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THE FRIENDS FROM ABROAD ISSUE



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EWWWW: **A little girl is grossed out Thursday by the jelly fish display at the Heal the Bay Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.**

Danger beneath the waves

As incidents of stings rise, officials advise on how to stay safe in the water

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER This summer, Santa Monica Beach seems to be holding an unintentional reenactment of the classic horror movie "Jaws," but minus the Great White shark.

One by one, beachgoers are getting picked off by two denizens of the not-so-deep, as a proliferation of jelly fish and stingrays have led to uncommonly high rates of stings that have required emergency response.

Authorities only get called when the victim rates their pain as a seven on a scale of one to 10.

Since April 1, 18 victims, ranging in age from 6 to 58, have been on the receiving end of a stingray or jelly fish's wrath, and called it in to the Santa Monica Fire Department, said Capt. Mark Bridges.

That's compared to the six incidents seen in the same time span last year.

"It's really unusual," he said. "I feel like we've been getting a call on it every day."

Stingrays fall in the shark family, but they're considerably more docile than their more feared cousins.

They're thin and flat, and hide under the sand from predators like sharks and other rays, according to National Geographic.

The creatures usually arrive in the Santa Monica area around this time each year, said Vicki Wawerchak, director of the Heal the Bay Santa Monica Pier Aquarium.

"This just seems to be the season we see them," Wawerchak said. "They come to shore, usually a bit south of here."

The ones found in the Santa Monica Bay run around 22 inches across, similar to a large dinner plate, and only let loose the stinger when they're under duress.

"They have a barb on the end of their tails," Wawerchak said. "People

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Apple's new store wins approval

Dramatic design features striking curved glass ceiling

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL A certain item on the Planning Commission's Wednesday night calendar has been blowing up the blogosphere and

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Wall Street suffers another steep drop

STAN CHOE
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Just when Wall Street seemed to have settled down, a barrage of bad economic reports collided with fresh worries about European banks Thursday and triggered a global sell-off in stocks.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 419 points — a return to the wild swings that gripped the stock market last week.

Stocks were only part of a dramatic day across the financial markets. The price of oil fell more than $5, gold set another record, the government's 10-year Treasury note hit its lowest yield, and the average mortgage rate fell to its lowest in at least 40 years.

The selling began in Asia, where Japanese exports fell for a fifth straight month, and continued in Europe, where bank stocks were hammered because of worries about debt problems there, which have proved hard to contain.

On Wall Street, the losses wiped out much of the roughly 700 points that the Dow had gained over five days. Some investors who bought in the middle of last week decided to sell after they were confronted with a raft of bad news about the economy:

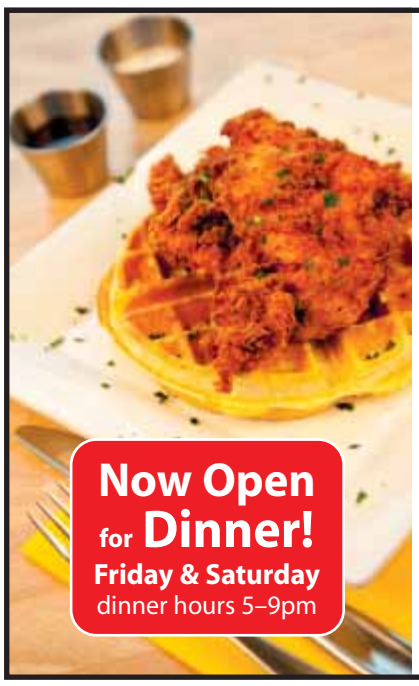
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Catch you on the 'shortboard' side
California Heritage Museum
2612 Main St.,
7 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
ShortBoard Revolution: Surf Design 1967-1984 kicks off at the California Heritage Museum. Ever wonder exactly what shapers, designers, artists and riders contributed to the creation of the "shortboard?" The exhibit, curated by Malibu surfer and original Z-Boy Nathan Pratt, answers all these question and more in its exploration of the history of the surfboard. Over 70 antique and rare boards will be on display. Blank surfboards will be worked on by several shapers throughout the course of the exhibit in the 1980s style "Shaping Room." The show runs until April 22. Cost: free. For more information call, (310) 392-8537.

Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011

Figaro, figaro, zarzuela
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
The Main Library hosts a Spanish operatic performance, known as a zarzuela, performed by the Pacific Lyric Association. This musical performance will feature classic songs from the zarzuela Luisa Fernanda and the American musical "West Side Story," among others. Free tickets will be available an hour before the program. First come, first served seating. For more information, (310) 458-8600.

Get an edge on the competition
Fairview Library
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College counselor Diana Hanson helps teens gear up for college application essays. This one-on-one workshop will give you the edge you need! Interested parties must register for the class in advance. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

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Couples can sign up for sessions to learn how to cook easy, tasty and authentic Mexican dishes. Border Grill Santa Monica's own Chef Alex Moreno will lead the class. Sample tastings and margaritas will be available. Cost: $90 per couple. For more information, call (310) 451-1655.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Meals on Wheels West expands number of spots

Meals on Wheels West, a nonprofit organization that provides two meals a day, seven days a week to those who cannot easily leave their homes, now has 25 spots available on its route.

The organization hopes to observe the upcoming National Senior Citizens Holiday on Aug. 21 by increasing awareness about their organization, according to a statement released on Monday.

"Meals are about $6 per day, but no one is ever turned away for inability to pay," said the statement.

For more information, visit www.mealsonwheelswest.org, or call (310) 394-5133

SERLI POLATOGLU

GOP lawmakers break ranks, release budgets

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Three Republican lawmakers broke ranks with legislative leaders and released their complete office budgets, defying a committee controlled by the Assembly speaker that has said such documents are not public records.

Freshmen GOP lawmakers Shannon Grove of Bakersfield, Tim Donnelly of Twin Peaks, and Kristin Olsen of Modesto released their office spending records to The Associated Press because they said such records should be open.

"I'm just doing what I feel in my heart is right, just trying to make sure the public is getting what they're supposed to be getting. It's their money," Grove said Thursday. "I would hope that the entire Assembly would do the same."

A feud over access to the budgets has embroiled members of the state Assembly and shined a light on the Legislature's long-standing, secretive practices.

The three members of the minority party who released their records spent less than $400,000 each, not including their pay. The figures are modest compared with the budgets of Democrats and more senior lawmak-

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WAY UP THERE

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

The Dream youth soccer team waves to a delegation from Fujinomiya, Japan, aboard a Santa Monica Fire Department ladder truck Thursday in front of City Hall. Fujinomiya is one of Santa Monica's sister cities. The visit included nearly 50 residents and delegates from Japan.

Sheriff's Department eyed in bias case

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The Department of Justice is investigating the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department over allegations that deputies discriminated against subsidized housing residents, officials said Thursday.

Justice officials launched the probe into the nation's largest sheriff's department after minority residents in Lancaster and Palmdale complained of discriminatory practices, sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said.

In June, black and Latino families filed a racial discrimination lawsuit against Lancaster and Palmdale, claiming the cities tried to prevent them from using federal housing vouchers.

The lawsuit does not name the sheriff's department as a defendant but alleges that deputies conducted sweeps against residents and intimidated them. The sheriff's department provides police services for the two cities, which do not have their own police departments.

