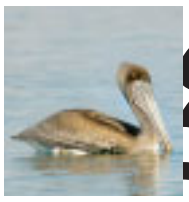
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THE COLLEGE DAYS ISSUE

College officials faulted in pepper spray melee

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD An internal police report obtained by a newspaper faulted the Santa Monica College Board of Trustees in a melee that resulted in student protesters being hit with pepper spray.

The Los Angeles Times reports that the 60-page report drafted by campus police found that administrators should not have denied a request from SMC police in March to move the April 3 meeting to a larger hall to accommodate more students.

Over 100 students went to the meeting to protest a proposal that would have created extra sessions of in-demand classes provided that students paid for the entire cost of the class.

The idea was to increase access to much-needed classes for students who struggled to get the courses they needed to transfer to a four-year university.

Students called it a privatization of their public education and flooded the board meeting in a desire to stop the program.

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SMC trustees end winter session with a whimper

Classes cut to reduce $4M budget deficit

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD The Santa Monica College Board of Trustees approved a budget that preserved jobs but quietly axed the winter session Thursday night in the face of student protest.

The budget promises a $4 million deficit in the 2012-13 school year — half of the $8.8 million of red the school spent this year — and is predicated on the passage of a tax measure put forward by Gov. Jerry Brown to maintain education funding.

"We have a looming catastrophe that we're faced with, and something called Proposition 30," said Chui Tsang, president of SMC.

Failure of that bill would result in an immediate loss of $7.8 million, according to a presentation given by Chris Bonvenuto, the director of finance for the college.

While some of the areas of saving included cutting down on student costs not covered by the state and spending less on supplies, the one that brought out the crowd wasn't even included in the discussion, mainly because it wasn't in the budget.

The winter intersession, an eight-week period in which courses are offered between the fall and spring, cost $2.5 million, according to SMC officials.

Last year, the college offered 400 courses,

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ON DISPLAY

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Jeweler made by Sandy Sherman is displayed Friday along with work from other talented women of OPCC's Daybreak shelter for homeless women with mental illness. Stop by 1751 Cloverfield Blvd. Saturday, Sept. 8 to shop. Women of Daybreak retain 70 percent of revenue from items sold.

Grandma gives birth to her own grandchild

BY MARTHA IRVINE
AP National Writer

CHICAGO Setting foot in a hospital again, Emily and Mike Jordan couldn't help but feel anxious.

More than two years before, at age 29, Emily had been diagnosed with cervical cancer. But just before she was to undergo a radical hysterectomy, she was told that she was pregnant. Faced with saving her own life or their unborn child's, the young couple made the excruciating decision to go forward with her surgery. It meant losing the baby, and forfeiting any chance at having their own children.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012

Art's opening day
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave., times vary
The first Saturday after Labor Day is traditionally a big day in the art world. To note the occasion, galleries often open new exhibitions on that day and Bergamot is following suit. A number of galleries at this arts complex will debut new works by a host of artists. For more information, visit bergamotstation.com.

Pong is on
Third Street Promenade
1300 block, 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Test your skill with a paddle as you take on all comers during this one-day Ping-Pong extravaganza. There will even be give-aways. For more information, call (310) 775-0287.

Rummaging around
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Now's your chance to rummage through the goods from the club's attic and closets to see if something strikes your fancy. There will also be items donated by club members. Funds will go directly to several local charities, including homeless service provider OPCC. For more information, call (310) 570-6100.

Music on the waves
Santa Monica Pier
Saturday is the first installment of the pier's Wake Up With the Waves children's concert series. Every Saturday through Oct. 27 will feature a free show. For more information, call (310) 458-8901.

Self-preservation in Berlin
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
The Santa Monica Rep theater company continues its monthly series of classic and contemporary plays at the Santa Monica Public Library with a staged reading of Tony Kushner's "A Bright Room Called Day." For more information on Santa Monica Rep, visit www.santamonicarep.org. Free event. First come, first served. For more information on this and other public programs, visit www.smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600.

Dissecting Julia
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 4 p.m.
A free lecture on architect Julia Morgan will be presented by Christy McAvoy, principal of Historic Resources Group, who has delved extensively into this subject as part of the Historic Structures Report for the Annenberg Community Beach House. Reservations are advised and can be made at www.smconservancy.org or by leaving a message at (310) 496-3146.

Sunday, Sept. 9, 2012

Tree of life
Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 6 p.m.
David Youse, Four Things Productions, in association with L.A. Works, will present an unprecedented staged reading of the critically-acclaimed play "Steel Magnolias." Celebrating the 25th anniversary, this performance will be directed by two-time Tony Award winner Judith Ivey and will feature multiple Emmy-nominee and Golden Globe-winning actress Frances Conroy, Golden Globe and Emmy-nominee Elizabeth Perkins, Jennifer Coolidge and Golden Globe and Emmy-nominee Annie Potts. For tickets and additional information, visit www.steelmagnolias-25years.org. Tickets start at $125. Funds raised go to The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Playing Cage
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 4:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
This one-hour concert features John Cage's classic "Sonata & Interludes" for prepared piano performed complete by pianist Adam Tendler. Performance is part of About Cage 100, a tribute to the bold composer with Santa Monica ties. Tendler first made national headlines with America 88x50, a completely independent and unsponsored recital tour created and conducted out of his Hyundai and offered for free to underserved communities in all 50 states. For more information about the series contact Jacaranda at (213) 483-0216 or info@jacarandamusic.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

City awarded nearly $500K for Dial-a-Ride

City Hall has received nearly $500,000 in federal funding to help expand the Dial-a-Ride service, which provides door-through-door transport for seniors and the disabled.

The award allocated $416,991 for operations and $52,980 in one-time funds for the purchase of a wheel chair-accessible van, expanding the Dial-a-Ride fleet to seven, city officials said Friday.

The program serves roughly 4,000 Santa Monicans annually, primarily through shared-van services. To qualify for the program, riders must be 18 years old with a disability or an adult 60 years of age and older.

Most Dial-a-Ride customers use the basic curb-to-curb service, but over time, door-through-door service has become increasingly in demand, helping more vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities remain more independent while preventing isolation, city officials said.

The door-through-door attendant rides on the vans and assists seniors out of and back into the home or destination and carries heavier items such as groceries.

Santa Monica is one of the very few municipalities across the country that funds a door-through-door paratransit program. Earlier this year the City Council provided additional funding for a needed expansion of door-through-door services that is now underway, city officials said.

The new federal funding will allow for a more substantial increase in hours, number of people served and flexibility in meeting current and future transportation needs of people with disabilities and frail seniors beginning early 2013.

For information about City Hall-funded services for seniors and WISE & Healthy Aging's transportation and other services, visit www.smgov.net/seniors and www.wiseandhealthyaging.org.

– KEVIN HERRERA

CITYWIDE

Giving feedback

City Hall's Community and Cultural Services Division wants to hear from you.

Go to www.surveymk.com/s/Q9KJG5T to fill out a survey and be automatically entered into a drawing for a host of prizes, including Pacific Park wristbands, a $25 gift certificate to a local Farmers' Market, restaurant gift certificates, a free "story time" at Books and Cookies, and other goodies.

City officials want to know what people think about City-Hall sponsored events. Input will help inform the direction of future events.

"Your opinion is important to us and we want to ensure that our events are meeting the needs of the community," city officials said in a press release.

The deadline for the survey is 5 p.m. on Sept. 19.

– KH



WELCOMED DISTRACTION

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Men play foosball on the Third Street Promenade Thursday while their wives and girlfriends shop during Fashion's Night Out. Shops all over Santa Monica and the world offered free food, entertainment and, most importantly, discounts, on their latest fashions.

Broad Beach looks south for sand

BY JIMY TALLAL
Special to The Daily Press

MALIBU The attorney for Broad Beach homeowners who are funding an estimated $20 million beach restoration project says it has been held up due to an inability to settle on a source for sand, but that could change soon.

Kenneth Ehrlich said core samples have been taken from the ocean floor about a half-mile off the coast of Manhattan Beach, as well as off the coast of Dockweiler Beach, near Los Angeles International Airport.

The two apparent final sites were chosen after a half-dozen offshore sources of local sand, ranging from Point Mugu to Santa Monica, were "investigated and crossed off our list," Ehrlich said. The Broad Beach group then had to start looking a little farther away — possibly

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Eastwood talks about convention chat with chair

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Clint Eastwood said the idea to use an empty seat as a prop at the Republican National Convention was a spur-of-the-moment decision when someone backstage asked if he wanted to sit down.

In his first interview since his Aug. 30 appearance at the convention to pledge support for GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney, Eastwood told the Carmel Pine Cone that his speech was not only unscripted, it was pretty much spontaneous.

"There was a stool there, and some fella kept asking me if I wanted to sit down," Eastwood told the weekly newspaper in the small California city where he once was mayor. "When I saw the stool sitting there, it gave me the idea. I'll just put the stool out there and I'll talk to Mr. Obama and ask him why he didn't keep all of the promises he made to everybody."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Libraries as sanctuaries

Editor:

It is my understanding that a public library has always been a source of pride for a community ("Libraries as homeless shelters," Letters to the Editor, Sept. 4). The object being to offer education and resources to both rich and poor, homeless and housed. We, as a community, should be concerned that so many homeless have no other haven. It is a direct reflection on our response to their need.

But what better place could they find for temporary relief? What other choice do they have? Maybe the concerned citizens who would deny the homeless the resources of our public library would also suggest that we offer up proof of residency before entering the doors? Maybe we should include a financial statement with our application for a library card?

In my opinion, a community's success is judged on how it treats its unfortunate members. Contrary to popular opinion, we do have the wealth and resources to assure housing, food and education for our entire community.

Robert M. Rose
Santa Monica

Poem for Gussie

Editor:

As an addition to Jack Neworth's informative piece on "Gussie" Moran ("Walking out there naked," Laughing Matters, Sept. 6):

Gorgeous Gussie Moran has left her mark,
With her stately home facing Palisades Park.
Her outfits were bold and caused quite a stir,
At staid Wimbledon, where she had to demur.
And ladies still follow her spirited way,
By getting "all Gussied up" to go out and play.

