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READY FOR DEPLOYMENT: A Santa Monica Police Department squad car leaves the Public Safety Facility on Tuesday.

Officials considering reconfiguring police, fire dispatch for efficiency

BY AMEERA BUTT
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Public safety officials are working on a plan that could combine the police and fire departments' dispatch centers in an effort to further reduce the time it takes to respond to emergencies.

Officials say they are still talking in "very general terms" and the earliest the proposed consolidation could come would be the middle to end of next year, said Santa Monica Fire Chief Scott Ferguson.

"We haven't seen a firm plan that's been outlined," Ferguson said. "While the final model has yet to be decided upon, our intent is to reduce public safety response times and enhance our fire and police

departments' training and deployment efficiency by combining personnel, equipment, and technology."

Currently, the dispatch centers are all in-house and separate.

It wasn't long ago when the Santa Monica Fire Department decided to merge dispatch operations with the Los Angeles Fire Department Regional Dispatch System to improve efficiency. The change, however, led to problems, including confusion caused by emergency calls that came from addresses that existed both in Santa Monica and Los Angeles. Residents complained of slower response times.

After nearly two years, the City Council in 2009 decided to reactivate the old communications center in the Public Safety

Facility.

In the current system, Ferguson said if a person calls 911, a police dispatcher will answer to determine the nature of the emergency.

"If the need is determined to be law enforcement related, the call is then transferred to a police dispatcher," Ferguson said.

However, he said if it turns out to be a fire or medical emergency, the call would be transferred to a fire department call taker who would begin taking the information while simultaneously forwarding the address to a dispatcher who would then deploy the necessary resources.

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U.S. home prices rise 12.1 percent in June

CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON U.S. home prices rose 12.1 percent in June from a year earlier, nearly matching a seven-year high. But month-over-month price gains slowed in most markets, a sign that higher mortgage rates may weigh on the housing recovery.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index slowed only marginally from May's year-over-year gain of 12.2 percent, the fastest since March 2006. And all 20 cities posted gains from the previous month and compared with a year ago, according to the report released Tuesday.

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DA: Charges won't be filed against Scottie Pippen

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles County prosecutors are declining to bring charges against former Chicago Bulls star Scottie Pippen after a fight with an autograph seeker outside a Malibu sushi restaurant.

Prosecutors said Tuesday there is insufficient evidence against Pippen. They also note 49-year-old Camran Shafighi had a blood-alcohol level more than twice the legal limit for driving, and that could have played a part in the altercation.

The fight occurred outside Nobu restaurant in June, when Shafighi took pictures of Pippen and sought the Hall of Famer's autograph. Shafighi was taken to a hospital with a head injury.

Shafighi has since filed a \$4 million lawsuit against Pippen.

Pippen won six NBA titles with Michael Jordan and the Bulls. He now serves as special adviser to the Bulls' president and chief operating officer.

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10:15 a.m. — 10:35 a.m.

Stories, songs, and rhymes for toddlers ages 18 to 35 months, accompanied by an adult. Call (310) 458-8681 for more information.

Preschool reading

Fairview Library

2101 Ocean Park Blvd.,

11 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.

Inspire a love for reading in children ages 3-5 with stories from your local library. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

School board meeting

Santa Monica-Malibu School

District Headquarters

1651 16th St., 5:30 p.m.

Members of the Board of Education will meet to discuss such items as the establishment of a new staff position and nomination for membership on the Los Angeles County Committee on School District Organization. For more information, visit www.smmusd.org.

Planning Commission meets

City Hall

1685 Main St., 7 p.m.

There will be a special Planning Commission meeting to discuss the Michigan Avenue Neighborhood Greenway project and a zoning ordinance update. For more information, call (310) 458-8341.

Thursday, Aug. 29, 2013

Excell with Excell II

Main Library

601 Santa Monica Blvd.,

4 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Go beyond the basics and create more advanced formulas, perform multi-level data sorts and work with several worksheets and more in this tutorial on Excell II and MS Office 2010. Seating is first come, first serve. Advanced level. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

Music at the pier

Santa Monica Pier deck

7 p.m. — 10 p.m.

Boogie down to the sounds of New Orleans' Trombone Shorty at the Twilight Concert Series. Cost: Free.

For more information, call (310) 458-8901 or visit www.santamonicipier.org

Friday, Aug. 30, 2013

Pharaonic festivities

Third Street Promenade

4 p.m. — 10 p.m.

A festival celebrating ancient Egyptian pharaohs and Middle Eastern culture will be held on Third Street over the Labor Day weekend. The festival will feature authentic Middle Eastern music and food like baklava, Turkish coffee, loukoumades, falafels and tabouli.

Proceeds will benefit the St. Peter and St. Paul Service Center. The festival will also be open on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Movie night on the lawn

California Heritage Museum

2612 Main St., 8 p.m.

The ZJ Boarding House is showing the movie "The Living Curl" about surfers in California during the 1960s. The film will be narrated live by its director, Jamie Budge.

Attendees can enjoy free popcorn at the event and should bring a blanket and a chair.

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The smartest card

To commemorate Library Card Sign-up Month, which begins on Sept. 1, the Santa Monica Library encourages individuals to sign up for their own library card.

Individuals can use their library cards to access library Internet stations, check out study rooms and borrow up to 50 items, including books, DVDs and CDs. Library card holders can also borrow eBooks and eAudiobooks and access online reference databases.

Individuals who sign up for a new library card beginning Sept. 1 will receive a free Yogurtland coupon bookmark for 3 ounces of yogurt, according to a press release from the Santa Monica Public Library.

A library card now costs \$25 annually for non-residents, after the City Council voted for the fee to help close City Hall's budget gap.

For more details, call (310) 458-8600 or visit smpl.org.

— KRISTEN TAKETA

CITY HALL

Cradle to Career to launch youth website

The Cradle to Career initiative, a collaboration between city officials, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, Santa Monica College and various community groups, expects to launch a website for youth to find relevant information and resources this fall.

The initiative aims to create a comprehensive network of support for young people to address issues early on and prevent the slide into violence and gang involvement.

Information in the youth portal would be collected from schools, the nonprofit sectors and community.

Natasha Guest, senior administrative analyst in the Human Services Division, said the goal of the updated portal is to make it easier for parents, teachers and anyone working with children and families to find information on a wide range of programs and supportive services.

"It will ... create a one-stop-shop for finding services for youth and families," Guest said.

Cradle to Career received \$162,500 from the City Council in June to get the ball rolling, city officials said.