Sheriff Lee Baca welcomed the investigation and was confident any problems already have been resolved because he had worked with an independent oversight agency to address the issue, Whitmore said.

"Apart from that it appears to be perhaps a waste of money, the sheriff doesn't mind this at all and we are going to fully cooperate," Whitmore said.

A call to Michael Gennaco, who heads the Office of Independent Review, an oversight panel, was not immediately returned.

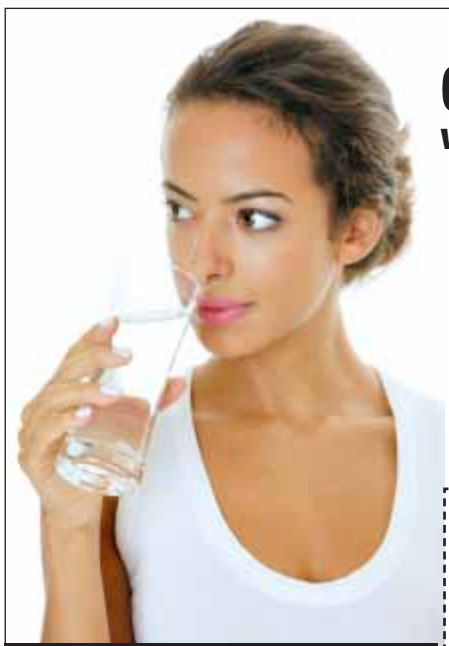
The Department of Justice planned to announce more details of the probe at a news conference Friday. Officials were not available after hours to provide further details of the case.

If federal officials find any problematic patterns, it could lead to a court-mandated consent decree that would require the Sheriff's Department to adopt changes.

A July 2010 report by the Police Assessment Resource Center found a "seemingly overzealous" use of obstruction charges to arrest black people in the Lancaster area. The same report also found deputies were more likely use force used against minorities during an obstruction arrest than against whites.

Lancaster and Palmdale are cities in the high desert region in north Los Angeles County.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Uniter, not a divider

Editor:

Re: Ron Lowe's Letter to the Editor published Aug. 18, 2011, "Tea Party terrorists."

There's so much wrong with Ron Lowe's recent rant against the Tea Party that it's hard to know where to start. First, after the Gabrielle Giffords shooting Obama asked everyone to tone down the rhetoric. Yet, many Democrats like Ron in his letter, continue to call those they don't agree with "terrorists" and say the Tea Party has waged "jihad." Not true. Not cool. The president you love said don't do it. So knock it off.

And what has Ron so worked up? The Tea Party's desire that the United States reduce its $14 trillion deficit. Ron thinks "their intransigent demands for deep spending cuts were incredibly irresponsible," yet when the deal was finally announced the stock market went down because Wall Street thought the cuts were not deep enough and Standard & Poor's for the first time since the depression downgraded our credit because again they didn't think the cuts were deep enough.

Even the president has appointed a commission to study further cuts. We can see even Obama knows the cuts aren't enough. One needs only to look to Europe to see our future if we don't take these cuts seriously. The European Union has had to bail out Greece, Portugal, Spain and now Italy to some extent because of governmental overspending and out of control entitlements.

Look Ron, let's take the party politics and the schoolyard insults out of the equation. The bottom line that I think we can all agree on is that our government owes too much money and it takes in less than it pays out. Consequently if we don't make some hard cuts now we will have to make harder and larger cuts later. Who got us into this problem?

Again, I think we can honestly agree that it was both political parties. It wasn't just Bush and it wasn't just Obama. It takes a long time to get in as much debt as we are in right now. And you know who else is to blame? All of us because if we are told we will get free health care or bigger retirement or better college loans or whatever, we take it, not realizing it comes from someone else's hard earned tax payments. Nobody's taxes should be raised until everyone is paying something.

It's time Ron to stop writing letters that divide and realize now is the time to come together. Our country is a massively out of control spending addict. The Tea Party called the intervention and now it's time for its good citizens to tell our governmental leaders that the party's over and they have to clean up their act before they do irreparable harm to themselves and the rest of us.

Eric Cooper
Santa Monica



SMDP EDITORIALS

Downtown SM parking district needs an overhaul

Imagine you've recently moved into a beautiful new studio apartment located just steps from Santa Monica Place and the Third Street Promenade. Hip boutiques and gourmet restaurants are just outside your doorstep, and the world-famous Santa Monica Pier and beaches are easily accessible by foot, bicycle or skateboard.

Now imagine living there without a dedicated parking space in your building, making those runs to Whole Foods or Ikea that much more difficult. Would you still want to live there? While New Yorkers may deal with this daily, having to park blocks away from one's home may come as a shock to Santa Monicans, who despite striving to live green lifestyles cannot help but be influenced by, and perhaps even a little addicted to, Southern California's car culture. It's going to be a tough sell, even after the Exposition Light Rail Line arrives at Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue.

But that's the reality facing the developer of a five-story housing project with 56 units and approximately 10,000 square feet of commercial space at the corner of Fourth and Broadway where Grigsby Automotive now sits.

According to the architect and the developer's lawyers, the site is too narrow to include parking (one architect unaffiliated with the project said 20 spaces could fit), and it is located next to an historic building, preventing an expanded footprint to include a subterranean garage. The developer would have liked to have included parking, realizing it's easier to lease apartments with spaces available. But that doesn't matter since the project is located in the archaic Downtown Parking Assessment District. Developers with projects located within the district do not have to provide parking under the law — regardless if the project is commercial or residential.

The district, which stretches from the alley east of Ocean Avenue to the alley east of Fourth Street, and from Broadway to Wilshire Boulevard, was created long before the Third Street Promenade when parking demand was much lower and the types of businesses present attracted fewer visitors. While that may have been a good idea decades ago, the district has no place in today's environment (developers within the district almost always choose to build parking because they realize without it they will have trouble filling offices and apartments). The district needs to be abolished as city planners and community members meet over the next few months to create a Downtown Specific Plan, which will dictate development and impact traffic and parking.

There's already a lack of parking permits available to Downtown residents and employees, and with the rebuilding of Parking Structure 6 and the elimination of Parking Structure 3 (to be replaced by a movie theater), the need is only expected to increase. We cannot have residential or commercial projects in Downtown without some parking being made available. To give people an exemption is ludicrous.

It's also critical to conduct a thorough examination of parking demand and availability in Downtown moving forward so that the correct number of spaces can be built. We don't want structures cluttering the streetscape if they are not needed, and we certainly don't want to fall into the trap of light rail being the panacea for our parking woes, because it's not. Light rail will help, but most people still rely on cars for the majority of their trips.

The developer of the Grigsby's project is trying to work out long-term deals with the property managers of nearby housing developments to lease excess parking. City Hall is encouraging more of this and Downtown Santa Monica Inc., which oversees and markets the area, has reached out to private businesses to see if they would be willing on weekends to open their garages to visitors and employees. This is a good first step. That, coupled with a thorough parking demand study, will help us determine our true parking needs and could reduce requirements for future projects, saving both the developer and future tenants cash. After all, parking is expensive and if it isn't needed, why build it? But you have to determine the need first before letting developers off the hook or creating hardships for those brave enough to create a residential community Downtown, which is the City Council's vision.

Spending priorities out of whack?