G.E. Matthews
Santa Monica



Your column here



Joel Kanter

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Congress should end Bush tax cuts for people like me

CONGRESS FACES AN IMPORTANT DECISION about which tax cuts to extend. A few weeks ago, the Senate passed President Obama's proposal to extend the Bush and Obama tax cuts for every American on the first $250,000 of their household income — including every penny of income for 98 percent of Americans and 97 percent of small businesses. There is wide bipartisan agreement that extending these tax cuts would help the economy.

Nevertheless, every Republican in the House voted against it, as had every Republican in the Senate. They refused to renew these middle-class tax cuts unless Democrats also would agree to renew special tax cuts that go exclusively to people like me — the wealthiest 2 percent of Americans. The GOP bill also would push 2 million families with children back into poverty and raise taxes on 25 million middle- and lower-income working families, by rolling back improvements to the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit, and ending a tax credit that helps make college more affordable (the American Opportunity Tax Credit).

Since I'm among that wealthiest 2 percent of Americans whose extra tax breaks the GOP bill protects, I have skin in the game. Yet, I joined more than 100 other millionaires from more than 50 cities in signing a Voices for Progress letter to Congress strongly opposing prolonging these special tax breaks. We who have the most income need these breaks the least —and it's just not right to ask others to pay for them.

Both the wage gap between the best-paid Americans and average wage earners and the concentration of assets in the hands of a few are worse than any time since the 1920s. In 2010, a year our economy grew by 3 percent, all of the income gains went to the top 10 percent, and one-third of them went to the top 1/10th of 1 percent. The bottom 90 percent actually lost ground in inflation-adjusted terms, earning $4,000 less than they did in 2001.

People like me would not have our wealth if we had been born in a country that lacked the vital services government provides — like federal support for schools and universities that have educated us and our employees, for roads and public transit, for our judicial system, for law enforcement and national defense, as well as funding the creation of the Internet and other crucial research and development that benefits industry and productivity. We would not even have our good health without government safeguarding our food, water and medicine, preventing epidemics and helping find cures for disease.

It's only right to expect me to chip in my share to the country that has given me so much so others can have the same opportunities I have had. The richest Americans already receive the biggest tax breaks. The Bush tax cuts that only go to the richest 2 percent give an average additional $150,000 to each household that makes more than $1 million a year. That's on top of an average $1 million we millionaires have already reaped from a decade of these tax cuts. Ending the special tax cuts that go only to the top 2 percent would save nearly $1 trillion over the next 10 years, money desperately needed to get America's fiscal house in order. Bankrupting the government by providing endless tax cuts for the wealthiest is not right and is not smart.

Business owners like me know that restoring taxes to Clinton-era rates on the portion of our profits above $250,000 in household income will have no effect on the decisions we make at our companies about whether to hire additional workers. Businesses were booming back then, creating millions of new jobs.

BUSINESS OWNERS LIKE ME KNOW THAT RESTORING TAXES TO CLINTON-ERA RATES ON THE PORTION OF OUR PROFITS ABOVE $250,000 IN HOUSEHOLD INCOME WILL HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE DECISIONS WE MAKE AT OUR COMPANIES ABOUT WHETHER TO HIRE ADDITIONAL WORKERS.

This debate is not over. Members of Congress will face this choice again before all the tax breaks expire at year-end. They can require the wealthiest 2 percent to limit ourselves to the tax cuts other Americans get — those on the portions of household income under $250,000 — so we can shrink the deficit, and protect middle-class priorities like education and Medicare from deep cutbacks. Or they can insist on slashing investments vital to our nation's future in order to be even more generous to those of us who need tax breaks the least. Is that really a "choice?" Or would it better be called a moral imperative?

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The Q Line

Paying to play

The City Council asked planners to take a look at a new fee intended to make getting around Santa Monica easier, but some say it's particularly hard on small businesses.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Do you think it's fair for City Hall to ask for more to fund transportation projects even if it makes doing business in the city that much more expensive?

Here are your responses:

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"YES, BUT THE TRANSPORTATION FEES should be used for local transportation. Big Blue Bus and Metro have cut services in Santa Monica. Resources are being funneled to the new Metro trains. While the new Line 20 will bring more people into Santa Monica, people living here are having their bus services drastically cut, making it harder to get around within the city by bus, causing people to have to drive or stay home. Local transportation funds should be used for locals; replace service cuts on Line 2 Big Blue Bus and other lines that have been cut and where service hours were shortened during evening hours over the past years. As bus service keeps getting cut, less people ride the buses because buses are infrequent, lines and hours have been shortened and bus stops moved to inconvenient locations. Let's provide service for local residents within Santa Monica with these transportation funds."

"WITH THE LOSS OF REDEVELOPMENT Agency money, city officials are going to be looking at every angle to collect more cash to spend on their pet projects. Businesses beware. It's only going to get worse. We need more money to help build better streets and provide better public transit. I'm not sure raising fees on smaller businesses is the right answer. I worry about these mom-and-pops. How are they going to be able to compete? I think an increase in fees will only lead to more chain stores, but that seems to be what City Hall wants."

"ANY BUSINESS THAT RESIDES IN SANTA Monica is operating at their own financial risk as to fees and taxes. The city looks at your business as a cash cow and nothing more. My advice to all businesses in Santa Monica is to relocate elsewhere and never ever open your business in expensive, business unfriendly Santa Monica."

"OF COURSE IT COSTS MORE MONEY to do business, but that's the way the cookie crumbles. You just have to go with it, enjoy it and make the best of it."

SAND
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making the project even more expensive, Ehrlich said.

The Broad Beach Geological Hazard Abatement District, or GHAD, was formed to find a way of preventing the ocean from eroding the seaside lands and houses of 121 property owners after the once wide beach disappeared due to erosion over the last few decades.

The homeowners were granted an emergency permit to build a rock wall in front of the most endangered houses in 2010, but the state considers that a temporary fix, and required a proposal for a more permanent solution.

Since then, the group has been aggressively pursuing state approval of the pricey beach replenishment project, which aims to add 600,000 cubic yards of sand to the beach. However, Ehrlich said "the sand source issue has stalled the environmental review." Ehrlich said that was because the State Lands Commission, the lead agency on environmental review of the project, has indicated it needs to know the specific site the sand is coming from rather than a list of possible sources, so that it can do a thorough environmental review of the sand and the site itself.

In order to be approved, the site must be able to sustain the loss of 600,000 cubic yards of sand without digging a hole too deep in the ocean floor, and the sand must match the granule composition and chemistry of the sand at Broad Beach. Sand surveys from each site require approval from a task force or clearinghouse of multiple government agencies.

The sand offshore from Dockweiler Beach was sampled and turned out to be "bountiful, plentiful and a good match," said Ehrlich. However, Ehrlich said the city of Los Angeles owns the mineral rights to the submerged lands off of Dockweiler, and would be entitled to collect royalties if the sand were taken from there (for legal purposes, sand is considered a mineral). The Broad Beach GHAD is currently awaiting word from the city of Los Angeles on how much it would charge for the sand.

At Manhattan Beach, samples are being taken in the ocean at a depth of 80 feet, with core samples of sediment going down about 20 feet. The state owns the offshore sand at Manhattan Beach.

But if the sand there turns out to be plentiful and a good match, Ehrlich said the GHAD should not have to pay the state royalties for the sand.

"The state should just accept the fact that we're paying $20 million for the project," he said, which will benefit the state by resulting in the re-establishment of a public beach on state property that is currently unusable.

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A Roundabout Way Of Thinking

Drivers in Santa Monica might have noticed some recent changes to many intersections around town that have people wondering if they are headed down the Champs Elysees towards the Arch de Triumph or perhaps lost on an English country road. The roundabout intersection has made a roundabout trip across the world to Santa Monica with the hopes of easing traffic congestion and making the roads safer for drivers and pedestrians alike. Drivers here in Santa Monica must be aware of the traffic rules and regulations that govern roundabout driving so that motorists are not stranded like foreigners in a foreign land. Here are some basic rules and explanations about roundabouts that will hopefully help you on your way around town.

The basic definition of a roundabout is a circular junction in which road traffic must travel in one direction around a central island. Roundabouts increase safety in the community by requiring drivers to both decrease their speeds and in turn increase their awareness upon entering the intersection. Roundabouts also increase a neighborhood's aesthetic appeal by creating charming and unique architectural designs. Neatly landscaped circles or placement of a statue, monument, or flagpole give roundabouts a homely and suburban feel despite their very urban purpose. Pedestrians are often prohibited or discouraged from entering the center circle of a roundabout, but pedestrians and drivers can nonetheless enjoy the visual charisma that the intersection adds to a community. Roundabouts facilitate motorists, bicyclists, runners, and dog-walkers in an efficient and competent manner.

Roundabouts have some negative drawbacks as well. Larger vehicles and trucks may find it difficult to navigate through narrow roundabouts that are not built to handle such vehicles. The recent implementation of roundabouts in Santa Monica has also caused some backup and unwanted traffic delays at roundabouts where drivers are not familiar with the traffic laws and traffic flow. On the same note, there is a greater risk of traffic collisions and accidents from drivers who are simply not paying attention to their surroundings. Roundabouts require far greater concentration and awareness than do conventional squared intersections.

Upon entering a roundabout, drivers should first notice a sign or traffic indicator alerting the driver to slow down and prepare to yield. A painted dashed line will also alert drivers that they are entering a roundabout intersection. Unless otherwise indicated, drivers do not have to come to a complete stop; however, the situation may require a complete stop depending on traffic conditions at the time. Remember, pedestrians always have the right of way! So, if you see a bicyclist, jogger, or walker you must stop in order to allow that person safe passage. If there are no other cars in the roundabout and no pedestrians, the driver can then safely enter the roundabout. Most Santa Monica roundabouts are one-way, meaning a driver can only make a right turn to enter the roundabout and a right turn to exit the roundabout.

