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THE LAST SECOND ISSUE

SMMUSD exit exam scores exceed state, county

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS Is that "Pomp and Circumstance" playing?

Overall, Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District students trounced a state exam necessary for graduating high school, and far exceeded both state and county-wide results, according to statistics released Wednesday by the California Department of Education.

Low-income, English language learners and students with disabilities, however, did not fare so well within the district.

The California High School Exit Exam, or CAHSEE, is a test taken by high school sophomores to assess their competence in reading comprehension, writing and math through regular algebra. State law requires that students pass the exam to graduate high school, unless they have a learning disability.

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Police nab suspect after short car chase

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

PROMENADE With guns drawn, Santa Monica police arrested a suspected serial burglar at the corner of Washington Avenue and Second Street after a short car chase on Wednesday.

SMPD spokesman Sgt. Richard Lewis told the Daily Press that a worker with a retail store on the Third Street Promenade was walking along the popular shopping district when he noticed the suspect inside of clothing store Express. Recognizing him from a bulletin put out by The Gap, his employer, the man entered the store, alerting security of the suspect considered a potential "serial shoplifter."

Security spotted the man stuffing goods into a bag, confirming the man's initial suspicion. Security and the Good Samaritan notified plain-clothes community service officers on the promenade of the suspect's presence, leading them to where he was last seen.

The suspect, perhaps realizing he was being watched, fled the store and ran to nearby Parking Structure No. 9. The suspect then entered structure No. 10 where he is said to have boarded a silver Nissan.

He exited the structure as police arrived, leading to a short chase that traveled west on Wilshire Boulevard, turning onto Ocean Avenue before ultimately ending up at the corner of Second Street and Washington Avenue at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Officers conducted a felony stop, with guns drawn, taking the man into custody. The man gave police a name, but had no identification to prove his claim. As of presstime, police were fingerprinting the suspect to determine his identity.

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YAY!

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Members of the Santa Monica Police Activities League ride the Sea Dragon Wednesday at Pacific Park. The kids from the police-sponsored program were at the amusement park on the Santa Monica Pier as part of PALpalooza, an event that offered free rides to the group.

Papermate project gets past council

McKeown, public ask 'What's the rush?'

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Hines Development Co. skirted another disappointing bid in front of the City Council Tuesday night despite community members' concerns that the approval to move forward with a development agreement would eviscerate local control over the process.

The meeting was the City Council's second look at the former Papermate site at 1681 26th St., which is slated to be developed into a mixed-use "transit village" situated near the incoming Bergamot Station Expo Light Rail stop. The council denied the developer the right to move forward with the project in March on largely aesthetic grounds.

The 6-1 vote, with Councilmember Kevin McKeown against, allows staff to start negotiating with company representatives for extra benefits required for permission to build outside of the zoning code and start looking at the impacts that the 766,000 square feet of development will bring to the already-congested east end of town. Opponents of the project, including McKeown, argued that and other information should already have been in hand prior to the vote, and that pushing it along without that knowledge gave momentum to an otherwise flawed

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, Aug. 25, 2011

It's roasting time
Temescal Gateway Park
15601 W. Sunset Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Rest your campfire singing voice and participate in Family Campfire Programs at Temescal Gateway Park. Roast marshmallows, provided by the program, and gather around a roaring campfire. Open to all. Free program. Parking is $7. Meet at the Stone Amphitheater. For more information call, (310) 858-7272 Ext. 131.

Mix it up at RAW cocktail hour
V Lounge
2020 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m.
Immerse yourself in a RAW artistic showcase. The event features a film screening, musical performance, fashion show, art gallery and performance art. A hairstylist and makeup artist are also on hand. Cocktails are available at the cash bar. Dress code is cocktail attire. Pre-sale tickets are $10. For more information, visit rawartists.org/santamonica/fusion.

It's in the bag
Fred Segal
420 Broadway, 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Pick up a durable, reusable bag, produced by Green Vets L.A. at Fred Segal's ZeroMinusPlus fundraiser for 5 Gyres, an environmental nonprofit. For more information, call (310) 395-5718.

Friday, Aug. 26, 2011

Armchair yogi
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
Chair Yoga is a class for seniors that teaches basic yoga postures, stretching, breathing and relaxation techniques, all without leaving your chair. Learn flexibility and alignment, and maintain balance and muscle tone in a fun and social environment. Cost: free for Senior Center members. For more information, call (310) 458-8644.

Thoroughly modern mist
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 2 p.m.
and 7:30 p.m.
"Reflections in the Mist" twists traditional tales into a modern myth about love, secrets and unopened e-mail, featuring members of Summer Stock 2011. Runs through Sunday. Cost: $20, discounts available for students and seniors. For more information call (310) 394-9779 Ext. 1, or visit santamonicaplayhouse.com.

Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011

Get down on the sand
The Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway,
10 a.m. — 2 p.m.
Get sandy in this end-of-summer celebration with free activities for all ages. The pool will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The fitness room will be open from 8:45 p.m. to 8 p.m.. Regular admission fees apply. Pool passes go on sale at 9:30 a.m. For more information, call (310) 458-4904 or visit www.annenberg-beachhouse.com.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

AGOURA HILLS

Osborn garners more endorsements

Non-profit executive Torie Osborn announced the endorsements of Agoura Hills Mayor Harry Schwarz, Mayor Pro-Tem Dan Kuperberg and former mayor Ed Corridori in her bid to fill California's new 50th Assembly District seat.

Once primarily District 42, District 50 will encompass Santa Monica, Agoura Hills, Beverly Hills, Hollywood, Malibu, West Hollywood, along with the Hancock Park, Wilshire and Fairfax districts.

"Torie Osborn is a natural born leader, a brave fighter and someone who will stand up and be a powerful voice for the residents of California's new 50th Assembly District," Schwarz said. "That's why I am happy to throw my full support behind her candidacy to be our next assemblywoman."

Since announcing her candidacy late last year, Osborn has gained the support of Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and Los Angeles City Councilman Bill Rosendahl. As well as endorsements from Congresswoman Karen Bass, Assemblywoman Julia Brownley, who currently holds the seat, and former State Sen. Sheila Kuehl.

Osborn has acted as an executive for several non-profits including Liberty Hill Foundation, Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center and United Way of Greater Los Angeles. Osborn has also served as the senior policy advisor on homelessness, poverty and economic development to Villaraigosa and as a senior strategist for California Calls, a network of 25 organizations committed to government reform.

"California is hurting, and we need innovative and bold ideas on how to fix our tough problems," Osborn said. "When I go to the state Legislature, I'll work to bring people together and build a coalition of leaders from all across our state who are willing to work collectively to focus on solutions to fix our schools, our sagging economy, ailing infrastructure, budget crisis, and inadequate health care system."

Richard Bloom, Santa Monica's mayor, is also vying for the seat

REBECCA ASOULIN

COUNTYWIDE

Are you prepared?