School district officials and education boosters received some mixed news this week with the release of standardized test scores. While overall scores for public school students here improved in every subject area of the STAR exams, the data shows an achievement gap still exists between Asian and Caucasian students and their black and Latino counterparts.

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has enacted programs to close the achievement gap, including those that target students falling behind or at risk of dropping out — AVID, Connect For Success, and Young Collegians, to name a few — but it's clear that more needs to be done.

As more funding from the state is taken away from schools, it begs the question, are we spending too much money on extracurricular activities and not enough on core educational programs? When boosters organized to raise funds as part of the Save Our Schools campaign, closing the achievement gap didn't seem to be high on the list of reasons to donate. It was all about saving the arts, sports programs and teaching positions.

It's time to reexamine spending priorities. While it's nice to have students win awards for playing music, or for scoring touchdowns, if 28 percent of Latino 11th graders and 50 percent of black 11th graders do not have a basic understanding of English, those accolades lose their luster. Not every student is destined for a university, but they still need a basic understanding of two key subject areas that will help them later in life.

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Don't support McCourt

FRANK MCCOURT, THE DODGERS OWNER, hopefully only temporarily, is the most reviled man in Los Angeles. (A title formerly held by O.J. Simpson.) McCourt earned this distinction by pillaging the storied Dodger franchise to support his and his wife Jamie's opulent lifestyle. (Seven houses? Buy another house rather than drive ten more minutes?)

This sad saga is somehow reminiscent of "Whitey" Bulger, the legendary crime boss who was arrested in Santa Monica two months ago on 19 counts of murder. (Is that all?) Here's my connection. What Frank has done to the Dodgers is criminal. Whitey is in fact a criminal. Both men are from Boston. To paraphrase Robert DeNiro, "I'm not saying nothin', I'm just saying."

Looking back, Los Angeles was a very different city before the Dodgers arrived in 1958. To appreciate this you'd have to have seen the L.A. skyline. Actually there wasn't one. The only skyscraper was City Hall, completed in 1928. Compared to New York City, Chicago or even Philadelphia, L.A. was something of a small town. (Except for our traffic congestion, that is.)

During the past 50 years, L.A. has become a world famous metropolis. The Dodgers, who have won five World Series, have helped, albeit in a small way. And it's been a beautiful love affair between Angelenos and the Dodgers. Now, however, in the bitter McCourt divorce, the fans have become the abused children and Frank is the deadbeat dad.

How loyal are Dodger fans? In 1978 the Dodgers were the first team to attract more than 3 million spectators in a season. And we accomplished that feat six more times, before any other franchise did it once.

In fact, the Dodgers have drawn over 3 million fans for the past 15 seasons, the longest streak in the MLB. (Fittingly, this year the Dodgers will likely draw 2.3 million and are lucky to get that.) During McCourt's ownership, the Dodgers set a record for single-season attendance, 3.8 million in 2007. And how has Frank treated the loyal, dedicated fans? Two words: like chumps.

To be fair, in the seven years of McCourt's ownership, the Dodgers have made the postseason four times. But, to be real, the Dodgers are eleven games under .500, practically in the cellar of the Western Division, and stuck in bankruptcy court with no end in sight. It's there that legal documents have revealed a great deal about Frank's integrity, or lack thereof.

When Frank and Jamie bought the Dodgers from Fox in 2004 they didn't use a penny of their own money. (A red flag, folks.) Then they proceeded to fleece the team's financial coffers as they used the Dodgers as their own personal ATM.

Instead of pitchers, they bought houses. Instead of a power hitter, they paid lawyers. (Their divorce may cost an estimated $35,000,000!) And everyone says there's nothing we can do about it. Well, to paraphrase Howard Beale in "Network," "We're mad as hell and we're not going to take it anymore!"

I realize that for true-blue Dodger fans what I'm about to suggest won't be easy. To collectively force Frank to sell the team, here's what we ought to do, ASAP.

Number one, don't buy a single ticket to any remaining games this season. I know it's tempting because the stadium is half empty and one can easily sneak into premium seats. But I plead with you, don't give Frank another dime of your hard earned money. He doesn't deserve it.

Number two, don't go to a Dodger game, even if someone offers free tickets. Be strong, resist the temptation. Now that I think of it, maybe we should have Dodger Anonymous 12 step programs. We could call them D.A. for Dodgers Anonymous. "Hello, I'm Jack and I'm a Dodgerholic."

Number three, be careful about watching the Dodgers on TV. If you miss the boys in blue (although aside from Matt Kemp and Clayton Kershaw, there's not much to miss), you can listen on radio. And you can watch on TV, but only if you are not a Nielsen family, because ratings mean money funneled into Frank's greedy little hands. (Speaking of Nielsen, have you ever met a family with a Nielsen box?)

Number four, for those so steamed about Frank McCourt they need to vent, I've set up a Facebook page entitled "Don't Support McCourt." (What a coincidence!) Actually if you just type the word "Don't" the page comes up.

So please go to the webpage and feel free to share any and all thoughts and get your friends to do so as well. All I ask is that you be polite. For example, someone posted that Frank's facial features, squinty eyes and furtive glances, make him look like a weasel. I think that's uncalled for and warrants an apology … to weasels.

When **JACK** isn't busy at Facebook collecting members for "Don't Support McCourt," he can be reached at Jnsmdp@aol.com.

The Q Line

Up and down

The stock market was a wild ride last week with big losses and subsequent steep gains. Who knows what this week will bring.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Does this market volatility change your mind about investing or are you still in for the long haul?

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Chefs dish on unusual market finds

MICHELE KAYAL
For The Associated Press

Katsuya Fukushima is used to working with unusual ingredients, using liquid nitrogen or high-tech whipping canisters to make "snow" or "air" from otherwise solid ingredients.

But when he came across a long-stemmed plant with scalloped leaves at his local farmers market, he was stymied.

"I had no idea what it was," Fukushima — who at the time was chef de cuisine at Jose Andres' cutting edge minibar restaurant — said of finding what turned out to be the herb known as stevia. Stevia most often is seen in powdered form and used as a sweetener. "The farmer let me taste it and it was super sweet, but it was a leaf. Something that tiny and that sweet was very exciting. It was a great discovery."

So he laced it with fresh mint and balanced it with tangy yogurt for a dessert at minibar. Now he is considering a salad of sweet stevia and bitter arugula for Rabbit, the Arlington, Va., restaurant where he is consulting chef.

Farmers markets have grown like tomatoes in summer during the last five years, with an increasingly food savvy public pushing their numbers up more than 60 percent to 7,175 today. But after the spring onions, snap peas and new potatoes, many consumers — and even some chefs — find items that leave them baffled. What do the pros do with their enticing yet exotic finds?

Andy Ricker, who won the 2011 James Beard award for best chef in the Northwest, shops the stalls of Hmong farmers at his Portland, Ore., market to find fiddlehead ferns, vegetables like "phak khanaa" or Chinese broccoli, exotic, untranslatable herbs and crucial ingredients like cilantro root for the innovative Asian cuisine he turns out at his restaurant Pok Pok.

Foraged mushrooms and turkey eggs were recent finds for Nicholas Stefanelli, executive chef at Bibiana in Washington, D.C., but he also recalls stumbling on wormwood, the legendary ingredient in absinthe liqueur. He'd had high hopes for that.

