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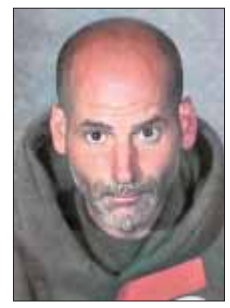
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THE WHOLE LOT OF WRITING GOING ON ISSUE

Police seeking sex crime victims



TOSCANINI

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Police are trying to determine if a convicted sex offender, who recently registered in Santa Monica following a stint in jail for masturbating in public, exposed himself to girls as young as 5.

Investigators believe there may be more victims after finding journals written by Joseph William Toscanini, which indicate he exposed himself to girls, with a preference for those between the ages of 5 and 10, Monterey Park police said.

Investigators in the east Los Angeles County city stumbled upon the journals after arresting Toscanini on Aug. 14 for masturbating in public. Police said a bystander saw Toscanini manipulating his penis in front of a cafe located in the 400 block of West Garvey Ave. in Monterey Park.

Prosecutors charged the 46-year-old with a misdemeanor count of indecent exposure. Los Angeles County Sheriff's booking records show he was sentenced to 36 days in jail on Aug. 15.

However, Santa Monica Police Sgt. Darrick Jacob, who

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Trutanich condemns plan for digital ads on Big Blue buses

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE The Los Angeles City Attorney came out strongly against legislation proposed by a Santa Monica assemblywoman that would put digital signs on the sides of buses, saying that the move would negatively impact Angelenos.

In a letter to Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica) dated Aug. 25, Los Angeles City Attorney Carmen A. Trutanich wrote that the legislation constituted "a dangerous and untested expansion" of a vehicle code section that allows for "illuminated signs" on vehicles.

The bill extends the current definition of "illuminated sign," which allows only the lighted identification of a bus's route, to include 31 square feet of digital advertising on both sides of every bus.

Those ads could change every 2.7 seconds, or include text moving across the screen in the same amount of time.

Such signage has never been used in California before, and causes concern that drivers could be distracted by the glowing signs.

"We don't have enough information to give us the comfort that these buses with Las Vegas-type signs driving down Los Angeles city streets will not pose a public safety threat," said Chief Deputy City Attorney Bill Carter. "We haven't seen a study or environmental report that would provide necessary information that the residents of Los Angeles would be protected."

Although the bill proposes a five-year pilot project only on Santa Monica's Big

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NOT-SO-FRIENDLY SKIES: **Mia Farrow and her handler Kris Hedin patrol the lake at the center of the Water Garden on Thursday. Hawks and falcons were called in to fight a growing seagull and pigeon problem at the large office complex.**

Water Garden finds pest control solution in hawks

BY REBECCA ASOULIN
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN The wind rushed by, distorting Fred Seaman's words.

"Johnny Depp's loving this wind," Seaman says.

Up at a vineyard in Southern California, Seaman, 53, and Depp, a falcon — not the actor — are participating in what Seaman calls "a 4,000-year-old cooperative relationship."

However, Seaman, a falconer, says that relationship has evolved over the past few decades and has led to his presence at the vineyard chasing and frightening away Starlings and other pest birds that threaten the vineyard's crops.

"This is relatively new technology using falconry for commercial purposes to protect something," Seaman says.

For his company, Airstrike Bird Control, that "something" is usually agriculture, landfills and resorts.

Depp and Seaman recently left a site, where the wind was still enjoyable for the falcon, but was a little out of the norm for them — an office complex in Santa Monica.

Seaman spent 10 days at The Water

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Aug. 27, 2011

End of the season
The Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy., 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.annenbergbeachhouse.com.

Return of the flutist
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Local flutist Julianne Bruce returns to her old stomping ground for a flute solo concert with piano accompaniment. Bruce will be playing works composed by the likes of C.P.E Bach, Bohuslav Martinu and Andre Jolivet. The Santa Monica High School and Oberlin graduate will also perform a trio for flute, cello and piano. Admission is free and the program is for all ages. For more information, call (310) 458-8600 or visit www.smpl.org.

Festival fun in Malibu
Malibu Bluffs Park
24250 Pacific Coast Hwy., 4 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Swing by Malibu for the fifth annual Malipalooza. The summer festival features stage performances, food trucks, children's activities, and booths for nonprofit organizations and businesses. The event will end with a dusk screening of "Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark." Cost: free. For more information call, (310) 317-1364.

Sunday, Aug. 28, 2011

The cat's meow
Civic Auditorium
1855 Main St., 10 a.m. — 5 p.m.
The Santa Monica Cat Fanciers' Association All Breed Cat Show is back in town. View and meet exotic cats, pet cats, and some cats that are in between. Cost: $10. Seniors 55+ and children 6-12, $7. For more information, call (310) 458-8551 or visit www.catsla.com.

Eclectic pop
McCabe's Guitar Shop
7 p.m.
A double bill at McCabe's. Opening the evening is Joy Kills Sorrow, a folk band that manages to pay homage to traditional bluegrass, while effortlessly blending it with modern rock, pop and jazz in a dark yet witty way. Following them is Lake Street Dive, another instrumentally diverse, largely acoustic, groovy indie-pop outfit. Cost: $12.50. For more information, call (310) 828-4497 or visit www.mccabes.com.

Monday, Aug. 29, 2011

Reduce, reuse, re-bag
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Starting Monday, sneak into the Main Library, or any city library branch, and pick up a durable, reusable, free market bag produced by Green Vets LA. Bags available to all library patrons throughout the week. One bag per patron, while supplies last. For more information, call (310) 458-8600 or visit www.sustainablesm.org/bag.

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Estranged husband charged with murder in supermarket stabbing

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

AIRPORT COURTHOUSE The estranged husband who allegedly stabbed his wife at a Santa Monica supermarket where she worked as a clerk was charged Friday with murder.

Kelvin Green, 52, is accused in Sunday's stabbing of his wife, Christina Talley, who died hours after being attacked as she worked at a checkstand at an Albertsons at 3105 Wilshire Blvd.

Green was initially identified as a person of interest by police, then ultimately determined to be a suspect in the 46-year-old woman's brutal murder, Santa Monica police said.

He was arrested Monday, then taken to a local hospital to be treated for an unspecified illness, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

Along with one count of murder, Green faces one count of assault involving a good Samaritan who tried to intervene but was not injured, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Green was ordered to remain in jail in lieu of $1 million bail pending arraignment, which was postponed to Sept. 8.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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College professors win 'Chairs of Excellence'

Four Santa Monica College professors were named winners of "Chairs of Excellence" on Thursday, Aug. 25.

The recipients are music professor Yulia Kozlova, geography professor Vicki Drake, business professor Sal Veas and nursing professor Eve Alder.

"SMC is proud to offer these Chair of Excellence awards to outstanding professors who have developed projects that will enhance their teachings and enrich the academic experience for our students," said SMC President Dr. Chui L. Tsang.

Each of the recipients will receive $5,000 a year for the next three years to be used to develop special projects in their departments.

Kozlova, an accomplished pianist, will organize an annual lecture-concert series for faculty, students and guest artists that explores the relationship between music and literature.

Drake plans to enlist the aid of SMC students in her research on post-fire vegetation recovery in chaparral communities.

Veas will be creating a social media marketing course, and plans to imbed social media marketing into the SMC business curriculum.

Adler will use her funds to continue developing her collaboration with the Nurse Advisor Project in Thailand, which will further the relationship between nursing students at SMC and in Thailand.

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ROLLING ALONG: **A Bike Action Plan endorsed by the City Council Tuesday identifies nearly 75 percent of streets ready for a range of improvements, as well as the creation of a beach bike campus to teach people rules of the road.**

City Council endorses bike plan

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL "I want to see this happen, and happen soon."

These are not words that often pass the lips of City Council members, who seem to relish excruciatingly slow public process and discussion, but the council was excited to move forward with the Bicycle Action Plan, a 300-page document that spells out the future of bicycle facilities and programs in Santa Monica for the next 20 years.

Staff presented the plan at Tuesday night's City Council meeting.

Rather than focus on specific infrastructure improvements, which the plan details street-by-street, City Hall's Transportation Planning Manager Lucy Dyke described the overarching intent of the plan: To get Santa Monica residents biking.

"The Bike Action Plan asks us to shift gears and get people on bikes and out of cars," Dyke said.

The plan proposes to do this by focusing on infrastructure, education for would-be bicyclists and encouragement in the form of events centered on cycling.

"When (Santa Monicans) ride, they encounter a bike network that has some relatively good facilities," Dyke said. "But they're relatively unconnected and discontinuous."

To fix that, the plan identifies nearly 75 percent of streets ready for a range of intensive or minimal improvements that makes it safer and easier for bicyclists to get to critical destinations like schools and the incoming light rail stations.

