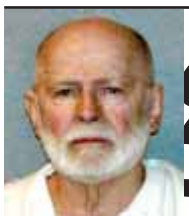
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We have you covered

THE AT ODDS ISSUE

Lawsuit: Not so fast, Expo Light Rail line construction

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL In a private ceremony Monday, state, county and city officials enthusiastically broke ground on what will eventually be the final stop on the Exposition Light Rail Line at Fourth Street and Colorado Boulevard.

During that ceremony, they pledged to get the project completed by 2015.

But on Tuesday, the City Council was presented with how little is actually finalized about the project — and then there's that lawsuit by residents trying to stop the line in its tracks.

The basic statistics are out there.

The line will be 6.6 miles from Culver City, where the first phase of the $2.4 billion project ends, to its terminus in Downtown Santa Monica.

Seven stops, three of which are in Santa Monica, will comprise the second phase, which is expected to cost $1.5 billion. Most of those will have parking.

Current modeling projections estimate

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Burlesque dancers Sheri Godfrey and Summer Solstis (center) perform while the local band Behind the Six plays classic tavern music during the After Dark Burlesque show at the Basement Tavern on Main Street on Monday night. The show will be occurring every Monday.

City Hall lends Bell a hand

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITY HALL Taking a vacation typically means relaxing on a beach in a tropical locale or hitting the slopes at a ski resort, but for Santa Monica Deputy Police Chief Al Venegas it meant traveling to the beleaguered, scandal-ridden city of Bell where he spent two weeks running day-to-day operations as others worked to pull the city out of the depths of financial ruin.

Venegas, a former Marine and a 23-year veteran of the SMPD, was one of a handful of public servants who volunteered their time to try and make sense of what former Bell City Manager Robert Rizzo did during the 17 years he treated Bell's coffers as his own personal piggy bank.

Rizzo, his former assistant and six former council members are facing felony charges of draining the city's treasury by paying themselves exorbitant salaries and excessive retirement benefits and taking personal loans.

Venegas often worked 15-hour days, holding conferences with the mayor, attending City Council meetings, dealing with code compliance and parking enforcement issues, making minor expenditures to help keep City Hall functioning as interim City Manager Ken Hampian, who also did not receive a salary, tried to find a permanent replacement and clean up Rizzo's mess.

Hampian found a city with no department heads or policies and a records room that consisted of haphazardly strewn boxes.

"I tried to do the best I could to help Ken," said Venegas, who as deputy chief is in charge of operations for the SMPD. "It was a

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Art house stays up in face of municipal pressure

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

BERKELEY STREET Homeowner, designer and builder Adam Corlin on Aug. 8 first revealed an artwork entitled "Oceans at Risk," a piece as big as a house executed by two renowned graffiti artists.

He'd been hiding it from onlookers under an unlikely amount of black tarp, hoping that the surprise of the brightly-colored, 2,206-square-foot display on the outside of a home in the middle of a residential neighborhood would jolt observers and bring awareness to Heal the Bay, a local environmental non-profit that advocates for the oceans.

It worked, almost too well. Within days, 1,000 visitors flocked to the Oceans at Risk

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7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
LeTip Networking Group, a professional organization composed of small business owners, is hosting a breakfast for other professionals to get a chance to expand clientele. Come and enjoy a $5 breakfast for first-time guests and use this opportunity to meet, mingle and eat. You are welcome to bring another professional with you. If interested, contact David Rosenfeld, broker with Advantage Real Estate at (310) 450-4488 for more information.

Breathe in, breathe out
Against the Stream Buddhist Meditation Society
1001, Unit A, Colorado Ave., 7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Buddhist recovery meetings, held weekly, are now open to anyone in search of a little enlightenment. The meeting will focus on Buddhist teachings, practices and traditions. Helping people recover from addiction, there will be a segment of meditation practiced. There is not a 12-step program included but steps from the Buddhist perspective will be taught. If you or someone you know may be interested in recovery or if you are already in recovery, this could be a helpful experience. No training is necessary, call (323) 665-4300 for more information.

Bon appetit
La Cachette Bistro
1733 Ocean Ave., 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Sweet or savory? Crepe master Pierre Denichou will be whipping up some of his most popular crepes on the patio of La Cachette Bistro every Tuesday and Thursday night. Accompanying Denichou will be Christophe Happillon who is a shellfish expert and will be creating an oyster bar. Champagne, communal tables, and special cocktails will all be included in the experience. For more information about this event, call (310) 434-9509.

Friday, Sep. 16. 2011

Get juiced
Kreation Kafe
1023 Montana Ave.,
8 a.m. — 10 p.m.
Kreation Kafe in Santa Monica is welcoming its newest addition, the Kreation Juicery. The juicery will provide health savvy drinks designed to rejuvenate and revive the mind, body and soul. The juice is pressed so its health benefits are lasting. Come and quench your thirst with some freshly squeezed fruit and vegetable smoothies and support the grand opening of the juicery.

Good food makes a good mood
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 9 a.m. — 9 p.m.
The 30th anniversary of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market is celebrating by partnering with FamilyFarmed.org and launching the Good Food Festival & Conference on Sept. 14-18. The festival will have locally and sustainably produced food in order to showcase the good food movement. Attendees will include: farmers, chefs, artisans, food producers, thinkers and entrepreneurs. For more information on this event, call (310) 454-8933.

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Man claims $2M reward paid to tipster in Bulger case

DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON The FBI has paid a $2 million reward to a tipster who provided information that led to the arrest of fugitive crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger, according to a Las Vegas man who tried unsuccessfully to claim the reward.

Bulger, who was long one of the nation's most wanted fugitives, was captured in June in Santa Monica, where he had been living in a rented apartment with his longtime girlfriend, Catherine Greig. Bulger, a longtime FBI informant, was wanted in connection with 19 murders. He fled Boston just before he was indicted in early 1995.

Keith Messina, a restaurant manager from Las Vegas, said he tried to claim all or part of the reward because he called the television show "America's Most Wanted" in 2008 and reported seeing Bulger in Santa Monica.

Messina, 45, said Wednesday that he recently was notified by the FBI that it had rejected his claim and had paid the money to the tipster who provided information that led to the arrest of Bulger and Greig in June.

"That's what they told my attorney, that they were writing the check as we speak," Messina said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Messina said his attorney had called the FBI to see how they would go about filing a claim for the reward money. He said that after his attorney was told the reward had been given to someone else, he received a letter from the FBI saying his claim for it had

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Sea level rise bad for beach city economies

ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO Economists forecast erosion from rising sea levels could cost California hundreds of millions of dollars in lost tourism and tax revenues as beaches shrink and buildings would have to be protected, according to a new report.

A study by San Francisco State University released Tuesday shows a surge in the Pacific Ocean because of climate change, and accompanying storms and erosion, would batter California's shoreline, diminishing the appeal of coastal areas and threatening structures with flood damage.

The eroding beaches will also destroy scores of animal habitats, the report finds.

"More than 80 percent of Californians live in coastal communities, and California's beaches support local economies and critical natural species," said Philip King, the study's author and an economics professor at San Francisco State.

The study commissioned by the California Department of Boating and Waterways examined sea level projections at five beach communities.

As the authors note, coastal storms and beach erosion are a common event that have already shaped the geography of coastal environments. Yet, because sea levels are projected to rise and storms are expected to be more intense due to a warming planet, the effects over the next century are expected to be more significant than ever.

The study said because of the uncertainty of how much the sea will rise, the researchers used three different sea level studies and flood models to reach their conclusions.

"We used the best available science," King

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Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

GOING UP: **Samohi's London Lewis (right) goes up for the ball against Leuzinger last Friday during a 35-0 victory to start the season.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi, Pali battle for bragging rights

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CORSAIR FIELD It will be the war of the Westside on Friday.

Bragging rights are on the line as Santa Monica High School and Palisades prepare to clash at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field.

"Both teams being from the Westside gives us a little more motivation," said Samohi's Travis Clark, who has both coached and played in this annual rivalry game that dates back to 1979 when it was dubbed the Rotary Bowl. "The players know each other. They run into each other on the [Third Street Promenade].

"There's that added dimension."

The series has been lopsided in recent years in Samohi's favor, but Head Coach Clark isn't taking Pali lightly. Despite winning 42-20 last year, Pali was able to mount a rally late in the game, scoring three times in the half.

At the time, Clark was fuming, knowing

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Stand up or step aside

Editor:

There they are, I am watching them, our City Council. It is Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011.

Naturally, after the fact, [Councilmembers Kevin] McKeown and [Bobby] Shriver are attempting to cover their collusion, by insinuating that the vote to OK the rousting of long-time Santa Monica residents, for the convenience of a producer of violent movies, "might have been" premature ("Lionsgate development escapes further delay," July 28).

As the deal was made and accepted, behind closed doors, long before the meeting they both missed the official vote, which sealed the fate of the residents of the trailer park, their posturing, at this point, is embarrassing.

Now that Mr. McKeown and Mr. Shriver have performed their PR rep saving spin dance; the rest of the council members are not only falling all over themselves to defend this obvious crime against the residents, they are doing so with their usual arrogance.

Mr. McKeown and Mr. Shriver have had tons of time to speak for, and side with, the residents of the trailer park. They chose to avoid doing the right thing. Mr. McKeown, of course, did not actually want to be at that vote, his obvious hypocrisy would have been put on the record, no matter which way he voted. Mr. Shriver's hesitance to participate in stopping this sell-out is baffling, but to me, not as baffling as how this gentleman of privilege could parlay the height of his hedge into a seat of power.

