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Man stabbed 'for no reason' in Downtown

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Police on Tuesday were seeking a suspect in connection with a stabbing that occurred near a heavily-traveled intersection in Downtown Santa Monica.

The victim, a 19-year-old male, was walking with his girlfriend from the Downtown Hooters restaurant toward a bus stop at the intersection of Santa Monica Boulevard and Fourth Street at approximately 6:15 p.m. Monday when he was attacked by a man with a knife.

The victim tried to escape the suspect by running between two buses. He fell and was stabbed, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department.

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Resident files $1.7B claim with City Hall

Smart meters are impacting her health, woman says

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN What is the value of human health?

Denise Barton has a number: $1.7 billion, plus another $1.7 million every month thereafter.

Barton, known amongst City Council regulars for her detailed reports during public comment periods, filed a claim against City Hall for that hefty sum alleging that new "smart" parking meters were impacting her health.

In the claim, Barton asserts that radiation from the wireless signals emanating from the meters, which is similar to Wi-Fi Internet or cellular waves, is causing ringing in her ears, ear infections and tightness on the back, left side of her neck.

"I know it seems a little big," Barton said, "but they can't do things that affect people's health without their consent. I think that's wrong."

Barton's problems began in April, not long after the meters began rolling out throughout the city.

She went to the doctor in late May with an ear infection, which required antibiotics to cure.

Barton is concerned because there is some evidence, including a flag raised by the World Health Organization, that the low-

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ON A MISSION

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Paralympian Katy Sullivan prepares Tuesday at Santa Monica College for the upcoming Paralympic Games, which begin in London on Aug. 29. The Burbank resident makes regular trips to Santa Monica to work with her coach, Christine Kwok. Sullivan is the defending Parapan American Games champion in the 100 meters.

Home prices rise in July

ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO Southern California home prices jumped to their highest levels in nearly four years last month, lifted by sales in pricier coastal regions, a research firm said Tuesday.

The median price for new and existing houses and condominiums in the six-county region reached $306,000 in July, up 8.1 percent from $283,000 the same period last year, DataQuick reported. It was the fourth straight month that the median price rose from last year and the highest level since $308,500 in September 2008.

Sales jumped to 20,588 homes, up 13.8 percent from 18,090 homes last year, DataQuick said. It was the seventh straight month that sales climbed a year earlier.

Brisker sales in high-end coastal areas fueled price gains, with Orange County — the region's most expensive — showing a 25.7 percent increase in sales. San Diego, the region's third-most expensive county after Orange and Ventura, witnessed a 17.2 percent sales increase. Sales in Los Angeles County grew 14.5 percent.

Less expensive inland areas also saw sales grow, but the increases were more modest. Riverside County sales grew 7.8 percent from last year, while San Bernardino County sales climbed 2.4 percent.

Tightening supplies also drove prices higher, San Diego-based DataQuick said.

The California Association of Realtors' unsold inventory index in the Los Angeles metropolitan area stood at 3.5 months in June, the latest figures available, down from 5.4 months a year earlier. The figure represents the amount of time it would take for all homes on the market to be sold at the current sales clip. Other parts of Southern California showed similar tightening.

Foreclosed properties, which tend to sell at a steep discount, comprised a smaller part of the overall sales mix, lifting the median price. DataQuick said homes that were foreclosed upon in the previous year accounted for 21 percent of existing-home sales in Southern California last month, down from 32.6 percent a year earlier.

"Even adjusting for changes in the market

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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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

Fun for all ages
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 4 p.m.
Free public workshops for all ages allow participants to explore personal objective and gain experience through working with professional artists. Workshops will be presented Thursday, Aug. 16 and Tuesday, Aug. 21 from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for ages 7 to 12; Aug. 17, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for adults (18+); and Aug. 22, 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. for teens (13 to 17); and a special Enchanted Fairytale Interactive Theatre Adventure for kids 4 to 10 on Aug. 18 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. All workshops take place at the Santa Monica Playhouse and advance reservations are required. For more information, call (310) 394-9779.

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.

Drink wine, save dogs
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. For more information, visit bodegawinebar.com.

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

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



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Don't drink and drive

On the evening of Saturday, Aug. 18, the Santa Monica Police Department will conduct a DUI/driver's license checkpoint at an undisclosed location within the city limits as a part of the ongoing campaign to reduce alcohol-involved accidents.

DUI checkpoints are conducted to identify offenders, who can expect jail time, license suspension and increased insurance costs, as well as fines, fees, DUI classes, court probation and other expenses as a result of driving under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs.

According to the National Highway Traffic Administration, checkpoints provide the most effective documented results of any DUI enforcement strategy.

"Over the course of the past year, DUI drivers were involved in 12 collisions, which injured 19 people," Santa Monica Police Lt. Jay Trisler said.

For more information, please contact Sgt. Philbo Rubish at the Santa Monica Police Department Traffic Section at (310) 458-8950, or Sgt. Richard Lewis, the public information officer, at (310) 458-8462.

– ADRIANNA DINOLFO

BROADWAY

Wash cars, raise funds

American Red Cross of Santa Monica volunteers will host a car wash to raise funds on Saturday, Aug. 18, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the chapter's parking lot, 1450 11th St.

Pay $10 per car and $15 per truck or SUV for a thorough hand wash and vacuum. Volunteers will use only the latest environmentally-friendly practices and sustainable materials during the washing process, officials with the Red Cross said.

All proceeds will benefit "PrepareSoCal," the three-year campaign to better equip communities to respond to life-threatening disasters.

For more information, call the Santa Monica Red Cross during weekday business hours at (310) 394-3773 or visit redcrossla.org/santamonica.

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GREEN ON THE GO

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Ayman Radwan, owner of Taxi Taxi, plugs in one of two new plug-in hybrid vehicles that he recently introduced to his fleet.

Cougar seen at Griffith Park

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A mountain lion has been prowling Griffith Park, the first definitive proof that a cougar lives in the Los Angeles park surrounded by urbanization.

There have long been rumors that mountain lions inhabit the popular 4,300-acre city park.

But wildlife biologists had said it was unlikely the cougars would cross freeways to get there.

Now, there are photographs taken by remote-controlled cameras.

Biologists say the 3-year-old cougar probably came from farther west in the Santa Monica Mountains in mid-February.

National Park Service biologist Jeff Sikich tells the Los Angeles Times that a mountain lion living in Griffith Park is significant because the park is surrounded by urbanization.

Experts say the cougar shouldn't pose any danger to humans because they are solitary creatures that usually avoid human contact.

Three-year restraining order given to singer Sheryl Crow

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. A judge granted Sheryl Crow a three-year restraining order against a man who acknowledged he threatened to shoot the singer-songwriter and film executive Harvey Weinstein.

Philip Gordon Sparks, 45, agreed to stay away from the Grammy winner and Weinstein after an hour-long hearing in which he accused the pair of stealing $7.5 million from him, videotaping and following him without permission and leaving him homeless. A forensic psychiatrist who interviewed Sparks recently called him "imminently dangerous" and said his psychosis is directed intently at Crow.

Superior Court Judge James Hahn ordered Sparks to stay 300 yards away from Crow and Weinstein and make no attempt to contact them.

Hahn, the former Los Angeles mayor who was appointed as a judge in 2008, presided over the hour-long hearing, patiently instructing Sparks to ask questions and allow him to describe at length his reasons for feeling persecuted.

Crow obtained a temporary restraining order against the 45-year-old in July after her team reviewed a series of Sparks' online posts directed at the singer.

A worker at the Screen Actors Guild-American Federation of Television and Radio Artists wrote in a declaration accompanying Crow's filing that she spoke with Sparks on July 16 and he made the threat against Crow. He also threatened to shoot film executive Weinstein because he believed they were filming him and had stolen millions from him, the worker stated.

Crow, 50, has won nine Grammy Awards and has two sons, ages 5 and 2, who are also covered by the order.

Sparks said he made the statement because he was frustrated because he believes they stole from him and continued to follow him.

"Mr. Sparks is unambiguously delusional," forensic psychiatrist Dr. David Glaser testified during the hearing.

Neither Crow nor Weinstein attended the hearing.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Airport closure growing on politicians

Editor:

Since 1987, there have been at least 14 fatal air crashes and many more non-fatal runway and landing gear mishaps, ocean ditches, mechanical failures and near collisions of aircraft (one with a Boeing 737), operating out of Santa Monica Airport. In 1980, former Santa Monica Mayor Pieter van den Steenhoven was killed when he ditched his plane into the ocean.

The latest fatal crash occurred around 6 p.m. Friday involving a Cessna. Who knows how many close calls have been unreported, with all the inexperienced student pilots operating out of SMO flight schools. What will it take for action to be taken; a crash involving massive injuries and deaths?