The improvements will create a backbone of high-quality, visible bikeway improve-

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Got milk

Editor:

Thank God common sense prevailed at the SMMUSD board meeting and they didn't ban chocolate milk ("Chocolate milk stays on school menus," page 1, Aug. 26). Anytime children have the chance to drink something so nutritious and tasty is a very good thing.

Shame on the parents who wasted precious time on such a pathetic topic; they should be concerning themselves with classroom size, quality teachers, and their children's education.

A very simple solution is evident: if parents do not wish their children to drink chocolate milk tell them not to. And if they go behind your back and do, you have much bigger problems then them ingesting a few teaspoons of sugar.

Ian M. McDonald
Santa Monica

Early bird gets no worm

Editor:

Dear SMMUSD school board,

I have a daughter starting seventh grade at Lincoln Middle School. We were informed on the day before registration that all a.m. classes (one additional class period in the school day) were eliminated for seventh grade. Last year they were eliminated for sixth grade.

I do not understand why education in the classroom is the first thing cut. It is a sad day when students who want to learn and take an extra class are denied by the school district. What are the priorities of a school district? Silly me, I thought classroom learning was the top priority. Apparently, I need an "education" on what the school district's mission really is. My daughter gets chocolate milk and no choir. Congrats on working so hard to achieve less for our students.

Dr. Lisette Gold
Santa Monica

Scale it down

Editor:

Regarding the Aug. 23 vote by six of our seven City Council members to go forward with development agreement negotiations with Hines, my concerns regarding Bergamot Transit Village traffic impacts remain the same ("Papermate project gets past council," page 1, Aug. 25). There is already a problem in our neighborhood, and this project can only make it worse. The parking and traffic are already a nightmare that cause my husband and me to perform a "tag team" operation just to get normal, everyday errands completed.

The project is still too big! The building height and mass is too much for our neighborhood, which is already at capacity. The issues of air quality, waste disposal, additional water usage, sewage and energy use still need to be looked at. We don't need any additional stresses on our environment or our infrastructure.

I would love to request that the project be scrapped but, knowing that won't happen, I must plead for a massive scale down.

Phyllis Chavez
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Mike Boyd — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Back-to-school driver

Q: WITH K-12 SCHOOLS STARTING ON Aug. 30, what can parents do to help foster a safe environment for returning students?

A: Parents who drive their children to school are encouraged to plan their schedule and allow enough time for drop off and pick up. You can help keep children safe and traffic moving in these areas by following these guidelines:

- Refrain from making U-turns on streets surrounding schools;
- Have your child ready to exit the vehicle upon arrival to school;
- Do not let your child out in traffic lanes;
- Obey all traffic rules and crossing guards;
- Arrive early and be prepared for traffic delays;
- Do not park illegally;
- Do not disrupt flow of traffic;
- Walk or bike to school if possible.

Parents can also contact their school principal about drop off/pick up etiquette and to ask if the school has a traffic plan. Students who take the Big Blue Bus to Santa Monica schools are encouraged to be aware of the very high demand on the buses during the first few weeks. Residents may wish to use alternate routes or to adjust their schedule for the first week or so of classes.

Q: I currently live in Santa Monica, and my job requires me to travel to Nevada about two to three times per month. If I buy a new vehicle in Nevada, can I register it there to save on registration fees or do I have to have it registered in California?

A: In today's economy, saving money is very important. Unfortunately in your situation, you will not be able to save money on registration fees by buying and registering a vehicle in Nevada or any other state. There are two different issues to contend with in the scenario you described.

First, as a California resident, you are subject to all laws of this state. If you own a vehicle, you'll have to have it registered in California. If you were to register a new vehicle in another state and drive it in California, you'd be gambling on the chance of not getting stopped by a law enforcement officer. If you are stopped, the officer will find the discrepancy between your California driver's license and the out-of-state registration on your vehicle. You may be cited, and that's no way to save money in today's economy!

Secondly, all new vehicles purchased outside of California need to be certified to meet California smog laws. This includes certain diesel powered vehicles. DMV cannot accept an application to register a vehicle in California that does not qualify for registration. According to the DMV's website, not all new vehicles are manufactured to be sold to California residents or businesses. Many manufacturers make vehicles to be sold in the other 49 states. These vehicles are made with smog equipment that meets federal emission standards, but not California standards.

To find out whether a car, truck or motorcycle is California certified, you can check the emission label under the hood. For a motorcycle, check the frame or refer to your owner's manual. The label should read that the vehicle conforms to California regulations, or that it is legal for sale in California.

There are a lot of other ways to save money when buying a new car without the hassles of changing registration from one state to another. Do some research online and remember you can negotiate the price of a new car, no matter which state you're in. There are numerous websites that detail hidden costs commonly associated with new car purchases. Look this information up and better prepare yourself before your next new car purchase. Check out the tutorial on purchasing a car at www.consumerreports.org. That will help get your started.

Q: I saw a couple of Santa Monica Police Officers dressed in army green colored uniforms with police patches on them. Is that uniform worn for a specific detail? If so, what detail is it and how do they get assigned to that detail?

A: Most likely you saw officers assigned to Santa Monica Police Department's Special Weapons and Tactics team (S.W.A.T.). Officers assigned to S.W.A.T. are issued green utility uniforms. The uniforms have the same identifying characteristics as a regular police uniform, but in different colors. The green utility uniform has Santa Monica Police patches on the shoulders, a cloth badge attached above the left breast pocket with "S.W.A.T." affixed underneath it, and the officer's name attached above the right breast pocket.

S.W.A.T. is a collateral assignment meaning each member has a primary assignment such as patrol, detective, vice or neighborhood resource officer. In order for officers to be selected for a S.W.A.T. assignment, they must meet the following criteria:

- Must be intelligent, articulate, disciplined, of even temperament and of unquestionable ethics and integrity;
- Must demonstrate experience reflecting sound judgment and the ability to function in stressful situations;
- Must have satisfactory job performance in past and present assignments; and demonstrate productivity, initiative, and motivation in all work assignments;
- Must possess good writing skills;
- Must be in excellent physical condition;
- Must demonstrate proficiency with departmental weapons;
- Must have the ability to work harmoniously within a structured team environment.

The testing process for S.W.A.T. candidates includes a physical fitness test, a firearms test, and an oral interview. The physical fitness test is considered by many to be one of the most demanding. It starts with a mile run and then each candidate must complete 100 pull-ups, 200 push-ups, and 300 squats, and then ends with another mile run. Upon successful completion of the physical test, the candidates move to the firearms test. After the firearms test, the candidates are given a brief break to prepare themselves for the oral interview.

The selection process for S.W.A.T. is very demanding for good reason. The utilization of highly trained, highly skilled law enforcement tactical units, when called upon to assist in the resolution of critical incidents, has been demonstrated nation-wide to substantially reduce the risk of injury and loss of life to citizens, officers, and suspects alike.

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Proud to invest in America

I LOVE AMERICA, AND HAVE PROUDLY invested in America. I have invested by building successful businesses employing thousands of American workers. And I have invested in our country by paying taxes.

But our nation loses $100 billion a year to tax dodging by some of our largest corporations and wealthiest people. That's a trillion dollar hole in our national treasury over the next decade unless we act now to plug it.

Tax dodging companies are disinvesting in our country — not investing in it.

Many U.S. multinational companies use a gimmick called "transfer pricing" — shifting patents to their offshore subsidiaries, for example — in order to pretend they've earned their profits in a tax haven like the Cayman Islands, Bermuda or Luxembourg, even though their operations there may be little more than a mail box. What they're really doing is transferring their U.S. profits offshore and transferring their tax responsibilities to the rest of us.

In this global version of a shell game, corporations move their profits to offshore shell company subsidiaries; the U.S. parent company reports to the IRS that they've made almost no profits, or even lost money on their U.S. operations. These companies are passing the buck to other taxpayers and robbing our national treasury of funds we need.

It sickens me that businesses like mine responsibly paid taxes at the rate of 35 percent on millions of dollars in profits while companies like GE would pay 0 percent on billions of dollars in profits. Even worse, they had so many tax loopholes and tax subsidies that Uncle Sam actually owed them money. From 2008 to 2010, GE had $7.7 billion in pretax U.S. profits and $4.7 billion in tax refunds, giving it a negative 61.3 percent tax rate, reports the tax experts at Citizens for Tax Justice.

We need to ask what kind of country we want to have and who is going to pay for it.

I have been fortunate to live the American dream. I know my success is due to many factors. I know, for example, as a software entrepreneur, that I would have had no business at all without the government assistance I received for my college education, or the government research that led to the Internet.

It's obscene that computer and Internet companies like Google, Microsoft, Apple and Cisco are part of a coalition clamoring for a tax holiday to "repatriate" profits they shifted to tax havens to avoid U.S. taxes.

It's obscene that so many members of Congress are willing to legislate austerity for American workers, small businesses and retirees while leaving the door open for big corporations to dodge taxes through tax havens.