I guess in Mr. Shriver's book a city cannot tell him how high to grow a hedge, but a city can toss elderly, legally-zoned residents out onto the streets.

Unlike McKeown and Shriver, [the other council members] have no problem with the contradictions between their words and their actions. They don't care and there is no contradiction between their bought-and-paid-for votes and the way they present themselves on a day-to-day basis.

Mr. McKeown, your after-the-fact championing of this eviction, is I hope, finally an obvious and cynical enough performance to be understood by all who have ever voted for you; this should end your reign as the leading "B" actor in a role of the friend of the little guy. If you and Mr. Shriver were sincere, you would support the current lawsuit by the trailer park residents, you would do so in writing and you would support any relief to these residents, available through the courts.

There is not one council member who can claim they represent a majority of residents' views or votes. That says more than anything about what is wrong with the City Charter.

On this one, Shriver and McKeown blew it. They could have captured the imagination and gratitude of a majority of residents simply by going against their handlers and/or their friends and saying no at the right time, not at this late stage.

Cowards.

Jen Vickers
Santa Monica



Your column here

Sarah van Gelder

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A jobs crisis we can solve

PRESIDENT OBAMA IS PROPOSING important steps toward doing what Americans have been asking for since the financial collapse of 2008 — putting a focus on families and jobs.

To create real prosperity, though, Washington will have to deal with three main drivers of our economic malaise: massive inequality such that the super wealthy and big corporations are sitting on piles of cash while ordinary Americans' can barely get by; enormous ongoing expenditures for wars; and assaults on our natural systems, including our climate, such that the costs of everything from insurance to food is rising while our security is threatened.

Without families buying things, the economy can't revive and create jobs. That's why our solutions need to focus on ways to support small businesses, which create the bulk of the jobs and keep money flowing locally instead of flowing to distant corporate headquarters.

In Cleveland, a local foundation, inner-city residents, hospital and university collaborated to create locally rooted cooperatives that supply these and other institutions with solar energy, eco-friendly laundry services and locally grown vegetables. The workers from this rust-belt city are the owners, and they're creating jobs that can't be outsourced.

Despite the credit crunch afflicting businesses nationwide, there's one place where credit continues to flow: North Dakota, which has the nation's only state-owned bank. The Bank of North Dakota partners with community banks to get credit to the state's farms and local businesses. The results are the lowest unemployment rate in the country and a state budget surplus, when most other states are facing fiscal crises.

When local businesses and family farms thrive, the benefits ripple out into the community. These local enterprises buy from other local business, driving demand that creates even more jobs. This sort of economic activity results in prosperity based on real goods and services, not speculative bubbles.

Many young people are focusing less on jobs than on DIY livelihoods made up partly of paid work and partly of doing more themselves -- growing food, making and fixing things, and starting micro-businesses. They're finding creative ways to make do with less and to share and exchange with friends and neighbors.

The best of these diverse livelihoods tap into the rising demand for goods and services that are sustainable — grown or made close to home without toxins and without pollution, produced by workers who are fairly compensated, and made by companies with a long-term commitment to the well-being of the human and ecological community.

But how about President Obama and the U.S. Congress? What can we expect from our federal government?

In a country still the wealthiest in the world, we should insist that our government invest in education, restore failing infrastructure and lead the transition to a clean-energy economy. Single-payer health care could provide security to would-be entrepreneurs while ending excessive premiums and out-of-pocket medical costs that are creating a major drag on the economy. Trade policies should be re-crafted to reverse offshoring of jobs. We could share jobs more broadly, so there is enough work and free time to go around. And we should preserve intact a safety net that keeps millions of seniors, children, disabled and unemployed from complete destitution.

IN A COUNTRY STILL THE WEALTHIEST IN THE WORLD, WE SHOULD INSIST THAT OUR GOVERNMENT INVEST IN EDUCATION, RESTORE FAILING INFRASTRUCTURE AND LEAD THE TRANSITION TO A CLEAN-ENERGY ECONOMY.

With a fair tax policy — like the tax rate for the wealthy in effect during the Eisenhower years — we could pay for these investments. And we could save money by diverting our tax dollars from corporate subsidies and the world's largest military budget to investments in our future.

These are policies that large majorities of Americans support. Groups like the recently formed movement to Rebuild the Dream are mobilizing hundreds of thousands of people to counter the lopsided clout of large corporations and the very wealthy and get these sort of family-friendly policies enacted.

We don't have to be satisfied with unemployment and a stagnant economy. By rebuilding our local economies, changing policies that only benefit the super-rich and investing in a transition to an environmentally friendly society, the United States can still achieve real prosperity.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Spend 86 delightful minutes with Germain and Margueritte

BY CYNTHIA CITRON
Special to the Daily Press

There is just one word for Jean Baker and Jean-Loup Dabadie's new film "My Afternoons with Margueritte," and that's delicious. In this one Gerard Depardieu is a big soft chocolate mousse and his costar, 97-year-old Gisele Casadesus, is a lean, crunchy baguette.

The two unlikely companions meet on a park bench, where they soon discover that they share an affection for the local pigeons. She counts them; he names them.

Casadesus, as Margueritte, is a scholar who has traveled the world and now spends her days joyfully reading. Depardieu, as Germain, is a sweet middle-aged vegetable farmer, uneducated and a bit oafish. He has spent his life being the butt of his friends' jokes and taunts, and he accepts their teasing with gentle good humor.

In occasional flashbacks you see him as a schoolboy, taunted by his teacher for his faltering reading skills. You see him taunted as well by his termagant of a mother, who has remained consistent in her derision and rebukes to the present day.

Ironically, this pattern resembles Depardieu's real-life childhood in some respects. As a boy he was told by his mother that she had tried to abort him, and he spent most of his time avoiding school (and her, one would guess), finally leaving both at the age of 13. As Depardieu readily admits, Germain is "just like what I was… Just like him, I observed everything; I watched what was going on. So he's somebody I know very well."

Like his character, Germain, Depardieu lives "in the present, because what you experience is there right away … All that stamps things into your memory, like pain, emotions, sounds, colors and smells are (the things) that I nourish myself with."

In the film, Germain immediately responds to the kindly old woman in the park and begins to ask her about the book she's reading. Delighted, she reads a few passages aloud (from Camus, who is difficult to understand even if you're literate) and patiently discusses them with him. He not only "gets" it, but becomes fascinated with both Margueritte and her books.

And so they continue to meet and she continues to read to him until he begins to realize that he can change his own persona and his way of "being" in the world, and he starts to educate himself. His frustrations as he scours a dictionary provide a humorous sidebar: "You can't look up a word if you don't know how to spell it!" he grumbles to his pretty young girlfriend, Annette (Sophie Guillemin).

Even his attitudes begin to change. When his coarse companions ask if he is "still screwing" Annette, he responds with dignity, "We don't screw any more. We make love."

"My Afternoons with Margueritte" is a story about friendship and transformation and it is a joy to watch. Taken from a novel by Marie-Sabine Roger, the film resonates with soft French sunlight and the slow pace of village life. And the delightful participation of an ensemble of actors who couldn't be more perfectly cast.

"My Afternoons with Margueritte" opens in New York and Los Angeles on Friday, Sept. 16. In Los Angeles its first performances will be at Laemmle's Royal Theatre, 11523 Santa Monica Blvd. in West Los Angeles.

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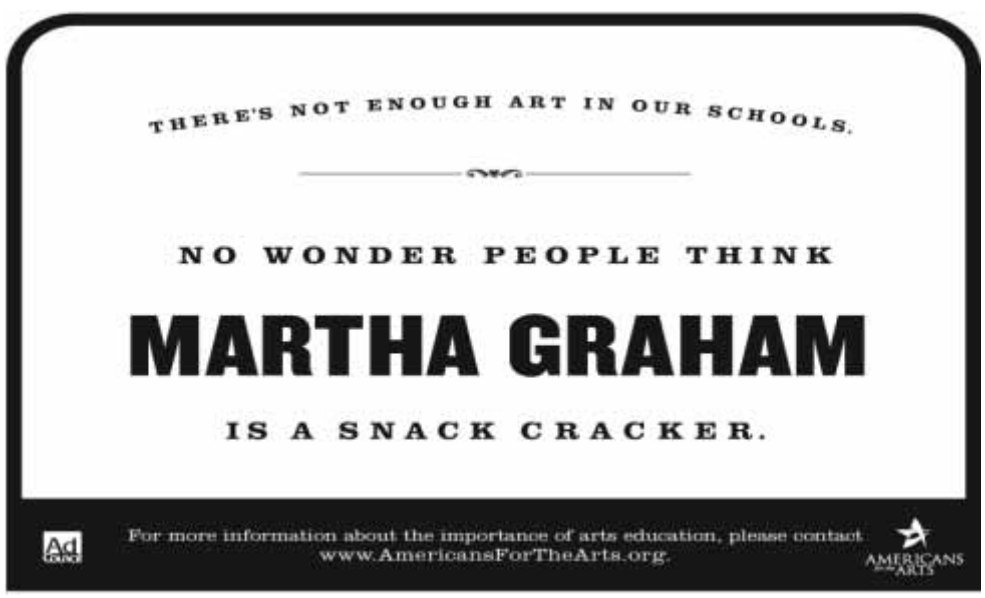
Will you ride?

