you will get a chance to see what your employer said about why you were fired. You can also send a written request to your employer asking to inspect your personnel file pursuant to Labor Code Section 1198.5. You can ask witnesses who can corroborate your version of events to come with you to the hearing. If they can't come, you can ask them to give you a written statement to take along with you. You can also ask the EDD to subpoena witnesses for you. Finally, you should familiarize yourself with the law that applies to your case. A good starting place is the "Benefit Determination Guide" on the EDD website: http://www.edd.ca.gov/UIBDG/default.htm.

You don't have to bring an attorney with you to the hearing, although you may feel more confident with the support of an attorney experienced in this area. The Legal Grind can put you in touch with an attorney who can help you through the process, from advice on preparation to representation at your appeal hearing.

Depending on the circumstances of your termination, you may also wish to seek legal advice to determine whether you have any legal claims arising out of your discharge. Although most workers in California are "at will" employees, which means they can be fired for any reason or for no reason at all, even "at will" employees cannot be fired in certain circumstances. For example, an employer cannot fire its employee for a discriminatory reason; or because s/he made a health and safety complaint; or because she took time off to perform jury duty. This is a complex area of the law, and an attorney can advise you on whether you may have grounds for a wrongful discharge suit.

Upon investigation of the circumstances of your termination, an attorney may also identify violations which took place during your employment. For example, you may have an overtime claim if your employer did not pay overtime pay (time and a half) for all hours over eight in a day, and forty in a week, or a claim for meal period premium pay if you were unable to take an uninterrupted 30 minute meal break per five hours worked. Exploring potential claims with an attorney may help to give you some peace of mind in this difficult time.

Nina Baumler is an attorney who practices exclusively in employment law. Ms. Baumler can be reached through the Legal Grind at 310-452-8160 or by visiting www.legalgrind.com.

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4:00-5:00 pm (1st & 3rd Monday/Month) Criminal Law, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes, with former deputy D.A. Jacob Glucksman

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

4:00pm-5:00pm (1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month). Civil and Criminal Law with former Deputy District Attorney Hart Levin. Hart has expertise in all criminal and traffic issues, and he also has extensive knowledge in many areas of civil law including business disputes, contract disputes, commercial disputes, landlord/tenant disputes, personal injury medical malpractice, and wrongful death.

5:00 - 7:00 pm Wrongful termination, harassment; discrimination; wage and hour ;denial of unemployment benefits; and general counseling on issues in the workplace w/ attorney Nina Baumler. (Call for Appointment) at the 2901 Ocean Park location of the Novel Café.

WEDNESDAY
11:00am-3:00pm Special Education Law (By appointment only. Also available by appointment on Mondays or Fridays from 11:30 am to 3:00 pm) Attorney Alison Arkin has extensive experience working with parfents of special needs children with a wide range of disabilities, and can help them obtain appropriate services from both school districts and regional centers. She has experience with every level of the process including obtaining appropriate assessements, representation at IEP meeting, mediations, settlement negotiations and hearings.

5:00-6:30pm Divorce and Legal Separation; Domestic Partnerships; Child Custody, Support and Visitation; Spousal Support; Prenuptial Agreements & Mediation with Family Law Specialist Attorney Elizabeth Fields

THURSDAY
12:00-2:00pm Immigration and Family Law with Attorney Galorah Keshavarz (By appointment only)
4:00-5:00pm (By appointment only) Chapter 7 and 13 Bankruptcy, Debt Negotiation and Personal Injuries cases with Attorney and Legal Grind founder Jeffrey J. Hughes

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4:00-5:00pm (2nd & 4th Friday/Month) Criminal, DMV & Traffic Law: Felony and Misdemeanor Crimes with Attorney & former Deputy D.A. Jacob Glucksman. By Appointment only

4:00-5:00pm (1st & 3rd Friday/Month) Small business start-ups, Corporations, Contracts, Non-Profit Organizations, Green Law, Employment Law, Green and Sustainable Business Practices with Attorney Becki Kammerling.