After a 5.9 earthquake hit the East Coast on Tuesday, Los Angeles County public safety officials are encouraging residents to get prepared for the next earthquake on this side of the country.

County officials recommend that residents review their earthquake survival procedures and make use of several county resources available to all.

L.A. County implemented an emergency mass notification system last year that contacts residents and businesses through recorded phone messages, text messages, and e-mails during emergencies. For more information or to register for Alert LA County, visit portal.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/alertla.

The Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management offers a voluntary disaster registry called Specific Needs Awareness Planning for residents who have conditions that would impede them during a disaster. For more information or to register, visit snap.lacounty.gov.

The county also offers an Emergency Survival Guide with tips on what to do during a disaster. The 100-page guide can be located at lacounty.gov/wps/portal/lac.

The Los Angeles County Emergency Survival Program (ESP) website, www.espfocus.com, provides easy-to-print emergency information sheets on topics such as preparing an emergency kit.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Hotline's multi-lingual operators are available Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (866) 999-LABT (5228) for more information.

The Los Angeles County Disaster Hotline, (800) 980-4990, has recorded information on disaster and emergency preparedness in English and Spanish available 24 hours a day.

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BIG DIG

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A city-contracted arborist crew prepares the soil Wednesday for the transplantation of trees from the future site of a pair of Civic Center parks to this location bounded by the I-10 Freeway, Main Street and City Hall.

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

Samohi ranked No. 2 to start season

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI The season still hasn't officially started, yet Santa Monica High School's girls' volleyball team is already making noise.

The Vikings are fresh off a win at the Ann Kang Invitational in Oahu, Hawaii, this past weekend and were named the No. 2 team in CIF-Southern Section Division 3AA in the preseason poll released on Monday.

"It's a nice start to the beginning of the season," Head Coach Liane Sato said. "We'll see how things unfold throughout the year."

The coach in her 10th year leading the team is confident that the ranking and the win in Hawaii are anything but flukes.

The win at the Ann Kang Tourney provided the Vikings with a hint to what's to come. Down 8-0 to Thousand Oaks La Reina High School in the third and deciding game, Sato and her Vikings rallied back to take the match, earning the victory in the bronze division.

"We were getting killed in the third game," Sato said. "But, we put the pressure on and kept chipping away.

"That was the best part of the whole trip."

Sato is inclined to think her team has already displayed the grit needed to get through a grueling season and perhaps a better showing than last year's playoffs when the Vikings were ousted in the second round by Lancaster in five games.

But, she's also careful to put it in perspective.

"It's so early in the season, so it's hard to say how we'll turn out," she said. "We're looking pretty good, though."

The next order of business for the Vikings is determining the starting lineup. While a few spots are in play, there are a number of returners tabbed to lead the squad.

Middle blockers Greta Schmittdiel and Abby Southam are expected to lead the team, providing a one-two punch at the net. With their leadership, Sato said that her team is shaping up to be a power

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Quit it, airport haters

Editor:

As a frequent visitor from overseas, I'm appalled at the ill-informed venom being directed at the users of Santa Monica Airport, and the apparent moves to close it.

Airports are part and parcel of modern life, just as much as homes, schools, hospitals, roads, and the rest of a community infrastructure. Some people must rue the day the wheel was invented!

George Philipson
Sydney, Australia

Way to drawdown the debt

Editor:

I have an idea about the major debt problem America has at this time.

People! Meaning everyone who could possibly contribute some money on a weekly or monthly basis. How about all those who go to soccer and baseball games? Even if they put a dime in every time. They all stand and sing "God Bless America."

So let's do it. America deserves it after all the country has given. The country needs your help. So come on everybody. Please excuse the writing. I am an American citizen. Rather ancient – getting to 95 years – and low income (don't tell anyone that). My eyes don't see quite as well. However, I can still think. So bash on regardless. I apologize for my poorly written letter, but not for my idea.

Henrietta L. Tolhurst
Santa Monica

Jon has no chance

Editor:

What a naive optimist Jon Huntsman must be! How can he possibly think he may be a viable contender for the GOP 2012-nomination with his heavy baggage? First of all, he has the audacity to believe in science, evolution and global warming – all no-nos for Republicans. He even supports protection of the environment through regulations to limit air, water and soil contamination; and sex education. His foreign experience as ambassador to China will clearly contaminate the time-honored Republican stand on "them vs. us." He even believes the Soviet Union ceased to be a threat by collapsing 30 years ago! He doesn't understand that commies are still lurking everywhere.

And imagine the possibility of a presidential debate between the incumbent and Huntsman, totally confused with facts and intellectual exchange of inconsequential issues like jobs and the future of our country, cooperation with other nations, peace, hunger, sickness and population growth among people we don't even know. How ready would Huntsman be to dive head first into another war at the next opportunity, thus boosting the military-industrial complex and showing the rest of the world some muscle?

And get this, he has yet to question President Obama's birth certificate, patriotism, and love for guns – the GOP litmus test. Worst of all, this guy doesn't even believe the Bible has all the answers to everything, nor does he seem to engage in public praying rituals! No, give us Michele Bachmann or Rick Perry, even Sarah Palin. They know how to protect the status quo and where to look for divine advice – way up high! Enough said?

Jorg Aadahl
San Mateo, Calif.



Your column here



Marianne Hill

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Equality at the workplace remains a goal, not a reality

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY, AUG. 26, IS both a celebration of women's progress and a reminder that equality remains a goal, not a reality.

On this day in 1920, women gained the right to vote under the 19th Amendment. Today, over 90 years later, the struggle to advance women's rights is concentrated on the economic front — with an end to discrimination against women in the labor force a critical, and hotly-debated, objective.

Two proposals now stalled in Congress would improve women's odds of getting a fair shake at the workplace. They face an uphill battle, but it's one worth fighting.

Many companies pay their male employees more than even better-qualified women in the same job. The best-known victim of pay discrimination today may be Lilly Ledbetter.

Ledbetter discovered when she was nearing retirement that her male colleagues were earning much more than she was. A jury found her employer, the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company plant in Gadsden, Ala., guilty of pay discrimination, in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

But in a 5-4 decision, the Supreme Court threw out the case, ruling that she should have filed her suit within 180 days of the date that Goodyear first paid her less than her peers. The narrow majority rejected the argument that each subsequent discriminatory paycheck was a new violation of the law.

On Jan. 29, 2009, President Barack Obama affixed his signature to the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, his first official bill as president. The legislation expanded workers' rights to sue in this kind of case, and relaxed the statute of limitations, restarting the six-month clock every time the worker receives a paycheck.

Ledbetter's case is far from unique.

Consider the lawsuit against Wal-Mart, the one that the Supreme Court ruled could not proceed as a class action suit. The firm's records, cited by the plaintiffs, showed that although more than two-thirds of the firm's hourly employees were female, only 15 percent of store managers were women. "Women were paid less than men of equal seniority in every major job category, even though women on average had higher performance ratings and lower turnover rates than men," states the Public Justice Center.

The Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act would close many of the loopholes and lax penalties that have made the Equal Pay Act of 1963 ineffective in ensuring pay equity in such cases. Studies show that bias against women begins at hiring and persists at promotion time. According to the American Association of University Women, one year after graduating from college, women earn only 80 percent as much as their male counterparts in the same field, and after 10 years of experience, women earn only 69 percent as much. In other words, the pay elevators for women start lower, are slower and don't go as high as those for men. And the wage gaps are worse for black and Hispanic women.

A woman working full-time in 2009 earned at the median only 77 percent of what a man earned. Over the course of her lifetime, this translates into $400,000 of lost earnings. At the bottom of the wage scale, poor adults are largely women, and the poverty rate of 15 percent among working age women is 30 percent higher than that for men. The top of the income scale is dominated by men: approximately 80 percent of persons earning $100,000 or more per year are men.

ELIMINATING THE WAGE GAP IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN FAMILIES WHERE THE WOMAN IS THE ONLY JOB-HOLDER.

The Fair Pay Act of 2011 would require employers to make public the job-related data that is basic to determining whether or not there has been discrimination. At present, women who believe they have been discriminated against cannot get the data on jobs and pay scales they need without filing a lawsuit. At some firms, they cannot even ask co-workers about their pay.

The other bill, the Paycheck Fairness Act, clarifies that wage differences must be based on job characteristics, not on gender. And, if wage discrimination is proven in court, individuals would be able to receive full compensatory and punitive damages, as is already true in cases of discrimination based on race. It would prohibit retaliation by firms against employees who raise wage parity issues.

Eliminating the wage gap is particularly important in families where the woman is the only job-holder. And, among families with children under 18 years of age, 34 percent of working mothers are the sole earners in their family. Progress towards pay equity, then, is vital to the future of American families, and it depends on the passage of proposals like the Fair Pay Act and the Paycheck Fairness Act.

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Longtime L.A. beat poet Scott Wannberg dead at 58

JOHN ROGERS
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LOS ANGELES Scott Wannberg's poems were wildly colorful, sometimes off the wall, frequently in your face and just as often very funny.

In other words, they were like the author.

Wannberg, whose garrulous personality and bearish build cast a huge shadow over the Los Angeles poetry scene for decades, died Friday at his home in Florence, Ore., his longtime friend and fellow poet, S.A. Griffin, told The Associated Press. He was 58.

The cause of death was not immediately known, but Wannberg had been in declining health and had moved to Oregon two years ago to be closer to family.

Prolific to the end of his life, Wannberg gave hundreds of readings, published 10 volumes of poetry and was often included in anthologies, among them "The Outlaw Bible of American Poetry."

His stream-of-consciousness, beat-influenced style, noted for its colorful, often humorous language, touched on seemingly every subject that came to the author's mind: from the death of a beloved cat to the war in Iraq, politics to movies, the wealthy of Los Angeles' West Side to the destitute of its Skid Row.

"His poetry was Scott," Griffin said Wednesday. "He was a unique, one-of-a-kind human being who, as they say, they broke the mold when they made such a character as him."

As two of the founding members of the experimental poetry group the Carma Bums, Wannberg and Griffin made nearly a dozen tours of North America over 20 years, giving readings in cities from the Southwest to Canada. Their last trip was in 2009.

For most of those journeys, the group piled into a vintage 1959 Cadillac they named Farther, a nod to author Ken Kesey's Merry Prankster bus, Further.

As the years and the tours rolled by, Wannberg picked up an eclectic variety of admirers, including not only fellow poets but prominent novelists and actors. The author T.C. Boyle, in a 2008 essay in the Los Angeles Times, called him "one of the true literary zealots of our time."

Boyle, recalling their first meeting in a Los Angeles bookstore in 1985, said that within minutes of that introduction, "Scott was piling my arms high with books I absolutely just had to read. He had a sixth sense, knowing exactly what I wanted and needed."

Wannberg's own books included "Mr. Mumps," "The Electric Yes Indeed, "Amnesia Motel," "Strange Movie Full of Death" and "Nomads of Oblivion."

His latest work, "Tomorrow is Another Song," is being published next month by actor Viggo Mortensen's Perceval Press.

"His poetry can be political, polemical, personal, provocative, and it shies away from cheap alliteration," actor Ed Harris is quoted on Perceval's website. "His work is contemporary and timeless, brave and honest, and fun as hell to read."

Wannberg grew up in Los Angeles' beachfront bohemian section of Venice, where he was the film critic for the Venice High School newspaper. He studied creative writing at San Francisco State University, and among his influences were the members of that city's 1950s beat scene, Jack Kerouac and Gregory Corso.

"Had he come along in the '50's, with Kerouac and Corso and all those guys, he would be a legend today," said writer Rip Rense, a friend since high school. "Maybe he still will be."

Wannberg is survived by his brothers, Bob and Paul. A memorial is scheduled Sept. 17 at the Beyond Baroque Literary Arts Center in Venice.

California shaking from several earthquakes

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MAMMOTH LAKES While the East Coast recovers from earthquake jitters, small quakes have been rocking California.

A minor jolt struck the San Francisco Bay area Wednesday at 9:57 a.m., just hours after a similar temblor hit the same spot late Tuesday night.

The U.S. Geological Survey says both Tuesday's magnitude-3.6 quake and Wednesday's magnitude-3.5 quake were centered about six miles southeast of Oakland along the Hayward fault, a major Northern California fault zone.

The Sierra Nevada high country was also rattled by an earthquake early Wednesday. The USGS says a magnitude-4.4 quake hit at 4:59 a.m. about nine miles southeast of Mammoth Lakes.

A Mono County sheriff's dispatcher says authorities have had no reports of damage.

A magnitude-5.8 quake jolted much of the eastern United States on Tuesday.