This week, city officials will hold a groundbreaking ceremony for the Expo Light Rail line. Many feel that it will relieve traffic on the Westside.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Will you ride the light rail line or do you think it is being over-hyped?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **(310) 458-7737 ext. 102.**













Ex-biker gang boss gets 14 years, few details made public

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES When federal agents arrested dozens of members of the notorious Mongols motorcycle gang in 2008, they proudly displayed for the public what they'd seized: rifles, handguns, chrome-covered Harley-Davidson choppers and leather vests adorned with the club's insignia.

Nearly three years later, it's difficult to find out exactly what happened to guys with nicknames like "Reaper," "Risky" and "Peligroso" in the legal system.

Nine of those charged with racketeering conspiracy had their plea agreements and sentencing records sealed and the gang's former national president Ruben "Doc" Cavazos was sentenced last Thursday in federal court behind closed doors. Only after repeated prodding by The Associated Press, did U.S. District Judge Otis Wright on Tuesday relay the information through federal prosecutors that he sent Cavazos to prison for 14 years.

No other details were given.

An AP reporter made repeated attempts over the past couple of months to find out when Cavazos was scheduled to be sentenced but was unsuccessful. Wright's Sept. 8 calendar mentioned two matters that were under seal and neither listed the defendant's name nor the case number. The hearing was closed to the public and it appears, according to the court docket, that the public and media weren't notified in advance.

While sealed plea agreements are the norm — often to protect those who have cooperated with authorities — keeping the sentence and the hearing confidential is highly unusual, several legal experts told AP.

"I don't know of any authority that would allow the court to keep that information from being part of the public record," said Michael Brennan, a law professor at the University of Southern California. "What the guy was sentenced to doesn't involve issues of confidentiality. I think the public is entitled to a number."

Email messages left for Wright's court clerk were forwarded to a court spokesman who didn't immediately respond to inquiries made by AP. U.S. District Judge Audrey Collins, the chief judge for the Central District of California, said it's not common practice to close a sentencing hearing but she would defer to Wright's determination.

"What I think is that whatever a judge decides is necessary for the safety of the litigants in his or her courtroom," Collins said. "I know this case involved some dangerous people."

Calls to Cavazos' deputy federal public defender, John Littrell, were not returned. Littrell requested the judge to seal documents regarding his client, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Christopher Brunwin. The reason for sealing was due to underlying issues that Brunwin couldn't talk about.

Seventy-nine Mongols were charged in federal court with various crimes, ranging from conspiracy to weapons possession, in October 2008. Prosecutors said the gang, which is mostly Latino, was involved in murder, torture and drug trafficking, and funded itself in part by stealing credit card account information.

Most notable was Cavazos, a former CAT scan technician at a Los Angeles hospital, who handed out the orders and brokered a deal with the Mexican Mafia over the collection of drug payments in areas controlled by that gang, according to a 177-page indictment.

Many of those charged have pleaded guilty, but their agreements were sealed, including the one for Cavazos, who pleaded guilty in January 2009 to one count of racketeering conspiracy that carried a maximum life sentence. AP asked another federal judge to unseal the plea deals, but its motion was rejected seven months later because of safety concerns for the defendants and their families. Federal prosecutors initially sought to keep the agreements sealed.

New York-based defense attorney Marc Mukasey, a former federal prosecutor who has handled drug cartel cases, said he's been involved in a couple of closed sentencing hearings in which the public was notified of when it would happen. However, he believes the public's right to know must be weighed against any security concerns a judge might have.

"The court has a duty to impose punishment and to take into account the general deterrence it will have on other people who think about committing similar crimes," Mukasey said. "The world should know about that."

Judges have kept sentencing hearings open for the most dangerous and notorious of defendants, including 9/11 conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, mob boss John Gotti and Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh.

In the same district where Cavazos was sentenced, even the suspected leaders of the violent Aryan Brotherhood prison gang were sentenced in open court five years ago.

A federal appellate court in May sided with media organizations arguing they are entitled to attend sentencing hearings. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled a federal judge could not close the sentencing hearing of drug cartel kingpin Oziel Cardenas-Guillen without first giving news outlets and the public the opportunity to challenge that decision.

"We do not decide whether the district court's decision to close the sentencing proceeding was substantively wrong, but we reverse the order denying the motion to open the sentencing proceeding because the district court did not follow the required procedures before rendering its decision to close," the three-judge panel wrote in its decision.

Brennan said Cavazos' 14-year sentence indicates he probably gave valuable information about the Mongols to federal prosecutors that will allow him to be released from custody eventually.

"This is a deal that he obviously earned," Brennan said. "The government doesn't give anything away."

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Guide dogs deal with more distractions than ever before

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LOS ANGELES Guide dogs and their handlers have always undergone intense training on dealing with distractions from squirrels to skateboarders. But today's guide dogs have a whole new generation of things to worry about: quiet cars, button-activated walk signals, stroller traffic on handicapped curb-cuts, and a greater likelihood of interacting with other dogs.

"It used to be you encountered other dogs mostly on sidewalks while you were going down the street," said Morgan Watkins, acting president and chief executive officer of Guide Dogs for the Blind, which has campuses in San Rafael, north of San Francisco, and in Boring, Oregon.

Nowadays, he said, a guide dog might encounter another dog in a supermarket aisle or at the mall or the dentist's office, he said. There are few places pets can't be found these days.

"We work very hard with the assumption that your dog can be distracted anywhere," said Watkins, who started losing his vision at age 11.

Anything or anyone that keeps a guide dog from focusing on its work is considered a distraction — and becomes something the dog is trained to ignore.

Everyone can help guide dogs and their handlers avoid some distractions. One basic rule: Don't pet a guide dog without permission.

Because the dogs are so highly trained and well-behaved, people want to touch them, Watkins said. Many times, he said, he has reached down to learn which way his dog Will is looking, only to find someone else's hand already on the dog.

Another simple way to minimize distractions for guide dogs is to keep your own dog leashed.

If a dog barks at Will, Watkins said he would probably keep moving. "Odds are he won't flinch," he said. Guide dogs are also not trained to fight. If a guide dog is attacked by another animal, handlers will drop the harness and call for help.

Another new distraction or hazard for guide dog teams is the electric car.

Watkins has excellent hearing and can usually make out the sound of an electric car, but it's difficult at noisy intersections. That's why guide dogs are taught intelligent disobedience — defying an order to keep a partner safe, Watkins explained. If Watkins tells Will to go and there is an electric car going through an intersection, he will not go.

When the dog disobeys, "I follow my dog. It's part of the trust," he said.

In addition to quiet cars, other environmental elements and distractions that have necessitated changes in guide-dog training include six-lane streets, traffic islands, roundabouts, cars turning right on red, wheelchair-accessible curbs, button-activated walk signals and even baby strollers using handicapped ramps and curb cuts, Watkins said.

Watkins got his first guide dog at age 40 and became CEO of Guide Dogs for the Blind after a long career in computer technology. Walking with Will, he feels through the harness when the dog turns his body, changes pace or cranes his head. "The dog isn't making noise, the environment is making noise. He sees and leads. I direct and praise," he said.

Cecilia von Beroldingen, who lost her sight as an adult, relies on all types of technology, from a talking GPS called TrekkerBreeze that tells her where she is and how to get home, to an iPhone app that audibly identifies currency, barcodes and colors.

But von Beroldingen, who runs a state forensic training facility in Sacramento called the California Criminalistics Institute, relies on a guide dog in addition to the technology. The gadgets won't steer her clear of obstacles like tree limbs or ladders or a forgotten child's toy. They won't find her a seat at the airport, help her board a bus or navigate an escalator. And when the day is done, no mechanical device can compete with the warmth of a loving dog at her side, a companion she trust like no other.

She got her first dog, Kola, in 1994. "She saved my life, she was my best friend," she said.

Von Beroldingen got Kola and her current guide dog from Guide Dogs for the Blind. The organization breeds its own dogs, with puppies spending their first eight weeks at San Rafael, followed by 16 months with a trainer for those dogs that are suited for the program. After two or three months at a school, the dog teams up with its handler and is trained for another few weeks.

Watkins said the school pairs up humans and dogs that have the same personalities, same demeanor, even the same gait. If the blind person can't afford vet care, Guide Dogs will pay for it, he said.

Most guide dogs work until they are 8 to 10 years old, Watkins said. When they retire, they can stay with their partner or Guide Dogs will place them in an adoptive home.

Guide Dogs for the Blind trained about 2,200 of the 10,000 guide dogs working in the U.S. and Canada today. September is National Guide Dog month and several groups are working to raise money and awareness for the cause, including Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance pet food, Petco and Independent Pet Food Stores.

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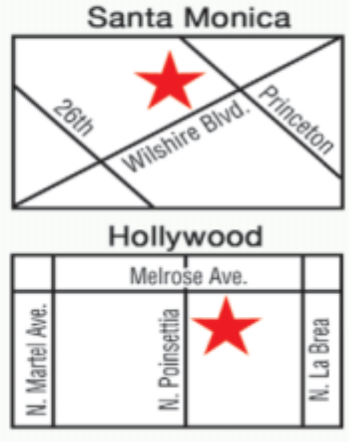


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SHOWDOWN: **Heal the Bay Communications Director Matthew King views the 'Oceans At Risk' art house on Aug. 8 during its unveiling. City Hall says that the structure must come down.**

ART

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Facebook page, 1,500 people followed its Twitter account and hundreds stopped by in person to view the piece, which artists RISK and RETNA painted to depict the sky, the sea and the pollution that mars them both.

"A couple went there to take their Christmas card picture," Corlin said.

Within hours, however, he had an order from the Building and Safety Division to remove each of the 138 panels, posthaste.