In 2004, when I was a resident of Sunset Park, a heavily-populated residential area right next to the airport, I participated in a forum on airport pollution. I expressed my deep concerns about public safety and the health effects on my infant son.

I have been advocating closing the Santa Monica Airport for over 10 years and was the first candidate for political office to do so. I was mocked and laughed at by naysayers and lost my Association of Flight Attendants endorsement.

Now, however, local, state and national politicians are finally joining me in calling for closure of SMO in 2015 when the lease expires. It is not enough to simply increase the fines for pollution and noise violations, or to ban large jets, as our gutless City Council is considering.

The airport generates no income for the city; it barely breaks even. There are lots of ways that city-owned land could be put to use while still maintaining a helipad for emergencies. Santa Monica is facing a deficit, due to fiscal mismanagement. One way to balance the budget, rather than increasing taxes again, is to utilize the aircraft hangars to industrial grow medical marijuana for enormous profit for the city. Why let the tobacco companies and corporate growers (as is being considered in Oakland, Calif.) make huge profits that could be used for education and other vital programs. Our emasculated City Council would rather relinquish sovereignty to state and federal authorities, as they have in the past.

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Santa Monica





Meredith Pro Tem

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Children's birthday parties are the new weddings

MY HUSBAND'S HOPELESSLY ROMANTIC marriage proposal is easily a top-10 highlight of my life. Our short and sweet engagement, on the other hand, only ekes in at around the top-20 mark, although not because the wedding planning wasn't wildly enjoyable — it was, mostly thanks to my mom's kind, inspired and generous guidance at every turn — but because there was hardly any pressure on me to perform a Martha Stewart-like miracle in just under eight months.

I have just as much of an inner DIY-craft-goddess in me as the next 30-something-year-old white, middle-class suburban woman who thinks the Pinterest founders are worthy of consideration by the Internet equivalent of the Nobel Prize board. (Have you ever witnessed how strategically hung tissue and crepe-paper floral pompoms can significantly elevate the elegance of a dinner party?)

But I am also equal-part Oscar Madison. And when it comes down to sleekly découpaged boxes vs. habitual dirty socks next to but not in the hamper, the latter visually distracts from and therefore beats the former every time.

When I flipped through bridal magazines during the period of my betrothment, my eyes got all starry at the prospect of tree-bound escort cards and muslin pouches filled with sailboat-shaped sugar cookies and saltwater taffy tied together with grosgrain ribbon. But my eyes also crossed and head throbbed at the thought of trying to make every last tiny detail meaningful. After all, I believed that the day was meant to be bigger than signature plates and topiary wedding banners.

The gloves came off, however, when I had kids and those kids started having birthdays. What I didn't do — and don't regret not doing — at my wedding, I now feel the itch to do to my daughters' birthday parties.

Weddings are about having loved ones witness you affirm an eternal commitment. Children's birthday parties are a straight-up competition in which the goal is to make other moms whose weddings were likely more crafty than yours feel less motherly than you because you knew even back when you were exchanging "I dos" that it was all about saving it up for the kids one day.

After almost every birthday party that I attend of a child who is not mine, however, I leave feeling less motherly than the mom who threw the party. That's why I have a few days left to decide if I'm going to make my older daughter's fourth birthday extravaganza one that makes Tori Spelling's daughter's over-the-top, Martha Stewart-style fourth birthday party look as inspired as the Spice Girls performing at the Olympic closing ceremony, which is to say, washed-up and full of more unnecessary chemicals than a pink Hostess Sno Ball.

The only problem is that the lazy, sloppy part of me just wants to throw up the decorations I bought at Walmart, slap a few candles in a bakery-made cake and call it a happy birthday.

Our party's theme is Minnie Mouse, although we didn't know that when we sent out the invitations. That's why the invitations speak to neither a mouse nor anything mini. Instead of having the post office deliver sparkly, handcrafted keepsakes to each guest, we e-mailed free Internet invites. (While they're as clever as the piece of cardboard that comes with pressed shirts from the dry cleaner, the RSVP rate is much higher because all invitees have to do is click "Yes" or "No" from the comfort of their smartphones.)

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTIES ARE A STRAIGHT-UP COMPETITION IN WHICH THE GOAL IS TO MAKE OTHER MOMS WHOSE WEDDINGS WERE LIKELY MORE CRAFTY THAN YOURS FEEL LESS MOTHERLY THAN YOU BECAUSE YOU KNEW EVEN BACK WHEN YOU WERE EXCHANGING 'I DOS' THAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT SAVING IT UP FOR THE KIDS ONE DAY.

I didn't have to buy Minnie party hats. I could have made them by combining specialty paint, headbands and colored ribbons with a glue gun, X-ACTO knife, patience and imagination.

Instead of getting a generic Mylar Minnie Mouse "happy birthday" banner, I might have created one out of Minnie Mouse silhouettes with my daughter's name spelled out in letters glued on with glitter.

I suppose the menu could consist of Hot Diggity Dogs, Oh Toodles Noodles, Banana Puddin' and Minnie Moo Muffins, all of which one crafty website boasts as recommendations for a Minnie soirée, but we decided instead to serve pizza (choice of cheese or pepperoni), cut-up fruit and supermarket cake — mostly because the birthday girl is a vegetarian (save for the occasional slice of bacon) and also because as creative as I like to fancy myself, even I can't justify wrapping up hot dogs in parchment paper and finishing them off with a little tape, as the site suggests. And not just because I haven't a clue what washi tape is.

The fact of the matter is that the party was supposed to be last weekend, but the birthday girl fell ill, and we had to reschedule for this weekend. And while she was mildly crestfallen that it was postponed, she was mostly just interested in knowing if she could play with the 79-cent bottle of bubbles that we found in our coat closet.

That means I think I can get away with the Walmart-bought décor for another year and justify it with my head held high to the more motherly, innovative moms by telling them the theme is actually White Trash Chic. Either way, I'm hopeful my mini-Mouseketeer will include the party in her top 10 life events to date, even if the loot bags don't end up being Minnie-fied.

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Censorship: Another step on the road to despotism?

IN JUNE, THIS COLUMN NOTED THE dangerous consequences of one party rule in California. In addition to the fact that all major decisions affecting the state budget are now being made in secrecy and behind closed doors, I observed that the minority party — and the millions of Californians they represent — were shut out of the political process entirely.

To this we can now add another serious offense against the public's right to know about the conduct of their representatives; one that puts state government on the slippery slope toward censorship.

In a letter dated July 27, I was invited to testify before the Senate Governance and Finance Committee by Chairwoman Lois Wolk. The purpose of the hearing was to take public comment and for lawmakers to discuss the tax increase propositions, 30, 38 and 39, along with Proposition 31, which alters the state's budgetary procedures. I was asked to speak specifically on Proposition 30, the governor's massive tax hike proposal. In her letter the senator said, "This hearing is required by law and is intended to inform the public of each initiative's contents … ." The letter concluded with Sen. Wolk expressing her intent "to help the public make a more informed decision on election day."

Although Sen. Wolk opened the proceedings reiterating her hope that the hearing would assist voters in making reasoned decisions on controversial ballot measures, someone else higher up in the Senate hierarchy was intentionally "pulling the plug" on the California Channel (CalChannel) coverage. CalChannel is a public affairs channel carried on most cable systems. While not a ratings hit, the service exists so that interested members of the public, many of whom are in no position to travel to Sacramento, can tune in and view proceedings as if they were in the hearing room.

The motive for blocking coverage of hearings on ballot measures that would increase taxes can be more clearly understood in light of the fact that Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg is one of those leading the charge for the passage of Proposition 30, a measure that could boost taxes by as much as $65 billion.

Speaking to a reporter, Steinberg spokesman Rhys Williams justified the disruption of CalChannel service this way: "It was inappropriate to provide legislative resources to promote the ballot measure campaigns of either side, and in particular to make those public-funded resources easily available for exploitation in political TV commercials."

The Sacramento Bee's senior political writer, Dan Walters, dismissed this explanation as "balderdash" and pointed out the same could be said for any hearing or debate on any issue.

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Steinberg's rational for censoring the television coverage for this statutorily-mandated hearing — something that no one I know can ever recall happening — doesn't come close to passing the ha-ha test.