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:
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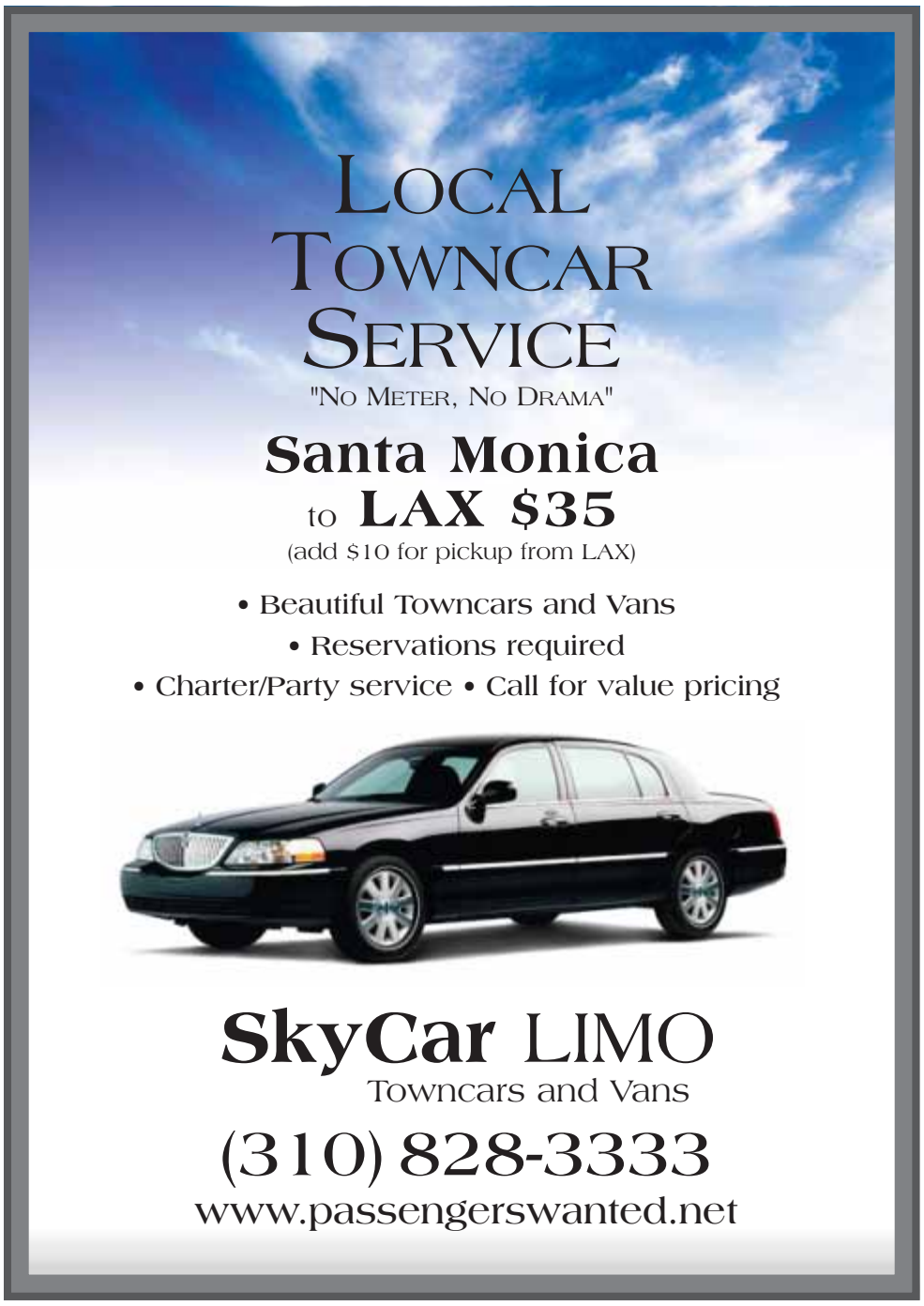












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LOS ANGELES

Jurors can consider manslaughter in gay killing

A California judge decided jurors can consider convicting a teen of voluntary manslaughter in the killing of a gay classmate at school.

Defendant Brandon McInerney is charged with murder in the shooting of 15-year-old Larry King.

Ventura County Superior Court Judge Charles Campbell decided Tuesday the jury could opt for the lesser charge if they find McInerney, now 17, not guilty of either first-degree and second-degree murder.

A voluntary manslaughter would carry a maximum 21-year prison term. If convicted of first-degree murder, McInerney could face more than 50 years in prison.

McInerney is accused of taking a .22-caliber handgun to E.O. Green Junior High School in February 2008, a few weeks after his 14th birthday, and shooting King twice in the back of the head during a computer class.

The case has drawn national attention to the issue of violence against gays and bullying among students. The trial was moved to Los Angeles because of pretrial publicity.

Campbell felt that not allowing jurors to consider voluntary manslaughter would be problematic if there is an appeal, according to the Ventura County Star (http://bit.ly/rg71Tj).

Closing arguments are expected to begin Thursday.

Defense attorneys argue their client came from a violent upbringing and reached an emotional breaking point after King, who wore high heels and makeup to school in the weeks leading to the shooting, made unwanted sexual advances toward him.

Prosecutors say the slaying was premeditated, and McInerney supported white supremacist ideology that homosexuality is an abomination.

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LOS ANGELES

Permit denied for Sunset Junction festival

Los Angeles officials have denied a permit to a 30-year-old street festival days before its scheduled weekend opening because organizers couldn't come up with cash.

The Los Angeles Board of Public Works on Wednesday refused to sanction the Sunset Junction event, which has been held annually in the Silver Lake area.

Officials say festival organizers owe the city about $256,000 to cover police, fire and other costs of last year's event.

The city estimated costs of this year's festival at more than $140,000 and demanded that organizers cut them a check for the amount.

When they didn't, the special event permit was denied.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Suspect in fatal subway stabbing arrested

Los Angeles County authorities have arrested a homeless man suspected of stabbing to death a passenger on a Hollywood subway car.

The Sheriff's Department says 33-year-old Gene Sim was found in Buena Park in Orange County and arrested Tuesday night on a probation violation. Authorities will seek a murder charge later.

Sheriff's investigators believe that Sim stabbed 59-year-old Jesse Garay of North Hollywood during an argument last Friday in front of other passengers on a Metro Red Line car. Witnesses say Garay had swung a plastic chain at the passenger.

Jail records show that Sim was released from jail a few days before the attack but authorities haven't disclosed his record.

AP

WESTWOOD

UCLA professor objects to $10M Milken gift

A UCLA professor is concerned about a $10 million university gift from Lowell Milken because the philanthropist was linked to the Wall Street junk bond scandal two decades ago.

UCLA announced this month that Milken had donated money to create a law institute in his name. In 1991 Milken was barred from the securities industry although he was never charged with a crime.

The Los Angeles Times says professor Lynn A. Stout argues that the gift poses ethical problems and a risk to UCLA's reputation. Stout worries that Milken's name on a campus building would imply that the law school endorses him as a role model.

However, UCLA Chancellor Gene Block calls the concerns unfair and says the donation was thoroughly reviewed. Other law professors say they welcome the gift.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Man gets 3 years in prison for sex with godson

A Southern California daycare operator has been sentenced to three years in prison for having sex with her 13-year-old godson.

A Los Angeles judge on Tuesday also ordered 35-year-old Chelsea McClelland to register as a sex offender for the rest of her life and to submit to HIV/AIDS testing.

McClelland pleaded no contest on Aug. 2 to two counts of lewd acts with a child. Two other counts were dismissed as part of a plea deal.



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project.

By voting to move the development forward, the council would be saying that the developer is "close enough," despite continuing concerns over its look, traffic impact and ability to groove with a comprehensive plan for the area that city planners are currently creating, McKeown argued.

The area plan, in particular, will cover the huge swath of development cropping up around the light rail station, and the proposed transit village represents a substantial chunk of that district.

According to a staff report, the project is "one of the most significant land use decisions that the [council] will make, particularly in the implementation of the Bergamot Transit Village, considering the magnitude of the project and the opportunity for influencing the entire district."