As it happened, in keeping the work secret from the neighborhood, Corlin had also neglected to tell City Hall, or get the required permits to put up the art.

"It's a non-permitted structure," said Chris Lee of the Building and Safety Division. "It did not get clearance from the Planning Department or Building and Safety."

City officials consider the piece a structure, although it's composed of the 4-foot-by-4-foot panels wired into scaffolding surrounding a home that Corlin purchased with the intent to rehabilitate.

As such, it must be approved for location and height, Lee said, which requires review by several city agencies including Building and Safety, the Planning Department and the Architectural Review Board.

Corlin never intended to leave the piece up longer than Sept. 17, when Heal the Bay will host Santa Monica's section of the California Coastal Cleanup, an event which brings hundreds of people out in this city alone to cleanse the beach of trash.

Even a temporary exhibition requires a permit, city officials said.

Corlin protested that he'd done everything right.

"I consulted with a structural engineer, I'm a builder and I believe it's safe," Corlin said.

There's also an armed security guard and a padlocked chain link fence between the piece and any who would disturb it.

While Corlin provided those protections for the house, others provided more for him.

E-mails from lawyers offering to represent him and the piece pro bono flooded his mailbox.

One of those was Christine Arden, of the law firm Pfeiffer Thigpen FitzGibbon & Ziontz.

"I think it's a wonderful cause and a beautiful piece," Arden said. "What I liked about it is that it stimulates conversation."

Arden contends that the secretive construction and dramatic unveiling of the piece was necessary to spur conversation about the health of the oceans, something that could never have been achieved through a lengthy public process.

So far, officials have refused invitations to come and examine the piece themselves for safety, Arden said.

Despite reports to the contrary, City Hall has not yet levied any fines against Corlin for his refusal to remove the piece, Lee said.

To ensure removal, the City Attorney's Office would have to take Corlin to court, which Lee described as a "last resort."

That could result in Corlin paying out of his own pocket for municipally-hired workers to remove the panels, which could be an expensive proposition.

It will probably already be down by the time any action is taken.

"I'm staying to my mission of what I wanted to do, and I'm not deviating," Corlin said. "I'm not keeping it up longer just to prove a point."

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EXPO
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that by 2030, the line will transport 64,000 riders daily.

"We expect that's on the low side," said Rick Thorpe, the CEO of the construction authority.

While Expo has a number of projections, the one thing it can't predict at this point is the start date of construction.

Crews have been out for weeks doing potholing work and checking for utilities on Colorado Avenue and elsewhere on the line, but that's all preliminary to actual construction.

In fact, whatever the golden shovels at the groundbreaking may have suggested, much of the line as it pertains to Santa Monica is still in the design phases.

That particularly applies to what Expo calls "betterments," or improvements on the basic design for each station that City Hall specifically requests.

One example of that would be the side platform at Bergamot Station, which would allow riders to exit the train on either side for better access to the Bergamot Transit Village, a mixed-use development planned for the area.

The side platform also reduces the footprint of the station and leaves more room for the 17-mile bike path that previous designs had narrowed to the point that bicyclists would have had to dismount at Bergamot Station.

"That's one of the advantages of the side platform," said Francie Stefan, a community and strategic planning manager with City Hall. "When (the platform) was between the two tracks, they had to straddle it. With the side platform, it narrowed that. That's a real advantage of the layout."

Those designs, while conceptualized, haven't been priced out yet, and will return to the council at a later meeting, Thorpe said.

Design aside, Expo couldn't begin construction if it wanted to.

In March 2010, a coalition of homeowners' groups called Neighbors for Smart Rail filed a lawsuit against Expo, asking it to go back to its environmental impact report and take another look at the consequences of putting at-grade crossings on certain streets.

The coalition contended that the report didn't address the potential problem in any way, said founder Terri Tippit.

"If we prevail, all it means is they have to do another EIR and look at grade separation differently, or look at it at all, period," Tippit said.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Thomas McKnew ruled for Expo in February, declaring that the organization had met or exceeded the requirements of state law in its environmental impact report.

Neighbors for Safe Rail appealed the decision, and are still waiting on their next court date.

Tippit hopes that the ruling will come down no later than November, although there's no guarantee. For Expo's part, the goal is to wrap up the litigation before it finishes up design and pre-construction work.

"We're cautiously optimistic that will be resolved by the time we get to the construction side of the project," Thorpe said.

The design time might be positive if only to satisfy City Council members, who seemed put off by features like fencing and other blockades that would be installed to separate the light rail cars from traffic as they chug down Colorado Avenue between 17th and Fourth streets.



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SLOW: **A worker leads cars around a construction site last month of exploratory work for the Expo Light Rail line on Colorado Avenue. Traffic was backed up for blocks in either direction.**

Pedestrians would also be hindered by the set up, and limited to signalized crossings.

"Why do you feel the need to do things that take us out of the realm of complete streets and put barricades in the way of free flow?" asked Council member Kevin McKeown.

He then flipped through a slide show of photos from other global cities with light rail lines that run unimpeded despite cars and foot traffic.

"I realize there are three of us negotiating here," McKeown said, referring to the California Public Utilities Commission, which has authority over the crossings, "but I think that there may be some things we could do that wouldn't require the kinds of fencing that would change the character of the street."

In a unanimous vote, with Council member Bobby Shriver absent, the council sent the project on with direction to examine how to balance safety for cars and pedestrians with unimpeded streets.

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BELL
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little bit of everything. There were some long days."

That said, Venegas, who worked in Bell from Aug. 3 to Aug. 17, enjoyed his time there, even if he had to spend some of his vacation days in the process.

"What made it so beneficial to me was the reaffirmation of why we are in public service," he said. "We're there to help people and the city of Bell needs some help."

Venegas was approached by Santa Monica City Manager Rod Gould during the department's annual National Night Out event. Gould, a member of the International City/County Management Association, heard from colleagues that Bell was having a difficult time attracting candidates to take over the reigns. When Hampian asked for help, Gould wanted to do what he could to lend a hand.

"Most people react in horror at the thought of being anywhere near Bell given the radioactive nature [of what occurred there,] but Al didn't hesitate," Gould said. "In typical fashion, Al said 'All right, I'll go.'"

Gould said he wanted to provide assistance to Bell, but also provide Venegas with the rare opportunity to lead a city and gain valuable experience that he could bring back to Santa Monica.

And Venegas volunteered to use his vacation time so as not to cost the Santa Monica taxpayers a dime, he said.

"Bell is not a charity case by any means," Venegas added. "Those left behind are committed to ensuring the city runs well. It was part of the healing process. The next step is to bring about good government and transparency. They needed help. That for me made it all worthwhile."

Hampian praised Venegas' work ethic.

"[He's] a great guy with no ego," Hampian said in an interview with the San Luis Obispo Tribune. (Hampian served as the city manager of San Luis Obispo). "He worked with little more than a card table as a desk, staying late, showing up early and taking his vacation to do so."

Gould said Venegas' actions are appreciated.

"He made us proud in Santa Monica."

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SAMOHI
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that his team let up against an overmatched opponent on the road.

He hopes that this year's edition of the Vikings doesn't repeat that gaff.

"This year, the difference will be focus," Clark said. "These guys have a different sense of urgency. They want to be champs, winners."

Samohi's core of veteran leadership is what has Clark high on his team. Coming off a 35-0 shutout of Leuzinger in the season opener last week, he's satisfied with his team's progress.

He pointed to first-year starting quarterback Christian Salem's ability to manage the game as a positive sign. Clark didn't ask Salem to pass much, hoping to open up the offense slowly, adding plays to their package as they go. While Salem gains command of the offense, the Vikings will continue to lean on its stable of running backs.

Chief among the group is senior Kori Garcia, who ran for over 90 yards and a pair of touchdowns during the Leuzinger game. Senior transfer London Lewis added two scores of his own.

A pleasant surprise last week was the emergence of sophomore running back Will Taylor. He carried the ball five times with his longest run gaining 25 yards. That performance has Clark reconsidering how he distributes the ball.

He thinks that the steady play of seniors like Garcia and Lewis is rubbing off on Taylor as he assumes a greater role on the team.

Knowing he has backup at running back, Garcia is putting his money on the Vikings.

"I think we can run on them," he said. "Wait, I know we can run on them."

Despite being considered favorites, Garcia added that the team is confident, but has "our heads on straight."

Rushing the ball is shaping up to be the theme of the game.

Pali runs a triple option offense with a packed backfield. Leading the way is quarterback Nathan Dodson, a player Head Coach Perry Jones said can pass, too.

"We hope he's going to develop into a balanced threat," Jones said.

When Dodson isn't tasked with keeping it himself, he'll be handing off to running back Arte Miura, a player the second-year coach calls "our main dude."

Facing a running team is fine by Clark, who said that his defense has shown the ability to be stout against the run and pass as they were against Leuzinger.

He expects Pali to come out trying to pound the ball at the heart of Samohi's defense. The opportunity to stick it to Samohi after losing the past few seasons should also be a motivating factor for the Pali Dolphins. According to school officials, Samohi's winning streak over Pali dates to at least 1995.

"It will be a physical game," Clark said. "I love it, it's old school football."

The only problem for Clark was getting a read on Pali's personnel after watching film from its opening loss to El Camino Real. Being so early in the season, it was difficult to grasp what they could do. But, he did note that they have talent and are balanced on both offense and defense.

"They have a lot of team speed," he said. "They are also bigger than us up front.

"This will be a good challenge for my boys."

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BULGER
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been rejected.