In my earlier column regarding the dangers of one party rule, I compared what is happening in California now to the fascist regime in Italy in the 1930s. When Dan Walters compared this act of censorship to behavior one could expect from a "tinpot dictator," it appears we're not the only ones who see the rising threat of despotism.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association – California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

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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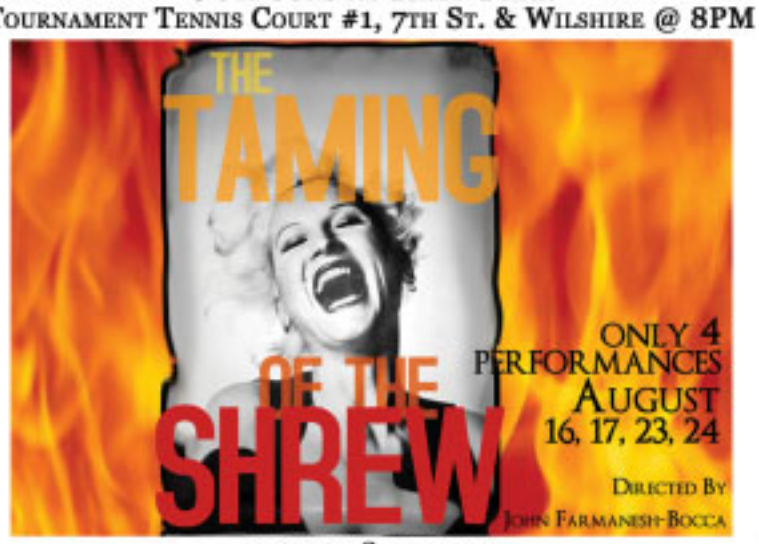


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L.A. Unified moves teachers back to Miramonte school

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Most of the teaching staff temporarily taken out of a South Los Angeles elementary school where two colleagues were arrested on lewdness charges earlier this year returned to their classrooms Tuesday for the first day of school.

Of the original staff of 76 teachers, 43 were back at Miramonte Elementary School, while the rest retired or went to a new school that opened nearby, said Monica Carazo, spokeswoman for the Los Angeles Unified School District.

"We're excited everyone's back," Carazo said. "The teachers are eager to be back in the classroom."

The district's surprising removal of the Miramonte teachers, administrators and support staff came after the January arrest of a longtime teacher, Mark Berndt, who is accused of playing sexually oriented games with 23 students in his classroom over five years.

Another teacher, Martin Springer, was arrested in a separate case just weeks later.

Superintendent John Deasy said he removed the staff in order to quell widespread parent concern and to investigate how the alleged conduct had gone unnoticed for so long. At the time, it was unclear if the teachers would be allowed to return to Miramonte.

United Teachers Los Angeles, the union, said the teachers were being treated unfairly and filed grievances against the district on their behalf. After the reported abuse, the teachers were removed from the classroom but were still paid and spent the end of last school year at a nearby unfinished high school.

The results of district's investigation are unclear and have not been released. It does not appear any teachers have been disciplined in connection with the cases, Carazo said.

In the meantime, Miramonte has been restructured and has a new principal.

The new school has absorbed about 500 children from Miramonte, which was severely overcrowded with 1,500 pupils and operated a staggered, year-round schedule. The enrollment reduction cut staffing needs to 45 teachers and put the school on a regular academic calendar.

The other two teaching spots were filled by replacement teachers who stayed on, while the rest of the replacement staff returned to the substitute status, Carazo said.

Lawsuit filed over Brockovich chemical

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Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. Environmental groups filed a lawsuit on Tuesday against the California Department of Public Health for failing to establish a safe drinking water standard for the cancer-causing chemical made famous in the film "Erin Brockovich."

The Natural Resources Defense Council and the Environmental Working Group claim the department is eight years late in setting the hexavalent chromium standard and has made no progress toward the goal.

The lawsuit claims the delay is unjustified and seeks a court order setting a faster timeline.

Studies show that hexavalent chromium, also known as chromium-6, can cause cancer in people and has been found to cause damage to the gastrointestinal tract, lymph nodes and liver of animals.

The chemical comes chiefly from industrial pollution — it's used for production of stainless steel, textile dyes, wood preservation, leather tanning and as an anti-corrosive — but also occurs naturally.

The dangers of chromium-6 became widely known after the film "Erin Brockovich" exposed the case of Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. The utility was accused of leaking the contaminant into the groundwater of Hinckley, a small desert town, causing health problems including cancer.

A year later in 2001, the California legislature directed public health agencies to set an enforceable drinking water standard for the chemical by 2004.

The process was delayed due to a scientific dispute over whether chromium-6 is carcinogenic when ingested in water, said Sam Delson, deputy director for external and legislative affairs at the California Environmental Protection Agency. It has long been established that chromium-6 is carcinogenic when inhaled.

Federal scientists at the National Toxicology Program confirmed in 2007 that it's also carcinogenic when ingested.

The California EPA then set a "public health goal" — a preliminary benchmark in creating a drinking water standard — for hexavalent chromium. But in 2010, the agency recommended stricter limits after research showed that fetuses, infants and children are more susceptible than adults to the cancer-causing effects of the chemical. That goal was set last year at .02 parts of hexavalent chromium per billion parts of water.

Results of state water quality testing conducted between 2000 and 2011 throughout California showed that about a third of the 7,000 drinking water sources tested had chromium-6 levels at or above that limit.

The highest concentrations were reported in southern California, including in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, and Santa Barbara counties.

Using the benchmark, the Department of Public Health must develop the standard as close as possible to the health goal, factoring in the technical feasibility and costs of water testing and treatment.

Department of Public Health spokesman Ken August said there is no typical timeline for how long it takes to develop a standard. The agency is currently preparing a cost-benefit analysis, he said, and will take another two to three years to establish the standard.

There is no federal standard for chromium-6. Last year, the U.S. EPA released recommendations for enhanced monitoring of the chemical in public water systems and is conducting a review of chromium-6 to decide whether to set a nationwide standard.

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Mohawks in, pocket protectors out for Mars mission 'geeks'

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AP Science Writers

PASADENA, Calif. Known to the Twitterverse and the president of the United States as "Mohawk Guy" of the Mars mission, Bobak Ferdowsi could be the changing public face of NASA and all of geekdom.

Ferdowsi, whose shaved scalp also features star shapes, is a flight director for the Mars rover Curiosity — a mission that captured the nation's imagination with its odds-defying, acrobatic landing.

And Mohawk Guy isn't the only star. There's also former rock 'n' roller Adam Steltzner, sometimes called "Elvis Guy" because of his pompadour and sideburns.

Steltzner directed the daring landing of the rover and appears in a NASA movie trailer describing why the Aug. 5 Mars landing involved "seven minutes of terror." The movie, posted on YouTube, became a hit.

"You guys are a little cooler than you used to be," President Barack Obama said in a Monday congratulatory phone call to NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Given Ferdowsi's success, Obama, a "Star Trek" fan, joked about the Mohawk and suggested he might try it: "I think that I'm going to go back to my team and see if it makes sense."

Mohawk Guy's Twitter followers have soared to more than 50,000. Over the weekend, he and the 49-year-old Steltzner appeared on NPR's game show, "Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me." He's been doing Google+ hangouts. And, oh yes, he's gotten marriage proposals.

Strange hairstyles are a tradition for the 32-year-old Ferdowsi, who once donned a cut that was supposed to resemble a rocket plume — red, orange and gold.

Ferdowsi couldn't be reached for comment, but he tweeted late Monday: "So incredible to have the POTUS call work today & thank the team! Still can't believe (at) BarackObama called me mohawk guy! "

Last week, in a Los Angeles Times interview, he acknowledged his haircut might be "a little bit of a shock" to some. He said most people think of the serious, button-downed Apollo 13 NASA. .

But he noted that in 1967, engineers at his workplace, Jet Propulsion Lab, or JPL, wore Spock ears for the launch of a Venus-bound spacecraft. In fact, the California operation is more like the Berkeley of NASA.

In the unmanned world of space robotics, engineers are just as detail obsessed as Mission Control in Houston. But JPL doesn't handle life-and-death astronaut missions, and more risks can be taken. Such as the remarkable landing system of Mars Curiosity that featured a giant parachute, retrorockets and the gentle controlled lowering of the one-ton rover with cables.

It was all run by Steltzner, who twice got F's in high school math, initially skipped college to play music and enjoys making his own jam.

The JPL missions are run in a creative conclave nestled in the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains east of Los Angeles and managed by the California Institute of Technology for NASA. JPL prides itself on its university-like atmosphere. Some engineers come to work in Hawaiian shirts, shorts and flip-flops. Others sport hippie hairstyles.

"The button-down white shirts and ties were always in Houston; they were not here," said Gentry Lee, who is chief engineer for planetary flight systems at JPL and is one of Ferdowsi's bosses.

"The people who have been flying robotic missions have always been about substance and not about appearances," Lee said. But he said most people who don't know NASA didn't know that until now.