Approving the project, even to enter negotiations, without the area plan in hand, or an environmental impact report to assess the effects of such a large development on the surrounding intersections and streets, could hamstring the council's future efforts to keep the development in check.

"Once we do that, options for real change in size and impact become difficult," McKeown said.

The area plan, which City Hall accepted a $652,000 federal grant to complete, won't be ready until spring 2012, and the environmental report comes with its own set of challenges.

Planning staff represented the request as a catch-22. The float-up is meant to get direction from the City Council on how they want the project to look and feel, so preparing an environmental impact report before knowing exactly what the project will look like could mean paying for something that's mostly useless.

Process dictates that City Hall chooses a contractor to prepare the environmental document, but that the developer pays for it.

"I don't know if the applicant would pay for an EIR if the project wasn't moving forward," said David Martin, City Hall's interim planning director.

The objection has already been borne out. Since the March float-up, the developer cut the size of the project by 40 percent, meaning that an EIR created for the project today could be irrelevant as negotiations with planning staff continue.

Still, without an area plan or concept of what the project will do to Santa Monica's east side, the project remained an ominous mystery to nearly 30 community members that rose to speak against it.

"It is premature and undefined. We have no area-wide plan to guide our determinations," said Catherine Eldridge, speaking for the Pico Neighborhood Association, which opposes the project.

While opponents cried, "Why so fast?" those in favor of the development felt it couldn't move quickly enough.

The gargantuan Papermate building lies vacant, and takes up the equivalent of three Downtown blocks. As envisioned, it would be split into five distinct buildings with a mix of offices, housing, retail and green space.

Redeveloping it would not only bring jobs and revenue into the local economy, it would rid Santa Monica of a gigantic eyesore. Furthermore, allowing negotiations to begin equates to opening up the conversation, not outright approval, they argued.

"That's really what it is. Are you ready to move to the next set of questions, and I think the answer is yes," said speaker Alison Mavik.

It was that lack of finality that ruled the remainder of the council's discussion, as members noted that to get more information, including the elusive environmental impact report, they would need to allow the "iterative" process to continue.

Tuesday's vote was not the end, affirmed Mayor Pro Tem Gleam Davis.

"I know there's an intense amount of community distrust, and that if we vote yes we've greenlighted the project," Davis said. "We have shown that we're capable of saying no when it doesn't meet our internal standards."

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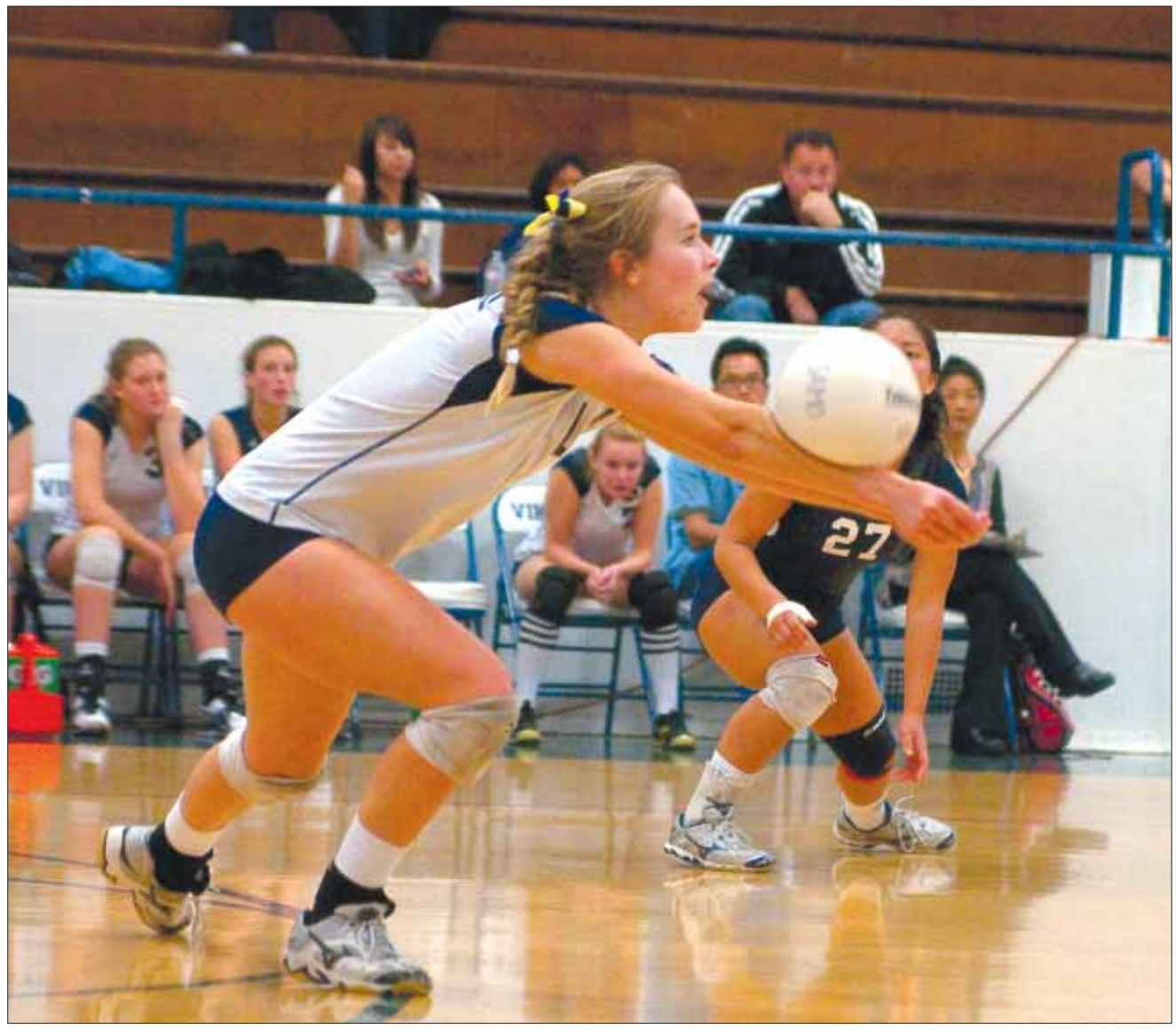
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SAMOHI

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on offense. It's the defense that she sees as a project undone.

Joining returners Schmittdiel and Southam are Sarah Krenik, a senior outside hitter and Jordan Levy, the sister of Charles Levy, who helped the Samohi boys' team win a CIF-SS title last year. Sato coaches both teams.

Of particular interest to Sato is her incoming freshman daughter Blossom Sato, who has never played competitive volleyball in the past. Her DNA should give her a boost there as the Sato family has sent a trio of players to the Olympics, including Coach Sato.

"She's fighting for a spot," the elder Sato said of her daughter. "This is her first competitive action, but she's been around volleyball long enough to know what to do."