SATURDAY
10am-11:30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday/month) Real Estate, Estate Planning, Wills & Living Trusts, Will Contests, Probate, Elder Law Business Litigation, Formation & Dissolution, Contracts, Construction Contracts Family Law including Divorce, Child/Spousal Support, Prenuptial Agreements, Personal Injury, Accidents, Premises and Product Liability, & Legal Malpractice with Attorney Richard Ruman. (By appointment only-Please call Call Dick at 310.273.7474)

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Amazing Spider-Man (PG-13) 2hrs 16min
1:00pm, 7:00pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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

Step Up Revolution (PG-13) 1hr 40min
4:15pm, 10:00pm

Nitro Circus: The Movie 3D (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:20pm, 10:30pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

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

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:20am, 2:50pm, 6:30pm, 10:10pm

Watch (R) 1hr 42min
9:45pm

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG) 1hr 34min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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

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1332 Second St.
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Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

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

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

To Rome With Love (R) 1hr 35min
4:20pm, 9:45pm

Ruby Sparks (R) 1hr 44min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

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Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:45am, 3:10pm, 6:20pm, 9:30pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:50am, 3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:55pm, 10:25pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
12:10pm, 4:05pm, 7:45pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Celeste and Jesse Forever (R) 1hr 29min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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Out with your friends tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Pressure builds with matters involving real estate and family. You simply cannot juggle everything that keeps landing on your plate. You seem to be constantly adjusting your schedule. Tonight: Ponder some of these issues.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You tend to say what you think and tell it as it is. You might not always be met with agreement from others, as each individual comes from such a different life experience. Ask questions and broaden your perspective. Tonight: Visit over drinks.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Curb an innate insecurity that frequently rears its ugly head. This personality trait can be extremely offensive to you, as well as to others. Tonight: Someone you care about might be difficult, to say the least.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You are on cruise control, with your magnetism peaking. You know what you want, and you make good choices accordingly. Others seem in the mood to go along with nearly any whim or desire you have; however, this mood is destined to end sooner rather than later. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take a backseat, whether you're at home or at work. This role might not be natural for you, but it is necessary. Take this time to realize what is happening around you. If you are feeling out of sorts, know that this mood will pass soon enough. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You put emphasis on success, networking and expanding your circle of friends. You will see a child or new friend make a demand. Most likely, besides causing others to distance themselves, it's a source of uproar. Tonight: Out with your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Others look to you for answers and resolution. You might not have the right solutions at this moment, but you certainly are capable of finding them. Tonight: Choose a stress buster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for someone at a distance. This person likely has important information, if not helpful feedback. Someone pushes you toward his or her chosen direction. You know the answer, and it is "no." Tonight: Use your imagination.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You find that you are compatible with one particular person. For many of you, it will be your pleasure. Take this time to get to know this person and his or her responses better. Realize how key this person is to your well-being. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Defer to others, as there seems to be little room for your ideas at the present moment. Eventually there will be, especially if you do not force your presence on others. Take some much-needed time for yourself. Tonight: Which invitation to choose?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your determination is impressive, though you easily could get distracted by others and their needs. Your ability to concentrate comes through once more. Be careful with a person you respect. Tonight: Relax and take a swim, or hop into a hot tub.

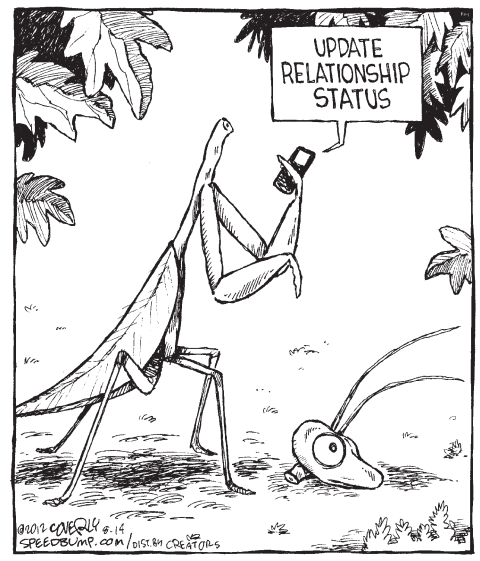
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Tap into your imagination for answers. Your unusual creativity comes through more often than not. A child or new flirtation could dominate the day, at least in your thoughts. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

Happy birthday

This year you might want to spend more time alone. You also might choose to reveal less of yourself than in the past. You might become involved in some self-healing work or decide to take a yoga class. You are changing in many ways and demanding more of yourself. If you are single, you easily become involved with an emotionally distant person. Look directly at the reality of the situation. If you are attached, the two of you benefit by scheduling more time together as a couple. You will add more romance to your bond. CANCER understands you well, maybe even better than you do.