"Geeks have hit pop culture," said Ken Denmead, editor and publisher of geekdad.com. "I think more than any other single event in the last five or 10 years, this (Mars landing) has put a face on science and engineering that really gets future generations excited.

"People like Bobak and the whole crew on the Curiosity landing just shatter that (pocket protector) mode and that's wonderful," Denmead, a San Francisco civil engineer, said in a phone interview.

With hit television shows celebrating geeks, like "The Big Bang Theory," science-lover Obama in the White House, and especially regular people using more technology in their daily lives, Denmead sees what he calls "normals" becoming more geek-like. And geeks are becoming more social thanks to Twitter and Facebook.

"The communications barriers have come down between the geeks and the normals if you want," Denmead said. "The differences have faded away."

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NEW TECHNOLOGY: **Smart parking meters have been installed across Santa Monica.**

CLAIM
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level radiation may cause cancer and other illnesses in humans.

This claim is the only time that anyone has raised the issue about the meters, wrote Assistant Finance Director Don Patterson in an e-mail.

"The Wi-Fi is very low level and only communicates between the meter and the sensor, about 5 to 8 feet," Patterson wrote.

Furthermore, the cellular communication only occurs when the meter is in use, like when a person uses a credit card to put time on the meter or when a car arrives or departs.

"It's the same as someone using a cell phone walking on the sidewalk," Patterson wrote. "The meters comply with all necessary regulations related to wireless communication."

A very vocal minority of people have begun raising the issue of whether or not that is enough.

Liz Barris, who founded the nonprofit People's Initiative Foundation, is among those concerned about the damage that wireless transmissions have on the human body.

The medical community has not uniformly embraced the concept that cell phones, wireless networks or other low-level emitters cause any kind of adverse health effects.

However, Barris stood before the City Council over a year ago to ask that they take a look into cell phone towers that had proliferated around the city as well as another kind of smart meter — this one put forward by Southern California Edison — that tracks energy use in homes and apartments in real time.

All of those devices use wireless technology that Barris and others believe causes everything from headaches to cancer to genetic damage.

"Smart technology needs to be halted because it poses a huge public health hazard," Barris said.

She and 40 other southern California residents are suing Southern California Edison over the $75 fee that they have to pay to opt out of the wireless meters.

"They're trying to charge people to not give them cancer and invade their homes," Barris said.

This isn't the first complaint about the new meters, although it is the most expensive.

The City Council approved a $4.5 million contract with IPS Group for 6,100 of the meters with ground sensors in October 2011.

The devices first grabbed headlines across the country when it was revealed that sensors installed in parking spaces zeroed out meters after a car exits its spot, ending the friendly practice of leaving time on a meter for the next parker.

City Hall defends them, saying that the new technology will help make parking easier and more convenient by providing real-time information about which spots are open and which are taken.

That prevents people from circling around in search of parking, which causes traffic and pollution.

The meters also open up spots on the street by preventing "meter-feeding," the practice of staying in a spot longer than the allotted time by putting more money in the meter.

Convenience isn't a good enough response for Cai Dixon, a Santa Monica resident who worries about the proliferation of wireless technologies.

"So few people even have the slightest inkling that wireless devices pose health risks," she wrote in an e-mail. "No one would dream of lighting up a cigarette in the line at a grocery store."

She is hoping to move out of Santa Monica within the year to escape the wireless soup.

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mix, there's growing evidence that prices have crept up in areas where more demand has met a shrinking number of homes for sale," said John Walsh, DataQuick's president.

Sales were most robust in the price range between $300,000 and $800,000, gaining 22 percent, while sales of homes above $800,000 rose 7.2 percent, DataQuick said. Sales of homes of less than $200,000, which drove much of the market after the 2008 meltdown in financial markets, fell 5.8 percent.

Home foreclosure activity in California has fallen to five-year lows, easing concerns there might be a flood of distressed sales to slow or even reverse the housing market's recovery.

The Mortgage Bankers Association reported another dose of news last week that suggested a wave of foreclosures was less likely. It said 6.38 percent of California home loans were at least one payment behind during the second quarter, down from 8.12 percent a year earlier.











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DEEPER LOOK: **A member of the Santa Monica Police Department's forensics team takes photos of the scene of a stabbing that occurred on Monday. The suspect is still on the loose.**

STABBING

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The victim told police that he did not know the suspect, and says the man attacked him "for no reason," Lewis said.

An ambulance took the victim to a local trauma center. His wounds were not life-threatening, and he was released from the hospital.

Witnesses told police that the suspect fled into Michaels, an arts and crafts store on Fourth Street.

Police cars lined up outside the store, and police shut down the north and east sides of the street. Police evacuated the store, and at least 12 officers and police dogs moved in to search for the suspect.

Marie Malahi, who lives in Culver City, had been inside Michaels shopping for frames.

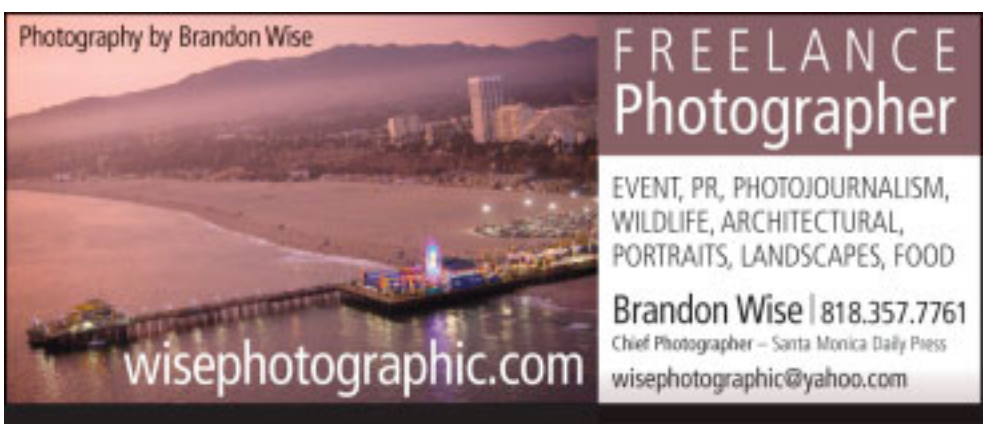
She heard the call to leave the building, turned and saw so many police she couldn't see the windows in the front of the store.

Police put an officer at the front of the building and searched the interior, but didn't locate the suspect. They believe that he fled the area before officers arrived at the scene rather than escaping into the store because Michaels has an alarmed back door and the alarm did not sound, Lewis said.

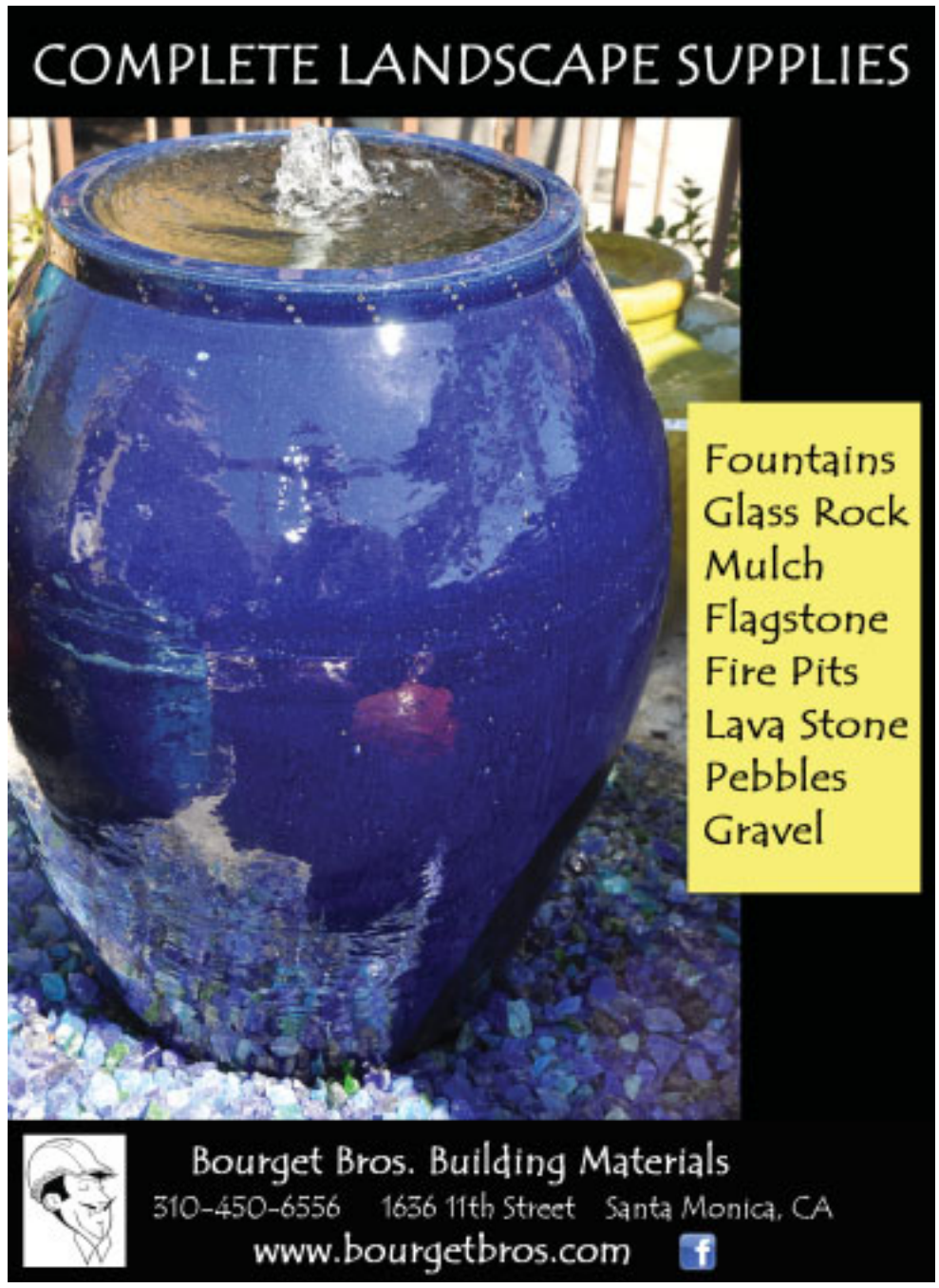
The suspect is a white, Latin or Native American man in his 30s or early 40s. He is approximately 5-foot-8, 190 pounds with brown eyes. On Monday, he was wearing a black hat, white T-shirt and beige cargo shorts.