A driver that is already in the roundabout has the right of way over a driver that is entering the roundabout. Thus, if you are the car that is approaching the roundabout and slowing down getting ready to turn into the roundabout, do not expect another car that is already in the roundabout to stop or slow to let you in! This area tends to be one of the most confusing aspects of roundabouts, but if you remember that the car already in the roundabout has the right of way…you should be alright. Regardless of who has the right of way, drivers should nonetheless always remain vigilant and aware of their surroundings to prevent any kind of accident. Keep a slow to moderate speed while circling depending on the traffic at the time. Also, it is very important that drivers remember to use their turn signals. Turn signals alert circling drivers inside the roundabout and allow other drivers to adjust speeds based on turns. Moreover, a turn signal also notifies drivers waiting to enter the roundabout that the path is clear for them to safely make the maneuver.

Avoid unnecessary traffic citations, accidents, and congestion by following these simple roundabout rules. Remember to be aware, vigilant, and attentive to your surroundings at all time. Adjust to a roundabout way of thinking and enjoy the ride around town!

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As dozens tried to force their way into the meeting, a sergeant with the campus police used pepper spray. Two protesters were taken to the hospital and more than 30 were exposed.

Campus officials would not comment directly on the L.A. Times article, but said that the report was one piece of information being reviewed by a panel tasked to produce a report analyzing all aspects of college officials' response that night.

Among the panelists are Campus Counsel Robert Myers, who sued the Los Angeles Police Department for improper use of chemical weapons, and Trustee Nancy Greenstein, a current board member for the ACLU of Southern California and director of police community services at the UCLA Police Department.

The report that was leaked was one of many things that the panel is reviewing to make its ultimate assessment, Myers said.

"The review panel had received a copy of the report. We have a series of follow-up questions we're working on getting answers to, and it will be addressed (in our report)," Myers said.

Panelists received the initial report in July, and additional materials like officer statements and other accounts in August.

The unexpected release of the material will not hurt the panel's end product, Myers said.

"The review panel will go about doing its work," he said. "We believe we'll be able to do the type of report Dr. Tsang wants us to do whether or not this was leaked."

He expects it will be out by the end of the year.

The report will not deliver on at least one thing that students called for at the beginning of the process — the removal of any of the police involved in the pepper spraying.

The incident launched SMC into the national headlines. It was referenced alongside UC Davis, where seated protesters were sprayed in the face by a campus police officer.

Those students have reportedly reached a settlement with the university. The UC Board of Trustees is expected to vote on that settlement next week.

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The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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down by half from its high of 800.

Winter 2013, however will get nothing.

That doesn't sit well with students like Jazmin Tlaxcala, who believes that money to support the winter session can be found in the pockets of the administration.

"Since 2009, the administration raises and bonuses have been $3 million," Tlaxcala said. "Why are we cutting? … Let's have them share the pain."

Others blamed the lack of a winter session on bad management. The summer session was beefed up to the point that not enough students enrolled, said Mikhail Pronilover, a student organizer who will be transferring to CSU Los Angeles, implying that there could have been enough resources for winter otherwise.

A student who would not give his name to the board gave a more philosophical answer.

"This is not a crisis of resources. Like in the wider world, this is a crisis of the distribution of resources," he said.

The trustees' responses to the outpouring of emotion focused mainly on the practical — passing Proposition 30.

"Be sure you're registered to vote and study the material that Associated Students has on Proposition 30. It is an idea by which we could, if it passes, have enough money to continue to offer classes to meet the demand," said Trustee Susan Aminoff.

While the college has been able to ride out the worst of the recession using its reserves as a cushion to prevent cuts to staff and students, that money is dwindling.

Since the 2010-11 school year, reserves have gone from over $23 million to a projected $11 million at the end of the 2012-13 school year, according to Bonvenuto.

"We have delayed and done everything we can," said Trustee Louise Jaffe. "We're cutting as carefully as we can while still trying to move forward."

Trustees plan to use that reserve judiciously so that they can continue correcting the financial course of the college without sinking the ship, said Trustee Rob Rader on Friday.

"We still have a nice reserve so we can continue making adjustments that will not destroy our ongoing ability to survive and still offer unbelievable education to as many students as we can serve," Rader said.

The trustees haven't found accusations that the college is letting the monetary cream rise to the top very compelling, he said.

"Every time we look at it, we've not been convinced of that," Rader said.

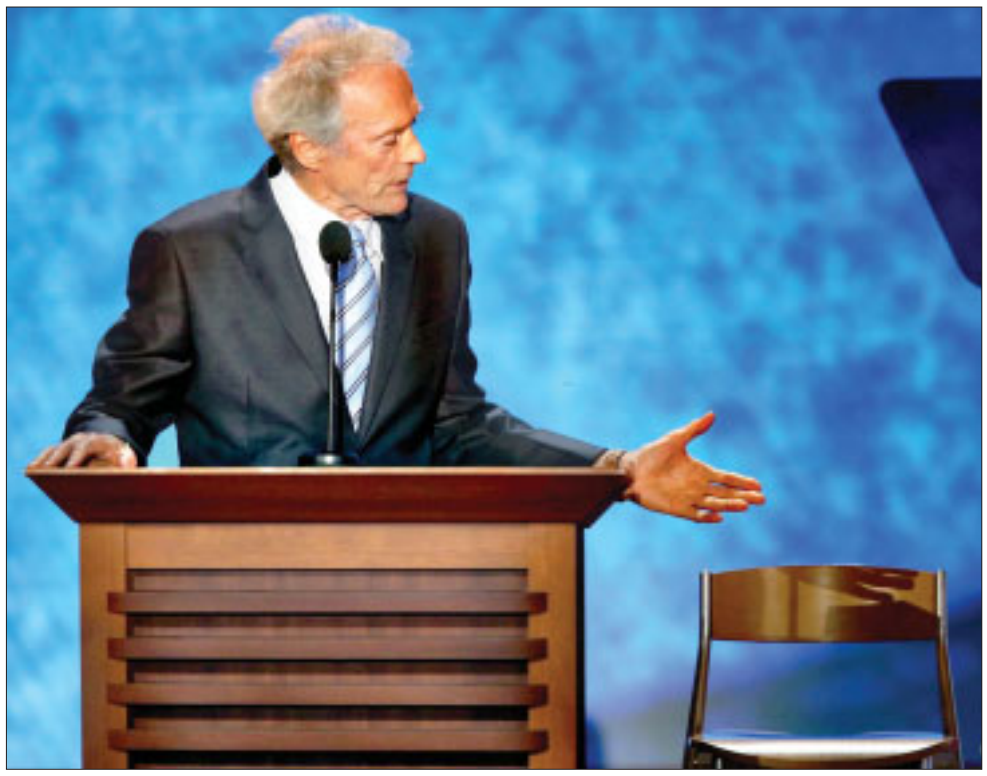
SMC is one of the last colleges to end its winter session, and it was the first in California to debut the concept in 1992.

Students also took issue with a goal adopted by the board called "priority enrollment," which would give first dibs on registration to students that live in the district, i.e. Santa Monica or Malibu.

According to past estimates, only 15 percent of the students at SMC come from Santa Monica, although Santa Monicans support hundreds of millions in bonds which have funded new facilities for the school.

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EASTWOOD

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Eastwood's peculiar, sometimes rambling conversation with an imaginary President Barack Obama in an empty chair set the blogosphere and social media ablaze. Reaction to his appearance generally has split along party lines, with Republicans raving about his stinging rebuke of Obama and Democrats ridiculing him as old, angry and out of touch.

The 82-year-old Eastwood said he set out to make three points and he achieved his goal.

"That not everybody in Hollywood is on the left, that Obama has broken a lot of the promises he made when he took office, and that the people should feel free to get rid of any politician who's not doing a good job," Eastwood said in the interview, which was conducted Tuesday but not published until Friday. "But I didn't make up my mind exactly what I was going to say until I said it."

Political conventions normally are tightly scripted and Romney's campaign aides had wanted details about what Eastwood planned to say.

"They vet most of the people, but I told them, 'You can't do that with me, because I don't know what I'm going to say,'" Eastwood said.

Eastwood acknowledged his presentation was "very unorthodox" but said he knew that would be the case.

"They've got this crazy actor who's 82 years old up there in a suit," he said. "I was a mayor, and they're probably thinking I know how to give a speech, but even when I was mayor I never gave speeches. I gave talks."

Eastwood said he was told to speak for five minutes but he said it was difficult to gauge time and there weren't any signals or cues telling him to wrap up. He ended up speaking for about 12 minutes.

Romney and his running mate, Paul Ryan, later came backstage to thank him.

"They were very enthusiastic, and we were all laughing," Eastwood said.

Eastwood, who stars in the upcoming movie "Trouble with the Curve," maintains Obama doesn't deserve a second term as president.

"President Obama is the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the American people," Eastwood said. "Romney and Ryan would do a much better job running the country, and that's what everybody needs to know. I may have irritated a lot of the lefties, but I was aiming for people in the middle."

Despite all the attention he received, Eastwood hadn't granted any interviews since his speech. Even his longtime manager, Leonard Hirshan, told The Associated Press he was unaware Eastwood had spoken to the newspaper.

"You're telling me something for the first time," Hirshan said.

Hirshan stressed that as a manager, he wouldn't necessarily know about Eastwood's dealings with the media. The actor has no publicist.

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Or so they thought.

"I can't describe what that was like after finding out you have cancer, after finding out your chance of ever carrying a baby is gone," Emily says, still stammering at times as she recounts that painful day in 2010.

Simply put, her body no longer had a place where a baby could grow.

But now, more than two years later, she and Mike had come from their suburban Chicago home to the labor and delivery department of a downtown hospital to realize the dream they thought was lost — to become parents, though not the way they, or most people, would have imagined.

Alongside them that day was Emily's mother, Cindy Reutzel — a fit, silver-haired 53-year-old grandmother whose profile revealed a round belly, a pregnant belly.

Reutzel was about to give birth to her own grandchild.

THE FIRST OF MANY

Just 34 years ago, Louise Brown, the first "test tube" baby, was born in Great Britain. The result? A veritable in-vitro baby boom.

It started with would-be mothers in their 20s and 30s. "Then people started pushing the envelope," says Dr. Helen Kim, director of the in vitro fertilization program at the University of Chicago. "If you could help a menopausal woman in her 30s, could you help a menopausal woman in her 40s? And then it became, 'Can you help a menopausal woman in her 50s?'

"And the answer is yes."

Some older women were having their own babies. But more often, they were using egg donors to have their own children, or serving as surrogates or "gestational carriers."