"It didn't have the flavor I thought it was going to have," he says about the bushy blue-green shrub. "I thought it would be anise, but it was herbaceous. It was a little woodsy." He tried making tea from the leaves and using its branches for smoked meats, but he never found a place for the flavor on his menu.

At Lantern Restaurant in Chapel Hill, N.C., Andrea Reusing has been using horseradish leaves in a beef sashimi, treating the tender young shoots like shiso, the Japanese basil often used in sushi. Fresh green coriander seeds — brought to market by farmers whose plants are going to seed — lend a lemony, peppery tang to cubed, raw salmon. And fresh fig leaves offer a perfumed accent to grilled chicken or mullet.

The curly little tails her pig farmers bring get braised, then grilled with a five-spice barbecue sauce.

"If people are doing meat, often they have odd parts of animals in their coolers," she says. "The meat is very succulent, like on a rib."

Like many home cooks, chefs also look to farmers markets for the freshest ingredients and for a greater variety than they might get from purveyors or supermarkets.

"I'm not into searching out strange things," says Daniel Giusti, executive chef at 1789 in Washington, D.C., and a self-professed "psycho" about onions. "I really like to find what's good and what makes sense to me. Those are the things I want to buy a ton of."

Spring onions, candy onions, torpedo onions (like a shallot), Giusti finds a way to feature them all on his menu, he says, using even the tops as crunchy garnish on items like creamy Vidalia soup.

During the summer, Little Rock chef Lee Richardson from Ashley's in the Capital Hotel, who recently won Food & Wine magazine's award for People's Best New Chef in the Midwest, buys purple-hulled peas by the bushel at local markets, incorporating the mahogany-centered legumes into side-dishes, salads, even — remember, this is Arkansas — deep frying them.

"They're an amazing bar snack," he says, adding that he sprinkles them with salt and cayenne pepper. "They're really addictive."

Cookbook writer Deborah Madison was excited to find quinoa leaves at her local Santa Fe farmers market. But she says she's even more encouraged to see lots of different grains — wheat, cornmeal, organic rice, and so-called ancient grains — being showcased at markets around the country.

"I've got my feelers out for grains and things that we've taken for granted as just part of the supermarket landscape," says Madison, who has written 11 cookbooks, including "Local Flavors: Cooking and Eating from America's Farmers' Markets." "We don't think, 'Wow, someone can actually grow these things.' And maybe they do an old variety and they do it on a stone mill. And those things really make a difference in the flavor of your food."

Like many home cooks, chefs say they also appreciate the one-on-one relationship they develop with farmers by browsing the market, asking questions and seeing their growers face-to-face each week.

"You find you get a lot more of the hidden treasures," Bibiana's Stefanelli says. "They might only have two quarts of figs and they save them for customers who come buy from them every week."

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CRIME WATCH
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Alleged hate crime committed in Palisades Park

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SUNDAY, AUG. 14, AT 3:25 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 500 block of Ocean Avenue regarding a report of an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim, who was being treated by Santa Monica Fire Department paramedics for a large laceration to his head. The victim, a security guard for a business on Ocean Avenue, told police that he arrived for work by bus earlier than usual and decided to take a walk in Palisades Park before starting his shift. While in the park, he said that he was surrounded by three guys and a woman who tried to take his backpack. When he resisted, the woman allegedly handed an empty rum bottle to one of men, who hit the victim over the heard with it, causing the laceration. As the four ran away — without the backpack — the victim said he heard them yell "White Power." The suspects were said to be Caucasian. The victim is Hispanic. Officers detained the female suspect and the empty bottle she was carrying. The three male suspects were not located. The woman was booked for attempted robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, conspiracy, and allegedly committing a hate crime. She was identified as Valerie Elizabeth Zaragoza, 28, of Bakersfield, Calif.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13, AT 11:51 P.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Stanford Street in response to reports of a strong arm robbery that just occurred. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the victim who said that earlier that night he met a woman at a local bar who invited him back to her motel to have sex in exchange for money. After 90 minutes inside the room, the victim left to go home when he was confronted by a suspect who demanded his money. The victim shook off the suspect, but they met again in the street. The suspect again asked for the victim's money, which the victim proceeded to give him. Then, the victim called the police. When officers arrived on the scene and were interviewing the victim, the suspect emerged from the motel and was subsequently detained after trying to run away. The suspect said he acted as security for the female, and only collected money from the victim after she said she was not paid for her companionship. The female suspect was also detained after she tried to flee the motel. Both suspects were placed under arrest and transported to the Santa Monica Jail where they were booked for robbery. The investigation is ongoing. The male suspect is Marquin Garrison, 40, of Moreno Valley, Calif., and the female suspect is Minako St. Mary, 42, of Los Angeles. Their bails were set at $50,000 and $20,000, respectively.

SATURDAY, AUG. 13, AT 8:50 P.M.,
Officers with the Crime Impact Team were conducting a surveillance operation in the 1000 block of Ashland Avenue when they heard a noise come from behind them. The officers, who were in full uniform, illuminated the area and saw a male suspect trying to force open an apartment window. Upon discovery, the suspect fled to an adjoining backyard, trapping himself. The suspect was detained without incident, but allegedly provided false statements to the officers and was ultimately arrested for burglary. The suspect was transported to the Santa Monica Jail and was identified as Raul Rodriguez, 34, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at $50,000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, AT 5:47 P.M.,
Officers arrived at the 2600 block of the beach in response to lifeguards reporting that they were detaining a suspect for stealing a cell phone. Upon arrival, officers spoke with the lifeguard who saw the suspect walk up to a blanket and purse on the beach and begin looking through the property, and placing several items from inside the purse in his pocket. The victims, tourists from Canada, had seen the suspect stealing from them after exiting the water. With the help of the lifeguard, the suspect was detained and the property, a cell phone and camera, was recovered when officers arrived. The victims did not wish to pursue prosecution, as they would not be in the county for court and their property was returned. The suspect was also found to be in possession of a cell phone that was stolen from another lifeguard earlier in the day. The suspect was arrested for receiving stolen property and transported to Santa Monica Jail. The suspect, Roy Wayne Elder, 46, of Santa Monica, had his bail set at $60,000.

THURSDAY, AUG. 11, AT 2:04 A.M.,
Officers arrived at the 1900 block of Delaware Avenue in response to a report of vandalism on the street and someone being chased from the area. Upon arrival, officers noted a burgundy Honda with all its windows smashed out. Officers contacted the victims, two sisters who had gotten into an argument with the suspect at a party that they had thrown earlier. The victims said they pepper sprayed the suspect, who then ran home. The suspect allegedly returned and used a baseball bat to break the windows of the victims' vehicle. Officers contacted the suspect who confirmed much of the incident and provided the police with the baseball bat allegedly used. The suspect, Joey Bravo, 18, of Santa Monica, was transported to Santa Monica Jail and booked for vandalism. His bail was set at $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10, AT 12:33 A.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Colorado and Ocean avenues after receiving a report of Lowe's Hotel personnel chasing a burglary suspect. Officers detained a suspect matching the description they had been given and detained him. When an officer contacted the victims, they explained that they were asleep in their hotel room when the victim awoke screaming at the sight of a male standing over her suitcase. Her husband awoke and chased the suspect from the room. Hotel security pursued the suspect as he fled the location until police detained him. The suspect was arrested for burglary. Ronald Ray Thomas, 61, of Los Angeles, was transported to Santa Monica Jail and his bail was set at $20,000.