In related news, City Hall's Well-being Project, which was inspired by Cradle to Career, is also looking for a project manager. The project manager position closes on Friday.

Guest said the idea of measuring well-being in Santa Monica started with the Cradle to Career Work Group's desire to create a report card on youth, which was released last year. The report card was an accumulation of publicly available information that gave a view of how well Santa Monica's young people were doing.

City Hall was able to secure a grant for \$1 million from the Bloomberg Philanthropies' Mayor's Challenge to fund the project.

The project manager would plan, administer and oversee the Well-being Project to define, measure and actively improve community well-being, according to the Santa Monica Human Resources website. Learn more at www.smgov.net.

— AMEERA BUTT

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Gov. Brown proposes \$315M prison fix

DON THOMPSON

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown on Tuesday responded to a federal court order to significantly reduce California's prison population by proposing a \$315 million plan to send thousands of inmates to private prisons and vacant county jail cells, hoping to avoid what he said would be a mass release of dangerous felons.

The cost could reach \$700 million over two years, with much of the money likely to come from a \$1.1 billion reserve fund in the state budget.

During a news conference at the Capitol, Brown bristled at the court's suggestion that the state could continue its early release of certain inmates to meet the federal judges' population cap. He noted that California has already released some 46,000 inmates to comply with the court's orders and said only the most dangerous convicts remain in state prison.

The judges have ordered the state to release an additional 9,600 inmates by the end of the year.

Brown, however, said sending them to available cells in privately run prisons within California and in other states, as well as to empty jail cells, is the best way to meet the court's mandate without endangering public safety.

"Public safety is the priority, and we'll take care of it," the governor said. "The money is there."

The plan will now head to an uncertain fate in the Legislature, where the two Democratic leaders are at odds.

Assembly Speaker John Perez was joined by the Republican leaders of both houses at the governor's news conference. Perez, a Democrat, said he expected lawmakers to approve the governor's plan — or something close to it — before this year's session ends in mid-September.

But approval is far from certain because of opposition from state Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento. He was noticeably absent from Brown's news conference but issued a statement saying the plan had "no promise and no hope."

He said continuing to pour money into additional space for prison inmates was not a long-term solution.

"As the population of California grows, it's only a short matter of time until new prison cells overflow and the court demands mass releases again," Steinberg said in his statement.

He was not immediately available to elaborate but will offer his own proposal on Wednesday to comply with the court order.

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Union-busting Bristol Farms

Editor:

Mayor Pam O'Connor is shown in the Daily Press happily cutting the grand-opening ribbon for a new non-union Bristol Farms supermarket that replaced a more affordable Albertsons and displaced scores of union workers who'd served our neighborhood for years.

Higher prices and lower wages. How does that benefit our Santa Monica community? Whose side is O'Connor on?

Linda Neblett
Santa Monica

No more war

Editor:

So, tell me something new.
President Obama isn't failing to disappoint.

For those who love America's endless American wars, his pre-emptive war on Syria is about to unfold. Aside from the fact that one of America's last "mission accomplished" ventures left hundreds of thousands dead in Iraq, and that country in shambles, the U.S. is still determined to try to control the oil-rich Middle East with a policy of war making.

Tell me: if fighting terrorism is the goal of this "democracy," does war on Syria make you feel safer, or more vulnerable to world-wide scrutiny or disdain of this country?

Speak out against the madness.

Andy K. Liberman
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After the Bell

Merv Hecht

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Good things come to those that wait

MY WIFE SAYS IT'S GENETIC: I PREFER TO complain about what's gone wrong rather than talk about what's gone right. That's why I named my latest book "Hard Knocks: Great Cases I Lost." Available at Amazon for \$9.95.

So for months I've been complaining about my losses in Apple options, which added up to about a \$44,000 loss. But suddenly Apple shot up well over 100 points, and if it stays between 490 and 525 for the next few months, I will have a profit instead of a loss. Things are looking up.

Do I recommend buying Apple stock, or writing options on it? Absolutely not. It's become way too volatile. And they make all their money from about 10 products while companies like Amazon have tens of thousands of good products. Instead, if you are bullish on the computer and hi-tech sector, consider an investment in IGV, and ETF (fund) that owns companies in the software industry.

That's not all that's happened for the good in the past few weeks. Whirlpool continued its meteoric rise from \$55 to over \$130. It's hard to believe that it will go over \$140, so it might be time to write a call spread on it now. More on that below.

National Testing, which I've owned for years at purchase prices of anywhere from \$4 to \$16, announced a sale and the stock went up to \$22. I sold.

The Japan ETF continues to go up, and I'm holding on for the long term. But I got tired of holding the Brazil ETF. When they discovered a big oil and gas field there I thought it would boost the economy. But the corruption factor is greater than I anticipated, and I'm tired of waiting, so I sold it and took a small loss.

Most of my holdings have gone up, and are still up in spite of the recent slight decline in the market. The two major exceptions are gold and copper. They remain in loss territory, but I remain confident of an eventual cycle bringing them back. According to the experts, that will not be soon. One major European bank predicts gold to hover between \$1,475 and \$1,525 from now throughout 2015 because experts are not now in fear of inflation. But my thinking is that while that might be the averages, some catastrophe will happen that will

cause gold prices to skyrocket for a short period of time, at which time I'll sell. Meanwhile I am writing calls against my holding in GDX so I am getting a return on my investment.

So what do I think one should buy right now? Probably nothing. I think the market is pretty high at the moment, and while it might go up a bit, it is more likely to take a small hit before it starts back up. When I feel that way what I do is write call spreads on the stocks I own, and also on the S&P 500 index.

What is a call spread? The best way for you to learn about it is to read up on it, on sites such as the one I run called DoubleYourYield.com. It's not easy to explain in the paltry little space my editor gives me every two weeks. But the essence of it is to sell a contract at a price above the current market price, higher than you think the index price is likely to go during, say, a 60-day period. When you sell that contract you agree to deliver the stock at that outrageously high price if it goes above the agreed price. If that happens, you have to buy the stock at that high price to deliver it at the contract price, which might be lower than the current market price. In other words, you might have to buy high, sell low.

To limit your risk of losing too much money, when you sell the call at the price beyond what you think the index will go to, you buy a call at an even higher price. Then you cannot lose more than the difference between the two prices, less the premium received.

Yes it's a bit complicated the first time, but it's like riding a bicycle; after you do it a couple of times it begins to come naturally. And it's what the big funds do when they think the market is oversold.