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

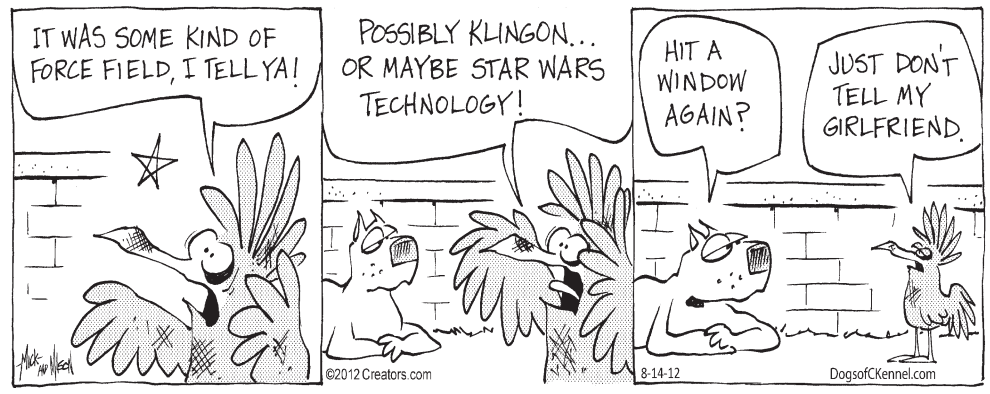
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Strange Brew — By John Deering



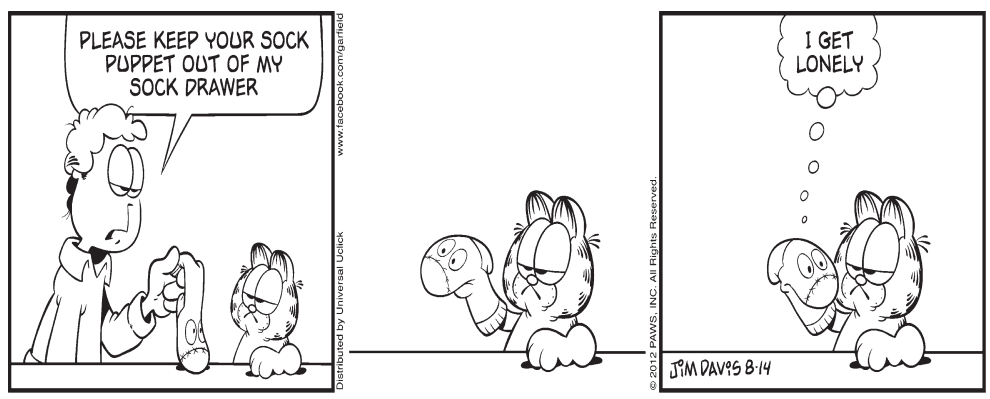
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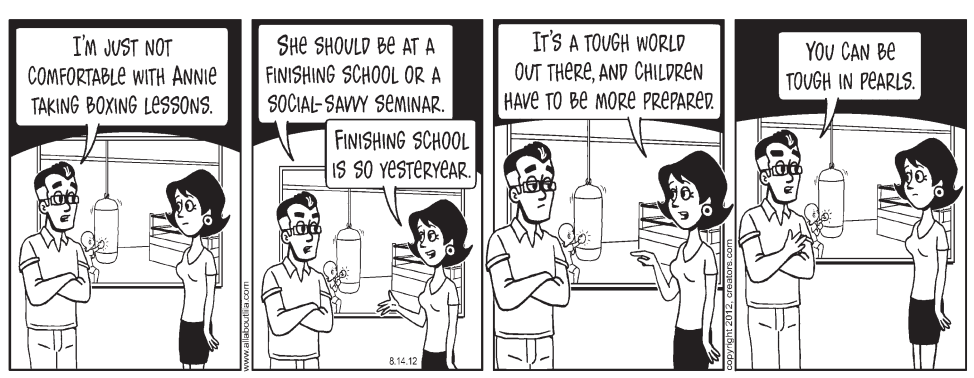
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The Meaning of Lila — By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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 ★★

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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