There was the 51-year-old grandmother in Brazil who gave birth to her twin grandchildren in 2007. There've been others, grandmothers in their 40s or 50s and even 60s.

Cindy Reutzel, Emily's mom, had a vague recollection of those stories. So when doctors shared the good news that they had been able to keep Emily's ovaries intact, Reutzel immediately made the offer.

"What if I carried your baby for you?" she asked.

Emily and Mike didn't take it too seriously at first. "We didn't really think that was a realistic option," says Emily, who works in hospital administration.

It turned out, though, that it wasn't really that far-fetched after all, particularly for a young grandmother who's in good health, like Reutzel.

After a process that included psychological evaluation and hormonal manipulation to prepare their bodies, Kim eventually implanted Reutzel's uterus with an embryo created with an egg from Emily and Mike's sperm.

It was no easy process, with a regimen of hormonal shots. Work schedules were interrupted and vacations postponed. But Reutzel was committed.

"The thought of Emily and Mike not being able to have children and share that piece of their lives with someone just broke my heart," says Reutzel, who lives in Chicago and is executive director at a medical foundation. "I want Emily to have that connection with another human being like I had with her."

As her belly grew, people started asking about "her baby." But she was quick to tell them the story. This was not her baby; she was Grandma.

Admittedly, she says, she worried about the physical toll pregnancy might take, though her body handled it better than she expected. She also wondered how well she'd bounce back from a Caesarean section. That's how she had delivered Emily and her older brother, but that had been three decades ago.

Still, she reassured Emily and Mike throughout the pregnancy that the baby was fine, she was fine, everything would be fine.

Humor helped. Mike often teased his mother-in-law each time they'd take her to dinner or do something nice for her.

"Are we even yet?" he'd ask.

"Not yet," she'd reply, laughing.

In truth, Mike and Emily knew there'd really be no way to repay this kind of gesture.

"This is a continuation of everything that she has done her entire life for me, which is to make sure that I have the best life possible," Emily says.

All they could do, they said, was to promise to raise their baby as best they could. And that was enough for Reutzel.

"I know I gave a gift," she says. "But I'm also getting so much in return."

Last week, a few days after Emily's 32nd birthday, daughter sat next to mother, holding hands in the delivery room.

And Elle Cynthia Jordan was born.

"She looks just like you! She looks just like you!" Emily shouted, running from the delivery room to introduce their newborn to Mike.

Reutzel is recovering well. She even says she'd consider doing it again.

"When I watch both of them hold that baby and look into her face, it's like everything I could have imagined wanting for them — better than I could have imagined," she says, her eyes filling with tears.

"This is what it was all about for me."



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Variety is the spice of life at Viceroy's Whist



Photo by Michael Ryan

VARIETY: **Small plates offer diners at Whist the opportunity to sample various dishes at once.**

Suffocated between busy streets and shrouded by walls of high-standing shrubbery, the Viceroy Hotel does not do much in the way of standing out. Converted from an old Holiday Inn, the structure is not exactly an architectural marvel either. You wouldn't even know it was there unless you were looking for it.

But once you're inside, there's no better place for contemporary luxury one block from the beach.

Whether it's a rich family's vacation getaway, or a hush-hush rendezvous of lovers in the night, these walls have seen it all. The Viceroy is obviously a premier seaside destination for the well-to-do traveler, but there's something here for locals looking for a night on the town as well.

Whist restaurant at Viceroy Santa Monica takes the hotel's luxe living mantra and follows suit with fanciful dining. I'm sure Executive Chef Tony Disalvo wasn't worried whether his crispy pork terrine was along the same standard of the bed sheets and their 1000-plus thread count, but there is a good synergy between Viceroy and Whist sometimes not found in other hotels and the restaurants they house. Indoor seating sprawls seamlessly to the outside pool/cabana area, affording diners an appetizer of people watching and a vibrant dining scene.

Whist's menu, on the other hand, is less about harmony and more about assortment. Dishes range from chili-fried chicken, summer vegetable kimchi, to potato gnocchi, asparagus with morels, to wild black sea bass, artichoke and chorizo. It's a pot luck of worldly flavors hard pressed to label.

By doing away with traditional full entrees, the smaller dishes encourage sampling, sharing and exploring the menu. Variety is the spice of life, but it also caters to the eater with taste buds suffering from Attention Deficit Disorder. Offerings dished out by the multitude produced some personal favorites indeed.

The roasted corn shined figuratively and literally in melted miso butter. Bacon, chilies, scallion and a splash of lime livened everything up. The lamb kefta meatballs was another dish to note. Succulence in ball form, accented with orange and crushed pistachio, mellowed by yogurt, redefined this traditional Middle Eastern street food. And the broiled halibut, smoked potato-miso puree, asparagus and ginger was damn well amazing just because.

Overall, the presentation was exquisite and everything was cooked to perfection (except the grilled octopus was a bit charred, but that's a tough one because some people like it like that). The flavors were vibrant and thoughtfully fused together. As stated on the menu, all produce was sourced from the Third Street Farmers' Market. Any obnoxious food snob will tell you anything less than sourcing from local growers is a major faux pas, where then they should be slapped for being a know it all.

The service at Whist is outstanding. They were accommodating without bordering on overbearing or phony. Our server Patrick was very knowledgeable of each dish presented, as well as an expert of the wines on the Whist list. I was politely nodding in agreement of his wine descriptions, but was truthfully lost in a bevy of sub regions and grape varietals. He had me at Merlot.

Pitted up against other seaside mainstays like Casa del Mar, Shutters on the Beach, and Loews, the Viceroy is in crowded company of fancy hotels and fine dining at the end of Pico Boulevard. But the contemporary atmosphere and eclectic menu at Whist sets itself apart from the rest. Whether you want to live it up a little or perhaps that's just how you roll, either which way, good times are happening at Viceroy's Whist.

MICHAEL can be seen riding around town on his bike burning calories so he can eat more food, or on CityTV hosting his own show, "Tour de Feast." To reach him visit his website at tourdefeast.net or follow him on Twitter @TourDeFeastSM.

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Food co-ops brace for arrival of giant rivals

BY JOHN MILLER
Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho The Boise Co-op eliminated thousands of slow-selling items, sweeping away the claustrophobic effect that accompanied too many offerings. The Wheatsville Food Co-op in Texas is opening its second store after 40 years.

And in California, the Davis Food Co-op turned to a designer to revamp its look.

It's no coincidence food cooperatives across the U.S. are making big changes. Many are preparing for the arrival of a Whole Foods or Trader Joe's, two organic- and specialty-food industry giants that are opening new stores nationwide.

Some co-ops are even dispatching camera-toting, intelligence-gathering crews to poach ideas from the big guys.

With demand for organic, natural and specialty food continuing to outpace other segments in the grocery industry, co-ops say they must improve their stores, identify trends and appeal to a changing audience as the competition moves in.

Whole Foods Market Inc. aims to triple stores to 1,000, including in Boise and Davis, Calif.; German-owned Trader Joe's is expanding, too, with a 19 city "coming-soon" list.

"Co-ops had it easy for years" when customers had few other places to go, said Robynn Shrader, head of the 125-member, 164-store National Cooperative Grocer's Association. "It's more complicated being a retailer today."

The modern co-op movement dates back to the 1970s, when customer-owned food stores — including in Boise, Davis, Calif., and Austin, Texas — were organized to provide an alternative to national grocery chains. Despite typically higher prices, shoppers often feel as if they're buying more than groceries, that they are supporting a lifestyle.

They emphasize community roots and, though they've evolved from when nearly everything came in big bulk bins, they still stock an average of 20 percent local products, compared to 6 percent at conventional stores, according to a study released in August by Shrader's group. About 80 percent of co-ops' produce is organic, compared to 12 percent for conventional grocers.

Over the years, demand for natural, organic foods has only grown. The Organic Trade Association reports 2011 sales rose 9 percent to $31.4 billion.

Brent Hueth, director of the Center for Cooperatives at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said he'd expected an increasingly crowded landscape of organic purveyors, including from conventional stores, to be tougher on co-ops.

That hasn't materialized. "Demand is growing faster than supply," Hueth said. "It's not saturated yet."

Even so, some co-ops have been hurt. In West Des Moines, Iowa, for instance, the Tall Grass Grocery Co-op closed in August, a year after opening and a month after Whole Foods' arrival.

At the 40-year-old Davis Food Co-Op in Davis, sales slipped 7 percent after Trader Joe's October 2010 opening, forcing wage freezes and retirement-plan cuts, manager Eric Stromberg said.

Though revenue has recovered, Whole Foods opens in October in this university town near Sacramento, so additional austerity measures are planned to navigate another dip.

"Honestly, the emotion I felt was anger," he said. "I worked really hard to give our employees good benefits. And I hate to see that nibbled away."

The Davis co-op is going on the offensive, too, enlisting a store designer who also works with Whole Foods to spiff up the place. Stromberg isn't bashful about "shoplifting" ideas from his bigger rivals.

"The goal is you walk away with at least one good idea we can use in our store," he said, describing how one crew was politely asked to leave a San Francisco Bay-area Whole Foods.

Whole Foods, which boosted second-quarter profit a third to $117 million and whose stock is valued at $18 billion, won't say when it hopes to crest the 1,000-store mark.

But Joe Rogoff, Whole Foods' Seattle-based manager for Northwest stores, insisted the Austin-based retailer isn't trying to muscle out smaller rivals. Rather, he hoped it turns on a whole new audience to natural, organic food.

One indicator for a new market's potential is a successful co-op, said Rogoff, a co-op volunteer in Sonoma, Calif., in the 1970s. "I hope they stay vital," Rogoff said. "They represent ... the foundations of where we come from."

In Boise, Ben Kuzma hired on as the local co-op's general manager in 2011, just as the store in the capital city's oldest neighborhood was about to be drenched by a wave of competition.

Two regional chains, Spokane, Wash.-based Huckleberry's and Denver's Natural Grocers arrived this year, while Whole Foods opens its 35,000-square-foot store a mile away in November.

So far, Kuzma said 2012 revenue growth has been cut in half, to about 3 percent, for a store that last year grossed $26 million. The impact could be even more significant when Whole Foods opens and lures curious shoppers away.