I don't necessarily think the market is oversold today, but I don't see a lot of room on the upside for the moment. And remember, October is coming up soon and that's a month that often has great volatility.

For information about MERV HECHT and more details on the strategies and stocks he writes about in this column, visit his website at DoubleYourYield.com.

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The Taxman

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Bullet train backers won't take 'no' for an answer

PROMOTERS OF THE CALIFORNIA BULLET train are behaving like a salesman who gets his foot in the door and won't take "no" for an answer.

It was 2008 when voters approved \$10 billion in bonds to kick start a high-speed rail (HSR) building program. But they were promised a system whose total cost would be \$45 billion, that additional money would be secured from sources including private investment and that the system would meet environmental concerns.

An expert study sponsored by the Reason Foundation and the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Foundation showed the actual cost for this extravagant plan would approach \$100 billion or more. "There are no genuine financial projections that indicate there will be sufficient funds," the authors wrote.

However, the campaign for passage sponsored by special interest backers — including unions and contractors — focused on the promise that passengers could be whisked from Los Angeles to San Francisco in a little over two hours making the project look like a Ferrari at the cost of a used Ford Pinto.

Once the voters had given their approval and the actual costs of about \$95 billion were revealed, with no private investment in sight, the voters started to catch on that they had been bilked. But Gov. Jerry Brown, who has taken ownership of the bullet train project with almost a boyish glee, responded to the public's anger by pushing the High Speed Rail Authority to adjust the plan downward to one costing a more modest \$65 billion. This reduction would be accomplished by using a "blended" approach, meaning that only part of the system would be high speed, while the rest would rely on conventional "low speed" rail facilities. As now envisioned, the plan is starting to look like a used Pinto at the cost of a Ferrari.

Needless to say, the failure to meet so many of the commitments contained within the ballot measure has generated numerous lawsuits. After Sacramento Superior Court Judge Michael Kenny deliberated on the merits of one such suit, he determined that the High Speed Rail authority "abused its

discretion by approving a funding plan that did not comply with the requirements of the law." Gov. Brown remained defiant. "It's not a setback," he told reporters, adding, that the ruling "didn't stop our spending, so we're continuing. As we speak we're spending money, we're moving ahead."

AS NOW ENVISIONED, THE (HIGH-SPEED RAIL) PLAN IS STARTING TO LOOK LIKE A USED PINTO AT THE COST OF A FERRARI.

Perhaps the governor's attitude should come as no surprise, considering his previous statements. Last year, while he was campaigning for his Proposition 30 tax increase, he responded to a reporter's inquiry about the money being spent on the train by stressing the importance of making sacrifices for the future. As an example he pointed to the investment in medieval cathedrals that were financed through the sacrifices of generations. Brown failed to mention that, since many of these buildings took nearly 200 years to complete, most of those who contributed never lived to see the final result. At the rate that the HSR is progressing, Californians can sympathize.

If Jerry Brown really wants to leave a historic legacy, one that will be appreciated by all Californians, he should support the proposal being advocated by a number of lawmakers: Put the HSR back on the ballot with honest costs and performance estimates. If voters approve, the governor will be vindicated. If voters reject the plan, he will still be widely admired for his integrity and for trusting the voters to make a wise decision after being given the facts.

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NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS CITY OF SANTA MONICA

Civic Working Group and Technical Advisory Subcommittee

Applications due by 5:00 p.m., Monday, September 16, 2013

Applicants are invited to fill advisory board positions on the Civic Working Group (CWG) and its Technical Advisory Subcommittee (Subcommittee). At its meeting on August 13, 2013, City Council approved the establishment of the CWG and the Subcommittee, a body that will convene a community process and serve in an advisory capacity to Council regarding options for the future of the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium.

The CWG will be composed of nine (9) CWG members and three (3) Subcommittee members.

This Notice is an invitation for at-large applicants for five (5) CWG positions and three (3) Subcommittee positions for a two year-term ending in November 2015, with qualifications as follows:

- Five (5) CWG members who will be people with broad knowledge of Santa Monica and who will possess professional expertise in one or more of a variety of relevant disciplines.
- Three (3) Subcommittee members who will possess extensive professional and technical expertise associated with the CWG objectives, in particular the financing, management and programming of venues similar to the Civic.
- Members of the CWG are preferred, but not required, to be Santa Monica residents; or to maintain a business in the City, or to be employed in Santa Monica. Members of the Technical Advisory Subcommittee are exempt from residency requirements.

Through a concurrent nomination process at upcoming Commission meetings, City Commissions will recommend four (4) CWG members who are individuals who currently serve, or have served, on the City's Arts, Landmarks, Planning, and Recreation and Parks Commissions.

Applications due by 5:00 p.m., Monday, September 16, 2013.

Appointments to be made by Council on October 22, 2013.

The CWG's objectives are to work with City staff and consultants to draft a vision for the future cultural and community use of the Civic as the hub of a cultural campus; explore an appropriate mix of compatible adjacent uses, from open space to additional facilities as identified in the Urban Land Institute report; evaluate potential financing options and programming and operating models for the Civic; convene a community process to gather input and to build consensus regarding the future of the Civic; and provide Council with recommendations regarding the vision, feasible renovation options and the preferred long-term operating model for the Civic.

Applications and information on CWG and Subcommittee eligibility criteria, potential conflicts and disclosure requirements are available from the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Room 102 (submit applications at this same location), by phone at (310) 458-8211 or on-line at <http://www.smgov.net/cwgapp>. All current applications on file will be considered. All persons are invited to apply for membership on City Boards and Commissions regardless of race, age, sex, religion, marital status, national origin, ancestry, sexual preference, or disability. Applicants shall not, however, be under 18 years of age.

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We have you covered

Gilbert, King and Fielding have novels out in fall

HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

NEW YORK Elizabeth Gilbert spent enough years as a memoir writer, and had so much success, that even her admirers forget that she started out in fiction.

"For all intents and purposes, whatever I did before 'Eat, Pray, Love' doesn't exist," Gilbert said during a recent interview. "I've had some really lovely encounters with very sweet people. Someone will come up to me and say, 'I just want to tell you I loved your first book so much. It changed my life.' And I know they're not talking about that book of short stories I published in the 1990s."

This fall, Gilbert returns to fiction with "The Signature of All Things," a globe-trotting family saga set in the 18th and 19th centuries. It's her first novel in more than a decade and a book she could never have taken on without the triumph of "Eat, Pray, Love," her million-selling account of the spiritual and geographic journey that followed the collapse of her first marriage.