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

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CROSSWORD

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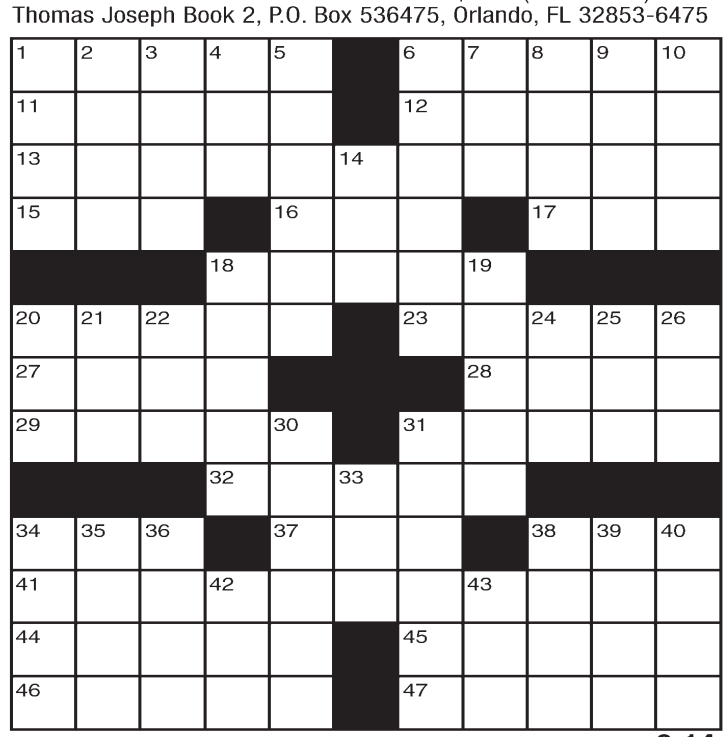
ACROSS
1 Set off
6 Top suit
11 Yard plus a bit
12 Asian capital
13 Goading
15 Eat late
16 Traffic tie-up
17 Uno plus due
18 Fast runners
20 Church fixture
23 Hide away
27 Tragic king
28 Huron neighbor
29 Moved laterally
31 Comically exaggerated
32 Olympics award
34 Big head
37 Swindle
38 Massage setting
41 Formal assembly
44 Welcoming
45 Sheet stuff
46 Playwright Clifford
47 Take care of

DOWN
1 Band boosters
2 Llama's land
3 On the roof of
4 Gun the motor
5 Hector, for one
6 London divider
7 Scoundrel
8 Meter or liter
9 Othello, for one
10 Freshener scent
14 Roadster
18 Women's quarters
19 Real bargain
20 Flamenco call
21 Sunburnt
22 Comic bit
24 Sleeve filler
25 Try the tea
26 "You there!"
30 Fake fowl
31 Venice byways
33 Saw-bones
34 Canyon sound
35 Well-behaved
36 "Don't Tread —"
38 Trig function
39 Couplet creator
40 — Domini
42 Dog doc
43 Bind up

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Yesterday's answer

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MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/10
10 18 36 38 44
Meganumber: 8
Jackpot: $36M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 8/11
6 19 39 40 43
Meganumber: 24
Jackpot: $12M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/13
2 3 14 23 30

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/13
MIDDAY: 2 4 2
EVENING: 6 6 9

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 8/13
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 03 Hot Shot
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Christianity has grown in acceptance recently in Ratanakiri province, Cambodia, according to a June report in the Phnom Penh Post, as up to 80 percent of the population has given up the traditional Theravada Buddhism (mixed with animism) as too demanding. According to local officials, traditional priests typically prescribe expensive offerings, such as a slaughtered buffalo, as the price of improving a relative's health. Said one convertee, with the money saved using Western medicine instead of traditional sacrifices, she was able to build a house for her family.

■ Rhesus monkeys have always posed delicate problems in India, where they are both revered (by Hindu law) and despised (for damaging property and roaming the streets begging for food). In Delhi, the rhesus population has grown dramatically, aided by the Hindus who feed them, and streets and private property are increasingly fouled. However, Amar Singh's business is good. He owns 65 langurs (apes much more vicious than rhesus monkeys) and, for the equivalent of about $200 per month, periodically brings one or two by a client's house to urinate in the yard so that the rhesus monkeys will steer clear.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1994 - Ilich Ramírez Sánchez, also known as "Carlos the Jackal," is captured.

1996 - Greek Cypriot refugee Solomos Solomou is murdered by Turkish forces while trying to climb a flagpole in order to remove a Turkish flag from its mast in the United Nations Buffer Zone in Cyprus.

2003 - Widescale power blackout in the northeast United States and Canada.2006 – Chencholai bombing in which 61 Tamil girls are killed in Sri Lankan Airforce bombing.

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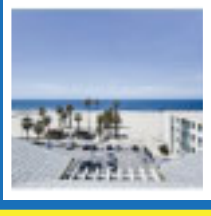




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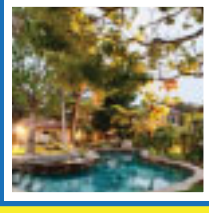
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