"We still filed a claim," Messina said. "They're the ones who made a mistake. They would have had him three years ago. If they had followed my tip, they would have nailed him."

Messina's attorney, Michael Gowdey, did not immediately return two calls seeking comment Wednesday.

Messina said he was in Santa Monica with his wife and children when he saw a man who resembled Bulger standing by a pier, wearing shorts and reading a thick book. He said that when a young couple walked by, Bulger appeared to notice the man's shirt, which had some kind of Boston insignia on it.

"He said, 'Hey, are you from Boston?'" Messina said. "Then they started talking about various places in Boston."

Messina said he then looked on the "America's Most Wanted" website, recognized the man he saw as Bulger and called staff members at the show to give them his tip. He said he later was told by the staff members that they had passed his tip along to the FBI.

Neither the FBI nor the U.S. attorney's office in Boston would confirm whether the reward had been paid. A spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz said the FBI wanted to protect the identity of the tipster and information related to the reward would be released "if and when the time is appropriate."

Authorities have said only that the tipster was a woman who saw a television news report about a publicity campaign in the manhunt for Bulger, now 82, and Greig, 60. The couple were captured within days after the FBI began the campaign.

Grieg is charged with conspiracy to harbor and conceal a fugitive. She and Bulger have pleaded not guilty.

Bulger's lawyers were in court Wednesday to update a judge on discovery material turned over by prosecutors.

Attorney J.W. Carney Jr. said the defense has begun to go through thousands of documents but needs more time before it can report back to the court. A judge scheduled another status conference for Nov. 21.

Several people who say their family members were Bulger's victims were in court.

Patricia Donahue, the widow of Michael Donahue, who was fatally shot in 1982, said she and her adult son, Tom Donahue, plan to attend every hearing.

"We started this knowing this would be a long haul, and we're going to stick with it," she said.

Tom Donahue said: "We want to be here for my father."

Michael Donahue, a truck driver, was killed during a hit on a man who was cooperating with investigators against Bulger. Donahue gave the man a ride home. Bulger and another man are accused of riddling their car with bullets.

RISE
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said. "We wanted to come up with something that could be used by local planners."

The San Francisco State study is the latest to predict major consequences for California due to rising seas. In 2009, in a report funded by three California agencies, the Pacific Institute determined that nearly half a million people, wetlands, ecosystems and infrastructure would be at risk. They estimated that average projections find that seas would rise 4 to 5 feet by 2100, causing $100 billion in damage.

One of the communities San Francisco State profiled was Venice Beach, which could lose up to $440 million in tourism and tax revenue if the Pacific Ocean rises 55 inches by 2100. The study found sea level rise could cause $52 million in flood damage to homes in the Venice Beach area, and nearly $39 million in habitat loses.

The new report also found Zuma Beach and Broad Beach in Malibu could lose up to $500 million in tourism spending, $28.5 million in damage to homes and more than $102 million in losses to habitat.

And San Francisco's Ocean Beach could see $540 million in damage to land, buildings and infrastructure.

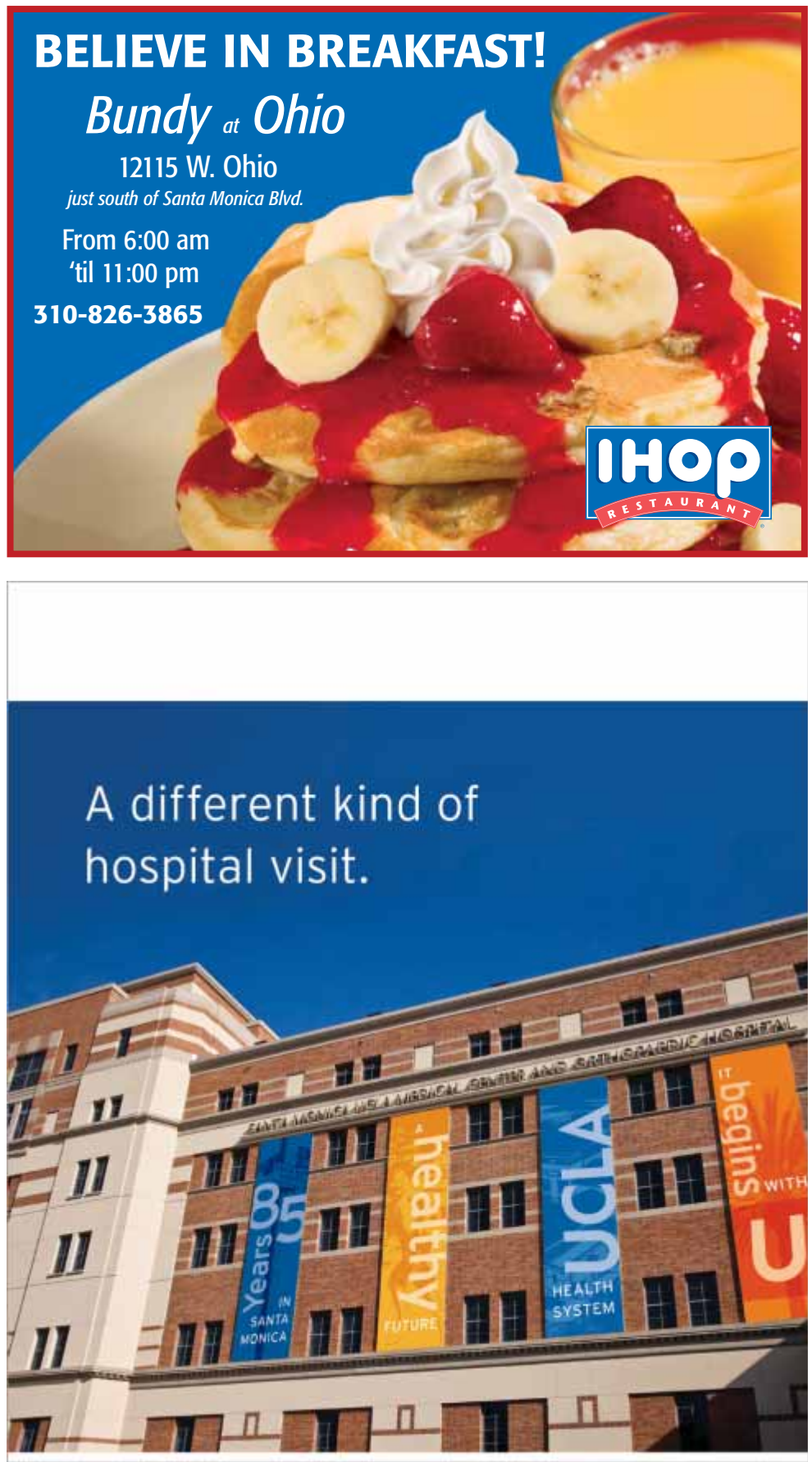
Naturally, the damage predicted at each beach community differs by its geography, economy and land use decisions made by local officials.

While building seawalls to help protect buildings from an encroaching sea has been one response, King said, in some cases, allowing coastline to retreat or bolstering beaches with plants or other nourishment could be more cost-effective.

"Sea level rise will send reverberations throughout local and state economies," King said.

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Fed report: Oil giant BP to blame for massive Gulf spill

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BP bears ultimate responsibility for the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, a key government panel said Wednesday in a report that assigns more blame to the company than other investigations and could hurt its effort to fend off criminal charges and billions of dollars in penalties.

The report concluded that BP violated federal regulations, ignored crucial warnings, was inattentive to safety and made bad decisions during the cementing of the well a mile beneath the Gulf of Mexico.

Eleven rig workers were killed in the April 2010 explosion, and some 200 million gallons of crude spewed from the bottom of the sea.

The investigation was conducted by a team from the two main agencies responsible for drilling and safety in federal waters: the Coast Guard and the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Regulation and Enforcement.

In the report, other companies shared some of the blame. Rig owner Transocean was accused of being deficient in preventing or limiting the disaster, in part by bypassing alarms and automatic shutdown systems. Halliburton, the contractor responsible for mixing and testing the cement, was faulted as well.

But BP, as the designated operator of the Macondo well, "was ultimately responsible for conducting operations at Macondo in a way that ensured the safety and protection of personnel, equipment, natural resources and the environment," the panel concluded.

The report identifies many of the same causes and faulty decisions found by previous investigations, including those conducted by a presidential commission, congressional committees and the companies themselves. But some of those earlier investigations spread the blame more evenly.

The new report also marks the first time an investigative body looking into the spill has identified specific violations of federal regulations by BP and its contractors.

The findings will be used to shape reforms in offshore drilling safety and regulation. They will also be used by lawyers for victims involved in court battles over the oil spill, and by government agencies considering charges and penalties.

"It is only a question of time before BP — along with Transocean and Halliburton — will face criminal charges for their roles in the Gulf oil spill," said David Uhlmann, a University of Michigan law professor who formerly led the Justice Department's environmental crimes section.

The Justice Department hasn't commented on where its probe stands.

Congressional leaders immediately scheduled hearings to discuss the findings,

BP responded to the report by saying it is time for "other parties to acknowledge their roles in the accident and make changes to help prevent similar accidents in the future." Transocean said it takes exception to any criticism of its drill crew. Halliburton did not comment.

In the report, the primary cause of the disaster was identified — again — as the failure of the cement seal in the well. While it was Halliburton's job to mix and test the cement, BP had the final word and made a series of decisions that saved money but increased risk and may have contributed to the cement's failure, the panel said.

The report said BP, and in some cases its contractors, violated seven federal regulations at the time of the disaster.