"Writing serves different purposes in different seasons in life," says Gilbert, 44, now remarried. "In my 20s, I was seriously pursuing an avocation in literary fiction. Then I used writing all through my 30s just to work some stuff out, just to take on some really important things I had to figure out myself. Now, I'm in this really wonderful moment where I have the resources and the time to return to fiction in a bigger way than I could have had in my 20s."

Gilbert is among several authors who are crossing from one side to the other between fiction and nonfiction. Ishmael Beah, the former child soldier from Sierra Leone who debuted with the best-selling memoir, "A Long Way Gone," has written the novel "Radiance of Tomorrow." Jesmyn Ward, whose novel "Salvage the Bones" won the National Book Award in 2011, has a memoir, "Men We Reaped."

In "The Death of Santini," Pat Conroy tells a nonfiction story about his father, who inspired the classic Conroy novel "The Great Santini." Gilbert's friend Ann Patchett, whose novels include "Bel Canto" and "State of Wonder," is back with a memoir, "This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage."

"I have to go looking for fiction, but nonfiction, which is essentially just life, is always there," Patchett says. "I'm writing nonfiction all the time. I got to the point where I had so much of it that I wanted to shape it into a narrative. The experience of publishing this book feels really different from publishing a novel. Novels are nerve-racking, major productions. 'This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage' is easier. It's just me."

Fiction writers sticking to fiction include Thomas Pynchon, Jhumpa Lahiri and Alice McDermott. "The Secret History" author Donna Tartt ends a decade-long absence with the novel "The Goldfinch," and Stephen King continues the story of his classic "The Shining" with "Doctor Sleep." Helen Fielding has some new adventures for her fictional heroine in "Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy."

Philip Roth and Alice Munro are apparently done with writing books, but others of their generation have new works of fiction, including E.L. Doctorow, Lore Segal and Norman Rush. Meanwhile, Marisha Pessl

and Pulitzer Prize winner Paul Harding look to build on the success of their debut novels.

Fiction also will come from a former CIA operative (Valerie Plame), a forensic dentist (Mike Tabor, author of "Walk of Death"), a movie star (James Franco) and a TV character, "Homeland: Carrie's Run." A certain television host, David Letterman, has written the text for a picture book on the income divide: "This Land Was Made for You and Me (but Mostly Me): Billionaires in the Wild."

Veronica Roth, who may soon rival Stephenie Meyer and Suzanne Collins in popularity among teens, completes her "Divergent" trilogy with "Allegiant." Rick Riordan continues his "Heroes of Olympus" series, Jeff Kinney will have the latest "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" and Collins tells a war story for the very young in the picture book "Year of the Jungle."

In politics, the best-selling "Game Change" team of Mark Halperin and John Heilemann will be back with their take on the 2012 White House race, "Double Down." The two great presidents of the early 20th century, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, will be subjects of books by Pulitzer Prize winning biographers: A. Scott Berg's "Wilson" and Doris Kearns Goodwin's "The Bully Pulpit."

"For good or bad, we live in a world that is largely of Woodrow Wilson's making," Berg wrote in an email, "from the institutions that govern our economy (the Federal Reserve Board), to anti-trust legislation and labor protection (the 8-hour workday) to the basic tenets of our foreign policy, most of which stem from Wilson's call for a Declaration of War on April 2, 1917, when he said, 'The world must be made safe for democracy.'"

The season's featured president will be John F. Kennedy, a man who very much believed in Wilson's mission.

By the best estimates of Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble, some three dozen releases will mark the 50th anniversary of Kennedy's death, from an armful or two of conspiracy works to historical summaries such as Larry J. Sabato's "The Kennedy Half Century" to Jeff Greenfield's speculative "If Kennedy Lived."

Stories from the Kennedy era can also be found in "The Leonard Bernstein Letters," which includes correspondence between the conductor-composer and such friends and peers as Thornton Wilder, Stephen Sondheim and Jerome Robbins. Bernstein was a friend of the Kennedys who performed at the Kennedy inaugural gala ("Something that we all will be remembering for a long time," Frank Sinatra wrote to him at the time) and spoke at a memorial three days after JFK's assassination. In June 1968, he conducted pieces by Mahler and Verdi at the funeral at St. Patrick's Cathedral for the murdered Robert Kennedy.

"When your Mahler started to fill ... the Cathedral today, I thought it the most beautiful music I had ever heard. I am so glad I didn't know it — it was this strange music of all the gods who were crying," Jacqueline Kennedy wrote to Bernstein. "Your music was everything in my heart, of peace and pain and such drowning beauty. You could just close your eyes and be lost in it forever."

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LOS ANGELES

Officials turn up West Nile virus in suburbs

Officials are warning San Gabriel Valley residents to be wary of mosquitoes after evidence of West Nile virus was found in three suburban cities east of Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Times reports tests of mosquitoes and chickens in Arcadia, Irwindale and Monterey Park turned up the virus.

Although most West Nile infections result in mild or no symptoms, the disease can sometimes be fatal.

It is transmitted by mosquito bites.

So far this year there have been 46 confirmed cases of West Nile in Los Angeles County. Two were fatal.

Officials with the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District are urging people to use avoid activity between dawn and dusk.

Those who do go out should use insect repellent and wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

'Girls Gone Wild' creator gets 270 days in jail

Joe Francis, the creator of "Girls Gone Wild," has been sentenced to 270 days in jail and three years probation for assaulting a woman at his Los Angeles mansion in 2011.

Deputy City Attorney Mitchell Fox says a judge Tuesday ordered the 40-year-old Francis to complete an anger management course and attend 52 sessions of psychological counseling.

Francis was convicted in May of five misdemeanor counts, including false imprisonment, assault, and dissuading a witness from reporting a crime.

Francis met three women at a college graduation party in Hollywood. Instead of taking them to their cars as they believed, he took them home. When they tried to leave Francis grabbed one woman by the throat and slammed her head to the ground.

His attorney did not immediately provide comment.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

Pot burglary suspect found trapped in building

Los Angeles police say a man arrested for allegedly trying to burglarize a medical marijuana dispensary had his plans go up in smoke when he crashed through the roof and became trapped inside.

The Los Angeles Times reports that Jared Escando was booked Tuesday for investigation of commercial burglary. Bail was set at \$20,000.

Police arrived at the Compassionate Caregivers dispensary in San Pedro before dawn Tuesday after a 911-caller reported hearing a man inside calling for help.

Officers say they found Escando, 26, trapped in the facility's security zone.

Police Lt. John Pasquariello says it appears the suspect "miscalculated the drop zone" when he came through the roof. That put him in a part of the building with no way out.