A veteran of California, Maine, and Arizona co-ops, Kuzma said looming competition forced him to cram a three-year store transformation into just one.

He joined the National Cooperative Grocers Association in February, to take advantage of the group's national buying power. The company has also adopted new accounting standards and boosted employee training.

Others changes are more visible: Fast-growing organic pet supplies now have a separate storefront.

And Kuzma hired a chef to remake the deli — and abandon use of an outside supplier, Sysco Food Services, for prepared items. Kuzma wanted to use the organic food sold elsewhere in the store in the "grab-and-go" section because customers probably figured the store was doing that anyway.

"It's more honest," Kuzma said. "I felt like we weren't walking the walk."

In Austin, the Wheatsville Food Co-op opened in 1976, four years before Whole Foods Market got its start across town. Whole Foods now has more than 300 locations, while Wheatsville stuck with a single store.

That's changing. It plans a second location amid increasing competition: Whole Foods has three stores, including its flagship; popular gourmet grocer Central Market is down the street. Trader Joe's is coming, too.

Like the Davis co-op, Wheatsville hired a designer.

"We're looking at what makes people want to shop at Whole Foods and Traders Joe's, and trying to bring pieces of it to our next location," brand manager Raquel Dadomo said.











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LOS ANGELES

Man pleads no contest to choking pelican at Malibu

A transient pleaded no contest to misdemeanor animal cruelty for choking a brown pelican to death near Malibu Pier.

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office says 30-year-old Sergio Diaz was sentenced Friday to 60 days in jail and a year's probation.

Alvarez was arrested Aug. 22 when a witness reported the choking to a sheriff's deputy.

According to prosecutors, Alvarez said he failed to catch any fish so he caught the bird to eat.

California Brown pelicans are no longer endangered but are still a fully protected species in the state.

The state Department of Fish and Game noted earlier this summer that many pelicans are showing up on beaches and fishing piers and urged people to avoid feeding them so they don't become habituated to humans.

–ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES

Calif. to form scrap metal oversight task force

California state officials are planning to launch a task force to crack down on the scrap metal recycling industry, which has been linked to environmental pollution and worker injuries.

The state Department of Toxic Substances Control will form the panel with representatives of various regulatory agencies, including air, water and hazardous materials, as well as fire authorities, the Los Angeles Times reported Friday.

The task force is the first large-scale attempt to coordinate oversight of California's scrap industry. Scrap metal operations have mushroomed in recent years because manufacturing demand in Asia has driven up prices, but many recyclers are operating without permits or any type of regulation.

The decision to form the task force comes just several weeks after the Times reported on recyclers' widespread violations of environmental laws, as well as 23 fires and explosions that have killed or injured workers over the past three years.

Scrap recyclers commonly handle hazardous materials that can spew toxic dust into the air. Workers are also at fire risk from the blowtorches they use to shear metal parts off cars and other machinery.

Part of the problem, the Times found, is that numerous agencies are responsible for regulating different aspects of the industry.

The task force will create a mechanism so the agencies can better collaborate, said Brian Johnson, head of enforcement for the department.

Los Angeles County is the center of the scrap metal industry because of its proximity to sea ports in Los Angeles and Long Beach. Much of the recycled metal is shipped to factories in Asia. California exports about $7 billion of scrap annually.

Authorities are already starting to crack down on violations. The Los Angeles city attorney's office earlier this summer filed criminal charges against three recyclers in South Los Angeles, charging them with environmental pollution.

– AP

MERCED, Calif.

West Nile virus kills woman in Merced County

A Merced County woman has become the fourth person in the state to die of West Nile virus this year.

Health officials said Thursday that the 86-year-old woman died this month after becoming infected in August.

There have been three other West Nile virus-related deaths in the state in 2012: an elderly Fresno County woman, an 88-year-old Kern County woman and an 85-year-old Sacramento County man.

State officials say dozens of other people have been infected with the virus, but have survived. Ten horses and more than 1,000 dead birds have also tested positive for the infection.

The virus is spread by mosquitoes. One out of every 150 infected people develop severe symptoms, including neck stiffness, disorientation, coma and paralysis.

– AP

SANTA ANA, Calif.

Police chief's wife gets 15-yr sentence

The wife of Oceanside's police chief has been sentenced to 15 years in prison for a confrontation with police in the city of Cypress.

City News Service reports on Friday that prosecutors agreed to adjust the charges against 49-year-old Brinda McCoy so she could get a shorter sentence.

Defense attorney Lew Rosenblum agreed to drop a motion for a new trial and any appeals.

McCoy could have faced up to 29 years in prison after she was convicted in June of five counts of assault on an officer for firing a gun at police during a 2010 standoff at her Cypress home.

The wife of Oceanside Police Chief Frank McCoy testified at trial that she was attempting "suicide-by-cop."

– AP

SACRAMENTO, Calif.

Drivers can use phones to prove insurance

California drivers will be able to use their smartphones to show they have auto insurance under a bill approved by Gov. Jerry Brown.

AB1708 gives Californians the option of presenting their proof of insurance on a handheld device during traffic stops. Brown announced he signed the measure Friday.

Democratic Assemblyman Mike Gatto of Los Angeles sought to clarify the state's vehicle code, which doesn't mention electronic devices.

Though many insurance companies already have smartphone apps that display cus-

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Judge says Schwarzenegger didn't break law

BY JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. A Sacramento County superior court judge ruled Friday that former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger didn't break any laws when he cut the manslaughter sentence for the son of a political ally just hours before leaving office last year.

Judge Lloyd Connelly called Schwarzenegger's decision to reduce Esteban Nunez's sentence from 16 years to seven years distasteful and "repugnant to the bulk of the citizenry of this state," but within his executive powers as governor. Nunez is the son of former Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez.

Esteban Nunez pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter in a 2008 attack on an unarmed group of young men after he and some friends were turned away from a fraternity party in San Diego. Three others pleaded guilty to various charges in the attack that killed 22-year-old college student Luis Santos.

Santos' family and the San Diego district attorney sued, claiming that Schwarzenegger violated the voter-approved Marsy's Law, which requires families be notified about cases involving their loved ones.

"The attorney general's office fought for corruption, and they won," said Kathy Santos, Luis' mother, outside court. "They defended a backroom deal, you know? They got away with it for today, but we're very disappointed. Where's the justice for our son? He was murdered. Two conniving politicians got away with it."

The family said the judge's words were not enough. They want the reduced sentence for Nunez thrown out.

Connelly sided with the attorney general's office in ruling that Marsy's Law does not specifically address the governor's power of pardons and commutations, which may have been an oversight when it was drafted.

He said that other laws cited by the plaintiffs' attorneys also did not place a specific obligation on the governor to notify the family or the district attorney, even if that had been the practice in Schwarzenegger's office for other pardon and commutation applications.

"Based on the evidentiary records before this court involving this case, there was an abuse of discretion," Connelly said. "This was a distasteful commutation. It was repugnant to the bulk of the citizenry of this state. ... It is outside the normal realm, the normal circle of fundamental justice."

But, he said, it was not illegal.

San Diego District Attorney Bonnie Dumanis said her office will appeal the judge's decision. The Santos family said they were considering their options.

Schwarzenegger said in his commutation notice that he believed the sentence was excessive given Nunez's "limited role in the killing." He said evidence showed that Nunez's friend delivered the fatal blow, yet both men received the same 16-year-sentence.

The former governor told Newsweek in April 2011 that his office made a mistake in not notifying Santos' parents, but he defended the decision, saying: "I mean, of course you help a friend."

Dumanis and attorneys for the Santos family said Schwarzenegger blatantly violated the state constitution with his last-minute decision, ignored the victims' due process rights and acted "in an arbitrary and capricious manner."

There was evidence that Schwarzenegger generally required that his office follow the provisions of Marsy's Law, which voters approved while he was in office in 2008, when he considered other clemency cases, Deputy District Attorney Laura Tanney wrote in a brief filed this week.

"Schwarzenegger knew the law, he knew exactly what was required of him, and yet he defied the oath of his office," Tanney wrote.

Esteban Nunez, now 23, is incarcerated at Mule Creek State Prison in Ione, about 50 miles southeast of Sacramento, and is scheduled for release in 2017. His father is a political consultant in Sacramento.

Gov. Jerry Brown in October signed a bill that was written in response to the controversy over Nunez's commutation. It requires the governor to give at least 10 days' notice to the district attorney in the jurisdiction where the crime occurred before acting on an application for clemency. That would give the district attorney time to notify crime victims and allow them to petition against a sentence reduction.

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tomer information, the law left law enforcement officers in a gray area during traffic stops. Other states have been considering similar changes to their laws.

Gatto has said his bill will also make it easier for motorists because they won't have to rummage through their glove compartments searching for insurance papers.

– AP

OAKLAND, Calif.

Teen faces charges for CHP officer attack

An Oakland teen faces multiple charges for his suspected involvement in the ramming and shooting of a California Highway Patrol officer's cruiser.

The Oakland Tribune reports that 16-year-old Kenyon Thomas was charged with attempted murder of a police officer and carjacking Thursday.

He is the last of four suspects charged in the July incident, when CHP Officer Sean Deise's car was rammed by a sedan while chasing a van.

Authorities say Thomas and another suspect in the case, Joseph Gonzalez, were in the sedan. Deise was allegedly chasing Gonzalez's brother, 23-year-old David Gonzalez, and another teen, 18-year-old Samiuela Sina.

Joseph Gonzalez is also accused of opening fire at the CHP cruiser, blowing out its back window.

The Gonzalez brothers and Sina are suspected gang members.

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(April 21, 1960 – August 17, 2012)

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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Santa Clara Vanguard, **www.scvanguard.org/teamscv/donate/#monetary,** or KJAZZ, **www.jazzandblues.org.**

Tough task for those compensating ill 9/11 workers

BY ALEX KATZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK Sheila Birnbaum is known in legal circles across New York as the "queen of torts" for her prowess in sorting out complicated cases. But she may be up against her most daunting task to date.