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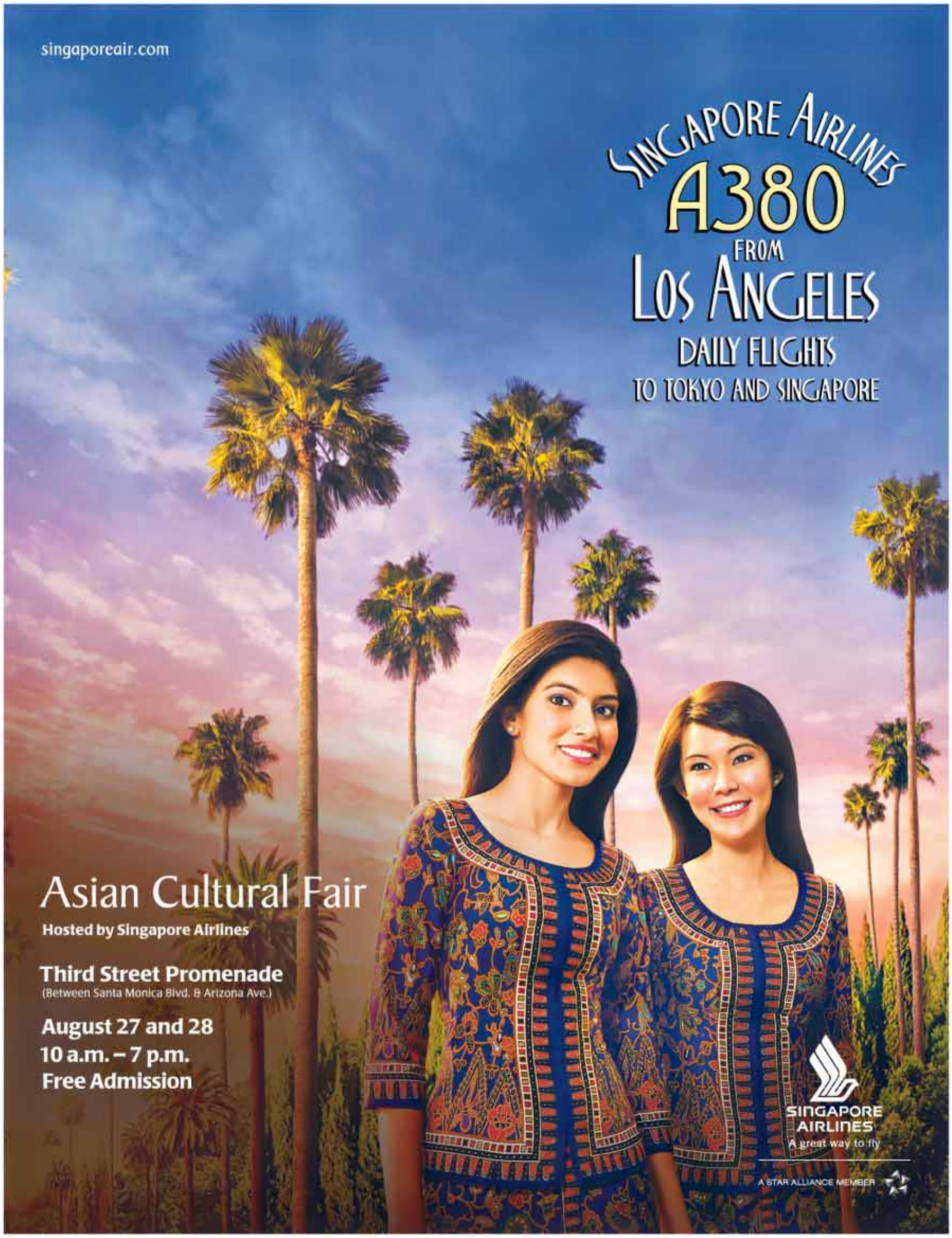
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• More people joined the unemployment line last week than at any time in the past month. The number of people filing claims for unemployment benefits rose to 408,000, or 9,000 more than the week before.

• Inflation at the consumer level in July was the highest since March. More expensive gas, food, clothes and other necessities are squeezing household budgets at a time when most people aren't getting raises.

• Sales of previously occupied homes fell in July for the third time in four months — more trouble for a housing market that can't seem to turn itself around. This year is on pace to be the worst since 1997 for home sales.

• Manufacturing has sharply weakened in the mid-Atlantic states, according to a report from the Federal Reserve. Manufacturing has been one of the strongest parts of the economy since the recession ended in 2009, but its growth has slowed this year.

The manufacturing news was especially bleak on an already bad day, said Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at brokerage BTIG. He called the Fed report "an atrocious set of numbers."

"That really set the market on its head," he said.

Wall Street and other financial markets have wrestled for several weeks with fears that a new recession might be in the offing. Morgan Stanley economists said in a report Thursday that the U.S. and Europe are "dangerously close to recession."

"It won't take much in the form of additional shocks to tip the balance," they wrote.

Worries about European debt also hang over the market. A default by any country would hurt the European banks that hold its bonds, plus American banks that have lent to their European counterparts.

Renewing the fears, The Wall Street Journal reported Thursday that U.S. regulators are looking at the U.S. arms of big European banks to make sure they have enough money for day-to-day operations.

"I don't want to pretend that the market knows what it's thinking about too much," said David Kelly, chief market strategist at JPMorgan Funds. "We live in an environment of sell now and ask questions later."

Asian markets started Thursday's drop. Japan's Nikkei 225 index fell 1.3 percent. The main stock indexes in South Korea and India each dropped a little more, then Europe more than that — 4.5 percent in Britain and 5.8 percent in Germany.

In the United States, the Dow fell 419.63 points, or 3.7 percent, to 10,990.58. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 53.24, or 4.5 percent, to 1,140.65. The Nasdaq composite fell 131.05, or 5.2 percent, to 2,380.43.

The cycle of selling picked up again early Friday in Asia, with the Nikkei off another 2 percent.

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Forming a new business is a challenging and exciting process. Putting the time and effort into the formation process will help set the tone for a sustainable and prosperous business. Below is a brief list of some of the first steps you will need to take, from a legal perspective, in order to start off right.

CREATE YOUR BUSINESS PLAN

The first step in creating your new business is often to compile all of your ideas and goals into one comprehensive business plan. Your plan is a unique roadmap that will help guide you in forming and running your company during those first critical years. Sections that you may want to include are: the business purpose, marketing plan, an analysis of the competition, operating procedures, employment needs, insurance needs, financial data including a balance sheet, pro-forma income projection, and a three-year operating budget, and copies of all documents that you create during the start-up phase such as your licenses, articles of incorporation, and bylaws.

DEVELOP POLICIES

The beginning stage of any organization is a critical time to develop policies that the organization will utilize in its decision making process. Policies should include: conflict of interest, employment, director and officer compensation, ideological or social entrepreneurial values, organizational ownership and management.