– AP

LOS ANGELES

Judge won't drop charges in deadly UCLA lab fire

A judge refused to dismiss charges against a UCLA chemistry professor over a 2008 laboratory fire that killed a research assistant.

Attorneys for Patrick Harran argued Monday that the university, not Harran, was Sheharbano "Sheri" Sangji's employer and he wasn't criminally liable, City News Service reported.

However, Superior Court Judge George G. Lomeli said the professor had authority to recruit, interview and hire personnel.

"The court concludes that he's an employer. Period," the judge said.

Sangji was in Harran's organic chemistry laboratory at the University of California, Los Angeles, on Dec. 29, 2008.

She was transferring the chemical tert-Butyllithium from one sealed container to another when a plastic syringe came apart in her hands and the chemical spilled, igniting on contact with the air.

Sangji wasn't wearing a lab coat. Her synthetic sweater melted into her skin and she suffered burns over nearly half her body. She died 18 days after the incident.

Prosecutors contend that Harran, 44, failed to provide safety instructions and equipment for his lab researchers.

Harran is charged with three counts of willful violation of an occupational safety and health standard causing death. He faces up to 4 1/2 years in prison if convicted.

The California Division of Occupational Safety and Health fined the university nearly \$32,000 in May 2009 after finding Sangji hadn't been properly trained and should have been wearing a protective lab coat.

Since Sangji's death, UCLA has instituted more rigorous lab inspections, issued more fire-resistant lab coats, offered enhanced training in the use of air-sensitive chemicals and established a Center for Lab Safety.

Criminal charges also were filed against the UC regents. They were dropped after the regents promised to follow comprehensive safety measures and endow a \$500,000 environmental law scholarship in Sangji's name at UC Berkeley's law school.

– AP

CHINO

County deputies arrested for camping gunplay

Two Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies staying at separate sites on a Southern California campground were arrested after authorities said they pulled guns on each other and fired them into the air during a dispute over loud music.

No one was hurt, but Chino police said Dejay Barber, 44, of Mira Loma, and Matthew Rincon, 24, of Ontario were arrested for suspicion of negligent discharge of firearms.

Police spokeswoman Michelle Van Der Linden said Tuesday the two were released to the custody of Los Angeles County sheriff's officials.

The deputies could not immediately be reached for comment. Sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said they were placed on paid leave while the case is investigated.

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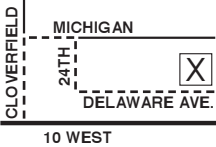


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HOMES

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Home prices in Las Vegas soared 24.9 percent from a year earlier to lead all cities. Purchases by investors have helped drive that increase.

Other cities hit hard by the housing bust also posted stunning gains in the past year. Prices have jumped 24.5 percent in San Francisco and nearly 20 percent in both Los Angeles and Phoenix.

Still, 14 of the 20 cities posted smaller gains in June compared with May. That's unusual considering June is the middle of the summer buying season.

And in cities less affected by the housing crisis, gains have been more modest. Prices in New York and Cleveland are about 3 percent higher than a year earlier. Prices rose 5.7 percent in Washington, D.C. and 6.7 percent in Boston.

Most economists expect the overall index to slow to single digits in the coming months, which they see as a more sustainable pace.

"The fundamentals of the housing market are solid," said Gus Faucher, senior economist at PNC Financial Services. "Despite higher prices and mortgage rates, affordability is still much better than it was prior to the housing crash....Many households that put off buying a home in recent years are now getting back into the market, boosting demand. Lending standards for mortgage loans are easing somewhat."

The index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. It measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The June figures are the latest available. They are not adjusted for seasonal variations, so the monthly gains

reflect more buying activity over the summer.

Steady job gains and low mortgage rates have encouraged more Americans to buy homes. And even as demand has risen, a limited number of homes have been available for sale. That combination has led to sharp price gains.

But mortgage rates have climbed more than a full percentage point since May. The increase has already slowed sales of new homes in July. And economists expect it could drag re-sales lower in August.

Mortgage rates began to rise after Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke first signaled that the Fed might reduce its bond purchases later this year. The purchases have helped keep borrowing costs low.

Economists said the index likely captured only part of the recent increase in mortgage rates, some of which occurred after June.

Other factors may be slowing price gains. Investors made up only 16 percent of buyers in July, down from 22 percent a year earlier. That reduces competition for purchases. And foreclosed homes, which usually sell for fire-sale prices, are also making up a smaller proportion of sales.

A slowdown from the strong price gains in recent months isn't necessarily a bad thing, said Stan Humphries, chief economist at real estate data provider Zillow. It may keep home prices from becoming unaffordable.

"This ongoing stabilization ... is happening, and it's not the end of the world for the housing market," Humphries said.

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PRISONS FROM PAGE 3

One of Steinberg's chief lieutenants, Democratic state Sen. Mark Leno of San Francisco, said California should create a sentencing commission that would consider reducing prison sentences for some crimes as a way to ease prison crowding in the long run.

Temporarily renting more cells "doesn't solve the problem," Leno said. "What's the long-range solution here? Otherwise, we're going to find ourselves in the same situation over and over and over again."

If the Legislature fails to act, federal judges have said they have the authority to override state law and order the early releases.

Brown's plan is the latest development in a long-running legal battle over how to improve the medical and mental health treatment of California prison inmates. The federal courts have ruled that previous care was so poor that it failed to meet the constitutional protections against cruel and unusual punishment.

Over the past decade, the state has gone on a spending spree to build new prison medical and mental health facilities, while boosting its medical staff and offering salaries to health care professionals that can range between \$200,000 and \$400,000 a year, with many of them making even more money.

Brown said the state has spent billions of dollars to satisfy the judges' demands.

"This gives us some breathing room so that we can demonstrate to the courts that our health care and our mental health care meet constitutional muster," he said of the plan unveiled Tuesday.

During his news conference, Brown was

joined by some of the leading law enforcement groups in the state. Associations representing district attorneys, county sheriffs, probation officers, police chiefs, rank-and-file officers and crime victims spoke in favor of his proposal.

Before Tuesday, Brown's most significant step to address the court order was his realignment of the state's criminal justice system. That landmark change, which took effect in October 2011, sentenced non-violent, non-serious and non-sexual criminal offenders to county jails instead of state prison.

California's 58 counties have been under special pressure since realignment became law, with sheriffs managing growing jail populations with longer-term and more serious inmates than they are used to. At the same time, county probation officers have greatly increased caseloads as they handle ex-cons who used to be supervised by state parole agents.