We all benefit from public services, infrastructure and research paid for by tax dollars — education and public transportation, the Centers for Disease Control and food safety inspections, roads, bridges and waterways, the Small Business Administration and economic development programs, police and courts, and the public safety nets, from unemployment insurance to food stamps, that so many depend on in these hard economic times.

Instead of reducing our debt by cutting vital services, we need to close two big tax deficits — the tax haven deficit and the deficit from the Bush tax cuts for the affluent. Each is worth a trillion dollars over the next decade.

[O]UR NATION LOSES $100 BILLION A YEAR TO TAX DODGING BY SOME OF OUR LARGEST CORPORATIONS AND WEALTHIEST PEOPLE.

The Stop Tax Havens Abuse Act introduced recently in Congress by Sen. Carl Levin (D-MI) and Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-TX) would close the loopholes that reward those who disinvest in America and dodge taxes to unfairly boost their corporate treasuries. It should be a no-brainer solution in deficit reduction.

It is simply outrageous that we would ask unemployed and disabled Americans and Medicare and Social Security recipients to sacrifice more while continuing to shower tax savings on millionaires and billionaires who have a larger share of the nation's income than any time since the 1920s.

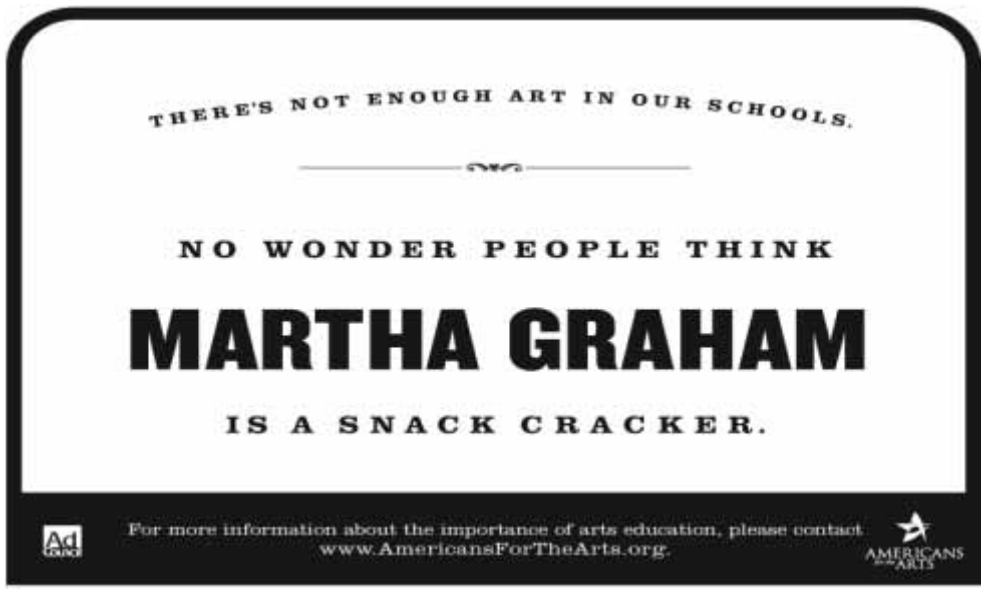
It's time for Congress to plug the loopholes that allow our largest corporations to avoid billions of dollars in taxes, and it's time for Congress to ask our wealthiest individuals, including people like me, to also pay our fair share of taxes. After all, American corporations and wealthy individuals should be proud to support our country and invest in its future.

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BACK IN THE DAY: **Al and Norm Langer pose with one of their signature sandwiches. Langer's Delicatessen was established by Al Langer in 1947 in MacArthur Park.**

It's a family affair at Langer's

EATING GOOD PASTRAMI IN SANTA MONICA does not involve much more than a quick bike ride up Wilshire Boulevard to Izzy's or Fromin's. Both establishments are classic Jewish delis with great family friendly atmospheres, and excellent pastrami.

However, if you are willing to go the extra mile (or 13) up Wilshire all the way to MacArthur Park, the neighborhood may not suggest that you died and gone to pastrami heaven, but enter through the pearly gates of Langer's Delicatessen (www.langersdeli.com) situated on the corner of Alvarado and Seventh streets, and prepare yourself for a celestial experience.

While the sandwiches at Langer's are nothing less than heaven sent, I am by no means unearthing a hidden gem. Langer's Deli has been reviewed, documented, and profiled by every local news outlet, The Food Network, Huell Howser, even Santa Monica City TV's very own "Cheap Eats." They have received much acclaim including the restaurant industries version of the Oscars, The James Beard award in 2001. Not to mention the millions of patrons whom have walked through the doors from its humble beginnings 64 years ago.

So for me to tell you that they have good food may result with a big fat "duh!" But as an enthusiast of slow cooked meats and reporter of all things delicious, a cycling jaunt to Langer's was a necessary pilgrimage.

What makes Langer's great is the food. What makes Langer's an institution is how it's run. The delicatessen was established by Al Langer back in 1947. Three dining room expansions and 4 million pounds of pastrami later Al Langer's son Norm has made a definitive point to preserve what his father worked all his life to build.

"I'm here six days a week. I'm here to watch the product, I'm here to tailor it, to make sure it goes out the way my dad originally prescribed it. The minute I walk away it's subject to change," Norm said.

I cannot imagine Mr. Langer takes many days off. Imagining the restaurant on one of Norm's vacation days is like "The Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson when he had guest hosts. It just does not seem appropriate. Being the consummate professional Norm is, you will never hear him utter the "F" word — franchise.

"To open up more restaurants means the product is going to suffer. Anytime something is run by family, it's a living, breathing part of you and that's what makes it a success," Norm said.

Steadfast and uncompromising on tradition and service, are qualities that hold true to Langer's both inside and out. A stalwart establishment in a neighborhood that has witnessed much change for good times and bad, Langer's has always been that community mainstay. Throughout the years, opportunities have presented themselves for the honored delicatessen to relocate, but like every other aspect of the business, Langer's has stayed the course.



Photo courtesy Langer's Deli

STACKED: **Langer's Deli's famous Number 19, a pastrami sandwich with Russian dressing, Swiss cheese and cole slaw on warm, crispy rye bread.**

"This neighborhood has been very good to my family and there is no reason I should leave it. I owe the neighborhood for my existence today, I" Norm said.

Surprisingly enough in a place so set in tradition, there is a little leeway on the menu. Adjusting to the times, Langer's has added salads and vegetarian selections for a more calorie conscious public. One item that you will never see on the menu, adamantly stated by Norm, are bean sprouts. While bean sprouts and soy pastrami are not in the restaurant's future, their signature sandwiches have been the same since 1947. The most notable and famous creation at Langer's is their Number 19. Its ingredients are hand cut pastrami, Swiss cheese, cole slaw, Russian dressing, on warm, crispy rye bread. A meld of flavors and a synergy of textures, the 19 enhances the pastrami rather than overpowering it with accouterments. This was original owner Al Langer's creation, and for great reason, is still the deli's best selling sandwich.

Whether it is the timeless pastrami on rye, a sky high club sandwich, or the dressed up Number 19, at Langer's it is hard to go wrong. And with the 720 Metro Rapid practically taking you to the front door, public transportation is a viable option. Of course a brisk bicycle ride from the Westside is the best way to earn your lunch. Any which way, Langer's Delicatessen is certainly worth the trip.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike. To reach him visit his Twitter at twitter.com/greaseweek or his website at tourdefeast.net



The Re-View

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Italian food you won't find everywhere

A LOT OF PEOPLE I KNOW WERE disappointed when they learned that Chez Mimi, one of the few remaining authentic French restaurants in our area, closed and that another Italian restaurant would open there. As one put it, "who needs another Italian restaurant in this neighborhood?"

And yes, there are a lot of them, but it does seem to be the cuisine of choice for going out to dinner. And Antonio di Cicco, the general manager, seems to have done a really nice job of cleaning up Mimi's old place and making a very pleasant space for dinner, with small rooms and even outside garden dining.

Not everyone agrees about this restaurant. I have friends that love it, while I see reviews where folks complain about the service and the prices — especially those for wine. I don't see much criticism of the food. I am somewhere in between.

My main criticism, if it is one, is the emphasis on pizza. Who goes out to a fine dining restaurant for pizza?

My main accolades go for the unusual nature of the foods. Yes it's OK to open up another Italian restaurant if you are going to serve dishes that one can't find on other menus, and that is the strength of this restaurant.

I'm not going to lie. I did have a pizza — and it was pretty tasty with crisp thin crust, just how I like it. I also had the fried zucchini blossoms, which I often see in Italy but much less here, and that was a treat. On one occasion I had the roasted marrow bones, which I make at home sometimes because I can't find them in local restaurants, but here they were and they were delicious.

How about taglierini with uni (sea urchin if you don't speak Japanese)? How often do you see that on Italian menus? And I saw a beautiful leg of lamb served Greek style, which is the kind of dish I like to find in a restaurant, since I don't make it at home very often.