While the makeup of the final lineup and the defense are still in process, Sato is sure of at least one thing. She said that the Vikings' performance in Hawaii proves that Samohi has the will to win.

Sato was pleased to pieces to see her team display the mental toughness to dig out a win against long odds.

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Teachers, administrators and a panel of experts were pulled together to create the test after the Legislature reviewed the previous requirements for graduation in 2000 and deemed them too low to accurately determine if students were ready to move from high school into the real world.

Overall, 92 percent of the 924 SMMUSD 10th graders that took the math portion of the CAHSEE passed it, as did 93 percent of students who took the English section of the two-day test.

That's compared to an 81 percent passing rate for both sections countywide, and 83 percent passage of the math and 82 percent of English at the state level.

"We are doing well each year," said Sally Chou, assistant superintendent of instruction with the district. "Of course, the goal is always 100 percent, but that's a little hard to come by. We're above the state and county by quite a bit."

Not all students within SMMUSD are riding the wave of success, however.

Low-income students, English language learners and those students with disabilities that choose to take the test lag behind in all categories, and are doing even worse than they did in the 2009-10 school year.

The state defines "economically disadvantaged" as a student that qualifies for a free or reduced-price lunch, or whose parent did not finish high school.

In the 2011 school year, only 84 percent of lower income students passed the math test on the first try, and 87 percent passed the English test. Non-disadvantaged students beat the math passage rates by 10 percentage points, and the English by 9.

Special education students, who can choose to take or not take the test, saw their passage rates fall by 11 percent for math, although the English rates rose by 1 percent to 58 percent passage.

The scores tell a typical tale within SMMUSD — although the district surpasses most others in the state, there is a notable gap between students of color, economically disadvantaged students and the rest of the population.

SMMUSD offers after school tutoring and even online courses to help students that don't pass the CAHSEE improve their scores. They have another three chances to take the test in grade 11, and up to five additional opportunities senior year.

"They start gaining more skills and knowledge, eventually pass[ing] the exam," Chou said. "They continue to learn in their grade levels, and we give additional support."

Although resources are put into making sure students pass the test, more important to both the students and the district is reaching proficiency, which is a score of 380 out of 450 on each section of the test.

It's harder to be rated "proficient" than to simply pass, and many students don't strive for it, Chou said.

"There's a notion of passing, and then passing a higher standard," Chou said. "The idea here is passing is one thing, but for our students, proficiency is our standard."

Those results will be released next week, said a spokeswoman for the California Department of Education.

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NEW YORK A late afternoon surge pushed stocks higher for the third day straight. The Dow Jones industrial average finished with a gain of 144 points Wednesday, but only after veering much of the day from gains to losses and back again.

Gold plunged $104 an ounce and government bond yields rose as investors became less fearful.

An encouraging rise in orders for cars, aircraft and other long-lasting goods in July helped ease worries that the U.S. was headed for another recession. The government said durable goods orders rose 4 percent, the biggest increase since March. Orders fell in June.

The stock market spent most of the day looking like a driver given bad directions. The Dow headed lower at the start of trading, turned up 115 points by 10 a.m., then pulled another U-turn and was down 48 points shortly after midday.

Near the end of the day, the Dow retraced its route and rose steadily in the last 90 minutes of trading to end up 143.95 points, or 1.3 percent, at 11,320.71. The Dow had surged 322 points the day before, the biggest gain since Aug. 11.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 15.25 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,177.60. The Nasdaq rose 21.63, or 0.9 percent, to 2,467.69.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note jumped to 2.29 percent from 2.15 percent late Tuesday. The yield had fallen below 2 percent last week, a record low, as investors piled into lower-risk assets. Bond yields fall when demand for them rises.

Large swings in the stock market have been commonplace this August. In the week after Standard & Poor's stripped the U.S. of its AAA rating Aug. 5, the Dow alternated between 400-point gains and losses four days in a row. That had never happened before.

The stock market often takes sudden turns in late August anyway, because fewer traders are at their desks, said Dan Greenhaus, chief global strategist at the brokerage BTIG. Lower trading volumes often make for a more volatile market.

"It's kind of crazy. I blinked and in 15 minutes the market had turned," Greenhaus said. "But in the last two weeks of August, wild swings like this are not out of the ordinary."

Another reason for the recent jumpiness is the debate over the possibility of another U.S. recession. Investors have said they're weighing each economic report for evidence. In this climate, weak economic figures can look encouraging if they're not as bad as most people had feared, Greenhaus said.

Weak economic data can also be seen as a call for the Federal Reserve to announce another rescue effort for the economy, said Abigail Huffman, head of research for Russell Investments. Many investors hope Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke will offer some help when he speaks at a conference on Friday. It was at that same meeting last year that Bernanke made the case for the Fed buying Treasury bonds to lower interest rates and spur spending. That $600 billion bond-buying program, known as QE2, ended in June.

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‘11 shapes up to be worst yet for new home sales

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AP Real Estate Writer

WASHINGTON Sales of new homes fell for the third straight month in July, a sign that housing remains a drag on the economy. If the current pace continues, 2011 would be the worst year for new-home sales on records dating back at least half a century.

Sales fell nearly 1 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 298,000, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. That's less than half the 700,000 that economists say represent a healthy market.

Last year, 323,000 homes were sold — the worst year on records that go back to 1963.

While new homes represent less than one-fifth of the housing market, they have an outsize impact on the economy. Each home built creates an average of three jobs and $90,000 in taxes, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

High unemployment, larger required down payments and tougher lending standards are preventing many people from buying homes.

Plunging stocks and a growing fear that the U.S. could tip back into another recession are also keeping people from entering the troubled housing market.

Renewed concerns about job security likely weighed on many would-be buyers' minds, said Mark Vitner, senior economist at Wells Fargo.

A slowdown in the U.S. economy has more than offset any boost from super-low mortgage rates, said Paul Dales, senior U.S. economist at Capital Economics.

"A new home is a luxury that many Americans can no longer afford," Dales said.

All home sales remain weak. The sales pace for previously occupied homes is trailing last year's 4.91 million sales, the fewest since 1997. In a healthy economy, people buy roughly 6 million existing homes annually.

A report last week showed that more home sales than usual fell apart at the last minute, a sign that many buyers may be nervous about the economy. At least 16 percent of deals were canceled head of closings last month — four times the rate in May.

The troubled housing industry is hurting the broader economy. After previous modern-day recessions, housing contributed up to 20 percent to U.S. economic growth. That has fallen to 4 percent following the Great Recession.

Sales rose in July for new homes valued at less than $150,000. They also increased for those going for more than $750,000. But mid-priced home sales fell.

Outside of luxury markets, builders are struggling to compete with foreclosures and short sales, which have forced down prices. A short sale is when a lender accepts less than what is owed on the mortgage.

Those homes are selling at an average discount of 20 percent, and they lower neighboring values. That's made many re-sales a bargain compared with new homes, creating an average 30 percent disparity in prices.