Realignment has helped the state reduce its prison population by more than 46,000 inmates since 2006, but the federal judges want more. They have said the inmate population in the state's 33 adult prisons must be lowered to 110,000 by the end of the year.

Brown's proposal would avoid early parole for sick and elderly inmates along with early release of more dangerous offenders. It includes leasing excess jail cells from Alameda and Los Angeles counties, and renting an entire 2,300-bed private prison in Kern County from Corrections Corp. of America and staffing it with guards employed by the state.

The law enforcement representatives who attended Tuesday's news conference said they support the governor's plan because they are worried about additional felons being given early release.



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DISPATCH
FROM PAGE 1

WHILE THE FINAL MODEL HAS YET TO BE DECIDED UPON, OUR INTENT IS TO REDUCE PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONSE TIMES AND ENHANCE OUR FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS' TRAINING AND DEPLOYMENT EFFICIENCY BY COMBINING PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, AND TECHNOLOGY."

Scott Ferguson
Santa Monica Fire Chief

Lt. Richard Lewis with the Santa Monica Police Department said the proposed configuration would take that one step away.

"We'd have faster dispatch and faster response and it'd be a better service to the citizens overall," Lewis said.

Ferguson said another benefit of consolidation would arise during a period of particularly high call volume or a major incident when resources are stretched to their maximum. The adopted model would allow for more effective communication from dispatcher to dispatcher and a level of cross-training that would permit each department to provide the other support, Ferguson said.

The biggest concern for some is there is a specialty to dispatching fire and police units and combining the two is asking an "awful lot of one dispatcher," said Michael McElvaney, paramedics co-ordinator for SMFD. That's not to say police and fire dispatchers couldn't be in the same dispatch center, but McElvaney said fire dispatchers have really specific responsibilities to the fire service.

"On the fire side, there are all sorts of EMS protocols they follow, like following a script of medical emergencies," McElvaney said. "It's really specialized training and [they] have to get certified as an (Emergency Medical Technician) dispatcher. It really helps to have an experienced, trained fire dispatcher."

There are 12 to 15 part-time and full-time fire dispatchers and one supervisor, McElvaney said.

In the police department, dispatchers are civilians except for two sergeants and one lieutenant, Lewis said. By consolidating, those officers could take on other duties, potentially putting more eyes on the street to crack down on crime.

Ferguson said there is a lot to be determined related to training the dispatchers. He said dispatchers, regardless of what role they fill, have common qualities.

"They have to think quickly on their feet and process information ... diction has to be good, all those things are critical," Ferguson said.

If someone is a fire dispatcher, Ferguson said he or she would have to be cross-trained, and vice versa.

"Our primary mission will always be to ensure that the Santa Monica Fire and Police 911 communication system focuses on the safe and expedient response needs of the community," Ferguson said.

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U.S. consumer confidence rises in August

PAUL WISEMAN

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Americans' confidence in the economy inched closer to a 5-year high on growing optimism that hiring and wages could pick up in coming months.

The Conference Board, a New York-based private research group, said Tuesday that its consumer confidence index rose to 81.5 in August. That's up from a revised reading of 81 in July. And it's just below the 82.1 reading in June, which was the highest since January 2008.

Consumers' income expectations, which fell earlier this year after a January tax hike, rebounded to the highest level in 2 years, said Lynn Franco, director of the Conference Board's economic indicators.

Although consumers were more confident about the future, their assessment of the current economy dipped slightly in August.

"Consumer sentiment is holding steady, supported by advances in stocks, solid job creation, and a broad-based recovery in the housing market," Jim Baird, chief investment officer at Plante Moran Financial Advisors, wrote in a research note.

Consumers' confidence in the economy is

watched closely because their spending accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity.

After hitting bottom at 25.3 at the depths of the Great Recession in February 2009, the index has bounced back. But it has yet to get back to the 90 reading that signals a healthy economy.

Americans' confidence jumped in June on hopes that the job market was starting to turn around. The economy has created an average of 192,000 jobs a month this year, slightly ahead of last year's pace. And the unemployment rate fell last month to a 4-year low of 7.4 percent.

Still, unemployment remains painfully high four years after the recession officially ended. And employers added just 162,000 jobs in July, the fewest in four months. That raised worries that the sluggish economy could slow any progress made earlier in the job market.

The U.S. economic recovery has been held back this year by tax hikes, federal spending cuts and weaker global growth. The economy expanded at just a 1.7 percent annual rate in the April-June quarter. Most economists expect that figure will be revised up to a 2.2 percent annual rate, mostly because

of a jump in June exports.

The government issues its second estimate for second-quarter growth on Thursday. Most analysts predict growth may pick up to about a 2.5 percent annual rate in the second half of the year.

Still, recent data suggest the July-September quarter is off to a weak start, leading some economists to trim their third-quarter forecasts.

On Monday the government said orders for long-lasting U.S. factory goods fell sharply in July, in part because businesses cut back sharply on big purchases that signal investment plans.

And U.S. sales of newly built homes dropped 13.4 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 394,000. That's the lowest level in nine months, raising worries that higher mortgage rates could slow the housing recovery.

Mortgage rates have risen sharply since May when Chairman Ben Bernanke first signaled the Federal Reserve could reduce its bond purchases later this year, if the economy strengthens. The bond purchases have kept long-term interest rates low, making home-buying, auto loans and other consumer loans cheap.

Mounting tensions with Syria sink U.S. stocks

KEN SWEET

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK Fears of an escalating conflict in Syria rippled across financial markets on Tuesday, sinking stocks, lifting gold and pushing the price of oil to the highest in a year and a half.

The increasing possibility of U.S. military strikes raised worries on Wall Street that energy trade in the region could be disrupted, raising fuel costs for consumers and businesses.

"If Syria becomes drawn out and becomes a long-term issue, it's going to show up in things like gas prices," said Chris Costanzo, investment officer with Tanglewood Wealth Management.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 170.33 points, or 1.1 percent, to 14,776.13, the lowest in two months.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 26.30 points, or 1.6 percent, to 1,630.48 and the Nasdaq composite fell 79.05 points, or 2.2 percent, to 3,578.52.

"The law of unintended consequences and the history of previous military interventions in the region is not a recipe for political and economic stability," said Neil MacKinnon, global macro strategist at VTB Capital.

The sell-off in U.S. stocks was broad. All

10 industry sectors in the S&P 500 index were in the red, and only 31 of the index's 500 stocks rose. Utilities and other high dividend-paying stocks mostly escaped the selling.