The chef claims to be serving Tuscan food, and maybe so. But the saving grace to my way of thinking is that this is not just another Italian restaurant — this is high level dining with particularly interesting foods in a nice, and unusual, setting. It's not cheap; expect to spend between $60 to $100 per person to eat and drink well.

Now if only they can get those wine prices down.

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Can't afford lobster? Try a seafood salad roll

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Lobster rolls seem to just scream summer. And they scream it with lots of dollar signs.

So in an effort to have our summer and eat it too, I came up with this less costly alternative — a seafood salad with a rich mayonnaise sauce spiked with tangy capers and crunchy celery and red pepper.

Some people may roll their eyes at the inclusion of imitation lobster. But while it won't fool anyone into thinking it's the real thing when served on its own, it is totally respectable in a salad (not to mention cheaper and easier). Using real shrimp balances the salad out texturally, while smoked salmon lends a deliciously salty-savory flavor.

Tangy seafood salad rolls

Not in the mood for a bun? This seafood salad also is great over greens.
Start to finish: 15 minutes
Servings: 6
9 ounces cooked shrimp, shells and tails removed
8 ounces imitation lobster meat
8 ounces smoked salmon, finely chopped
1 red bell pepper, cored and diced
1 shallot, minced
3 stalks celery, finely diced
1 cup mayonnaise
2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
1 teaspoon hot sauce
Juice of 1/2 lemon
2 tablespoons drained capers
Salt and ground black pepper
6 hot dog buns, toasted

Roughly chop the shrimp and lobster meat into bite-size chunks. In a large bowl, combine both with the smoked salmon. Mix in the red bell pepper, shallot and celery, then set aside.

In a small bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, Dijon, hot sauce, lemon juice and capers. Add to the seafood and mix well to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon into the hot dog buns.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 440 calories; 170 calories from fat (38 percent of total calories); 19 g fat (3 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 115 mg cholesterol; 43 g carbohydrate; 26 g protein; 2 g fiber; 1,490 mg sodium.

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oversees sex offender registration, said Toscanini filled out paperwork with the SMPD on Aug. 25, just 10 days after being sentenced. Convicted sex offenders who are homeless are required to register with police every 30 days, giving such information as where they plan to sleep.

Jacob said Toscanini, a registered sex offender because of an out-of-state offense, has not been arrested in Santa Monica. The last contact SMPD officers had with Toscanini was in 2009 when police saw him sleeping in the doorway of a business on the Third Street Promenade.

"We are planning to send out a community bulletin letting people know that he's in Santa Monica," Jacob said.

Toscanini is known to ride buses, according to reports.

He is described as white, 5 feet 7 inches tall, 140 pounds and with a thin build.

Police in Monterey Park are asking any possible victims to call Detective Rebecca Minor at (626) 307-1239. Possible victims can also call the SMPD, Sgt. Jacob at (310) 458-8460.

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ADS
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Blue buses, the bus routes travel far outside of Santa Monica city limits and into Los Angeles, Carter said.

"The greatest impact will be in the city of Los Angeles," he said.

Furthermore, according to the letter, officials in Santa Monica have rejected proposals to limit the billboard to Santa Monica's 8.3 square miles, and have also shot down an operating agreement that would give Los Angeles the ability to regulate the signs when buses cross over residential neighborhoods, run on city streets past sunset or were determined by law enforcement and transportation officials to be unsafe.

Santa Monica is still open to negotiating an operating agreement with Los Angeles, said Kate Vernez, spokeswoman for the City Manager's Office.

"The timing of the letter seems unfortunate," she said.

Santa Monica has already committed to placing the digital signs on the pedestrian-facing side of the bus, so that, unless the bus turns left, drivers would most likely not be exposed to the glowing, shifting signs.

"We know the technology has been used successfully in New York and Chicago," Vernez said. "It shouldn't be a problem here."

Until they see a safety study, and specific promises about sign placement written into the language of the bill or a memorandum of understanding, L.A. officials won't be happy, Carter said.

Dennis Hathaway, a Venice resident and president of the Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight, is opposed to the signs, and would also like to see the bill include provisions regarding their placement.

"I get very wary of public officials who say we have the right to do something, but we're not going to do it," he said. "If you have the right to do it, you should not be shocked if down the road they do because the ads on the traffic side get more exposure, and probably more money for them."

Even limited application of the digital signs could be dangerous if they distract drivers at intersections, he said.

If residents of Los Angeles share the perceived burdens of the signs, they will also reap the benefits.

The impetus behind the legislation to create the pilot project was to freeze fare increases by raising money in new and innovative ways.

"This is about keeping our fares low, and providing an excellent service for the entire region," Vernez said.

Hathaway didn't contest the importance of the service, just the method Santa Monica officials seem prepared to embrace to keep costs down.

"There are some ways that are just not acceptable to raise revenue," he said.

Carter said that L.A. decision makers will have to weigh their next move if the language of the bill doesn't get changed, or a memorandum of understanding isn't reached.

"We want to work with the city of Santa Monica. We're a good partner with them," he said. "This is about public safety."

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ments, and expand the number of streets that bicyclists can feel comfortable traversing, Dyke said.

"We'll have neighborhood greenways, bike paths, sharrows and climbing lanes," she said. "Overall, the network will be much more complete, connected and oriented to where people want to go."

As bike-friendly streets multiply, so will much-needed support services like parking, valet, signs that tell bicycle riders how to get to important destinations and full-service centers with showers, repair facilities and storage.

To buttress the improved facilities, the plan also proposes classes and even a bike campus on the beach where newbies can learn the rules of the road on two wheels instead of four.

The plan specifically targets groups that City Hall wants to encourage to get on bikes, like school district students, Santa Monica College students and city employees.

Rounding out the presentation was a comment on how staff plans to keep accountable to the ambitious goals stated in the plan.

The plan's success will be measured by the things City Hall is doing as a result, like the implementation of programs, priority improvement projects, development of a bike parking ordinance and working bike principles into development agreements, Dyke said.

League of American Bicyclists cycling instructor Meghan Kavanagh gave the plans high marks as a good first step.

"By the time everything in this is implemented, we'll be able to accommodate the cyclists that Santa Monica already has," she said. "If we get all this stuff, we'll see ridership increase, and then we'll need more. But that's OK!"

Council members applauded staff's efforts, which have included years of work, research and public input.

"Staff caught the bike fever that's happening in the community and that I've been seeing nationwide, because biking is fun," said Councilmember Terry O'Day.

O'Day stressed the importance of making clearly-defined goals to enhance accountability, as well as a strong education component to cut down on bicycle accidents, which have been on the rise in Santa Monica.

The solution will have to apply to both bicyclists and motorists, said Councilmember Bobby Shriver.

"You're going to lose every encounter you have with a car. It's a simple and important point," Shriver said. "No matter what your rights are and the respect you deserve, you're dead if you run into a car on a bike."

With a round of approvals from council members, staff is greenlighted to put out an environmental impact document that community members may comment on.

It is scheduled to go before the Planning Commission on Oct. 5, and then return to the City Council for direction in November on how to order the projects.

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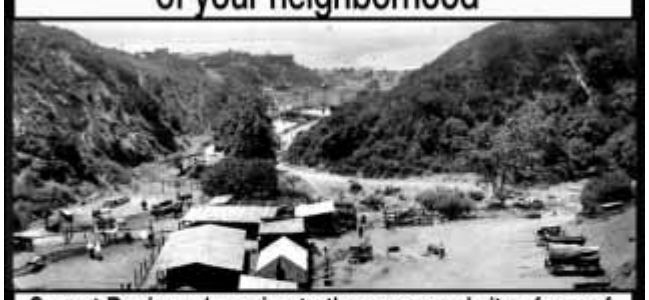
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RESULTS: **The number of seagulls and pigeons at the Water Garden has dropped since hawks were brought in.**

HAWKS

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Garden off Cloverfield Boulevard, where pests were posing a health and safety problem to the 2,200 employees of the 75 firms with offices there, said Cindy Giordano-Taylor, senior director of marketing at CB Richard Ellis, which manages the 17-acre property.

"There were 50 to 100 [seagulls and pigeons] at a time who had been spending time at the beach rummaging through trash cans eating food," Giordano-Taylor said. "They find their way over here to the man-made lake to bathe and drink and, how do you put it nicely? There were bird droppings. They were ending their day here after sitting in trash cans."

The 1 1/2 acre lake was a hot-spot for the birds, said Kris Hedin Thursday, the falconer who has been at the property for three weeks with her 3-year-old Harris hawk Mia Farrow.

Hedin stood near the edge of the lake with Farrow perched on her leather glove next to a vacated mini-waterfall that Hedin said used to be occupied by dozens of birds at a time.

Now almost a month into their indefinite contract with The Water Garden, only one hawk, Farrow, is needed to keep the pests away. At the start there were three to four.