The violations include failure to take necessary precautions to keep the well under control at all times, and failure to securely cement the well and maintain the blowout preventer. Cement is used as a barrier in wells to keep the highly pressurized oil and gas bottled up.

This report is likely to carry more weight in Congress than the other investigations. Republican lawmakers had said they were unwilling to adopt reforms until the federal investigation was complete.

Since the disaster, the Obama administration has reorganized the offshore drilling agency and boosted safety regulations. But Congress has yet to pass a single piece of legislation to address safety gaps highlighted by the disaster.

The panel recommended further changes to offshore drilling practices, including requiring at least two barriers in a well — one mechanical, one cement. BP's well had a single barrier, the cement. The last line of defense, the blowout preventer, failed because a kink in the well pipe prevented the device from pinching the well shut, the panel found.

In the report's 57 findings, only one person — BP engineer Mark Hafle — is mentioned by name. It said Hafle failed to investigate or resolve anomalies detected during the cementing and did not run a test that evaluates the quality of the cement job. Hafle still works for BP.

Hafle refused to testify before the federal panel in the summer of 2010, citing his constitutional right against self-incrimination.

"Will this be the investigation that goes past corporate plea deals and fines to handcuffs and jail time? It's an open question," said Kendall Coffey, former U.S. attorney in Miami. "I think this Justice Department is going to try hard to make cases against individuals and seek prison time if that can be justified."



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Wall Street gets boost from positive Greece debt news

MATTHEW CRAFT
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK A promise by European leaders to help Greece avoid default sent stocks sharply higher Wednesday for the third straight day.

The leaders of Greece, France and Germany agreed in a teleconference that Greece was an "integral" part of the 17-country bloc that uses the euro. Greece also said it would stick to agreements to trim its debts, a condition for getting more financial help. The statements were intended to calm fears that Greece was headed for default or might be forced to drop the euro.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 140.88 points, or 1.3 percent, to close at 11,246.73. The Dow sank as many as 112 points within the first hour of trading, then rose steadily through the rest of the day.

"The news out of Europe is beginning to sound a bit more friendly," said Peter Cardillo, chief market economist at Rockwell Global Capital, a brokerage in New York. Investors remain far from convinced that Europe's debt crisis will be solved. "Once they are, some of this fear will dissipate."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 15.81 points, or 1.3 percent, to 1,188.68. The Nasdaq composite rose 40.40, or 1.6 percent, to 2,572.55.

European stock indexes rose sharply in the hours leading up to the meeting as investors hoped the talks would be productive. Germany's DAX gained 3.4 percent and France's CAC-40 1.9 percent.

The threat of a Greek default and the damage it could wreak on financial markets has had investors on edge in the past two weeks, lifting Treasurys and weighing on stocks. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note hit a record low on Monday of 1.87 percent and the S&P 500 has only risen three days this month.

Uri Landesman, president of the New York hedge fund Platinum Partners, said investors have overreacted. "They're just not going to let them go under," he said. "That's just not happening. I think people have learned the lesson from letting Lehman Brothers fail."

Among U.S. stocks in focus, ConAgra Foods Inc. said it would withdraw its $5.17 billion bid for Ralcorp Holdings Inc. if the company doesn't consider its bid by Monday evening. Ralcorp has already rejected several bids from ConAgra since March. Ralcorp's stock dropped 7 percent to $79.11. ConAgra fell 2 percent to $23.45.

Computer maker Dell Inc. rose 3 percent to $14.86. Dell said Tuesday it will add $5 billion to its existing $2.1 billion stock-buyback plan. Dell bought $1.1 billion of its stock in the second quarter.

Staples Inc. rose 3 percent to $14.60 after the company said it will buy up to $1.5 billion of its own stock. The office-supply company's stock has dropped 36 percent this year.

The gains came despite a report that retail sales were flat in August. People spent less on autos, clothing and furniture as fears mounted that the country was slipping into a recession and as the stock market took a steep fall. Economists had expected a slight gain.

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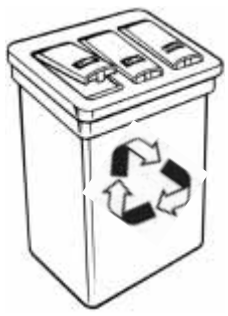


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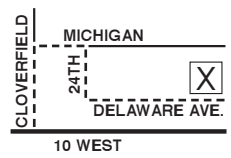


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Push underway to cut drugs for dementia patients

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Day after day, Hazel Eng sat on her couch, a blank stare on her face. The powerful antipsychotics she was taking often cloaked her in sedation. And when they didn't, the 89-year-old lashed out at her nursing home's aides with such anger and frequency her daughter wondered if her mother would be better off dead.

Until, in a matter of days, everything seemed to change.

Eng's daughter, Jean Lynch, says her mother was moved to a different section of the Ecumen home in North Branch, Minn., and taken off every drug but her daily aspirin. She now beams as she ambles the hallways, reads the newspaper, tells stories and constantly laughs.

"Now I hope she lives till she's 200 years old," Lynch said. "She's just so happy."

Antipsychotics are meant primarily to help control hallucinations, delusions and other abnormal behavior in people suffering from schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, but they're also given to hundreds of thousands of elderly nursing home patients in the U.S. to pacify aggressive and paranoid behavior related to dementia.

The drugs can limit seniors' ability to effectively communicate, socialize or participate in everyday life. But a series of warnings has prompted a movement of nursing homes trying to reduce the decades-old practice, often resulting in remarkably positive changes.

Still, doctors say the drugs are sometimes the only things that help the small number of dementia patients that display psychotic behavior, making them a danger to themselves and others.

Ecumen's three-year-old program called "Awakenings" isn't just about reducing drugs. Personalized care plans use exercise, aromatherapy, pets and other methods. Patients who were sedated and detached are now playing video games, listening to music and playing balloon volleyball.

"It was quiet before but now it's not," said Eva Lanigan, a nurse who piloted Ecumen's program. "Life is going on here again."

A government audit released in May looked at Medicare payments for atypical antipsychotics, as a newer class of the drugs is known, and found in a six-month period that was analyzed in 2007, about one in seven nursing home patients aged 65 or older had been prescribed them. Some 83 percent of Medicare claims for such drugs were for off-label purposes such as dementia, the audit found.

Since 2005, atypical antipsychotics have been under an FDA warning alerting doctors they could increase the risk of death in patients with dementia due to heart attacks or pneumonia. The most common atypical antipsychotics are sold under the brand names Risperdal, Zyprexa, Seroquel, Geodon, Abilify and Invega.

An older class of the drugs, known as typical antipsychotics, was added to the FDA warning three years later.

The warnings did not apply to other medicines widely used in nursing homes, such as the antidepressants Prozac and Paxil, and the anti-anxiety medicines Xanax and Valium.

Still, off-label use of antipsychotics has continued to be widespread. Some see it as a crutch, used to quiet seniors' outbursts or mask difficult personalities, though many others say it's the only pharmaceutical option to treat a patient with a cadre of behavioral problems.

"Give someone enough medications, you don't have to worry about them wandering around or cursing or fighting," said Dr. Karl Dhana, medical director at MorseLife, which operates a nursing home in West Palm Beach, Fla.

For several years, MorseLife has done quarterly reviews of any patient on an antipsychotic, antidepressant or sedative to see if such medication is necessary. At the start, around a quarter of patients were on such drugs. Dhana said the rate is now around 14 percent.

But the shift hasn't been without challenges. There are no FDA-approved drugs for behavioral problems related to dementia. Nursing home patients today are often sicker and showing more signs of behavior problems than in years past.

Dr. Jason Karlawish, a fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Institute on Aging, said he uses antipsychotics in only about 5 percent of his dementia patients. But sometimes they're the only thing that helps, such as with a woman he treated who was showing clear signs of psychoses, convinced that her house was on fire.

She attacked caregivers, tore pictures off the wall, wouldn't eat or be bathed. When she was put on an antipsychotic, the symptoms subsided, Karlawish said.

"There is a role for these drugs," he said.

Cobble Hill Health Center, a Brooklyn nursing home, began a program several years back to reduce such drugs, but the home's medical director, Dr. Louis Mudannayake still remembers the doomsday prediction of one nurse.

"She said, 'Lou, you're crazy! We're going to have all the patients stripping," he recalled.

Cobble Hill has cut the number of patients on antipsychotics from about 30 percent to less than 15 percent, and the nurse's predictions never came true. The staff has learned to help patients avoid outbursts without pills. The solution is often simple: Asking before entering a room, serving a meal earlier or putting on a favorite Nat King Cole album.

Private "old age homes" began cropping up after Social Security was established in 1935 and by the 1950s, antipsychotic drugs were commonplace and remained so for decades. Some estimated as many as 85 percent of nursing home patients were being given antipsychotics before the Nursing Home Reform Law was passed in 1987.

The use of such drugs was reduced — by around one-third, by some estimates — after the law, but then began to increase again once new antipsychotics were introduced in the 1990s.

The FDA's warning on the drugs led to nursing homes again rethinking their use of antipsychotics. Dr. Izchak Kohen, a geriatric psychiatrist for North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System, surveyed nursing homes across the country and found 39.1 percent had decreased their use of the drugs since the warning.

Spending by Medicaid — the largest payer of nursing home care in the U.S. — also indicates a shift. For all age groups, in the 2006 fiscal year, antipsychotics drug bills totaled about $7.9 billion for Medicaid. The following year, it dropped to about $4.9 billion. Spending in 2008, the latest year for which data is available, totaled about $3.7 billion.