The impact wasn't just in stocks. Gold prices advanced and government bond prices jumped because traders see those investments holding their value better in times of uncertainty. Gold rose \$27, or 2 percent, to \$1,420 an ounce while the yield on the benchmark U.S. 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.71 percent from 2.79 percent.

While Syria itself has little oil, traders feared an intervention in Syria could cause further instability in the Middle East and possibly disrupt the flow of oil from the region. Oil surged \$3.09, or 2.9 percent, to close at \$109.01 a barrel, the highest closing price since February 2012.

"People worry about this becoming a worst-case scenario and turning into a regional conflict," said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Asset Management.

Energy prices dragged down the airline industry on concerns that higher oil prices could lead to higher fuel costs. United Continental Holdings, the world's largest airline by revenue, dropped \$2.15, or 7.2 percent, to \$27.71 and Delta Air Lines lost \$1.16, or 5.7 percent, to \$19.11.

Stone said oil prices could start weighing on consumer spending down the road, but it is still too early to gauge the longer-term impact.

The average price for a gallon of gasoline remained unchanged in the U.S. at \$3.54 a gallon. Prices have held steady over the past week, and are down 9 cents from a month ago.

In corporate news, discount shoe seller DSW jumped \$6.43, or 7.9 percent, to \$87.75 after the company reported an adjusted profit of 97 cents per share, easily beating analysts' estimate of 80 cents per share, according to FactSet.

J.C. Penney fell 18 cents, or 1.3 percent, to \$13.17 after the company's biggest investor, Bill Ackman, said he plans to sell his entire stake in the discount department store chain.

The tensions with Syria overshadowed two positive reports on the economy.

The Conference Board said its consumer confidence index rose to 81.5 in August, up from 80.3 the month before. Economists had expected 79, according to FactSet.

The Standard & Poor's Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 12.1 percent in June from a year earlier, nearly matching a seven-year high. But month-over-month price gains slowed in most markets, a sign that higher mortgage rates may be weighing on the housing recovery.

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Water Temp: 65.3°

WEDNESDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high
New SSW creeps up through the day

THURSDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-2 ft knee to thigh high occ. 3ft
SSW continues to slowly fill in - possible plus sets for standouts

FRIDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 2-3 ft knee to waist high
New SSW swell picks up further - plus sets for standouts

SATURDAY – POOR TO FAIR – SURF: 1-3 ft ankle to waist high
SSW swell continues; keeping an eye on the tropics

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

Number of sewage spills — 1

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0

Number of wet days — 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 23 / no

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0 / no

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Canillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	no
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	no
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Los Allos creeks.	A+	no
Escorial Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	no
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	no
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	no
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildfire Rd. (private).	A+	no
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	no
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach.	A+	no
Lafita Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	no
Solstice Canyon at Dee Blocker County Beach.	A+	no
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	no
Marin Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	no
Serfider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	no
Serfider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	no
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	B	no
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	C	no
Los Flores State Beach at Los Flores Creek (joint rent).	A+	no
Big Rock Beach at 19948 POH stairs.	A+	no
Pena Creek at Los Flores County Beach.	A+	no
Tuna Canyon.	no	no
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	no
Carderock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	no	no
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	no
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 POH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	no

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	no
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	no
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	no
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsaugas).	A+	no
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	no
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	no
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	no
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kanter storm drain.	A	no
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant).	A+	no
Ocean Park Beach at Rollins Ave. drain.	A	no
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	no
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	B	no
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	no
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	no
Venice Beach—projection of Topical St.	A+	no
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach—lifeguard tower.	B	no
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballena Creek mouth.	C	no
Dockweiler State Beach at Calver Blvd. drain.	A	no
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A	no
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of GWR jetty).	A+	no
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	no
Dockweiler Beach—opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	no
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	no

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Former NFL player Young skips court date – again

GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. A California judge issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for Titus Young after the former Detroit Lions wide receiver missed a fourth court hearing on charges of burglary and attempted burglary.

However, Young's attorney Altus Hudson said he doesn't expect his client to be arrested, saying the court knows his location. He declined to elaborate outside court.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Andre Manssourian issued the \$100,000 bench warrant after meeting with Hudson and the district attorney's office in chambers. The judge also revoked Young's bail and accepted a document from the defense under seal.

The 24-year-old former player previously pleaded not guilty to four felonies and seven misdemeanors after authorities say he broke into a San Clemente home on May 10.

That arrest came after erratic behavior that began five days earlier in neighboring Riverside County. He was arrested there for suspicion of driving under the influence and arrested again 15 hours later after authorities said he was caught trying to retrieve his car from a tow yard in Moreno Valley, east of Los Angeles.

He was charged with misdemeanor trespassing in that matter and the case is pending, said John Hall, a spokesman for the Riverside County district attorney's office.

Young's ex-girlfriend also has filed a restraining order against him. They have a child together.

Young has failed to appear at several court hearings in the burglary case, including one on Aug. 6, when the judge ordered him to be in court Tuesday.

Hudson said outside court that the judge issued the warrant as a way to keep tabs on Young. Hudson previously said his client was in treatment for an undisclosed condition.

Young's father has said his son changed after sustaining a concussion early in his rookie year with the Lions in 2011. Young, a second-round draft pick in 2011, was released by the team in February.

Troy Vincent, a former player who is the NFL's senior vice president for player engagement, has said he wasn't aware of Young having a concussion while playing with the Lions. Young rejected several offers of help after someone close to him contacted the league long before this spring's arrests, Vincent has said.

Young was released by the Lions after punching a teammate and intentionally lining up incorrectly during a game.