One is still enough for most of the seagulls, who either avoid the property entirely or for the more daring, fly a little lower, see the hawk and quickly shoot off in the opposite direction.

The focus, Seaman said, is not on the falcons catching and killing the gulls, but rather on protecting sites from pests whose fear of the falcon or hawks, both predators, is enough to drive them away.

Since Farrow is not allowed to catch and kill gulls and seagulls, the hawk, who Hedin said normally eats jackrabbits, is fed quail meat.

"I'm not free-flying her here. The presence of a predator is enough to frighten them away. Except for George, he's kind of the bane of my existence right now," Hedin said.

George sat in the middle of the lake. From the shore the seagull almost blends in with the ducks around him, but Hedin and Farrow both had a hawk eye fixed on the bird, whom Hedin learned this week limped from an injury.

Hedin spends her hours dealing with "George and a few of his friends" and the occasional passer-by who stops to ask a question. Those hours change daily to avoid making a pattern to which the pests can adapt.

People who come up to Hedin ask her two questions. "Is that a falcon?" (Farrow is in fact a hawk) or "Are you just hanging out with a falcon?"

Falconers, even non-commercial ones, are licensed by federal and state authorities.

Hedin, like all hopeful falconers, began her career with a two-year apprenticeship with a master falconer before joining the company two months ago.

Hedin lives in Santa Cruz, Calif. but is temporarily staying in Santa Monica where she is with Farrow constantly, except for nights when Farrow stays in a perch box that Hedin declined to give the location of.

Hedin had admired falcons and hawks ever since she was a small girl and now working at The Water Garden with them every day she seems every bit enamored by them. Ironically, however, Hedin treated gulls and pigeons, which she now recognizes as potential health dangers and in some ways as her "prey," in a much different way.

"Six years ago I was in a local newspaper feeding seagulls with my husband. I was part of the problem," Hedin said.

The "problem," now nearly eradicated at The Water Garden, has left many tenants and stragglers with an appreciation for these birds.

The falcons, Giordano-Taylor said, have had a subtle presence at the complex and serve as an enjoyable diversion for tenants who are fascinated by them.

"They're beautiful birds," Giordano-Taylor said. "It's a peaceful and natural way of fixing a problem that we needed to fix … . People are just fascinated by them. One tenant was so interested he want to pursue [falconry], and the ducks are having a very fun time by themselves."

Back at the vineyard, Seaman is not surprised by the reaction the falcons and hawks have been met with in Santa Monica.

"It's not unusual for any human to have a relationship with any animal. It is just what humans do. Falcons make great partners," Seaman said. "They don't bark."

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Man sentenced to life for ordering journalist's death

BY TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. The former leader of a once-influential Oakland community group was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole for ordering the killing of three men, including a journalist who was working on a story about the financial troubles of the organization.

Oakland Post Editor Chauncey Bailey was the first American journalist killed on U.S. soil for reporting a story in nearly two decades.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I ever imagine that Chauncey's life would end because of a story," his ex-wife, Robin Hardin-Bailey, told the packed courtroom.

Looking at defendant Yusuf Bey IV, she said he and Bailey actually were similar in their attempts to uplift the community.

"I forgive you because the Chauncey Bailey I knew, the Chauncey Bailey who came here to right the wrongs, to tell the stories of people who had no voice, I believe that he would forgive you, too," she said.

Despite his conviction in June, Bey, the former head of Your Black Muslim Bakery, continued to assert his innocence in a statement read by his attorney Gene Peretti.

"I want the people to know it has never been about truth and justice, it has been about perception and politics," the statement said. "I do apologize to my family and the families of the victims for not making wiser decisions in allowing this to have occurred on my watch."

Bey, 25, was given three life terms in prison without the possibility of parole in the 2007 murders of Bailey, Michael Wills and Odell Roberson in separate attacks.

Bailey, 57, was gunned down in broad daylight in downtown Oakland while walking to the newspaper.

Co-defendant Antoine Mackey, also 25, a bakery supervisor, was sentenced to two life terms in prison for the murders of Bailey and Wills.

Founded some 40 years ago by Bey's father, the bakery, which promoted self-empowerment, became an institution in Oakland's black community while running a security service, school and other businesses. In recent years, the organization was tainted by links to criminal activity.

Prosecutors argued that Bey felt he was above the law and was so desperate to protect the legacy of his family's bakery that he ordered the killing of Bailey.

Prosecutors say Wills, 36, was killed randomly after Bey had a conversation with Mackey about the Zebra murders, a string of racially motivated black-on-white killings in San Francisco in the 1970s. Bey and Mackey are black. Wills was white.

Roberson, 31, was killed by bakery handyman Devaughndre Broussard in retaliation for the murder of Bey's brother by Roberson's nephew, according to trial testimony.

Broussard, 23, the prosecution's star witness, testified during the trial that lasted more than two months that Bey ordered him and Mackey to kill all three men in exchange for a line of credit.

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Law murky on identifying police in homeless death

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. The refusal of police to release the names of six officers involved in a violent confrontation with a mentally ill homeless man has sparked anger but legal experts said Friday there is significant debate about whether law enforcement can — and should — publicly identify police in such instances.

The Fullerton Police Department maintains it is not giving the officers special protections following last month's death of Kelly Thomas, 37, and the district attorney has launched an investigation into his death. The FBI has also initiated a criminal inquiry into whether the officers violated Thomas' civil rights.

Legal experts say that California law is murky on the question of whether law enforcement agencies should routinely release the names of cops involved in officer-involved deaths, and every department handles things differently depending on their interpretation of the law.

A number of cases currently working their way through the legal system address the tension between the full disclosure required by the state's public records law and another law that exempts key parts of police officers' personnel records, said Michael Gennaco, an independent consultant hired by Fullerton to investigate the Thomas case.

"It's certainly a legal issue that has been percolating up and down the state of California on a number of fronts," he said. "Arguments can be made in both directions about what disclosure is appropriate or what disclosure should occur."

If any of the officers in the Thomas case are criminally charged, their names would automatically become public record.

Barring that, getting the names could be an uphill legal battle depending on the approach taken by the district attorney and the local police department, said Merrick Bobb, executive director of the Police Assessment Resource Center, a non-profit that provides advice on police best practices nationwide.

So far, the Fullerton Police Department has declined to release the officers' names, as has the Orange County district attorney.

The district attorney this week rejected a public records request from The Orange County Register and cited a list of threats to the police following the July 5 incident in its response.

The city has not yet replied to a similar records request from the AP. The coroner's office also rejected an AP request for Thomas' autopsy report.

The decision angered Thomas' father and promises to reinvigorate protesters who have been marching each Saturday outside the Fullerton police station.

"Like everything they do, they cite officer safety, officer privacy, the officers' bill of rights. It's a double standard," said Thomas' father, Ron Thomas. "They're afraid for their safety. Well, you know what? My son was afraid for his safety and he lost that battle. We're all supposed to have rights, but they violated them to the highest extent."

If any officers are eventually charged, the names of those individuals will be released, but they are otherwise protected by the state law dealing with exemptions for things in their personnel files, such as internal investigations, disciplinary actions and performance evaluations, said Sgt. Andrew Goodrich, a spokesman for the Fullerton police.

The law is intended to protect officers in situations involving "the politics and the public fervor" generated by highly charged incidents such as the Thomas death, Goodrich said.

"You have these protections so you don't have a situation where a politician or the management of an organization decides it's politically expedient to take a certain action against a police officer.

"If I arrest the mayor's son, suddenly my job's in jeopardy for arresting the mayor's son. The decisions have to be made putting all the public pressures and politics aside," he said.

Bobb said a number of agencies statewide have interpreted the law the same way since the California Supreme Court handed down its decision in Copley vs. the Superior Court in 2006.

In that case, The Copley Press Inc. challenged the San Diego County Civil Service Commission's closure and sealing of the record regarding an unnamed officer who fought dismissal.

In their ruling, the justices said police officers deserve more protection than other government employees to, among other things, shield "peace officers from publication of frivolous or unwarranted charges."

"The state of the law is such that if they don't want to disclose, they do have some legal grounds for that decision," Bobb said. "If an officer is cleared, then there's no particular reason for his or her name to be made public and some choose not to do so."

Some lower courts, however, have ordered the names of officers released in other cases despite the Copley decision and a number of cases are still moving through the courts, making it an area of law that's still in flux, said Gennaco, the independent consultant.

In some of those cases, the agencies are arguing that the officers face threats if their names are revealed, he said.

That could be at play in the Thomas case, given the district attorney's listing of threats made to the police following the incident.

The current case is also interesting, Gennaco said, because it was a public action but the records requested do not, at this point, involve files from an internal affairs investigation.

The internal probe is on hold until the district attorney's investigation has concluded.