Anyone with information about the attack can call the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8495.

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Making $11K a year, but excluded from Medicaid

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MIAMI Sandra Pico is poor, but not poor enough.

She makes about $15,000 a year, supporting her daughter and unemployed husband. She thought she'd be able to get health insurance after the Supreme Court upheld President Barack Obama's health care law.

Then she heard that her own governor won't agree to the federal plan to extend Medicaid coverage to people like her in two years. So she expects to remain uninsured, struggling to pay for her blood pressure medicine.

"You fall through the cracks and there's nothing you can do about it," said the 52-year-old home health aide. "It makes me feel like garbage, like the American dream, my dream in my homeland is not being accomplished."

Many working parents like Pico are below the federal poverty line but don't qualify for Medicaid, a decades-old state-federal insurance program. That's especially true in states where conservative governors say they'll reject the Medicaid expansion under Obama's health law.

In South Carolina, a yearly income of $16,900 is too much for Medicaid for a family of three. In Florida, $11,000 a year is too much. In Mississippi, $8,200 a year is too much. In Louisiana and Texas, earning more than just $5,000 a year makes you ineligible for Medicaid.

Governors in those five states have said they'll reject the Medicaid expansion underpinning Obama's health law after the Supreme Court's decision gave states that option. They favor small government and say they can't afford the added cost to their states even if it's delayed by several years. Some states estimate the expansion could ultimately cost them a billion dollars a year or more.

Many of the people affected by the decision are working parents who are poor — but not poor enough — to qualify for Medicaid.

Republican Mitt Romney's new running mate, conservative Wisconsin congressman Paul Ryan, has a budget plan that would turn Medicaid over to the states and sharply limit federal dollars. Romney hasn't specifically said where he stands on Ryan's idea, but has expressed broad support for his vice presidential pick's proposals.

Medicaid now covers an estimated 70 million Americans and would cover an estimated 7 million more in 2014 under the Obama health law's expansion. In contrast, Ryan's plan could mean 14 million to 27 million Americans would ultimately lose coverage, even beyond the effect of a repeal of the health law, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Kaiser Family Foundation of Ryan's 2011 budget plan.

For now, most states don't cover childless adults, but all states cover some low-income parents. The income cutoff, however, varies widely from state to state.

Most states cover children in low-income families. Manuel and Sandra Pico's 15-year-old daughter is covered by Medicaid. But the suburban Miami couple can't afford private insurance for themselves and they make too much for Florida's Medicaid.

Manuel Pico, a carpenter, used to make more than $20,000 a year, but has struggled to find work in the last three years after the real estate market collapsed. He occasionally picks up day jobs or takes care of the neighbor's yard. Sandra Pico would like to work full time, but can't afford to pay someone to watch her 34-year-old sister, who has Down syndrome.

"No matter how hard I work, I'm not going to get anywhere," Sandra Pico said. "If you're not rich, you just don't have it."

In San Juan, Texas, 22-year-old Matthew Solis makes about $8,700 a year — too much to qualify for Medicaid in that state. Solis, a single father with joint custody of his 4-year-old daughter, said he works about 25 hours per week at a building supply store making minimum wage and is a full-time college student at the University of Texas-Pan American. He aspires to be a school counselor.

He recently sought medical care for food poisoning, visiting a federally funded clinic. But he doesn't see a doctor regularly because he can't afford private insurance. The new health law allows young adults to remain on their parents' insurance until age 26. But that doesn't help Solis, whose father is uninsured and whose mother died of leukemia when he was 8.

"I voted for him (Obama) because he promised we would have insurance," Solis said. "I'm pretty upset because I worked for Obama and I still don't have coverage."

His governor, Rick Perry, like Pico's governor, Rick Scott, is rejecting the Medicaid expansion. So Solis too is out of luck unless his circumstances dramatically change.

In all but one of the states where governors are rejecting or leaning against the expansion, the income level that disqualifies a parent from Medicaid is below the federal poverty line. Only in New Jersey, where Gov. Chris Christie has said he's leaning against the expansion, is Medicaid available to parents with incomes at the poverty line and slightly above. New Jersey will cover a parent making $24,645 in a family of three.

Most states base Medicaid eligibility for parents on household income and how it compares to the federal poverty level, which was $18,530 for a family of three in 2011, the year being used for easier state-by-state comparisons.

In Louisiana, the eligibility cutoff for a working parent is 25 percent of federal poverty, or $4,633 for a family of three. In Nevada, it's 87 percent of the federal poverty level, or $16,121 for a family of three.

That's been the range in states where governors are likely saying no to expanded Medicaid.

In contrast, states where governors have said they'll expand Medicaid are more generous with working parents. The Medicaid eligibility cutoff ranges in those states from Washington's $13,527 to Minnesota's $39,840.

To be sure, some states with generous coverage for parents have been forced to cut back. Illinois, facing a financial crisis, ended coverage last month for more than 25,000 working parents. Even so, the state still covers working parents with incomes slightly higher than the poverty line.

The national health law's Medicaid expansion would start covering all citizens in 2014 who make up to roughly $15,400 for an individual, $30,650 for a family of four.

The federal government will pay the full cost of the Medicaid expansion through 2016. After that, the states will pick up 5 percent of the cost through 2019, and 10 percent of the cost thereafter.

Why would a governor say no?

These state leaders are in favor of smaller government. In principle, they don't want the federal government to expand — even if that expansion would help their own citizens. Also Medicaid is costly, taking a huge bite out of budgets already. And they don't want to be on the hook for paying any more of the tab even if it's years down the road.

"We don't need the federal government telling us what to do when it comes to meeting the needs of the citizens of our states," Florida Gov. Rick Scott wrote recently in an opinion piece for U.S. News and World Report. "And we don't need Washington putting states on the hook for future budget obligations."

Also, many conservatives view Medicaid as a wasteful, highly flawed program, akin to no health coverage. Many doctors across the country won't treat Medicaid patients because the payments they receive are so low.

When the Supreme Court ruled that states could opt out of the health law's Medicaid expansion, it raised the chances for inequity at a time when more Americans have fallen from the middle class into poverty, said Isabel Sawhill, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

"Why should a sick person in Connecticut have access to health care when they don't in Mississippi and Texas?" Sawhill asked. "We really do have a very high level of poverty as a result of the recession. And the safety net is weaker than ever."

Medicaid, the nation's single largest insurer, is a state and federal program created in 1965 as a companion program to welfare cash assistance to single parents. Today, the elderly and disabled cost nearly 70 cents of every Medicaid dollar, not the stereotypical single mother and her children.

What's largely unknown to many Americans is who is left out of the safety net, said Cheryl Camillo, a senior researcher at Mathematica Policy Research. "A huge chunk of the populace is not covered, even by Medicaid," she said.