However, the increasing use of generics may have also helped bring the dollar figure down. The addition of the Medicare prescription drug program, for which some Medicaid patients are also eligible, is also believed to have drawn down the spending figure.

President Obama touts jobs bill benefits for small business

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RALEIGH, N.C. President Barack Obama urged enthusiastic college students Wednesday to join him in his fight to get Congress to act on his new jobs bill. "Every single one of you can help make this bill a reality," the president called out at a hot and noisy rally at North Carolina State University.

Someone in the crowd yelled out, "I love you!"

"If you love me you got to help me pass this bill," the president responded.

It was Obama's second campaign-style rally in two days as he pushes for action on his $450 billion jobs plan. His program is running into a buzz saw of opposition from Republicans — and even some in his own Democratic Party — over his plans to raise taxes on the wealthy and corporations to pay for it.

The president was in Ohio Tuesday, and last week in Virginia, as he travels key electoral states to sell the plan with the economy stuck in neutral heading into his 2012 re-election campaign.

On Wednesday Obama's focus was small businesses, which would be helped by Social Security payroll tax cuts. Before speaking, he toured WestStar Precision, a small business in the Raleigh suburb of Apex. It makes specialized components for the aerospace, medical and alternative energy industries.

He also announced plans to try to speed payments to federal contractors.

Republicans have accused Obama of playing politics by presenting them with tax hike ideas they've already rejected. But Obama said Wednesday, "We've got to make sure everybody pays their fair share, including the wealthiest Americans and the biggest corporations."

"It'd be nice if we could do it all, but we can't. We've got to make choices. That's what governing's about. And we know what's right," the president said.

He told the students: "The time for hand-wringing is over. The time for moping around is over. We've got to kick off our bedroom slippers and put on our marching shoes."

The president's trip to North Carolina, a traditionally Republican state he won in 2008, drew scorn from Republicans.

"This president is in love with the sound of his own voice, he's in love with campaigning, he's in love with fundraising, and he's in love with the stump," said Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus. "And he's doing what he loves to do best, which is to go to battleground states, masquerade as official business, use taxpayer money to do it, and campaign."

As the president barnstormed the country to build support for his plan, which he first unveiled last week in a speech to Congress, he drew support from House Democrats.

About 50 Democratic lawmakers called Wednesday for quick passage of the jobs bill and urged Americans to make their case in calls to lawmakers.

"Fourteen million people do not have 14 months to wait," said Rep. John Larson, D-Conn., who was surrounded by his colleagues on the steps of the Capitol's East Front. He was referring to the number of unemployed Americans and the time until the next election.

Still, there appeared to be little if any chance that the proposal would pass Congress in one piece.

Republicans who control the House have made clear they have little interest in Obama's plans to increase spending for things like school construction, highways, bridges and other projects, which accounts for nearly $200 billion of the legislation. GOP lawmakers seem more open to Obama's plans to extend unemployment insurance and cut the Social Security payroll tax for workers and businesses.

Liberals would raise Social Security tax for rich

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON Nervous that Social Security seems under siege from all sides, congressional liberals on Wednesday proposed raising the payroll tax that funds the program, but only for people earning more than $250,000 a year.

The legislation is designed to keep the pension program solvent for the next 75 years, which is the standard used by government actuaries, by putting an additional $6.5 trillion into the Social Security trust fund over that period. The plan also is intended to head off other efforts to overhaul the program or trim benefits, or to use its funds to help pay for debt reduction.

"No more discussion about raising the retirement age, no more discussion about cutting benefits, no more discussion about privatization," said Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Ore., one of the sponsors.

With Republicans making opposition to tax increases their mantra, the measure seems to have little chance of enactment.

Nonetheless, it gives liberals a chance to underscore their support for the widely popular program at a time when President Barack Obama has proposed cutting the payroll tax to help create jobs and GOP presidential contender Rick Perry, the Texas governor, has called its finances a "Ponzi scheme."

The bill's sponsors noted that during his 2008 presidential campaign, Obama proposed raising the payroll tax on people earning over $250,000. He's discussed the idea as president but has yet to offer legislation following through on it.

Currently, workers and their employers each owe a payroll tax of 6.2 percent of a worker's wages up to $106,800 a year. That tax would also be imposed on wages above $250,000 under the liberals' plan. Other sponsors include Sens. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., and Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I.

In an effort to boost consumer spending and create jobs, Obama last week proposed paring the 6.2 percent payroll tax on employees to 3.1 percent next year and cutting the payroll tax for employers as well. He would replace the revenue Social Security would lose with money from the government's overall budget.

That plan has split liberals. Sanders said he opposes it because it would make Social Security more vulnerable to budget cuts. Boxer said she favors it because it would create jobs while protecting Social Security.

In debt reduction talks between Obama and House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, this summer, they discussed a plan to slow the growth of Social Security benefits that they never embraced. In 2005, President George W. Bush proposed letting recipients turn part of their Social Security nest egg into stock market investments. The idea went nowhere.

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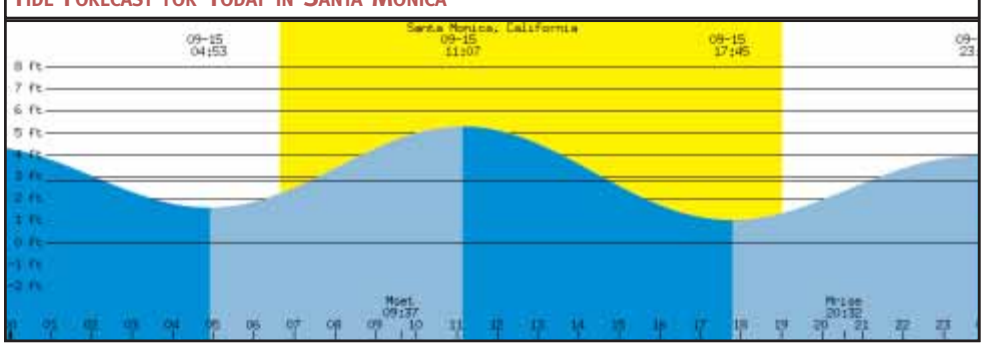
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McCourts reach temporary spousal support agreement

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt will keep paying $225,000 per month to his ex-wife, but money once used toward the mortgages of six luxurious homes will come from a $1.1 million escrow account, attorneys said Wednesday.

Attorneys for the former couple hammered out a deal that called for McCourt to pay temporary spousal support to Jamie McCourt over the next couple of months. He was paying an additional $412,159 a month for the mortgages of six homes and a condominium, but that money will now come from an account created after the sale of a home near the Playboy Mansion.

The McCourts have been embroiled in a costly and nasty divorce battle where the main prize has been the Dodgers. What will happen to the team has been put on hold until a bankruptcy court in Delaware sorts out the mess.

"More clearly, until the case is out of bankruptcy, the Dodgers can't be sold," said Superior Court Judge Scott Gordon, who presided over an 11-day trial regarding the validity of the McCourts' postnuptial marital agreement.

McCourt had sought a reduction in spousal support, arguing he had paid his ex-wife roughly $7.7 million over the past year. He believed the payments should be more in line with the $5 million he receives annually.

Jamie McCourt noted in a recent filing that her ex-husband has received more than $44 million into his bank accounts since June 2010 and should be able to pay her attorneys' fees.

Lawyers on both sides said outside of court that more of the McCourt homes would likely be sold. Among them are a pair of beachfront homes in Malibu and another in tony Holmby Hills.

The Dodgers recently filed for bankruptcy protection, blaming a cash-flow crisis on Major League Baseball's refusal to approve a multibillion-dollar TV deal McCourt was counting on to keep the franchise afloat.

MLB had assumed control of the club's day-to-day operations in mid-April before the team filed for bankruptcy.

Gordon ruled in December that the marital agreement that gave McCourt sole ownership of the Dodgers was invalid, clearing the way for Jamie McCourt, who served as the team's CEO but was fired by her ex-husband two years ago, to seek half the team under California's community property law.

A group backed by Chinese government-owned investment banks has made a $1.2 billion offer to buy the Dodgers, but McCourt has repeatedly said he's not interested in selling the team.

The McCourts were scheduled to return to court in November to address topics including a "characterization" trial to determine if title to the Dodgers is in Frank McCourt's name or if the team should be considered community property.

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Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
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Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

- **DRY** -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
- **WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
- **ns** -- no sample taken

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MLB

Dodgers' Ethier has right knee surgery

LOS ANGELES Los Angeles Dodgers right fielder Andre Ethier underwent arthroscopic right knee surgery on Wednesday.

The team says the 35-minute procedure cleaned up wear and tear behind Ethier's knee cap. He's expected to begin rehabilitation in a week in Arizona, where he lives in the off-season. It's expected to take six-to-eight weeks.

Manager Don Mattingly says the surgery went as expected and Ethier should be able to do his winter workouts.

Ethier ended the season last week before obtaining opinions from three different doctors, who concurred on the procedure.

He hit .292 with 11 home runs and 62 RBIs this season.