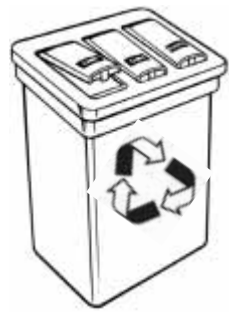
"There's no real guidance on that scenario on what a city needs to do or even what a city should do and I think the arguments could be made on both side for that," he said.

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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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Journals, computers seized in 2-yr-old missing mom case

BY BRIAN SKOLOFF
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY The father-in-law of a Utah mother missing for nearly two years said Friday authorities seized computers and journals during an extensive hours-long search of his Washington state home.

"They went through every room in the house, the garage, even the crawl space," Steve Powell told The Associated Press. "They just left piles of things everywhere. They took a lot of stuff."

The renewed effort over the past week in the search for Susan Cox Powell came as the case spiraled into an emotional saga pitting one side of her family against the other. The Powell family has throughout the investigation claimed they believe Susan Powell ran off with another man. Her family, however, has just been praying she's still alive, and has pleaded with her husband, Josh, to cooperate with authorities, who say he's been evasive.

Josh Powell is the only person of interest in his wife's disappearance, but he has not been charged or detained and denies killing his wife or knowing anything about where she is.

His father, Steve Powell, claimed in a nationally televised interview Thursday that he had a flirtatious relationship with his daughter-in-law, that they were in love — something her parents adamantly denied, saying Steve Powell initiated unwanted sexual advances toward her.

On Thursday, authorities from Utah converged on the Powell's home in Puyallup, Wash., searching for journals from everyone, including Susan Powell, Steve Powell and Josh Powell, Steve Powell said.

He said they seized every computer in the home.

Powell said authorities also seized thumb drives, CDs and paper journals from the home.

Police have declined to comment on what they were seeking or what they found.

"We came here looking for specific things, and some of those things we've been able to find," West Valley City, Utah, police Lt. Bill Merritt said Thursday night. He called the evidence collected "very, very important" to the investigation.

The Powell family has been portraying Susan as promiscuous and emotionally unstable and had been offering as proof several diary pages from the missing woman's teenage years. Her family says the entries were written by a young girl and have no bearing on the 28-year-old's disappearance. A Washington state court on Friday granted a temporary restraining order sought by her family, prohibiting the Powells from disseminating the journal entries.

It's the latest in a flurry of action in the case that had appeared to stall until recently. On Tuesday, a court commissioner in Washington state ordered Susan Powell's father, Chuck Cox, and Josh Powell to keep 500 feet apart. That move came just days after authorities wrapped up a search for evidence in a network of abandoned mines outside Ely, Nev. They found nothing new.

Josh Powell said Friday he would not allow Susan Powell's parents to "stop the truth from getting out" by keeping him from disseminating her journal entries.

Cox family attorney Anne Bremner said the Powells are making a terrible situation even worse.

"What they're doing is adding such horrible angst to her parents that we have to stop this," Bremner said Friday.

Josh Powell continues to say he believes his wife is alive, and is frustrated that "people aren't searching for Susan."

"I'm still thinking she left," Steve Powell added. "Hopefully they'll be able to find her at some point ... We don't believe she's dead."

Police say Josh Powell has refused to answer questions about a supposed midnight camping trip he said he took with the couple's sons — then ages 4 and 2 — in the mountains west of Salt Lake City the night before Susan Powell was reported missing. She was last seen by her husband Dec. 6, 2009, in her West Valley City home outside Salt Lake City. She was reported missing the next day when she didn't show up for work.

Chuck Cox, has never said he believes his son-in-law is responsible for Susan's disappearance, but wants him to be more forthcoming with police. He said Susan Powell never had feelings for Steve Powell and "wanted as far away from him as possible."

He said his family remains hopeful, but they are preparing "for the worst."

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2 million ordered to leave as hurricane Irene takes aim

BY JENNIFER PELTZ & MICHAEL BIESECKER
Associated Press

MOREHEAD CITY, N.C. Whipping up trouble before ever reaching land, Hurricane Irene zeroed in Friday for a catastrophic run up the Eastern Seaboard. More than 2 million people were told to move to safer places, and New York City ordered its entire network of subways shut down for the first time because of a natural disaster.

As the storm's outermost bands of wind and rain began to lash the Outer Banks of North Carolina, authorities in points farther north begged people to get out of harm's way. The hurricane lost some strength but still packed 100 mph winds, and officials in the Northeast, not used to tropical weather, feared it could wreak devastation.

"Don't wait. Don't delay," said President Barack Obama, who decided to cut short his summer vacation by a day and return to Washington. "I cannot stress this highly enough: If you are in the projected path of this hurricane, you have to take precautions now."

The National Hurricane Center said the storm is unlikely to get any stronger and may weaken slightly before reaching land. It said Irene could weaken into a tropical storm before reaching New England, but that even below hurricane strength it would be a powerful and potentially destructive storm.

Hurricane warnings were issued from North Carolina to New York, and watches were posted farther north, on the islands of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard off Massachusetts. Evacuation orders covered at least 2.3 million people, including 1 million in New Jersey, 315,000 in Maryland, 300,000 in North Carolina, 200,000 in Virginia and 100,000 in Delaware.

"This is probably the largest number of people that have been threatened by a single hurricane in the United States," said Jay Baker, a geography professor at Florida State University.

New York City ordered more than 300,000 people who live in flood-prone areas to leave, including Battery Park City at the southern tip of Manhattan, Coney Island and the beachfront Rockaways. But it was not clear how many would do it, how they would get out or where they would go. Most New Yorkers don't have a car.

On top of that, the city said it would shut down the subways and buses at noon Saturday, only a few hours after the first rain is expected to fall. The transit system carries about 5 million people on an average weekday, fewer on weekends. It has been shut down several times before, including during a transit workers' strike in 2005 and after the Sept. 11 attacks a decade ago, but never for weather.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said there was little authorities could do to force people to leave.

"We do not have the manpower to go door-to-door and drag people out of their homes," he said. "Nobody's going to get fined. Nobody's going to go to jail. But if you don't follow this, people may die."

Shelters were opening Friday afternoon, and the city was placed under its first hurricane warning since 1985.

Transit systems in New Jersey and Philadelphia also announced plans to shut down, and Washington declared a state of emergency. Boisterous New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie demanded people "get the hell off the beach" in Asbury Park and said: "You're done. Do not waste any more time working on your tan."

Hundreds of thousands of airline passengers were grounded for the weekend. JetBlue Airways said it was scrubbing about 880 flights between Saturday and Monday, most to and from hub airports in New York and Boston. Other airlines said they were waiting to be more certain about Irene's path before announcing more cancellations.

Thousands of people were already without power. In Charleston, S.C., several people had to be rescued after a tree fell on their car.

Defying the orders, hardy holdouts in North Carolina put plywood on windows, gathered last-minute supplies and tied down boats. More than half the people who live on two remote islands, Hatteras and Ocracoke, had ignored orders to leave, and as time to change their minds ran short, officials ordered dozens of body bags. The last ferry from Ocracoke left at 4 p.m. Friday.

"I anticipate we're going to have people floating on the streets, and I don't want to leave them lying there," said Richard Marlin, fire chief for one of the seven villages on Hatteras. "The Coast Guard will either be pulling people off their roofs like in Katrina or we'll be scraping them out of their yards."

Officially, Irene was expected to make

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THE BROAD STAGE 1310 11th Street, Santa Monica

For more information contact Robbie Gluckson
at 310 633-8400 or rgluckson@premiereoncology.org
Visit **www.premiereoncology.org** or **www.truthbetold2011.org**
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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

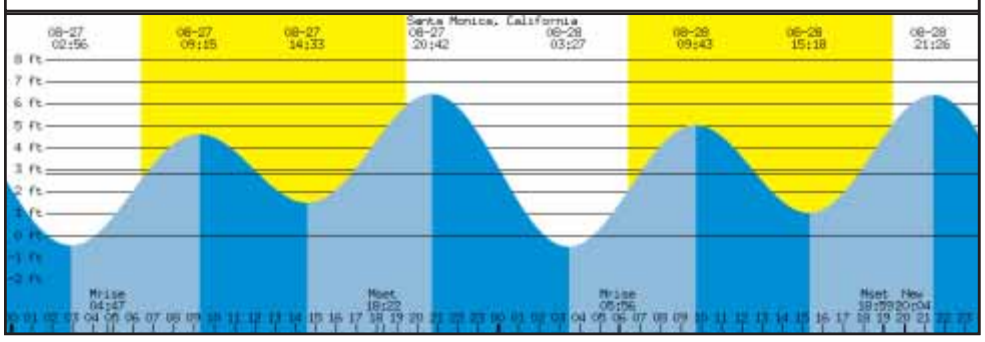
Swell Forecast

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

Long Range Synopsis

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

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 24, 2011**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

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 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos 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 Rominer 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 Pierco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	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.	B	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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The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

IRENE

FROM PAGE 15

landfall Saturday near Morehead City, on the southern end of the Outer Banks, the barrier island chain. But long before the eye crossed the coastline, the blustery winds and intermittent rains were already raking the coast. By Friday evening 50 mph winds were measured at Wrightsville Beach, N.C.