Since Attorney General Eric Holder appointed her special master of a Sept. 11 victims' compensation fund in May 2011, Birnbaum has been responsible for evenhandedly distributing $2.7 billion to ground zero responders and others who became ill after being exposed to dust and ash from the smoldering ruins of the World Trade Center.

The problem is, she doesn't quite know how many people will be eligible for compensation.

"We haven't yet received the avalanche of claims that might have been expected," she said, noting that only about 300 people have filed eligibility forms so far. The fund will ultimately receive thousands of applications, she predicts.

Nearly two years after President Barack Obama signed the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act into law, about 40,000 responders and survivors receive monitoring and 20,000 get treatment for illnesses as part of the World Trade Center Health Program — one of the law's two components. But the other, Birnbaum's fund compensating the same kind of people for economic losses, hasn't been as quick to get off the ground.

It's not a matter of bureaucratic foot-dragging, but rather an illustration of the complexities of key legislation born of the attacks that took place 11 years ago next week.

"This is a lot more complicated than meets the eye," said Birnbaum, an attorney.

With time still left to submit claims, some people are holding out in the event that they become sick in the near future. Others are waiting until the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health officially adds 14 broad categories of cancer to the list of conditions covered by the fund.

The national institute's director, Dr. John Howard, said in June that it planned to expand coverage to include scores of cancer types. An institute spokeswoman would not give a specific date for the announcement, although Birnbaum said she anticipates it this month.

Recently diagnosed with leukemia and lymphoma, 55-year-old Brian Casse hopes he can secure money from the fund to support his wife and children in case he takes a turn for the worst. Casse, a retired firefighter who helped clear away the mountain of rubble at ground zero, believes there's little doubt his work at the site is responsible for his illness.

"You've got people in this city who went down there and did what we had to do. And a lot of us got sick because of it," Casse said. "To make us now fight for this money, it's not right. In the grand scheme of things, this money's a drop in the bucket."

Initially, the Zadroga Act — named for police Detective James Zadroga, who died at age 34 after working at ground zero — included only a short list of illnesses that qualified for compensation. Cancer was excluded because of a lack of scientific evidence linking any form of the disease to conditions in the debris pile.

"To me, it's common sense. If you breathe in toxic fumes, you're going to get cancer," said U.S. Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a Manhattan Democrat who helped author the bill.

But even Maloney conceded that it is difficult to find hard data proving the connection between cancer and the dust at ground zero. That's why in crafting the Zadroga Act, lawmakers were careful to include mechanisms that would allow for illnesses to be added based on new scientific research.

An inclusion of cancer on the list will likely encourage more people to file claims. Applicants will have to provide evidence of their diagnosis and time spent at ground zero, though they do not need to enroll in the health program to receive compensation. Birnbaum's staff, which includes 50 people but is expected to grow, will then determine whether claimants are eligible.

The fund has $875 million to distribute in its first five years. The rest of the money will become available in its sixth year, so that recipients will get their awards in two payments.

"If people's expectations were that they were going to get a whole bunch of money immediately, that's not the way the fund was set up," she said. "We're going to do this in a fair and transparent way."

It's a tricky job, especially considering that Birnbaum assumed her role with no structure in place. In just a few months, her team had to write up legal documents, set up computer programs to analyze claims and launch an operation that would distribute the funds equitably.

"There was no structure, there was no office, there were no computers, no employees. Everything had to be created from scratch," said Birnbaum, widely considered one of the city's top lawyers. She is not paid for her work on the fund.

Birnbaum acknowledges she can't afford any mistakes. If Congress isn't happy with how she handles the distribution, the fund risks losing political support when advocates push for reauthorization after 2016.

The fund, which Congress originally established in 2001 to prevent potentially devastating class-action lawsuits against the airlines whose planes were hijacked and used in the 9/11 attacks, gave $6 billion to the families of victims and $1 billion to the injured.

When it closed in 2003, however, those whose injuries materialized years later were left without the ability to benefit. That group included workers and volunteers, many suffering from chronic respiratory problems after being exposed to clouds of pulverized building materials at the site.

On Dec. 22, 2010, in a last-minute compromise during the final hours of its legislative session, Congress reopened the fund when it passed the $4.2 billion Zadroga Act.

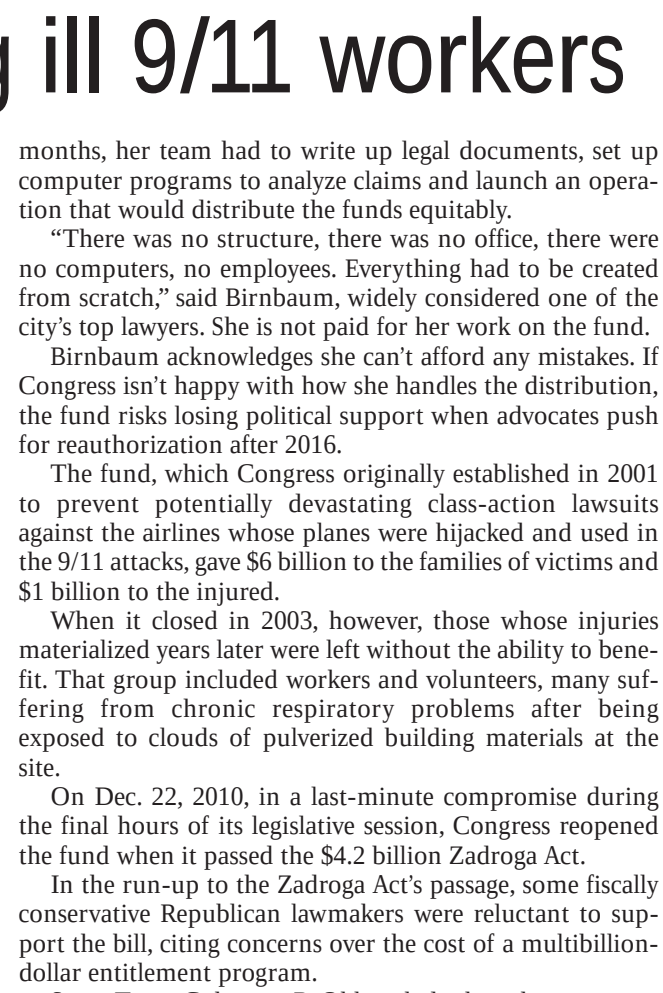
In the run-up to the Zadroga Act's passage, some fiscally conservative Republican lawmakers were reluctant to support the bill, citing concerns over the cost of a multibillion-dollar entitlement program.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., led the charge on a Republican filibuster before striking a deal with Democrats to reduce the package by $2 billion. It won unanimous consent in the Senate, and the House approved it hours later.

Advocates say they are mindful of how difficult the process was in 2010 when looking ahead to possible reauthorization.

"A lot of people who live west of the Hudson River believe this is New York City's problem and that we're just looking for a government handout," said Michael Barasch, a lawyer whose firm is representing 5,500 first responders and residents who lived near the site. "If these people take control of our government, there certainly won't be any additional funding."

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Analysis: Weak jobs report delivers blow to Obama

BY TOM RAUM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The disappointing August jobs report raises yet another campaign obstacle for President Barack Obama and makes his hopes of holding onto his own job even more challenging — especially in closely contested battleground states with painfully high levels of unemployment.

Coming less than 12 hours after the president accepted his party's nomination for a second term, the lackluster report could wipe out or diminish any traditional bounce in the polls he might have gotten from the festive, well-choreographed three-day Democratic National Convention.

"The broad message here is flat, flat, flat," said economist Heidi Shierholz with the labor-affiliated Economic Policy Center.

A disappointing report for one month might be dismissed in normal times as an aberration, she said, "but a stagnant report when the unemployment rate is over 8 percent represents a continuation of the crisis," meaning that getting back to pre-recession employment levels will take many more months, even years.

The bleak news played right into the hands of Republicans, who claim that Obama's policies inhibit job production and have made the economic picture worse. "Did you see the jobs report this morning by the way?" Republican rival Mitt Romney asked reporters in Sioux City, Iowa. "Almost 400,000 people dropped out of the work force altogether. It's is simply unimaginable."

The overall unemployment rate declined from 8.3 percent to 8.1 percent last month, which should be good news, but the "improvement" came only because more people gave up looking for work.

Just 96,000 new jobs were created in August, sharply down from the 163,000 the month before and below the threshold of 100,000 to 150,000 new jobs needed each month just to keep pace with working-age population growth.

That's not good news for an incumbent president up for re-election in just 60 days. It was another sharp reminder that the economy isn't Obama's friend.

Even though the president likes to talk about recent private-sector job growth — for 30 consecutive months now, as he noted Friday in a campaign stop in New Hampshire — there are still 261,000 fewer people employed today than when he was sworn in. The jobless rate then was 7.9 percent. It hasn't been below 8 percent since.

Job production clearly is "not good enough" and the economy needs to churn out jobs faster, the president said, calling the road to recovery "a long, tough journey."

Friday's jobs report complicates the electoral math for Obama and increases the political pressure on his campaign in battleground states with unemployment rates even higher than the national average. Nevada, for instance, has a 12 percent jobless rate, North Carolina has 9.6 percent, Michigan 9 percent, Florida 8.8 percent and Colorado 8.3 percent. Those state figures are all for July, the most recent month available.

So far, Obama has generally held the edge in polls in many of these states.

Both Obama and Romney campaigned Friday in battleground states with better-then-average jobs numbers. Unemployment in New Hampshire in July was 5.4 percent and in Iowa, 5.3 percent. Other battleground states in this category are Virginia, at 5.9 percent; Ohio at 7.2 percent, Wisconsin at 7.3 percent and Pennsylvania at 7.9 percent.

Expect both campaigns to redouble their efforts and spending in the higher unemployment states.

Jared Bernstein, a former economics aide in the Obama White House assigned to Vice President Joe Biden, suggested the administration needs to do more to emphasize how its auto-industry bailout has helped bring back jobs in the automobile and related industries. Biden himself made this a major point in his convention speech Thursday night.

Obama aides suggested that the jobs report reminds people of what they already knew — that the economy is healing, but slowly.

White House senior adviser David Plouffe said despite Friday's jobs report, "we come out of the convention with momentum." But, he added, "that doesn't mean the race is going to change significantly."