INCORPORATE

The first step in this process is deciding upon a name for the business and performing a name availability search to ensure that the name is not already in use in the location where you will be operating. Secondly, the business will need to determine what type of entity to form – whether it's a corporation, LLC, PC, LLP, L3C, Benefit Corporation, sole proprietorship or partnership. Choosing the type of entity will depend upon the purpose of the organization and the tax and legal status of its owners and stakeholders. Once the entity type is chosen, the next step is to draft, ratify and file the appropriate documents with state and local agencies and draft either Bylaws or an Operating Agreement.

PROTECT YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In a competitive world, it is important to assess whether it is necessary to protect your brand and products with trademarks, copyrights or patents. It is also important to ensure that your new business does not infringe upon other companies protected rights.

ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LAWS

Finally, your new business will need to ensure that it is in compliance with all applicable laws including: employment, wage and hour laws, licensing requirements, zoning regulations, tax reporting and withholding laws.

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HIDING AWAY: **A stingray buries itself in the sand Thursday as one of his tank mates swims by at the Heal the Bay Santa Monica Pier Aquarium. Officials say stings are up at the beach.**

STINGS

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step on it, and the barb goes right into their foot, ankle or bottom of the leg, depending on the height."

The stinger is ridged, with over a dozen little barbs that go in smoothly, but cause a lot of damage on the way out, said Capt. Dennis Morales. Morales works for the Los Angeles County Fire Department Lifeguards, and has had to deal with his fair share of stingray and jelly fish induced wounds.

The creatures come equipped not only with a stinger, but with venom that they then pump into the wound left by their defensive assault.

"It can be very painful," Morales said. "In order to break it down, the only remedy is hot water … as hot as you can handle it."

The best way to avoid stingrays is to, literally, do the shuffle.

Rather than walking normally on the ocean floor, beachgoers would do well to shuffle their feet forward as though they were on skis. The idea is that the stingray has time to see the foot coming and flee, rather than be surprised when one lands on it and attack.

Although creatures that cause painful lesions generally do not get a lot of love, stingrays earned a particularly bad reputation after the 2006 death of Steve Irwin, a naturalist commonly known as the Crocodile Hunter.

Irwin was stabbed in the heart by a large stingray in what those familiar with the creatures call "a freak accident."

"That was really random, a totally bizarre case," Wawerchak said.

Similar to the stingrays, jelly fish float through the ocean carried by the waves.

"It's not like they're swimming toward us, or anything," Wawerchak said.

Either way, brushing up against a jelly fish can feel like an attack. The animals have venom stored in sacks on their wavy legs that can cause irritation or even a fatal allergic reaction under extreme conditions.

Although colorful cures to jellyfish stings abound, Wawerchak suggests an application of everyday white vinegar, which denatures the toxins released by the creature.

People who don't travel with vinegar can protect themselves from the painful caress of a jelly by wearing a rash guard, or a long shirt.

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GOP

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ers, who sometimes get hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional funds based on their committee assignments and leadership posts.

Each lawmaker in the Assembly is given an official base budget of $263,000. They also get an additional allocation that is not reflected in some of the documents.

Grove and Olsen's allocations this year are $60,000 each, while Donnelly's is $50,000. The money goes to help pay for their staffs.

The three lawmakers said the documents detailing their budgets were written by legislative leaders and highlight the lack of transparency in the Legislature, since many costs are obscured.

For example, district office rent, travel to and from district offices and the capital, and the costs for those who use state vehicles appear in separate documents than the ones that detail staff salaries and Capitol expenses.

For Grove and Donnelly, those costs are around $30,000 each so far this year. For Olsen, the figure is about $50,000.

The issue arose from a feud between Assembly Speaker John Perez and a fellow Democratic lawmaker but has since erupted into a debate over the Legislative Open Records Act, a 1975 law written by lawmakers that allows the Legislature to decide what records it will release or keep secret.

Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, D-La Canada-Flintridge, claims Perez, D-Los Angeles, slashed Portantino's office allowance when he refused to vote for the state budget. As a result, his staff members face a six-week layoff this fall.

Perez accused Portantino of overspending. In response, Portantino sought details of lawmakers' budgets from the Assembly Rules Committee, which oversees legislative records. The panel, however, said current budget documents are not subject to the law because they could include preliminary, unofficial drafts.

Instead, the committee released documents that present an incomplete and at times contradictory picture. The figures show some rank-and-file Republican lawmakers with more lavish budgets than the Assembly speaker or the Democratic heads of powerful committees.

The Los Angeles Times and Sacramento Bee have filed a lawsuit seeking to force disclosure of up-to-date records.

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Image courtesy City of Santa Monica

COOL VIEW: **An artist's rendering illustrates the future look of the Apple Store's new building.**

STORE
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rumor mills for days, but got less than a minute's worth of consideration from the four commissioners.

Sources say that Apple Inc. plans to demolish a three-story, 33,750-square-foot building on the Third Street Promenade that once held Borders Books and Music, and build in its stead a one-story, 8,084-square-foot-building with a striking curved glass roof.

The front façade will consist entirely of glass panels that will project 5 feet from the stone-paneled side walls, according to the staff report.

Unseen is a 5,210-square-foot basement that will be accessible from the retail floor, but won't impact the floor area ratio that would otherwise violate the surrounding zoning and require a more thorough review under the city's interim zoning ordinance.

The new building bears a distinct resemblance to the Apple Store on the West Side of New York City, which also has a curved glass roof. That store opened in 2009.

The final project, staff wrote, will relate "harmoniously to surrounding sites."

The building needed special permission from the Planning Commission to have more than 50 feet of frontage — it has 75 — and to exceed 7,500 square feet of retail space, but apparently didn't need to be combed over in detail by commissioners because it was smaller than the existing building and "uncontroversial."

Instead, the use permit was placed on the consent agenda, and voted on without discussion.

The four who voted — Jim Ries, Jennifer Kennedy, Gerda Newbold and Jason Parry — didn't, technically, know what company would ultimately inhabit the building.

"We were told it was [to be] quiet," Ries said Thursday. "It's not exactly critical to our decision, because our decision relates to code. The exact retail use doesn't make an impact."

Commissioner Ted Winterer, who didn't make it to the meeting in time to vote on the consent agenda, did confirm that the approval was the only reason that the meeting had been called, but that the identity of the company had been withheld from the commissioners.

"No, it has nothing to do with it," Winterer said.

Even the name of the architect was withheld from the conceptual drawings, lest it be associated with the unnamed company.

The applicant, land use consultant Howard Robinson, with Howard Robinson & Associates, said that his client was not going public with the "ultimate retailer," but said that the project would be a stunning addition to the promenade.

"The excitement is also that it's the first new building [on the promenade] in many years," Harrison said. "It's going to be demolished and built from the ground up."

An Apple Inc. spokesperson also refused to confirm the new store, saying that nothing had been announced as of this time.

That said, city officials and real estate insiders told the Daily Press that the store will house Apple.

The-company-that-must-not-be-named has already committed to a traffic reducing transit plan for its employees by offering full-timers $100 per month in transit subsidy and $20 per month for improvements, maintenance and service on bicycles, if they choose to use them.

The basement portion of the store will also have secure bicycle parking for employees.

The application will now go before the Architectural Review Board.

Apple Inc. has more going on than a new mystery building. The company will launch the newest version of the popular iPhone in September to hungry Apple fans.

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The individual office budgets are not the only area of disparity in the Assembly, where Democrats who control the Legislature determine much of the spending.