Some took to shelters for protection.

Susan Kinchen, her daughter and 5-month-old granddaughter came to West Carteret High School with about 50 others. She said they didn't feel safe in their trailer, and the Louisiana native was reminded of how her old trailer lost its roof to Hurricane Katrina.

National Hurricane Center meteorologist David Zelinsky said earlier Friday that he expected the storm to arrive as a Category 2 or 3 hurricane. Later in the day, other forecasts showed it would strike most of the coast as a Category 1. The scale runs from 1, barely stronger than a tropical storm, to a monstrous 5. On Friday afternoon, Irene was a Category 2.

Regardless of how fierce the storm is when it makes landfall, the coast of North Carolina was expected to get winds of more than 100 mph and waves perhaps as high as 11 feet, Zelinsky said.

"This is a really large hurricane and it is dangerous," he said. "Whether it is a Category 2 or 3 at landfall, the effects are still going to be strong. I would encourage people to take it seriously."

Officer Edward Mann was driving down the narrow streets of Nags Head looking for cars in driveways, a telltale sign of people planning to ride out the storm against all advice.

Bucky Domanski, 71, was working in his garage when Mann walked in. He told the officer he planned to stay. Mann handed Domanski a piece of paper with details about the county's evacuation order. It warned that hurricane force winds would flood the roads and there might not be power or water until well after the storm.

"You understand we can't help you during the storm," Mann said.

"I understand," Domanski replied.

After the Outer Banks, the next target for Irene was the Hampton Roads region of southeast Virginia, a jagged network of inlets and rivers that floods easily. Emergency officials have said the region is more threatened by storm surge, the high waves that accompany a storm, than wind. Gas stations there were low on fuel Friday, and grocery stores scrambled to keep water and bread on the shelves.

In Delaware, Gov. Jack Markell ordered an evacuation of coastal areas.

"We could be open tonight for business, but there's a very fine line between doing the right thing and putting our staff at risk," said Alex Heidenberger, owner of Mango Mike's restaurant in Bethany Beach, who expects to lose $40,000 to $50,000 in business.

The Laughing Warrior Workshop:
Self-awareness meets comic relief now taught thru Santa Monica College Community Education [Bundy Campus].

Classes start Tuesday, Sept. 13th at 6:30pm
Registration Link: **http://commed.smc.edu/**
or Email Trish Lay personally at:
TrishLay@gmail.com
www.soulsatplayproductions.com





City of Santa Monica

CITY OF SANTA MONICA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites Contractors to complete and submit sealed bids for the:

Federal Funded- Big Blue Bus- Bus Stop Redevelopment Program
Federal Aid Project No. FTA Section 5307 Formula Fund-
(CA-90-Y770) (CA-96-X044)
SP2137

Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 2:30 p.m. on **Thursday, September 15, 2011,** to be publicly opened and read aloud after 3:00 p.m. on said date in City Hall. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID JOB WALK:
Monday, August 29, 2011, at 1:00 p.m.
Meet at 612 Colorado Avenue on the corner of 7th Street and Colorado Avenue. Job walk attendees should bring hard hats, boots, and safety vests.

PROJECT ESTIMATE: $6,500,000
CONTRACT DAYS: 560 WORKING DAYS
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES: $1,650.00 PER WORKING DAY
COMPENSABLE DELAY: $1,550.00 PER WORKING DAY

Bidding Documents may be obtained by logging onto the City's Finance website at: http://www01.smgov.net/finance/purchasing/. The Contractor is required to have a **Class B** license at the time of bid submission. Contractors wishing to be considered must submit Bids containing all information required pursuant to the City's Request for Bids.

Pursuant to Public Contracts Code Section 22300, the Contractor shall be permitted to substitute securities for any monies withheld by the City to ensure performance under this Contract.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, Aug. 27
TV editing panel discussion.
5th Annual Prime Cuts Event 2hrs
2:00pm

Sunday, Aug. 28
A tribute to Gerard Depardieu.
My Afternoons with Margueritte (NR) 1hr 22min
Cyrano de Bergerac (PG) 2hrs 17min
7:30pm

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

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 44min
10:00am, 12:35pm, 3:05pm, 5:50pm, 8:20pm

Final Destination 5 3D (R) 1hr 35min
10:30am, 12:50pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm

One Day (PG-13) 1hr 47min
10:50am, 1:25pm, 4:00pm, 6:35pm, 9:10pm

Sarah's Key (Elle s'appelait Sarah) (PG-13) 1hr 51min
10:15am, 12:45pm, 3:15pm, 5:45pm, 8:15pm

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

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

Fright Night 3D (R) 2hrs
11:05am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

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

Colombiana (PG-13) 1hr 47min
10:45am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm, 10:45pm

Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
10:50am, 12:50pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 9:50pm

Smurfs (PG) 1hr 42min
10:30am, 2:05pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 5:55pm, 10:35pm

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) 1hr 28min
10:30am, 3:30pm, 8:20pm

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

Summer (Le rayon vert) (R) 1hr 38min
11:00am

Mozart's Sister (Nannerl, la Soeur de Mozart) (NR) 2hrs
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Amigo (R) 2hrs 08min
1:30pm, 7:00pm

Buck (PG) 1hr 29min
11:00am

Magic Trip (R) 1hr 30min
11:00am

Our Idiot Brother (R) 1hr 30min
12:30pm, 2:55pm, 5:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
4:30pm, 9:55pm

Chasing Madoff! (NR) 1hr 31min
1:10pm, 3:25pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
10:30am, 1:25pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm

Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:35pm, 7:35pm, 10:30pm

Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min
10:35am, 1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

30 Minutes or Less (R) 1hr 23min
10:30am, 12:50pm, 3:15pm, 5:40pm, 8:05pm, 10:20pm

Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min
10:10pm

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Conan the Barbarian in 3D (R) 1hr 52min
10:50am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

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

Go with the moment, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You witness a leveling out emotionally. Enjoy a child or loved one. The sense of togetherness you experience with this person is unique. A talk doesn't feel so difficult anymore. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Stay close to home. You are happiest with friends and family. You might be deep into a project; start sharing more of what is going on or what you are doing. Invite a friend or loved one to join in. Tonight: Make it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are floating, running various errands and having a conversation here and there. Fortunately, there might be no need to rein yourself in. Stop by a bookstore or a curious new place. Tonight: Be with friends and loved ones.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Curb a tendency to be possessive. It will simply push people away. A friendship means a lot to you. Remember a special event or date that is important to this person. Don't hesitate to take a nap if you're tired. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Even if you don't have plans, you could find yourself inordinately busy. You might screen your calls. Is there someone you are avoiding? Might it be better to have the needed conversation? Communication flourishes. Tonight: Your wish is another person's command.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Know when to back off. Know when a situation is no longer workable. If you are tired, honor that feeling. Take a nap. Remember, this is your life and most likely your day off. Your instincts could be off regarding a money matter. Hold off rather than act. Tonight: Give up the role of socialite.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your serious manner has an impact on others. Try to stay focused on others and help them be comfortable. If you can relax, you will be in the mood for a long-overdue conversation. A friend or loved one starts opening up as a result and will relax. Tonight: Where the action is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to bypass a problem. You might feel better when moving around or working. Sooner or later, you need to deal with any hurt feelings. Until you speak to someone, you won't get the whole story. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Take off for the day. Whether it is a day trip to a favorite spot or meeting a friend halfway, you need a change of scenery. You need to air out a concern with a dear friend; you will respect his or her opinion. A talk helps you see that a situation isn't as difficult as you originally thought. Tonight: Opt for adventure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Someone makes a touching gesture. Don't play games; rather, open up and deal with this person head-on. He or she might not be like many people you have dealt with before. Learn to understand where this person is coming from. Tonight: Try for more some romance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Go along with another person's inclinations. You might not like what is happening around you at first, but relax. Sometimes you judge situations far too easily. Let go and enjoy the many people who surround you. Tonight: Go with the moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Pace yourself. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you want to do. A conversation allows greater give-and-take. You and the other party get a better sense of what is going on. Your instincts seem more centered on financial matters. Tonight: Live it up!

Happy birthday

This year, there is more intensity in your interactions. Travel is highlighted. You often might want to keep your own counsel. You communicate with clarity and energy. If you are attached, your sweetie often surprises you. You are seeing new facets of this person. If you are single, meeting an emotionally available suitor could take some talent. Take your time getting to know this person. LEO makes a good healer for you.