The Romney campaign, enjoying a recent fundraising edge over the president, began airing a barrage of new ads shaped to fit the situations in different states and regions.

The weak August employment report "just goes to show that nobody in the administration really appreciated early on the depth of the hole we fell into in 2008," including Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and former White House economic adviser Lawrence Summers, said Ross Baker, a political science professor at Rutgers University.

"It took five years to get out of the Great Depression," said Baker. He said people shouldn't be surprised "if this recovery is half as long."

Nigel Gault, chief U.S. economist for IHS Global, said that, if he were advising the Obama campaign, "I'd say we're still creating jobs, though not at a satisfactory pace. It shows how important it is to stick with us and let the policies we put in place bear fruit."

But, Gault added, "I'm more optimistic that whoever wins the presidency, the next four years will be much better than the past four years."







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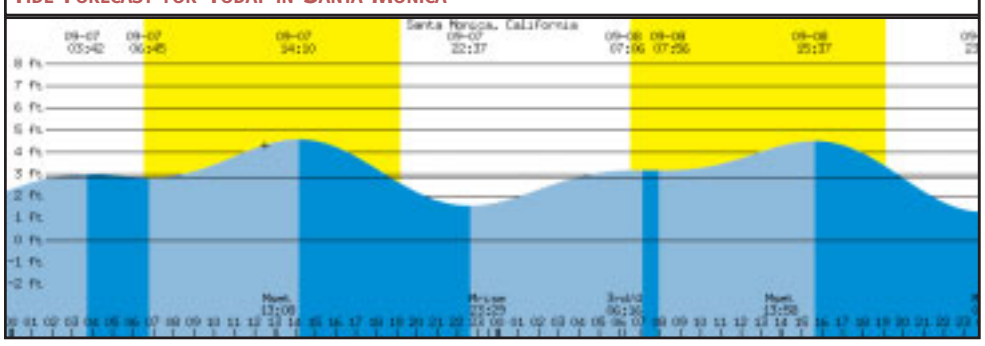
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	as
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	as	as
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	as
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	as
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	as
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	as
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	as
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	as
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	as
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A+	as
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	as
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	B	as
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	as
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	as
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	as
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	as
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	as
Tuna Canyon.	as	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	as
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	as
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	as
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	as
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	as
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	as
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CBW jetty).	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	as
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	as

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

as -- no sample taken

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California law encourages reporting fan violence

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown has signed a bill requiring professional sports stadiums and arenas to post security phone numbers for fans to report violence.

AB2464 requires that phone numbers for stadium security be posted in parking lots and the stands after several high-profile incidents of stadium violence.

Brown announced Friday that he signed the bill into law.

Democratic Assemblyman Mike Gatto of Los Angeles, who wrote the legislation, says fans can call 911 to respond to violence, but the stadium's own security workers can get there more quickly.

His legislation originally proposed creating the nation's first sports "ban list," but it was amended during committee hearings. The original bill sought to block unruly fans from attending professional games anywhere in the state for up to five years.

Panel vacates bounty suspensions

BY BRETT MARTEL
AP Sports Writer

NEW ORLEANS The suspensions of Jonathan Vilma and three other players in the NFL's bounty investigation were lifted Friday by a three-member appeals panel and the league reinstated those players a few minutes later.

The panel said Commissioner Roger Goodell did not have jurisdiction to hear the players' appeals of their punishment for their roles in the New Orleans Saints bounty program that paid cash bonuses for hits that injured opponents.

While the ruling allows Saints linebacker Vilma, banned for the 2012 season, Saints defensive end Will Smith, Cleveland linebacker Scott Fujita and free agent defensive lineman Anthony Hargrove to play immediately, it does not permanently void their suspensions.

Still, the ruling comes just two days before the first full slate of NFL games this season and is a setback for Goodell and the league.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said Goodell would "make an expedited determination of the discipline imposed" for violating the league's bounty rule.

"Until that determination is made, the four players are reinstated and eligible to play starting this weekend," Aiello said.

Vilma tweeted: "Victory is mine!!!! - stewie griffin"

The panel's decision states that Goodell cannot suspend the players for receiving money from a pool that paid for big plays, but he can still suspend the players if he can prove they intended to injure opponents. Players and coaches implicated in the bounty pool have testified under oath in a related federal court case they never intended to injure opposing players.

"Whether the commissioner tries to readdress the situation or not is his call," said Peter Ginsberg, Vilma's attorney. "We are certainly hoping the appeals board has made it clear the commissioner tried to grab jurisdiction and impose penalties over an area he does not have oversight. ... The factual record in the court makes it clear he has acted in a biased and inappropriate manner."

City of Santa Monica

City of Santa Monica
Ordinance Number 2407 (CCS)
(City Council Series)

The follows is a summary of Ordinance Number 2407, which was adopted by the City Council on August 28, 2012.

Ordinance Number 2407 extends Interim Ordinance Number 2394, which established interim development procedures pending implementation of the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan through adoption of a new zoning ordinance. Ordinance Number 2407 also adds new provisions authorizing existing non-conforming automobile dealerships to make minor building expansions on "A" lots.

The ordinance will become effective thirty days after adoption. The full text of the ordinance is available upon request from the Office of the City Clerk, located at 1685 Main Street, Room 102, Santa Monica, California; phone (310) 458-8211.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT FOR 2011 PROGRAM YEAR

Notice is hereby given that the City of Santa Monica has developed the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the 2011 Program Year. The CAPER is submitted annually to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and provides a status report on how the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME grant funded projects and activities are meeting the City's overall housing and community development needs as specified in the Consolidated Plan (2010-15) and Action Plan (2011-12) adopted by City Council and submitted to HUD in May 2011. The City is seeking community comments on this report.

Copies of the CAPER are now available to the public for a 15-day community review period ending September 12, 2012. Copies are available at City Hall (Room 212) and on the web at smgov.net/hsd, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696. Please send your written comments to Sergio Ramirez at the above address by September 12, 2012.

MOVIE TIMES

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

Saturday, Sept. 8
A Cut Above: An in-depth look at the world of editing and post production. Special Ticket Prices: $12 Members, $15 Students/Seniors, $20 General. 2:00 pm

Diabolique (NR) 1hr 50min
Eyes Without a Face (NR) 1hr 28min
7:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 9
The Rules of the Game (NR) 1hr 50min
Boudu Saved From Drowning (NR) 1hr 24min
7:30pm

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

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

For A Good Time, Call... (R) 1hr 26min
11:50am, 2:00pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Branded (R) 1hr 46min
11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm

2016: Obama's America (PG) 1hr 29min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 4:40pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
9:45pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:15am, 2:45pm, 6:15pm

Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG) 1hr 40min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Lawless (R) 1hr 55min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Words (PG-13) 1hr 36min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

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

Well Digger's Daughter (La Fille du puisatier) (NR) 1hr 40min
11:10am

Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Inbetweeners (R) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Chicken With Plums (Poulet aux prunes) (PG-13) 1hr 30min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG-13) 1hr 31min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Side by Side (NR) 1hr 39min
11:00am

It Is No Dream: The Life of Theodor Herzl (NR) 1hr 37min
11:00am

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

Premium Rush (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:45am, 2:20pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:40am, 2:50pm, 6:15pm, 9:30pm

Possession (R) 1hr 31min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:40pm, 10:10pm

Cold Light of Day (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:15pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:40am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:25pm, 7:45pm

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

Zero in on what you want, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Could you be overly optimistic? Positive thinking helps manifest your ideas, but it all depends on how you take disappointment. You might feel pressured by a friend's version of an incident. Tonight: Go to your favorite haunt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might expect more from an emotional investment than is logical. A touch of realism might make you uncomfortable, but on some level, it will serve to protect you. A brainstorming situation could add to the confusion. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You have a way about you right now that makes you difficult to resist. Your spontaneity opens up new paths and possibilities. You might say one thing but actually want something else. Try to be clear in your communication. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★ You could need some time away from others. You might want to think through a decision without hearing everyone's opinions. Communication seems to come in from many different directions. Tonight: Shhh ... you do not need to reveal everything.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You don't need to be rigid, but it would be wise to keep your eye on the big picture. You might feel as if there are too many decisions or possibilities. Resist overthinking. You will be more fortunate and happier if you are spontaneous. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be more in sync with someone you've put on a pedestal than you might realize. You never looked at the similarities between you before now. Be willing to go out of your way to see this person. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Share some of your drifting thoughts with the person they involve. Good feelings will emerge as a result. On some level, one of you is logical and the other has a devil-may-care attitude. Tonight: Let the good times rock and roll.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Everyone needs to get away with a favorite person every so often. Why would you be any different? You might be surprised by what this person shares. Try not to let your ideas and thoughts race out of control. Remain receptive to a positive idea. Tonight: Out late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A close loved one simply does not make sense to you. Eventually, you'll understand where this person is coming from. You easily could feel overwhelmed by the constant flux of his or her ideas and sometimes off-the-wall actions. Tonight: Follow someone's lead.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Stay nice and calm when dealing with someone's requests and desires. You might opt to get a project done or curl up with a favorite book. Not everyone needs to have his or her weekend action-packed. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ It makes no difference what you do -- you have fun nearly anywhere, with anyone. You're simply in the mood to live it up. Only you can interfere with your set of plans. A child or a potential loved one intrigues you. Tonight: Leader of the gang.

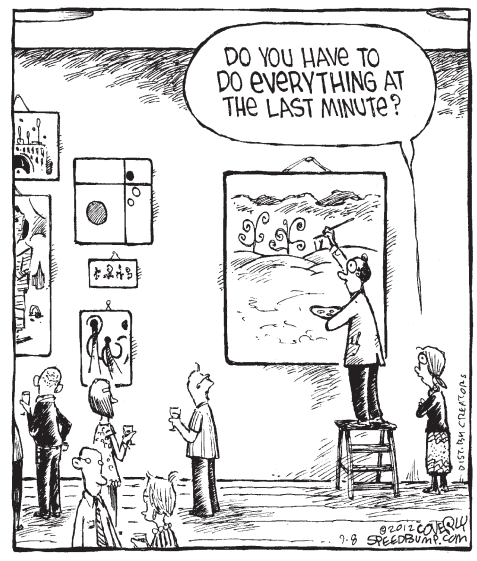
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Visit with relatives rather than run out the door to meet someone. You often do not make enough time for certain members of your immediate family. Pressure builds as a result of the judgments you might be making. Tonight: Go for spontaneous.