Separate documents, posted at Perez's direction, show the salaries of Democratic caucus staff members total about $9.9 million a year. By comparison, staff members of the Republican caucus make a total of $4.9 million.

Caucus staff members help their respective leaders promote legislative agendas.

In all, at least 58 legislative staffers make more than $120,000 a year. Nearly 20 of them work for the Democratic caucus, and four work for the GOP caucus.

Some Democratic lawmakers with high-profile committee assignments spend more than $1.6 million on salaries alone. Because Democrats have not released complete budgets, a thorough comparison is impossible.

The budget documents released by the three Republicans show Grove's highest paid employee makes $48,000 a year, Donnelly's top earner is paid $55,615, and Olsen's highest earner is paid $96,000.

A separate AP request for budget details is pending in the state Senate.

Since lawmakers returned from summer recess this week, many from both parties have been embroiled in an internal debate over what records should be made public. In response to the controversy, Perez on Monday announced he is creating a task force to study the issue. He asked Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley, chairwoman of the rules committee, to report back by January.

Perez's spokeswoman, Robin Swanson, did not return a phone message Thursday seeking comment.

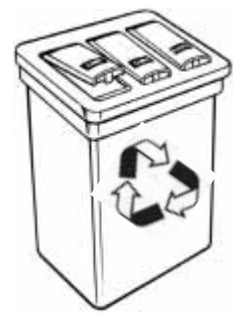
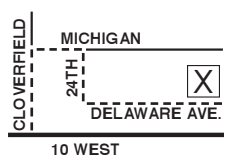
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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

Swell Forecast

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

Long Range Synopsis

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

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 10, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Rameer Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	C	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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

ns -- no sample taken

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BEACH VOLLEYBALL

NBA's Budinger enters tourney

HERMOSA BEACH Chase Budinger of the Houston Rockets has entered the men's open division of the Corona Light Wide Open beach volleyball tournament to be played Saturday and Sunday.

The former Arizona star, who has played the last two seasons with the Rockets, will partner with former UC Santa Barbara all-star Dane Jensen. Budinger was a two-sport standout at La Costa Canyon High in San Diego County. He won the 2006 Mizuno National Player of the Year Award in volleyball and was named a McDonald's All-American in basketball.

With NBA players locked out by owners, no one is sure if there will be a 2011-12 season.

"Volleyball has always been a passion of mine, and it has been great to get back out on the beach and train," Budinger said in a statement. "I'm really excited about this opportunity and I'm looking forward to seeing how my skills match up against some of the top players."

Budinger's older brother, Duncan, also plans to play in the Wide Open, teaming with Mike Placek. Placek and Matt Motter won the 2010 Corona Light Wide Open stop in Huntington Beach, while Duncan Budinger was one of the finalists at the Wide Open event in Santa Cruz last year.

Steve VanderWerp and Kevin Wong are the top-seeded team in the men's open, while Jenny Kropp and Whitney Pavlik are No. 1 in the women's open.

The total purse is $75,000, with $11,250 awarded to the winning teams in both the men's and women's open divisions.

Sean Scott and John Hyden will attempt to complete a sweep of the men's open division at all four Corona Light Wide Open events.

Scott of Honolulu and Hyden of San Diego have not lost a match and have lost only one game all season en route to winning the Corona Light Wide Open titles at Siesta Key, Fla.; Seaside Heights, N.J.; and Chicago.

They are the No. 2 seed.

Among the teams lining up for a shot at Scott and Hyden are Aaron Wachtfogel and Bill Strickland; Ty Loomis and Mark Williams, the only team to get a game off of Scott and Hyden; and Tim Wooliver and Colin Kazlow, who picked up two titles on the 2010 Corona Light Wide Open.

NFL

Pryor included in draft, must sit out first five games

DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

Terrelle Pryor will have an opportunity to pursue his NFL dreams, with one significant caveat: The former Ohio State star must still pay for breaking NCAA rules while he was in college.

The league announced Thursday that Pryor is eligible for its supplemental draft, but he won't be allowed to practice for the team that selects him until Week 6. Pryor gave up his final season with the Buckeyes following an investigation into the team's memorabilia-for-cash scandal.

He would've had to sit out five games had he chosen to return to Ohio State.

"We accept that voluntarily," Pryor's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, told The Associated Press. "It's a small price to pay for him to have a chance to pursue his dream of playing in the NFL."

A small price that could have broader consequences.

Commissioner Roger Goodell and NFLPA executive director DeMaurice Smith worked together on the decision, Rosenhaus said. The league hopes it will dissuade future college players who run afoul of the NCAA from trying to use the NFL as a means of escaping punishment. But it also creates this dilemma: Does the NFL have the authority to suspend a player who doesn't even work for the NFL yet?

"I know players are concerned about the message this sends," said Browns linebacker Scott Fujita, a member of the players' executive committee. "Granted, making this 'deal' was an individual decision made by a player with counsel from his agent and lawyer. They have every right to make whatever deal they want for his personal future. That being said, the general concern now is how far into Pandora's box this may go.

"This raises so many questions, and I think players are rightfully concerned."

The league informed clubs that Pryor "made decisions that undermine the integrity of the eligibility rules for the NFL draft."

Among those actions, the league said, were the hiring of an agent in violation of NCAA rules and a failure to cooperate with the investigation that cost Ohio State coach Jim Tressel his job. The NCAA committee on infractions is working to determine the school's final penalties.

League spokesman Greg Aiello tweeted you can't break the rules as Pryor did "and get a free pass into the NFL."