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



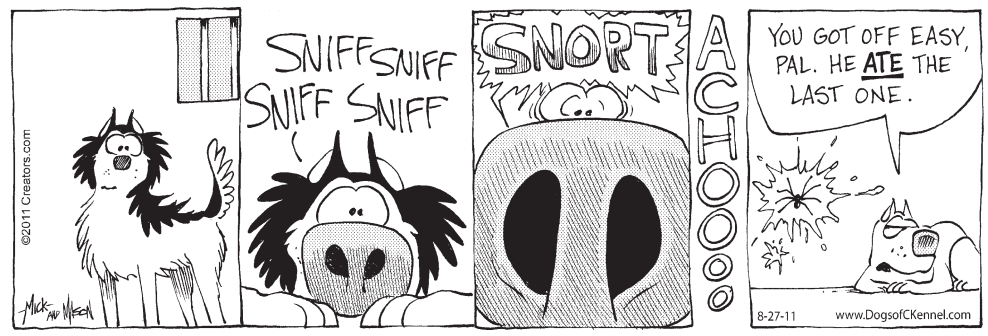
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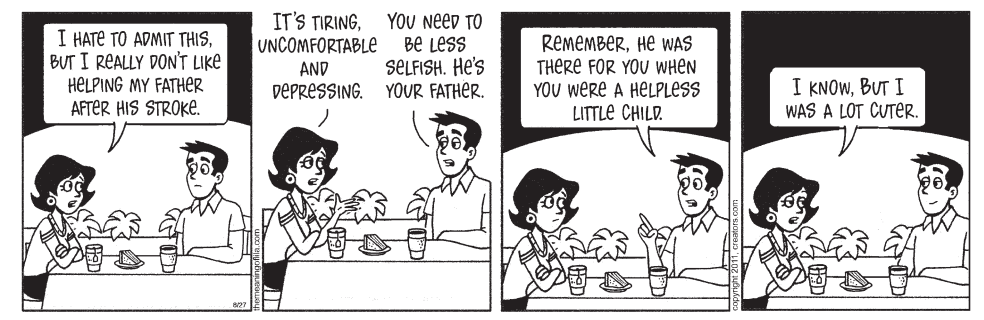
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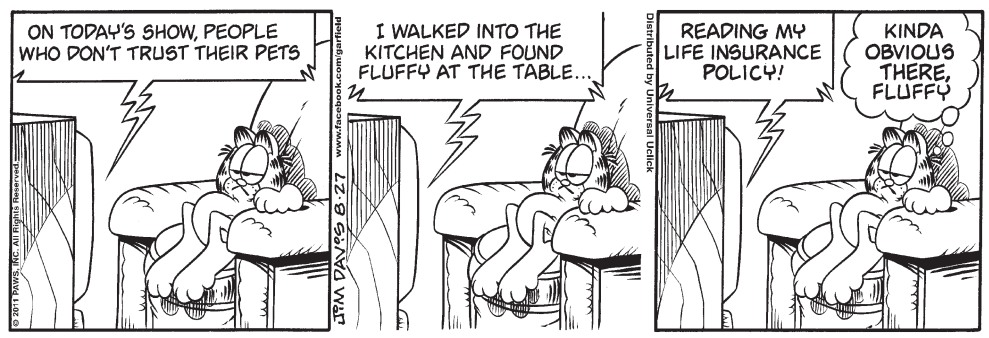
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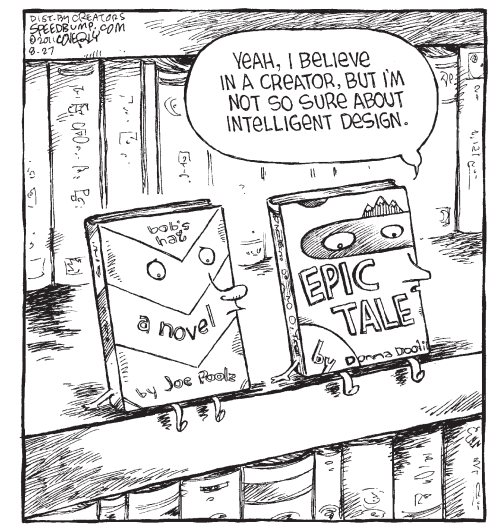
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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King Features Syndicate

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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Caravan critters
7 Fictional captain
11 Slow passage
12 Fictional captain
13 Uproars
14 Young miss
15 Select group
16 Trim, in a way
17 Flag feature
18 Sword-making city
19 Qom's country
21 Light metal
22 Celeb stalker
25 Old salt
26 Election action
27 Grommet
29 Arabic letter
33 Use the gym
34 Ice skate part
35 Radio users
36 Com-motion
37 Coup target
38 Burdens
39 Workout count
40 Maroon

DOWN

1 Casual eateries
2 Minor no more
3 Opera's Callas
4 Selfish endeavor
5 Former Italian money
6 Mayday call
7 Gabriel, for one
8 Russian-born violinist
9 News station's place, often
10 Singer Michael
16 Mr. Chips player
18 Mystical deck
20 Baltimore pro
22 Time and a half, e.g.
23 Tourist's aid
24 Fanatical
25 Tie up
28 Rosters
30 Oversight
31 Lazy sort
32 Big meal
34 Radius, for one
36 Brick bearer

M	A	J	O	R	■	S	A	J	A	K
E	V	A	D	E	■	A	B	A	S	E
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Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send $4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

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8-27

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 11 21 44 48 49
Meganumber: 23
Jackpot: $14M

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

FANTASY 5: 7 8 17 29 38

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 3 2 3
EVENING: 0 6 9

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 07 Eureka
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
3rd: 11 Money Bags
RACE TIME: 1:49.87

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In November (2000), Mr. Auburn Mason, 62, was sentenced to four years in prison in England for a 1999 British Airways hijacking. He had grabbed a flight attendant, held scissors to her neck, and threatened to blow up the plane with the bomb he was holding, screaming "Take me to Gatwick (airport in London)!" At that point, the flight was 15 minutes away from its scheduled destination, which was Gatwick airport. (Minutes later, passengers disarmed Mas

■ Arkansas Time Machine, Back to the 1950s: In McGehee, a town of 4,200 in southeastern Arkansas, a black girl (Kym Wimberly) who had finished first in her senior class was named only "co-"valedictorian after officials at McGehee High changed the rules to avoid what one called a potential "big mess." As a result, in an ironic twist on "affirmative action," the highest-scoring white student was elevated to share top honors. Said Kym's mother, "We (all) know if the tables were turned, there wouldn't be a co-valedictorian." In July, the girl filed a lawsuit against the school and the protocol-changing principal.

■ (1) Roy Griffith, 60, John Sanborn, 53, and Douglas Ward, 55, were arrested in Deerfield Township, Mich., in July and charged with stealing a 14-foot-long stuffed alligator from a barn, dragging it away with their truck, and using it to surf in the mud ("mudbogging"). When the gator's owner tracked down the three nearby, they denied the theft and insisted that theirs is an altogether-different 14-foot-long stuffed alligator. (Ward's blood-alcohol reading was 0.40.) (2) When deputies in Monroe County, Tenn., arrested a woman for theft in August, they learned that one of the items stolen was a 150-year-old Vatican-certified holy relic based on the Veil of Veronica (supposedly used to wipe Jesus' face before the crucifixion). The painting had been stolen from the closet of a trailer home on a back road in the Tennessee mountains, where a local named "Frosty," age 73, had kept it for 20 years with no idea of its significance.

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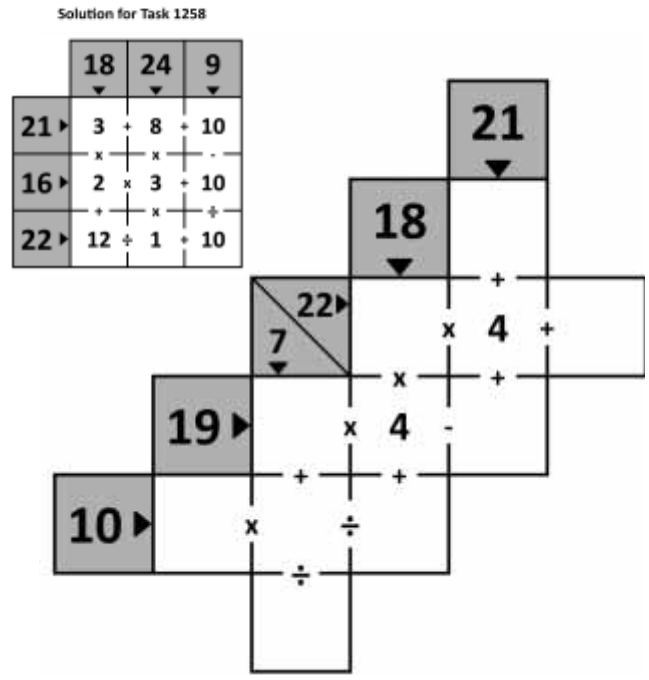
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