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11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

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11:35am, 2:15pm, 5:05pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

The Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:55am, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:25pm

Shark Night 3D (PG-13) 1hr 35min
2:20pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:05pm

Shark Night (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:45am, 4:50pm

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Hedgehog (Le herisson) (NR) 1hr 40min
1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Point Blank (A Bout Portant) (R) 1hr 24min
4:30pm, 9:45pm

Guard (R) 1hr 36min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Our Idiot Brother (R) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Whistleblower (R) 1hr 52min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

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2:00pm, 7:40pm

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11:20am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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11:15am, 4:50pm, 10:30pm

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) 1hr 40min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Colombiana (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

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11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Kevin Hart: Laugh At My Pain (NR) 1hr 28min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

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Hang out with pals tonight, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Use the a.m. to the max. In the afternoon, attend to money matters. A quarrel could erupt with a child, loved one or someone you care about. At the present point, the wise move will be not to tackle any crisis, especially as you might not have all the information you need. Tonight: Treating doesn't have to cost.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ As the day progresses, you energize. Others become much more in tune with your ideas and whatever you project. A family member could be upset by a choice and lets you know it in no uncertain terms. Tonight: Whatever feels right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Use the morning for decisive action. Others could be taken aback by your assertiveness. In the back of your mind, you have an idea or different perspective that you might want to look at. Tonight: Keep your own counsel.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Handle your responsibilities early on. A boss or someone you respect notices just how efficient you can be. In the afternoon, you could be overwhelmed by all the people and meetings. You can handle it! Tonight: Join friends, or go where people are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Get more information and speak to experts in the a.m. The end result of a project could be a lot better if you follow through here. A boss or someone you work with could be provocative at best. Try to keep the peace. Tonight: Let a close associate make the first move.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Have an important discussion with a partner. Don't back off. Recognize that what could be an issue for one person might not be for another. Seek out mutually acceptable solutions. Know that there is one. Tonight: Gain a new perspective through detaching.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Others come forward with ideas and solutions. You might feel overwhelmed by all the possibilities. Seek out a friend or a respected associate. Discuss all the options and, if need be, get more feedback. Tonight: With your pals.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Dive into work, and don't allow others to distract you. So much might be going on that you could be overwhelmed if you don't concentrate. Open your door, receive calls and return messages mid-afternoon. Tonight: So many choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Funnel your imagination into your daily life. You'll become more energized and enthusiastic. Reach out for someone at a distance in order to get feedback, but don't be disappointed if this person doesn't understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Finish up. Run errands.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be aware of a tendency to limit yourself. A loved one's or friend's feedback will help you understand. Tap into your sixth sense when dealing with a special person. Tonight: Pretend that the weekend has already started.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Reach out for others. Schedule a meeting. Understand what your limitations are, especially financially. Share special feelings in a way that makes a difference. Avoid an argument with a roommate. Tonight: Hang out with pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Worry less about a risk. Just don't take it. Your intuition tells you a lot. Be sensitive to your personal needs when dealing with a relative or neighbor. Don't overextend yourself. You could feel awkward with a key associate at first. Tonight: Swap news with a friend.

Happy birthday

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

This year, often you are digging and questioning about the real meaning of life. Other times, you are detached, light and easy. A key relationship plays into your processing when seeking answers. This person might have more depth than many people in your life. If you are single, romance could wing in from a distance or be very different. You make the call about what level this relationship evolves to. If you are attached, focus on a mutual long-term goal, which could involve a trip. This emphasis will bring more closeness. TAURUS helps you detach and understand.



MYSTERY PHOTO

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

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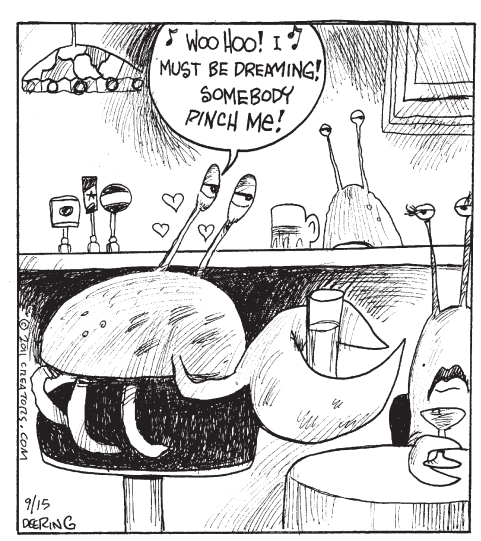
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

1 Dread
5 Pottery piece
10 Dogpatch boy
12 Less colorful
13 Dubya's secretary of state
14 Jim Croce's "I Got —"
15 Overly
16 Play-ground feature
18 Pricey stadium spot
20 Put away
21 End for mob or fib
23 Crooner Tormé
24 Winter wear
26 Historic times
28 Heir, at times
29 Night fliers
31 Pub pints
32 Round storage item
36 Place for valuables
39 Soft-drink suffix
40 Singer Cara
41 TV's De-Generes
43 Wall climbers
44 Handle
45 Pays to play
46 1982 Disney movie

DOWN

1 Almanac fill
2 Down-loadable read
3 Irk
4 Wine choice
5 Cross
6 Four-inch measure
7 Home of the Crim-son Tide
8 TV acces-sories
9 Philadel-phia school
11 Tuscan dish
17 Chopping tool
19 Scouting org.
22 Kicks back
24 Fill with a crayon
25 Penny words
27 Queue after Q
28 Digestion aid
30 Comic first baseman
33 Farm machine
34 Beetho-ven's "— Joy"
35 Inert gas
37 Leg bend
38 Porgy's love
42 Charter

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45					■	■	46			

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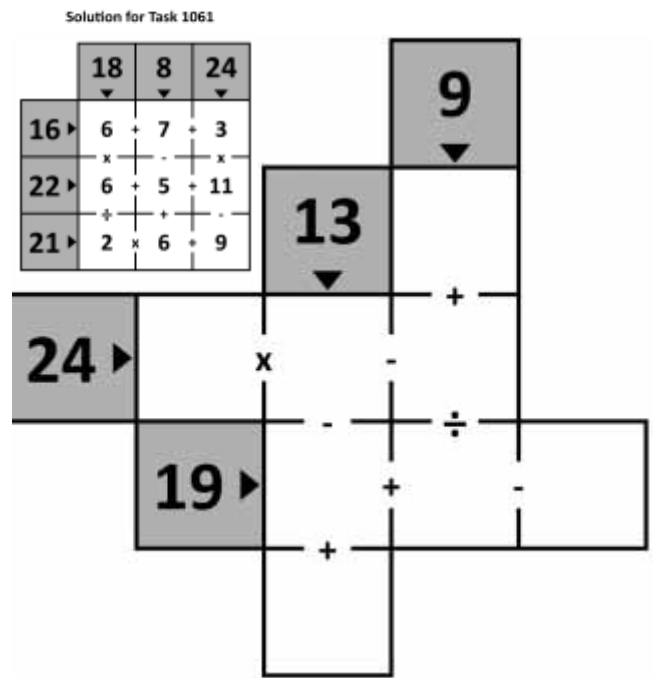
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Ruth Adams called on Northampton College in central England to measure the purring sound of her gray-and-white tabby cat, Smokey, aiming for a Guinness World Record. The result, she told The Associated Press in March, was 73 decibels, many multiples louder than the average cat's purr and about as noisy, according to the AP, as "busy traffic, a hair dryer or a vacuum cleaner." (According to cat-ologists, Smokey's purring could reflect either extreme happiness or extreme stress.)

■ What took them so long to think of this? "Most wineries rely on the human nose [to detect out-of-place odors]," said the vintner of the Australian boutique wine Linnaea, "but that is time-consuming, costly, and nowhere as reliable as Belle." Miss Louisa Belle is a 7-year-old bloodhound possessing, of course, a nose that is reportedly 2,000 times more sensitive than the human nose. Her primary job, the vintner told Melbourne's Herald Sun in July, is to sniff out tainted corks during the bottling process.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1830 Liverpool to Manchester railway line opens.

1831 The locomotive John Bull operates for the first time in New Jersey on the Camden and Amboy Railroad.

1835 HMS Beagle, with Charles Darwin aboard, reaches the Galápagos Islands.

1851 Saint Joseph's University is founded in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1862 American Civil War: Confederate forces capture Harpers Ferry, Virginia.

1873 Franco-Prussian War: The last German troops leave France upon completion of payment of indemnity.

1894 First Sino-Japanese War: Japan defeats China in the Battle of Pyongyang.

1916 World War I: Tanks are used for the first time in battle, at the Battle of the Somme.

1935 The Nuremberg Laws deprive German Jews of citizenship.

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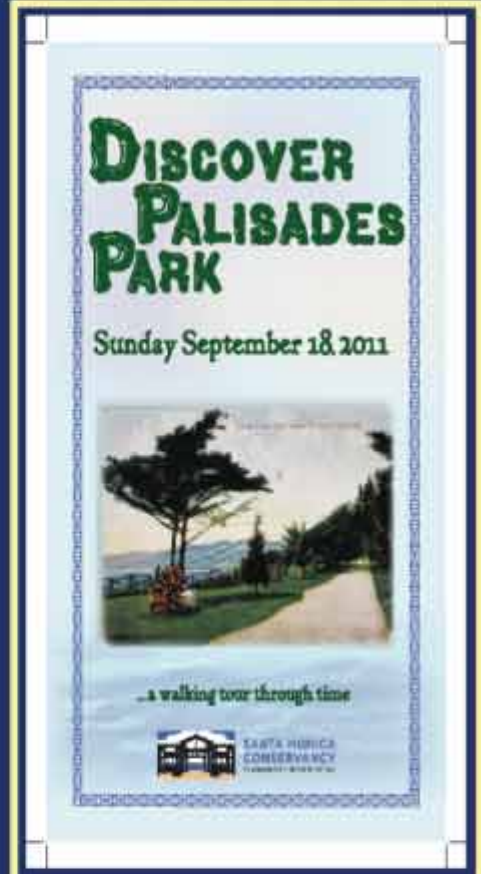
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