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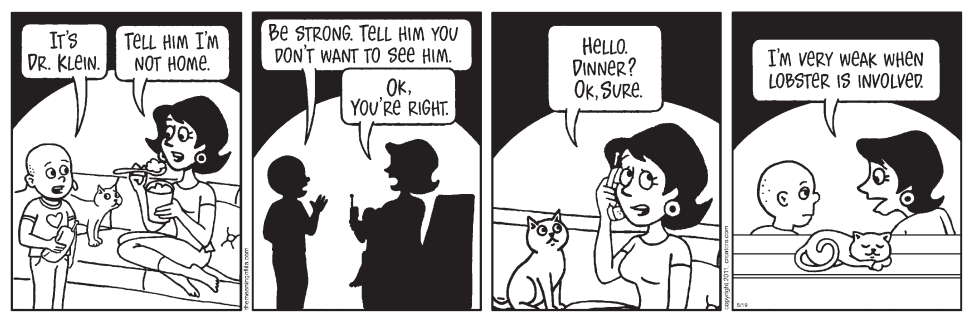
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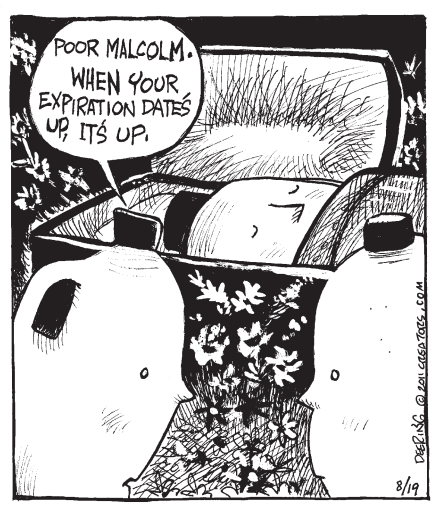
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Follow the music tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ You manifest immense practicality. Your creativity takes on a different role than usual. Let it inspire you past any rigidity. A boss or partner could push you into an uncomfortable zone. Tonight: Indulge and relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You flow with conservative energy, even if there is an implicit demand for change. Friends spout many different ideas and thoughts. If one appeals to you, don't hesitate to run with it. Notice where rigidity is preventing you from living. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Take your time responding to a difficult and possibly overly personal inquiry. You might choose to have a one-on-one chat with the individual in question. Follow through on expanding your knowledge via education, travel or a discussion. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Eye your objective and follow through. It doesn't have to be a substantial goal; it can be something as simple as clearing your desk before the weekend. You might feel inspired by a close friend or loved one. Tonight: Join friends for a typical TGIF.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Stay direct in your dealings. Others look to you as a role model. You have that pizazz and extra energy that carries you to the finish line. Express your willingness to make an adjustment. Consider a change in your diet or exercise program. Tonight: You could go till the wee hours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You could be questioning which path is the best. Detach and get some expert advice, then you will know which way to go. Ask those people who will be immediately affected for their opinions. The answers reveal yet another way to look at an issue. Tonight: Follow the music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Others see greater implications than you deem likely. They are looking at every possibility. Understand their process. Both ways -- yours and theirs -- work. Avoid the judgment game. Open up. Tonight: Interact with a key friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to do something differently but might not be exactly sure what. Someone gives a powerful commentary about your options. You might not agree with everything you hear. There is a lot to be said about the suggestions. Tonight: Do absolutely what you want.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might need or want to rethink a work-related matter. Be sure of your choices. Realize you might need a break, as you have pushed very hard. Juggle different concerns with family and/or a roommate. Tonight: Take care of yourself first.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your intuition comes in handy, especially with communication. You tend to zero in on what the person is really saying or what hasn't been said. Your ability to integrate valuable information and move to the next step proves to be unusually important. Tonight: Let off steam.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Much is happening on a deep and personal level. You might not chose to share everything that you are feeling at this point. Open up to new possibilities quietly in your mind, where you feel comfortable. Tonight: Happiest close to home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You might want to understand what is happening within your immediate circle. Discussions, even at work, could transform into "What is new? How are you?" conversations. You will find this process of catching up to be important. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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

Happy birthday

This year, many people feel very positively about you, and you feel the same way about them. With the good vibes flowing, people will become more their authentic selves. As a result, you often are surprised by others' reactions. Be careful about sitting on anger, as it could come out in strange ways. Try to clear your mind and center yourself. If you are single, you could meet someone quite spectacular this year. If you are attached, the two of you could see a new addition to your household, or perhaps go on a second honeymoon. ARIES makes you smile.

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).

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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.

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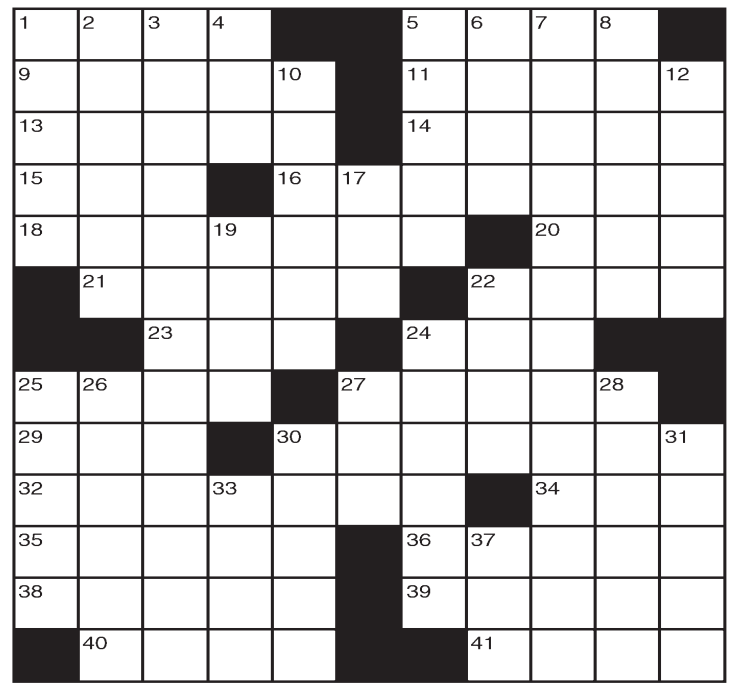
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BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) If Yogi Berra Wrote the Headline: "Woman Missing Since She Got Lost" (Chicago Sun-Times, 5-17-2011). (2) Please Explain: "Teen Dies of Shaken Baby Syndrome" (Chicago Tribune, 3-9-2011). "Man With Clown Nose in New Cumberland Poses No Serious Threat" (Patriot-News, Harrisburg, Pa., 7-3-2011). (3) Run for the Hills: "Return of the Giant Carnivorous Hermaphrodite Snails" (Yahoo News-LiveScience.com, 6-3-2011). (4) Not What You Think: "Showboat Casino Hotel to Become First Dog-Friendly Casino in Atlantic City" (Press of Atlantic City, 2-3-2011) (Guests' dogs can be admitted to the floor, but dogs are still forbidden to play poker.)

■ The usual furtive restroom photographer is male, but sheriff's deputies in Plantation, Fla., arrested Rhonda Hollander, 47, in July and charged her with several misdemeanors and a felony stemming from an episode in which she allegedly followed a man inside the men's room at the West Regional Courthouse and snapped photos of him at a urinal. Hollander insisted she had violated no law, and indeed the charges against her were only for conduct after she was confronted by deputies (when she continued to take pictures as they led her away). Hollander is actually Judge Hollander, who works in the building as a traffic magistrate.

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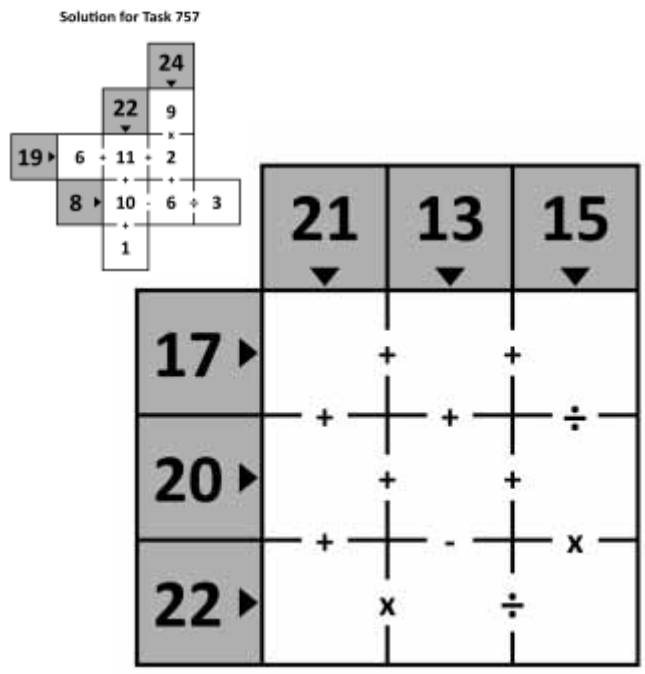
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