The political rhetoric during a presidential campaign focuses on the middle class and leaves the uninsured working poor largely invisible, said Rand Corp. researcher Dr. Art Kellermann.

"We hear a lot of talk about unemployment and the aspirations of middle-class Americans. But we don't hear about the consequences of unemployment and the consequences of the collapsing middle class," Kellermann said. Losing health insurance is one of those consequences.

"It's like the public just doesn't want to believe anything else until it hits home," he said, "Until it's their own child, brother or parent that got laid off when they were 58, until then, it's not real."

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DHS launches new immigration program

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WASHINGTON The Obama administration on Tuesday directed young illegal immigrants to fill out new forms and pay $465 if they want to apply under a new program that would let them avoid deportation and obtain a U.S. work permit.

The government renewed warnings that the process wouldn't lead to citizenship or give them permission to travel internationally. It will begin accepting immigrants' applications Wednesday.

The paperwork for the program, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, can be downloaded from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website, said the agency's director, Alejandro Mayorkas. Applicants must pay a $465 fee and provide proof of identity and eligibility.

Under guidelines that the administration announced Tuesday, the agency said proof of identity and eligibility under the program could include a passport or birth certificate, school transcripts, medical and financial records and military service records. DHS said that in some instances, multiple sworn affidavits, signed by a third party under penalty of perjury, could also be used.

With the start of the program nearing, immigrants have been working on getting their paperwork in order. Tuesday morning, 23-year-old Evelyn Medina, from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, was in line at that country's consulate in Washington about 6:30 a.m. to secure a passport. With her passport in hand, Medina was all smiles as she walked out of the building just before 2 p.m., saying "finally" as she clutched the document.

Medina said she has been in the United States for about 10 years and is currently a student at a Maryland college, hoping to eventually earn a master's degree and become a social worker.

She wasn't alone. Leonardo Irias Navas, head of the consular section at the Embassy of Honduras, said the number of people applying for passports has more than doubled in the last week.

A decision on each application could take several months, and immigrants have been warned not to leave the country while their application is pending. If they are allowed to stay in the United States and want to travel internationally, they will need to apply for permission to come back into the country, a request that would cost $360 more.

The administration announced the plan in June to stop deporting many illegal immigrants brought to the U.S. as children. To be eligible, immigrants must prove they arrived in the United States before they turned 16, are 30 or younger, have been living here at least five years, and are in school or graduated or served in the military. They also cannot have been convicted of certain crimes or otherwise pose a safety threat.

Mayorkas said being approved to avoid deportation "does not provide lawful status or a path to citizenship."

The announcement came just months before what is shaping up to be a tight contest for the White House. President Barack Obama has come under fire by Hispanic voters and others who have say he hasn't fulfilled a previous campaign promise to reform the nation's immigration laws. The policy change could stop deportations for more than a million young illegal immigrants who would have qualified for the failed DREAM Act, which Obama has supported in the past.

Critics of the program, including House Judiciary Committee Chairman Lamar Smith, R-Texas, have called the policy backdoor amnesty and say they worry about fraud.

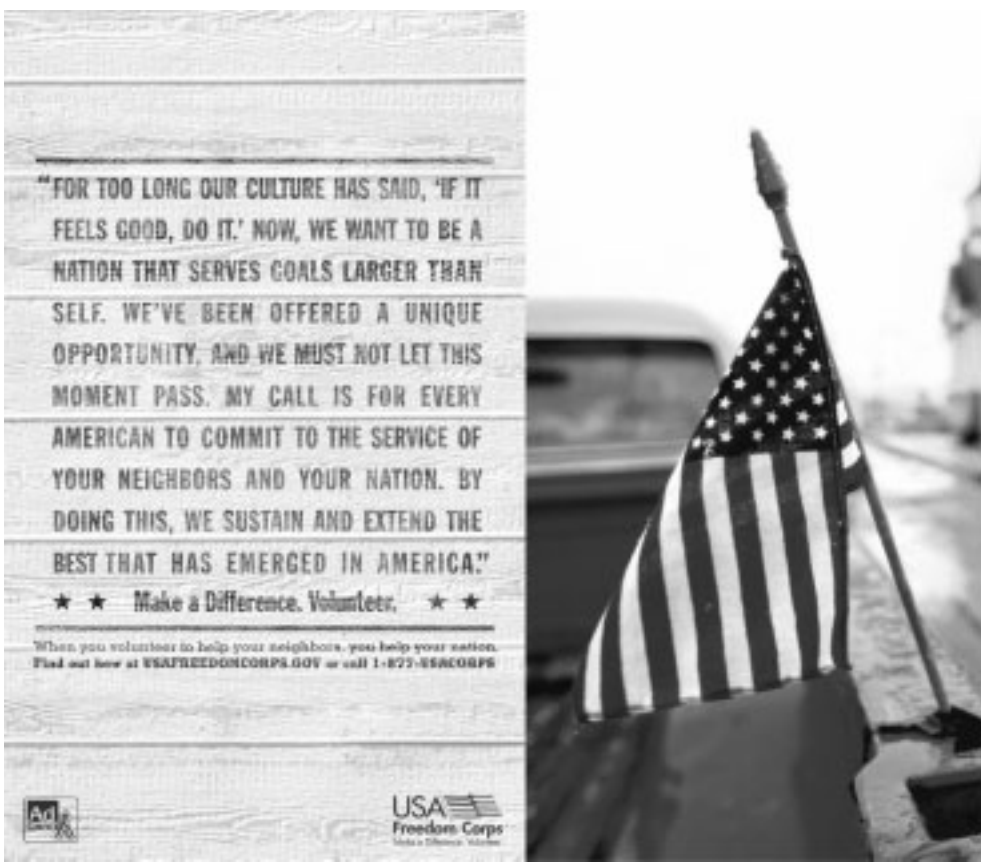
"While potentially millions of illegal immigrants will be permitted to compete with American workers for scarce jobs, there seems to be little if any mechanism in place for vetting fraudulent applications and documentation submitted by illegal immigrants," Smith said Tuesday.

DHS said anyone found to have committed fraud will be referred to federal immigration agents.

The Migration Policy Institute estimated last week that as many as 1.7 million people could be eligible to stay in the U.S. and legally work under the new policy.

DHS officials have repeatedly said the department doesn't have an estimate on how many people may apply. In an internal document outlining the program's implementation officials estimated about 1.04 million people would apply in the first year, and about 890,000 would be eligible.

The document, obtained by The Associated Press, estimated that the program could cost between $467.7 million and $585.4 million. The department anticipated collecting about $484.2 in fees.











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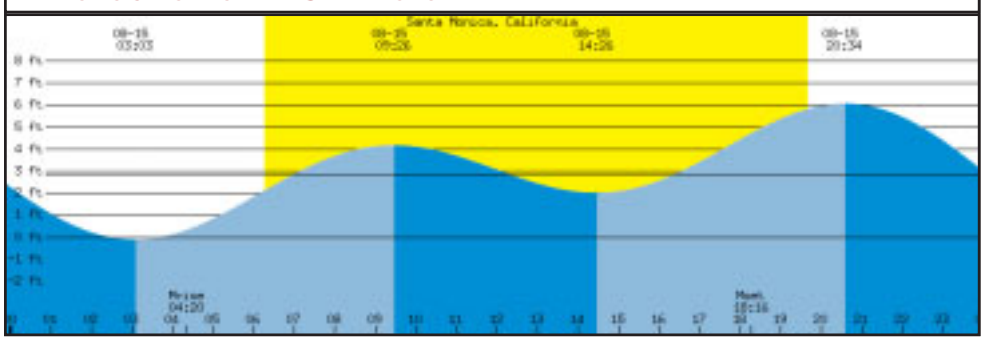
Swell Forecast

Looking more like a waist high day for south facing breaks, knee high at west facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Chest high at south facing breaks in the early morning with periods running 23 seconds at times as forerunners from the next swell come into SoCal, building throughout the day.

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 8, 2012**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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

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 Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Ben 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 (breach 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 19948 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 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	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 CBAW 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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Experts: Penn State warning is serious

KATHY MATHESON
Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA An accreditation warning issued to Penn State is serious and necessary given the issues raised by a recent child sex-abuse scandal, but the school is unlikely to lose the all-important designation, experts said Tuesday.

They also expect the university to comply quickly with demands to show that its governance, finances and integrity meet standards set by its accreditation agency, the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

"This is an entirely appropriate and anticipated action by Middle States given the strategic importance of voluntary peer review," said American Council on Education president Molly Corbett Broad. "It's really the basis on which public accountability is achieved in American higher education."

The Philadelphia-based Middle States Commission issued the warning last week based on the school's handling of molestation allegations against Jerry Sandusky, a former assistant football coach convicted in June of sexually abusing 10 boys.