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1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:00pm

Way, Way Back (PG-13) 1hr 43min
1:55pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Blue Jasmine (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

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1:15pm

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A QUIET DINNER FOR TWO, SCORPIO

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Mixed messages will come through despite your best efforts to be as clear as possible. You'll be holding something back, and it could result in conflict between you and a friend. Tonight: Relax with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ It would be a mistake to become too materialistic. You easily could have a misunderstanding about your finances. Recognize that the argument has more to do with your actions than with your feelings. Tonight: Treat a loved one to a special dessert.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You could hit a few obstacles today. The first one might be the result of a misunderstanding. You'll want to clear up the problem; it might not have as much to do with the words exchanged as it does with an assumption the other party makes. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Know when to pull back, as it can make a great deal of difference. Understand what is happening within yourself first, and you likely will decide to say much less than you originally intended as a result. Tonight: Not to be found.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your mind might not be present in the moment, which is one of the reasons a disagreement could start. Make it a point to share more of what is on your mind, and listen to others' feedback. Tonight: Think about a long weekend away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ A partner will have a lot to share, and he or she wants your attention. You are likely to hear more if you don't focus too much on the importance of what's being said. Tonight: Just a quiet dinner for two.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Let others make the first move, as their proposals carry more weight. You might need to weigh the pros and cons of a situation carefully. Others could feel insecure when questioned. Tonight: Sort through the many different invitations.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Focus on getting your must-do responsibilities done. Honor someone's misgivings by noting how this person might have misinterpreted what has occurred. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Listen to your instincts with an associate. There could be an innate misunderstanding that could be difficult to sort out. Start accepting your differences and work from that premise. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You enjoy yourself, no matter what you do. You will come to an understanding with a boss. Evaluate a decision with care that could take you in a new direction and jolt a partner. Once his or her initial reaction has passed, you can have a discussion. Tonight: Till the wee hours.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Everyone else's mind might be on more practical matters. A flirtation could be overwhelming. It will seem nearly impossible to finish your to-do list. Be willing to enjoy your personal life more, whether it is with a child or a new flirtation. Tonight: You know what to do.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Be careful with a family member. This person could be off-kilter, which you might have noticed. Avoid an unnecessary argument, but do what you must to help keep this person focused. You could pull the wild card financially. Tonight: Be discriminating when taking a risk.

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

This year there is an element of confusion around you. Your intensity marks your thoughts and actions. It is an "all or nothing" year. The unexpected occurs within partnerships of all sorts. You never know what will happen next. You might pull a wild card financially. If you are single, you could meet someone with whom you feel very insecure or possessive. Think carefully before you get too deeply involved. If you are attached, your sweetie could start acting as if he or she is a wild card, which might encourage you to get separate checking accounts. GEMINI always challenges your thinking.

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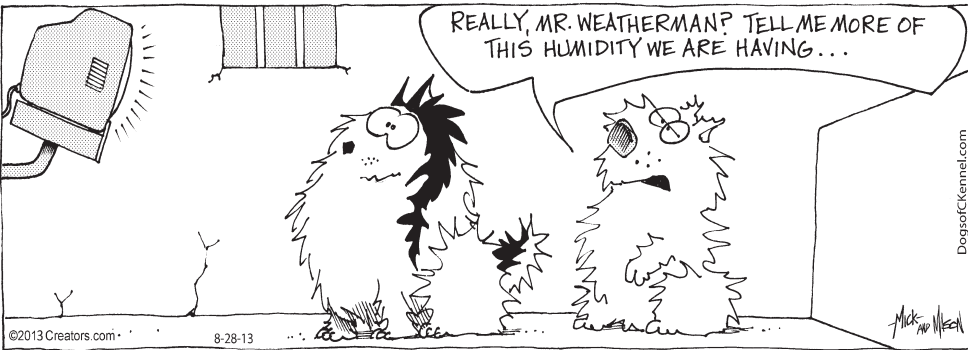
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Sudoku

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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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

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Barbecue treat
5 Exalt
11 Creative germ
12 Large lizard
13 Linen source
14 Mole hole
15 Wallet bill
16 Last letters
17 Mans the buckets
19 Lynx or lion
22 Incline
24 Kitchen fixture
26 Hoof it
27 Pennsylvania port
28 One of the Titans
30 Rock groups
31 "You betcha!"
32 Hitching tool
34 Aspirin target
35 Greedy desire
38 Debt indicator
41 "Pinocchio" fish
42 Immediately
43 Not to mention
44 Be important

- 45 "Hey, you!"
DOWN
1 Fissure
2 Not active
3 Dangerous pitches
4 Jazz horn
5 Defame, in a way
6 "If you say so"
7 Trappers' wares
8 Road sealer
9 First número
10 Pussy foot
16 Pimple, in slang
18 "Lonely Boy" singer
19 Yokels
20 Gung-ho
21 Golfer's supply
22 Influence
23 Over-due
25 Bulls or Bears
29 Position
30 Frank holder
33 Trail user
34 Cream buy
36 Smaller amount
37 Pirate's take
38 Zodiac animal
39 Greek vowel
40 Morse vowel
41 Upper limit

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ New Meaning to "Hon. John Hurley": Immediately following Judge John Hurley's having reduced her bond from \$76,000 to \$10,000 on drug trafficking charges in a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., courtroom in August, Felicia Underwood, 38, asked, "You can't make it a little lower, hon?" According to a South Florida Sun-Sentinel report, Hurley was momentarily taken aback, asking: "Did she just refer to the court as 'honey'?" "Oh, well ..." (He kept the bond at \$10,000.)

■ Helpful Derivative Military Technology: Manayunk Cleaners in Philadelphia has been testing delivery of customers' clothing via its own drone (a converted four-blade DJI Phantom quadcopter originally used for aerial photography), guided by GPS. Said one bemused customer, "I was wondering what the hell that was, to be honest." So far, the payload is limited to a shirt or towel, to be picked off the hovering aircraft by the customer, but owner Harout Vartanian hopes to buy a bigger drone soon. Agence France-Presse news service reported an even bolder drone program in August: delivering beer to music festival-goers in South Africa. The director of the Oppikoppi festival in Limpopo province attested to the drone's success. A reveler places an order by cellphone, which marks the location, and the drone is dispatched to lower the beer by parachute -- usually in the midst of a cheering crowd.

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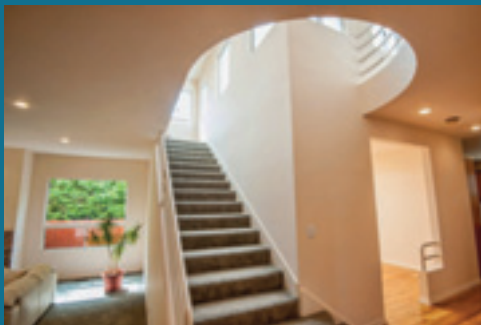
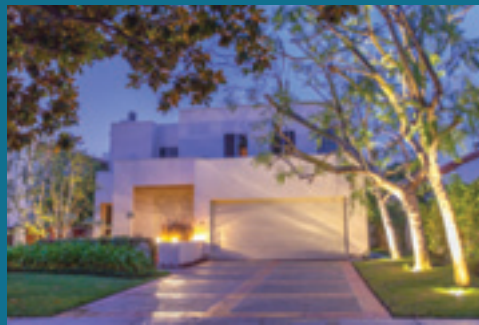
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