Happy birthday

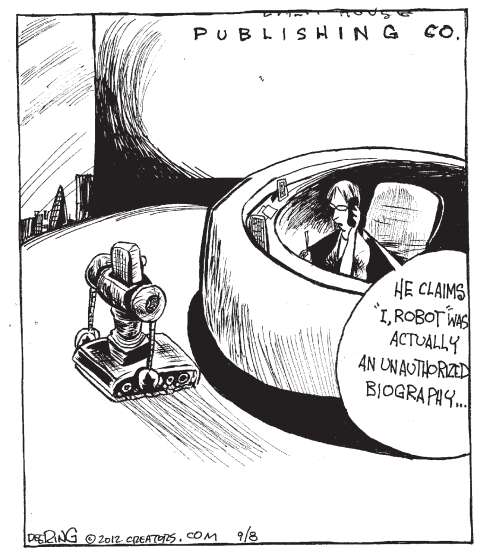
This year you often act on one idea while espousing a different one. You also tend to say one thing but do another. Others could view this type of behavior as erratic. A boss, parent or older friend is a source of luck. You also will gain through your work, which could result in a pay raise or promotion. When brainstorming with others, you could be taken aback by all the ideas that pop up. If you are single, you could meet someone through one of your commitments. This common ground allows you to relate more easily. If you are attached, working together on a project or for a common cause strengthens the bond between you. GEMINI can demand a lot.

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

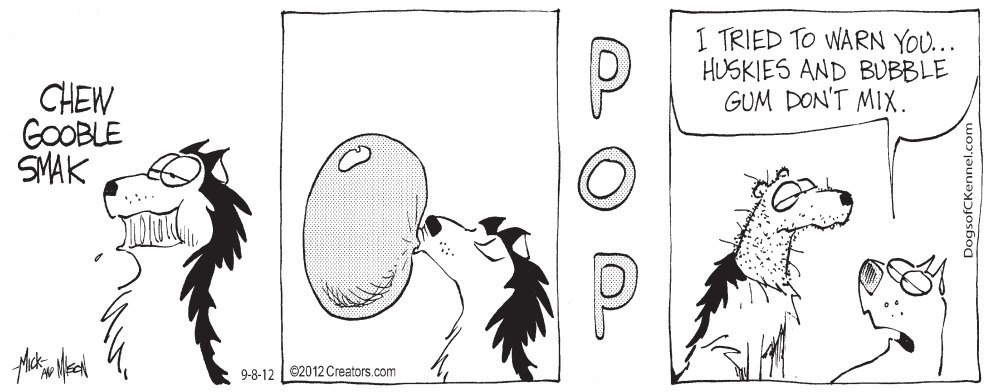
Speed Bump — By Dave Coverly



Strange Brew — By John Deering



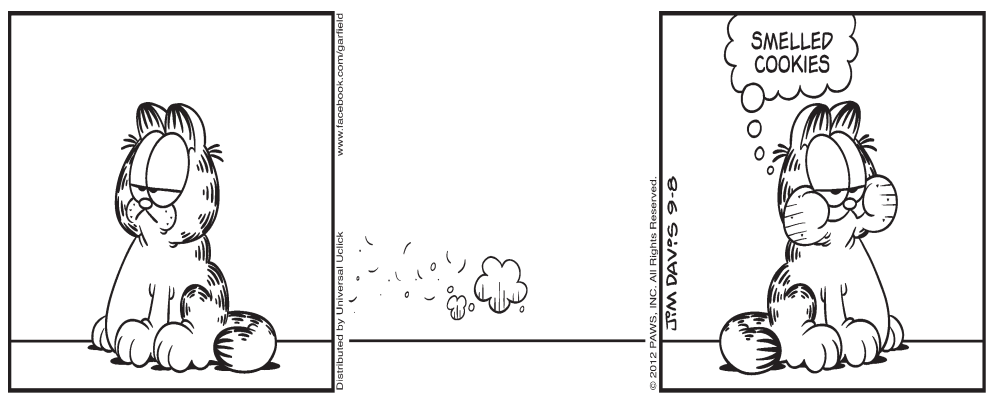
Dogs of C-Kennel — By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



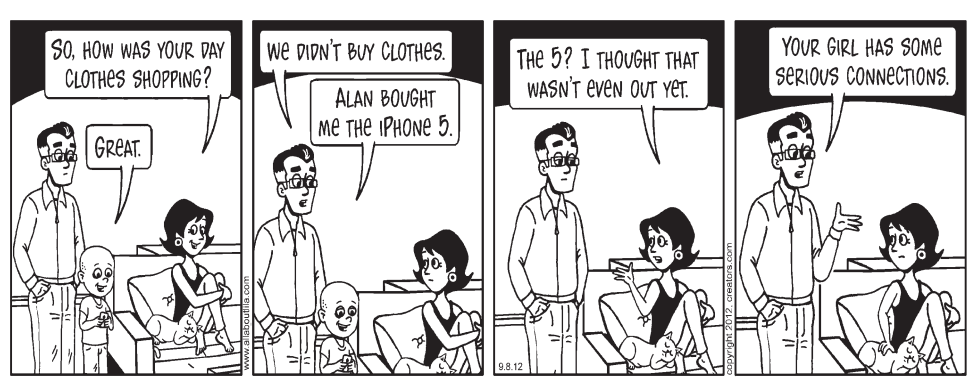
Edge City — By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield — By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila — By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

			2		7	6		
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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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 "— boy!"
5 Printer's need
10 Poker stacks
12 Accounting check
13 Freshen
14 Grab
15 Sort
16 Mom's order
18 Kickoff aid
19 J.R.'s home
21 Tea time
22 Legendary lawman
24 Enormous
25 Hit for Tony Martin
29 Surgery souvenir
30 Took it easy
32 Sushi choice
33 Ring item
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35 Find charming
37 Seething
39 From the country
40 Beer buys
41 Gushes forth
42 Pills, in slang

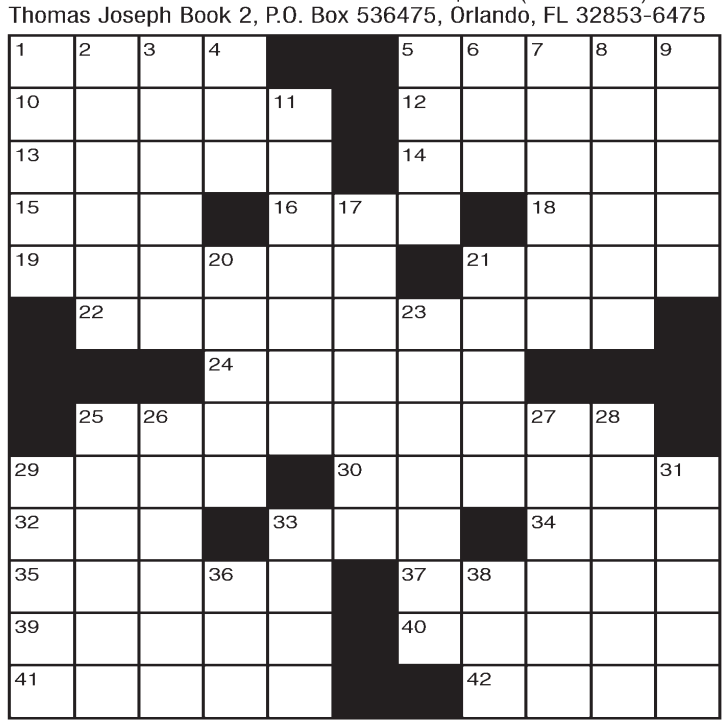
DOWN

1 Bitter
2 It has a long arm
3 Like wind chimes
4 Big galoot
5 Days gone by
6 Deplore
7 Paper worker
8 Assess
9 Herd member
11 Worry
17 "Top Hat" star
20 Saloon quaff
21 Trio of myth
23 Natural
25 Became frosted
26 In abundance
27 Comfortable
28 Did an usher's job
29 Mail-order pioneer
31 Attire
33 Styling stuffs
36 Coarse
38 Flock father

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Yesterday's answer

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9-8

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS
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16 32 39 41 53
Meganumber: 16
Jackpot: $105M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 9/5
5 10 12 20 29
Meganumber: 25
Jackpot: $19M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/6
5 7 14 18 22

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/6
MIDDAY: 7 2 0
EVENING: 3 8 4

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 9/6
1st: 01 Gold Rush
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 09 Winning Spirit
RACE TIME: 1:42.56

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ As the frenzied pace of contemporary life becomes less appealing, Dull Men's Clubs have grown since their News of the Weird mention in 2007. A July Wall Street Journal dispatch from Pembroke, Mass., revealed recent themes for that club's excitement-challenged members, including why one of them carries a spoon everywhere and the old standbys of which way toilet paper should hang and the wisdom of a city's street grid system. DullMensClub.com has about 5,000 members who always, according to legend, "think inside the box" about such topics as remembering to keep their staplers filled and which way, in airports around the world, luggage carousels turn (clockwise or counter- clockwise).

■ Christian Hobbs, 44, was arrested in Salem, N.H., in August after a woman discovered him underneath her mobile home, looking up at her through a hole in the floor of her bathroom. The woman said Hobbs had sold her the home two years ago and recently done some handyman work for her, leading to this unauthorized modification. Police said Hobbs had taken cellphone video of the woman and her toddler in the bathroom and that the food, beverages and tissues found underneath the home suggested that Hobbs had been there for as long as two days.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1988 - Yellowstone National Park is closed for the first time in U.S. history due to ongoing fires.

1991 - The Republic of Macedonia becomes independent.

2004 - NASA's unmanned spacecraft Genesis crash-lands when its parachute fails to open.

2005 - Two EMERCOM Il-76 aircraft land at a disaster aid staging area at Little Rock Air Force Base; the first time Russia has flown such a mission to North America.

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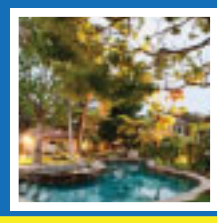




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