Concerns include whether Penn State trustees provide sufficient oversight of the administration, the strength of the university's ethical standards and the school's compliance with government policies, such as those requiring campus crime reports, said Middle States spokesman Richard Pokrass.

The commission also wants the school to address its financial status in light of a $60 million penalty imposed by the NCAA and any lawsuits from Sandusky's victims.

Penn State must submit a report to the agency by Sept. 30. A small team of accreditors would then visit the school in State College.

"The university has been very cooperative," Pokrass said Tuesday. "The leadership of the university is aware of what the concerns are and have been taking very positive steps."

Penn State is now one of about 15 schools in the Mid-Atlantic region with a warning.

Most institutions work their way off warning status within a year to 18 months, Pokrass said. Those that don't are put on probation.

Schools lose accreditation after two years of noncompliance, starting with the warning. Students cannot use federal funds — including Pell grants and government loans — to attend unaccredited schools.

Penn State stressed that it remains accredited and that academic programs are not being questioned.

"This action has nothing to do with the quality of education our students receive," Blannie Bowen, vice provost for academic affairs, said in a statement.

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Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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High Heels, Low Tide (NR) 1hr 30min
7:30pm

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

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

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

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

The Campaign (R) 1hr 25min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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

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

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

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

The Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hr15 min PG13
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:20pm, 10:30pm

The Campaign (R) 1hr 25min
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The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hr 45min
11:20am, 2:50pm, 6:30pm, 10:10pm

The Odd Life Of Timothy Green (PG) 1hr 44min
11:00am,1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 1hr 58min
1:00pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

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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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Total Recall (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:50am, 3:00pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

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

Relax tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Deal with a personal matter. You easily could be overwhelmed by what is on your plate. A partner or close loved one could become withdrawn. You cannot change this person's mood -- only he or she can. Do not push so hard to get your way. Tonight: Let your inner child out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Important communication needs to take place in the morning. In the afternoon, you'll want to concentrate and could close the door if you are at the office. If you are retired, you might indulge in a lengthy nap. In any case, be sure to slow down. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Make sure you stay on top of your finances. They could go up and down rather quickly right now. By midday, you'll discover your voice and the power of your words once more. Know that you do not need to settle. You have a lot going for you. Tonight: Hang out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You flourish in the morning. You might even want to take off in the afternoon and do some shopping. Take time to browse around at a favorite store for a great card or gift to let someone know how much you care. Tonight: Indulge a little.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You feel empowered by midafternoon, though you might have had several difficult and challenging people to deal with prior to that. Problems and hassles wash over you like water. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. Be careful with your anger -- it could cause you to overspend or overindulge right now. Strong communication between you and someone else marks the afternoon. Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You could be oversensitive or difficult, even into the afternoon. You might not realize that you are testing your limits. You will find that you have a lot to smile about if you could just relax and be yourself. Tonight: Where the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Make an important call in the morning. What you did not count on is a brainstorming session emerging from an obstacle you encounter. Two minds work better than one, especially in this case. Accept responsibilities. Tonight: Could go into the wee hours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A close friend, loved one or associate demands a lot of your time and attention. Curb an element of frustration that could mount when in a meeting or while dealing with someone whose issues are stopping you from getting to a key call or conversation. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others seek you out in the morning. You might have a grumpy response like "I'm busy." In the afternoon, spend time working through an issue with someone who is instrumental to your work and/or well-being. Tonight: Spend quality time with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Throw yourself into your daily routine, and focus on clearing out as much as possible. By midday, others will seek you out, one after the other. Tonight: Break into more fun.

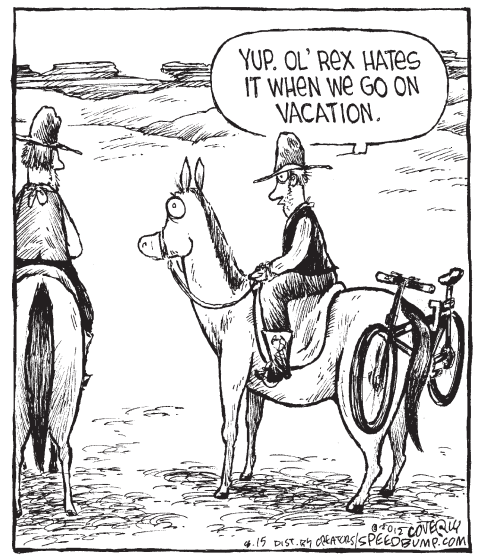
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your imagination assumes the lead, no matter what you do this morning. Maintain a sense of humor. You might be overserious in dealing with someone you perceive to be a difficult person. Treat him or her normally. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

Happy birthday

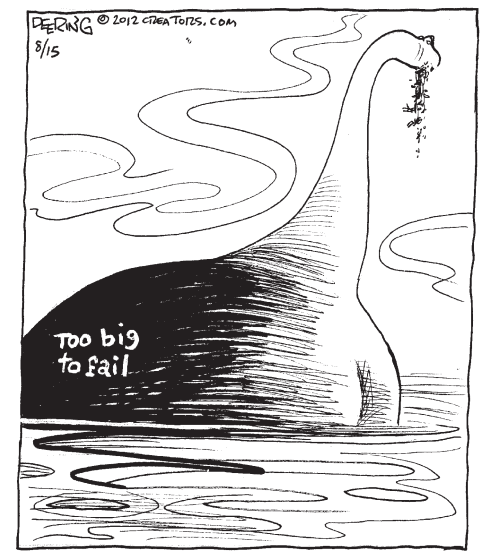
This year you could feel everything intensely -- more than you have in a long time. You also might tend to get angry far more easily. You might be dealing with a low-level depression. If so, make a point to see the appropriate person for help. Why carry around extra baggage if you don't need to? If you are single, screen the people you meet and take your time getting to know a potential suitor. Remember, time is your ally. If you are attached, the two of you need private time as a couple. CANCER makes a good healer for you.

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

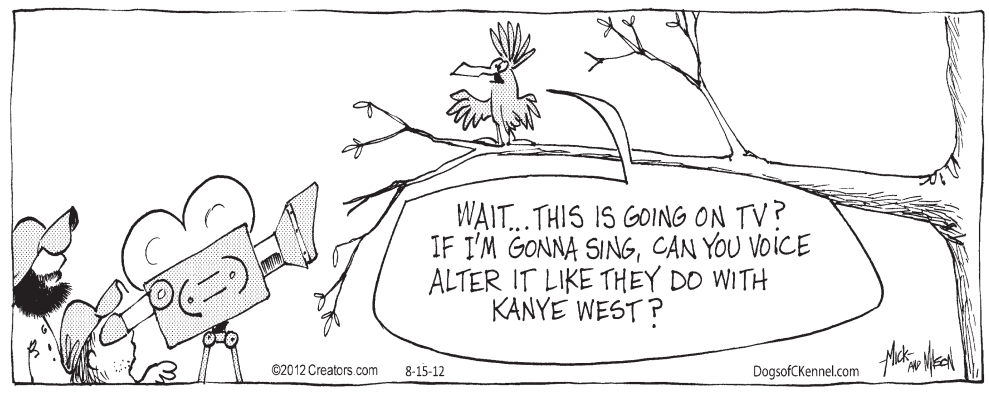
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By Dave Coverly