Sales of new homes doubled in the Northeast in July, but the region has the weakest sales in the country by far. In the South and West, sales fell 7.4 and 5.9 percent, respectively. Sales rose 2.4 percent in the Midwest.

The median price of a new home fell more than 6 percent to $222,000 nationally. But it is still roughly 27.5 percent higher than the median price of a re-sold home, which was $174,000 in July.

The number of new homes for sale at the end of the month dropped to a record low of 165,000, down 0.6 percent from June. At the July sales pace, it would take 6.6 months to exhaust the current supply. Economists consider a 6-month supply a normal level, indicating that builders are heavily cutting back construction.

Sales of new homes have fallen 18 percent in the two years since the Great Recession officially ended.

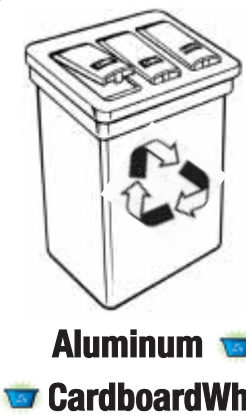
A telling sign of how bad things have gotten for the housing industry: Prices have dropped more since the recession started, on a percentage basis, than during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

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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 17, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 2
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 88
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 48

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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+	88
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	88
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	88
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	88
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	88
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	88
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	88
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	88
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	88
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	88
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	88
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	88
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	88
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	88
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	88
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	88
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	88
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	88
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	88
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	88
Tuna Canyon.	88	88
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	88
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	88
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	88
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	88

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	88
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	88
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	88
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	88
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	88
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	B	88
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	88
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	88
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	88
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	88
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	88
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	88
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	88
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	88
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	88
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	88
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	88
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	88
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	88
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	88
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	88
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	88
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	88

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
- **ss** -- no sample taken

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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MOVIE TIMES

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

Double Feature! Director Joe Dante in Person!
The Burbs (PG) 1hr 41min
Matinee (PG) 1hr 39min
7:30pm

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

Change-Up (R) 1hr 41min
1:45pm, 7:00pm

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 4:30pm, 9:50pm

One Day (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Smell of Success (PG-13) 1hr 36min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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

Smurfs 3D (PG) 1hr 42min
9:45pm

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Final Destination 5 3D (R) 1hr 35min
1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Fright Night 3D (R) 2hrs 00min
10:35am, 1:15pm, 4:00pm, 6:50pm, 9:20pm

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
10:45am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

Colombiana (PG-13) 1hr 47min
12:01am

Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
10:50am, 12:40pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:40pm

Smurfs (PG) 1hr 42min
10:40am, 2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
12:45pm, 5:45pm, 10:30pm

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) 1hr 28min
10:30am, 3:15pm, 8:15pm

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

Nabucco (NR)
7:30pm

Sarah's Key (Elle s'appelait Sarah) (PG-13) 1hr 51min
1:50pm, 4:30pm

Amigo (R) 2hrs 08min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Another Earth (PG-13) 1hr 32min
1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:50pm, 8:10pm, 10:20pm

Future (R) 1hr 31min
1:40pm, 7:20pm

3D Sex and Zen: Extreme Ecstasy (NR) 2hrs 09min
4:20pm, 9:40pm

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

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
11:30am, 2:35pm, 5:40pm, 8:45pm

Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:35pm, 7:35pm, 10:40pm

Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

30 Minutes or Less (R) 1hr 23min
10:30am, 12:50pm, 3:15pm, 5:40pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) 1hr 40min
12:01am

Conan the Barbarian in 3D (R) 1hr 52min
10:50am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

Glee the 3D Concert Movie (PG) 1hr 40min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:40pm, 7:05pm, 9:30pm

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Treat a friend to some munchies, Gem

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Pressure builds, perhaps more because of your perspective than anything else. Your energy is so high, others might feel left behind. Express your caring in a way that counts with a boss. Be as direct as possible. Tonight: Hang close to home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Express the bottom line. Don't settle for what doesn't feel right. Detach and empathize, but don't toss yourself into another person's problem. You push hard to achieve certain results. Don't be intimidated. Tonight: Hang out. Plan your weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Indulge, but with wisdom. You easily could go overboard. Knowing when to call a halt to a situation could be instrumental. Attempt not to spend as much right now, as you could be suppressing some upset that way. Tonight: Treat a friend to some munchies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might want to do something very different from in the past. Your anger might mount and cause a problem where you least expect it. A domestic matter could be weighing you down. Don't challenge someone. In the long run, it will be a bad decision. Tonight: Go for what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ The best action you can make is to pull back and take a much-needed timeout. Sometimes you gain a lot more insight by not being in your normal environment. Be willing to update your perspective, even if you are vested in the matter. Tonight: A much-needed timeout.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ A meeting or group of friends could be more instrumental than you think. A strong male figure might push you very hard. Handle this person's energy with the knowledge that he cares. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Pressure builds, and you react by being on the move. Is there a way of delegating or prioritizing? You might feel a lack of confidence from someone in your immediate circle. Use care with your attitude toward someone you have to answer to. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Be willing to take a risk, even if you might feel a bit negative. Work first on your mental perspective. Your attitude could put you in a make-or-break situation. Others will pick up the difference and respond accordingly -- if not immediately, then soon. Tonight: Be imaginative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Knowing when to cut your losses could be very important. After a meeting, what you have been trying to avoid smacks you in the face. Though you might not want to act, you see the need. An earthy, day-to-day pal has some ideas. Tonight: Go along with another person's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ An associate might not stop harping on a situation until you acknowledge what is happening. Ask yourself if it would be easier to drop the game. Walk away from a combative person right now. Don't let anyone ruin the moment. Tonight: Just not alone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Listen well. Make a point of taking extra time with key people in your daily routine. Sometimes we don't realize the importance of these connections. Express your gratitude and appreciation. Tonight: Don't push.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your creativity flourishes. How you feel about a difficult person might need to be verbalized. This person needs to know your reaction. If you want to back away, you will feel clearer. You cannot put off certain people anymore. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you open up to change and new possibilities. Reach out for knowledge, different opinions and new ways of looking at issues. Many of you will travel; others will meet people who, by their very lifestyle, present a different perspective. Some of you will decide to sign up for a workshop or a class. You will gain through groups and friends. If you are single, a friendship could become more. If you are attached, the two of you will socialize more, drawing you closer together. CANCER is loyal and nurturing.