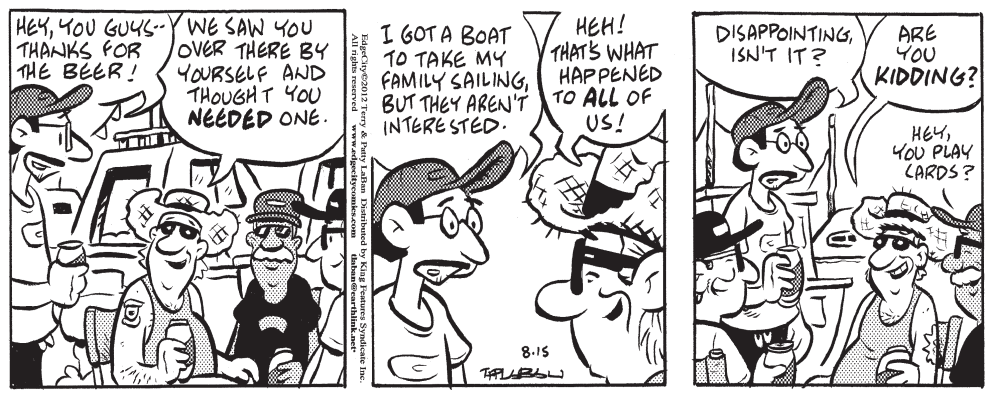
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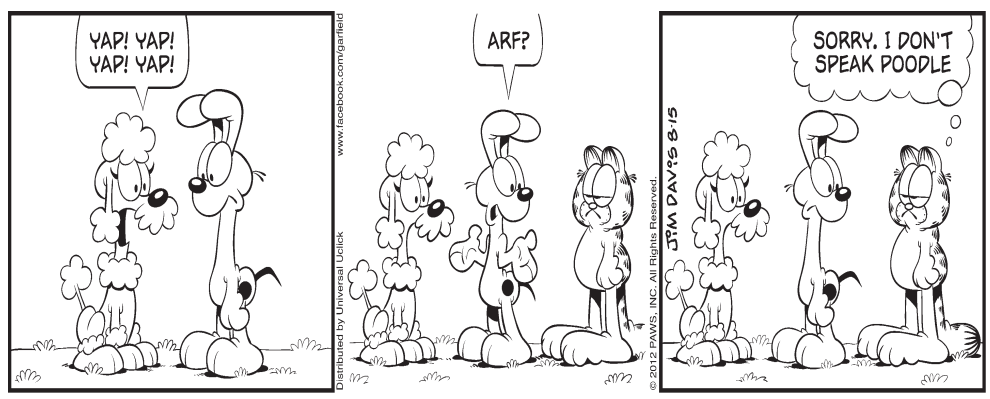
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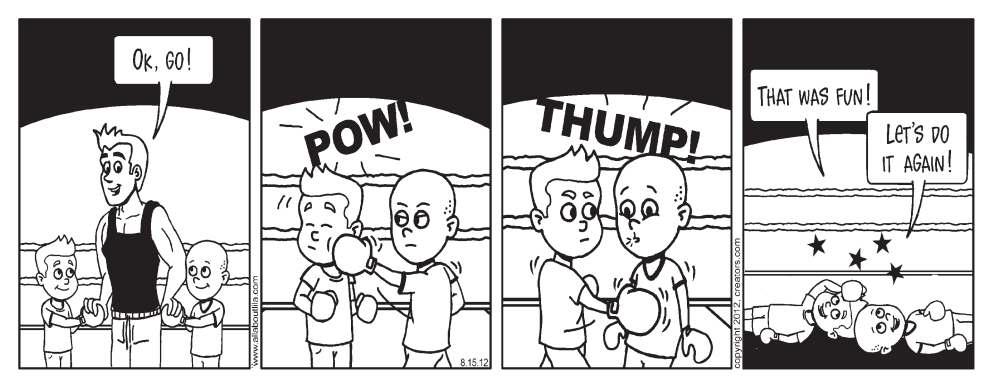
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By Jim Davis



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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

5	9	8	2	7	4	3	1	6
6	3	2	9	1	5	4	8	7
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Farm fodder
7 Toe the line
11 Wore away
12 Church part
13 Ness nemesis
14 Highlands group
15 Tiger type
17 Ear part
20 First letter
23 — nutshell
24 Party prop
26 Singer Tillis
27 Hydro-carbon suffix
28 Travel stop
29 Some dances
31 Recent: Prefix
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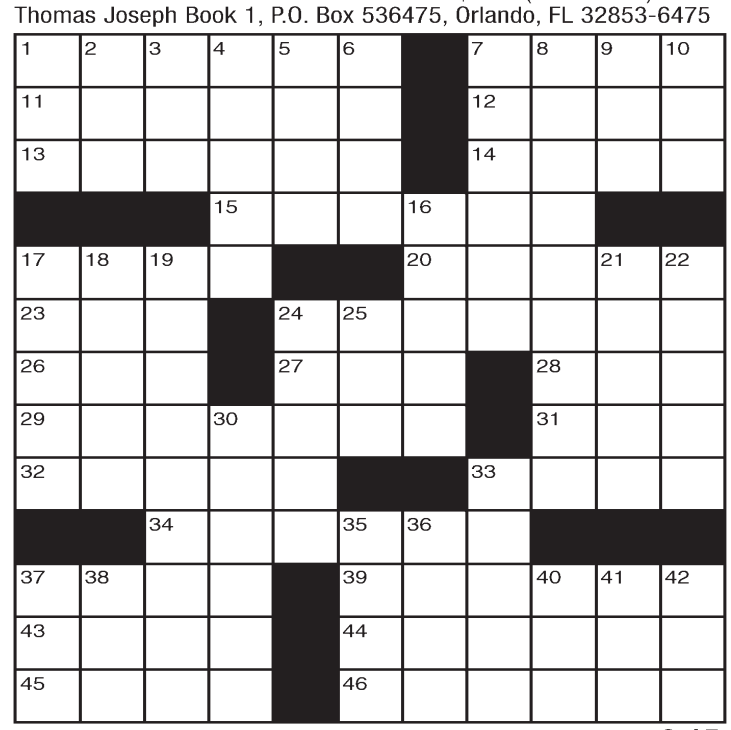
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17 Nest holders
18 — a time
19 Dance settings
21 Sharpens
22 Bother
24 Borscht base
25 Crumb carrier
30 Fencing moves
33 Key
35 Important times
36 Carryall
37 Tattoo setting
38 Sticky stuff
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Yesterday's answer

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10 18 36 38 44
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Jackpot: $36M

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

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/14
4 9 19 27 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/14
MIDDAY: 4 0 9
EVENING: 9 5 5

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 8/14
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 02 Lucky Star
RACE TIME: 1:49.19

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Officials organizing a show for high school girls in June in Sherbrooke, Quebec, signed up a 20-year-old apprentice hypnotist to perform, but by the end of his session, he had failed to bring all of the entranced girls out of their spells, including one who was so far under that the man had to summon his mentor from home (an hour's drive away) to come rescue her. The mentor, Richard Whitbread, quickly rehypnotized her and then snapped her out of it with a stern voice, according to a Canadian Broadcasting Corp. News report. He noted that his protege is a handsome young man, which might have unduly influenced the girls.

■ Awww, Mo-ther! Alleged drug dealer Jesus "Pepe" Fuentes, 37, was arrested in Chicago in May after his mother botched a heroin pickup for him. Fuentes, eager to catch a concert by the rapper Scarface, sent his mother instead to gather the 10-kilo drop. She collected the drugs, but the entire shipment was lost when she failed to use a turn signal and was stopped by police.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1961 - Conrad Schumann flees from East Germany while on duty guarding the construction of the Berlin Wall.

1962 - James Joseph Dresnok defects to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea after running across the Korean DMZ. Dresnok still resides in the capital, Pyongyang.

1963 - Execution of Henry John Burnett, the last man to be hanged in Scotland.

1963 - President Fulbert Youlou is overthrown in the Republic of Congo, after a three-day uprising in the capital.

1965 - The Beatles play to nearly 60,000 fans at Shea Stadium in New York City, in an event later seen as marking the birth of stadium rock.

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. SS022503 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of NICKO ANTON NATSIS for Change of Name TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: Petitioner or Attorney: NICKO ANTON NATSIS filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: NICKO ANTON NATSIS to NIKO ANTON NATSIS. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Notice of Hearing: Date: August 31, 2012 Time: 9:00am, Dept. A, Room 104 The address of the court is: 1726 Main St., Santa Monica, CA 90401 A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Santa Monica Daily Press. Date: JULY 20 2012 JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME Case No. SS02252 Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles Petition of CHARLES WILLIAM HERSEL for Change of Name

Name Changes

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: CHARLES WILLIAM HERSEL filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: CHARLES WILLIAM HERSEL to CHARLES WILLIAM RUSSELL. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
Notice of Hearing:
Date: Septemebr 07, 2012 Time: 9:00am, Dept. A, Room 104
The address of the court is: 1726 Min St., Santa Monica, CA 90401
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Date: JULY 26 2012
JOSEPH S. BIDERMAN, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012131265 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 06/28/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as PARAGON REALTY GROUP, PARAGON FINANCE, UNPACK PLUS. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: JULIE HA 3629 PUENTE AVE. BALDWIN, CA 91706. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:JULIE HA. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 06/28/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 07/25/2012, 08/01/2012, 08/08/2012, 08/15/2012.

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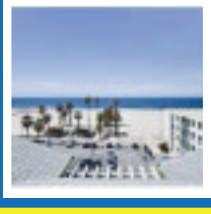




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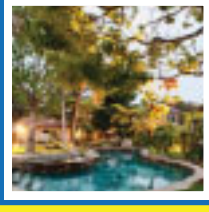
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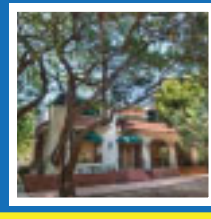
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