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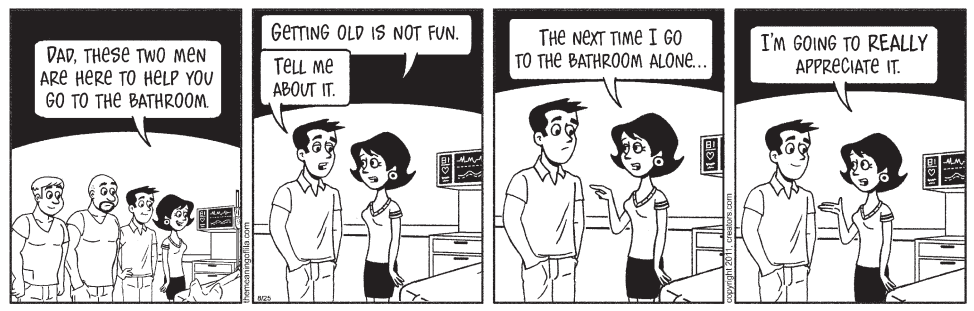
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Sudoku

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

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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

ACROSS

1 Wendy's friend
6 Future tulips
11 Sylvan site
12 Singer Chris
13 Juanita's friend
14 Horse's cousin
15 Account book
17 Power, in old Rome
19 Put away
20 Slugger Williams
23 Somewhat
25 Give a hoot
26 Plane part
28 One of the Brontës
29 Provinces
30 French article
31 Lamb lament
32 Curved letter
33 Denies
35 Labrador explorer
38 BLT base
41 Dwelling
42 Paid for a hand
43 Alamo setting
44 Finishes last

DOWN

1 Links org.
2 Popular street name
3 Rapid plunges
4 Border
5 Library group
6 "Carmen" composer
7 Manipulative sort
8 Research spot
9 Ingot
10 Reggae's forerunner
16 Entrance
17 Crucial
18 Silly
20 Some formalwear
21 Undermine
22 Slow-witted
24 Pub pints
25 Middle: Abbr.
27 Like many resorts
31 Kathy of "Misery"
33 Bar mixer
34 Forbidden act
35 Mouse chaser
36 Playwright Burrows
37 Cereal buy
39 Spot
40 Six-pt. scores

R	I	A	T	A	■	■	B	L	I	P
I	N	G	E	R	■	P	R	O	M	O
Y	A	R	N	S	■	H	A	G	A	R
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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	9	10
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13					■	14				
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30			■	31			■	32		
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41					■	42				
43					■	44				

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• Insert the given numbers in the empty squares so when they are calculated in threes from left to right and top to bottom they satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes both horizontally and vertically.

• Each empty square dictates the math operation that must be performed to meet the demands.

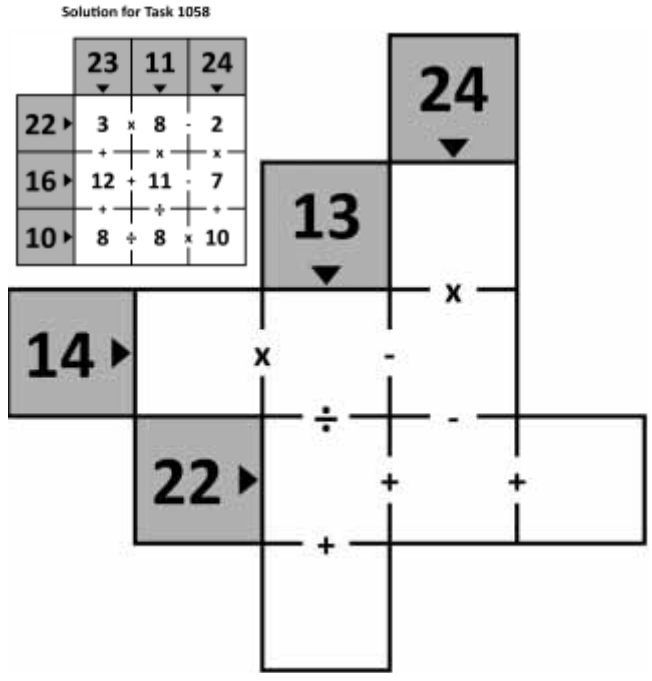
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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

2, 3, 4, 6, 10, 12, 12, 12

Solution for Task 1058



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SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 12 24 32 34 35 Meganumber: 23 Jackpot: $16M

Fantasy 5: 2 4 5 16 26

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 9 3 6 EVENING: 5 1 4

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 11 Money Bags 2nd: 06 Whirl Win 3rd: 04 Big Ben RACE TIME: 1:41.23

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Even though Michigan schoolteacher Marcie Rousseau was sentenced in December to at least four years in prison for having sex with a high school boy in Saginaw and Midland counties, the episode is not over. Now, the "victim" has filed a lawsuit against Rousseau and school officials for what his lawyer described as "not consensual" sex. The unnamed, then-16-year-old admitted to at least 100 acts of sexual intercourse, and 75 "other" sex acts, and asks at least $1 million for "physical, psychological and emotional injury." (To use the "minimum" numbers, that works out to at least $5,700 per sex act, and since $1 million is sought on each of the seven federal-law claims and three state-law claims, the best-case scenario regards each sex act as a $57,000 burden.)

■ Jonathan Schwartz called 911 in New York City in July to report that he had stabbed his mother to death. A few minutes later but before police arrived, Schwartz called back 911 to report a correction: "No, she committed suicide." (The mother's body was found with multiple stab wounds, and police, notwithstanding Schwartz's "correction," charged him with murder.)

■ Jerry Prieto, 38, pleaded guilty in July in Benton County, Wash. (possession of methamphetamine and "malicious mischief with sexual motivation"), and was sentenced to 45 days in jail. Prieto had been arrested with the drugs in October 2010 in a stall at a highway rest stop. According to the prosecutor, Prieto had written sexual notes on the floor with a felt-tipped pen and drawn an arrow pointing directly to his stall. (As a condition of his sentence, Prieto is allowed in rest-stop bathrooms only for "traditional" purposes.)

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He was born June 21, 1926, in Rose Hill, CA, to John and Daisy Ragsdale. He was raised in Santa Monica, CA, with 6 brothers and 3 sisters.
He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944 and proudly served his country during World War II and the Korean War, where he was one of the surrounded Marines at the Chosin Reservoir. He was released from active duty on July 5, 1951, and he married his sweetheart, Doris, two days later in Santa Monica, CA. He was honorably discharged August 14, 1951.
Clyde and Doris lived in Los Angeles, CA, where Clyde was a Plant Manager for American Ceramics Products, Winfield Division, in Santa Monica, CA, and Painter Working Supervisor for L.A. County at USC Medical Center. He earned his diploma by attending night classes at University High School. He raised four children: Robert, Judy, Beverly, and James. In 1993, he moved to Stevensville, where he was actively involved in the Marine Corps League and the American Legion.
His hobbies were fishing, traveling, drawing, and spending time with family and friends. He recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary and his 85th birthday.
He is survived by his wife, Doris, Stevensville; sisters, Ollie, Seaside, OR, Daisy, Granada Hills, CA, and Donna, Red Bluff, CA; daughter, Beverly, Stevensville; son, Robert, Kansas City, MO; and 18 grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his brothers, Irvin, Kelly, Vernon, Lyle, Leonard, and Clarence; daughter, Judy; and son, James.
Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 27, 2011, at Veterans Park in Stevensville. A reception following the service will be held at the American Legion Hall in Stevensville. A private burial at Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula will be held at a later date.

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