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Victim offers $200K reward for stolen art

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

NOMA The victim of a multi-million dollar art theft is offering a $200,000 reward for information leading to the return of the goods.

The promise of the no-questions-asked cash comes from the other end of an anonymous hotline set up expressly for the purpose, and to hide the identity of the victim, who the L.A. Times has reported is bond guru Jeffrey Gundlach, the CEO of DoubleLine Capital LP.

The Daily Press confirmed that Gundlach does own a home on the 500 block of 12th Street, the scene of the crime, and has a publicized penchant for modern art.

Nine pieces by some of the biggest names in the modern art world were lifted off the victim's walls between 3 p.m. Sept. 12 and 8 p.m. Sept. 14, while the victim was away.

The artwork was original and one-of-a-

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Census data another sign economy has bottomed out

HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON More young adults are leaving their parents' homes to take a chance with college or a job. Across the nation, people are on the move again after putting their lives on hold and staying put. Once-sharp declines in births are leveling off, and poverty is slowing.

A new snapshot of census data provides sociological backup for what economic indicators were already suggesting: that the nation is in a tentative, fragile recovery.

"We may be seeing the beginning of the American family's recovery from the Great Recession," said Andrew Cherlin, a professor of sociology and public policy at Johns Hopkins University. He pointed in particular to the upswing in mobility and to young men moving out of their parents' homes, both signs that more young adults were testing out job prospects.

"It could be the modest number of new jobs or simply the belief that the worst is over," Cherlin said.

The new 2011 census figures released Thursday show progress in an economic recovery that technically began in mid-2009. The annual survey, supplemented with unpublished government figures as of March 2012, covers a year in which unemployment fell modestly from 9.6 percent to 8.9 percent.

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TAKE THAT

Daniel Archuleta. *daniela@smdp.com*

A construction worker helps demolish an office building at 525 Broadway on Thursday to make way for a five-story apartment building. The old building once housed City TV.

Rep. Waxman makes bid to save post office

Officials say congressman is barking up the wrong tree

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) appealed the decision to close the historic Santa Monica post office to the Postal Regulatory Commission Thursday on procedural grounds, but the effort may yet fall flat.

In a letter to PRC Secretary Shoshana Grove, Waxman held that the closure should be put on ice because the U.S. Postal Service did not give adequate notice to the Santa Monica community about either its proposal to close the post office or sufficient opportunity to appeal after it made the decision.

Furthermore, the USPS did not consider the impact of closing the post office at 1248 Fifth St. given that the alternate location on Seventh Street near the Big Blue Bus headquarters is more difficult to access and will only get harder in the future because of the incoming Exposition Light Rail line.

"Pedestrians currently served by the Fifth Street post office would have to cross these light rail tracks to get to the carrier annex (on Seventh Street)," Waxman wrote.

Postal officials held their ground, saying that the congressman was looking at the wrong statute.

In his letter, Waxman said that the USPS should have given residents a full 60 days notice of the proposed closure and 30 days to appeal the final decision to close.

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City Garage will break-in their new space at Bergamot Station with the world premiere of Charles L. Mee's "Orestes 3.0: Inferno." Mee creates a stunning new take on the Orestes myth. Euripides' ancient Greek tragedy of crime piled on crime — parricide, matricide, incest — is redrawn in the hauntingly familiar terms of our contemporary world: political paralysis, purposeless wars and random acts of meaningless violence. This production runs through Nov. 25. For more information, call (310) 319-9939.

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City Hall's third annual Citywide Yard Sale brings together sellers and buyers for an event that is right outside your home. Residents across the city will open their doors to sell what may turn out to be hidden treasures. For more information, visit smgov.net.

Music on the waves
Santa Monica Pier
9 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Saturday is the latest 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.

Inside SMO
Santa Monica Airport
Airport Drive between Centinela and Walgrove avenues,
11 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Learn about the oldest operating airport in Los Angeles County during SMO's second annual Open House. Many of the airport's tenants, including theater groups, art galleries and eateries, will take part in the event. The Museum of Flying will also be open to visitors. For information, call (310) 458-8591.

Book talk
Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Holistic life coach and author No One, AKA Anthony Rogers, will read from and sign his latest book, "Ethereal Mantras and Affirmations." For more information, visit nooneakaanthonyrogers holisticlifecoach.com.

Calling Mid-City residents
Courtyard of the Yale Street HOA
1524 & 1528 Yale St.,
1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
The Mid-City Neighbors welcome political group Santa Monicans for Responsible Growth to talk about the future of development in Santa Monica. For more information, visit www.midcityneighbors.org.

Green literature
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 11 a.m.
The library's sixth annual Green Prize for Sustainable Literature will be awarded to Paul Hawken, environmentalist, activist, entrepreneur and the author of many books including the 2008 Green Prize-winner "Blessed Unrest." A panel of environmental leaders will discuss the challenges within the green movement and ways that everyday heroes are addressing them. For more information, call (310) 458-8606.

Roseanne for president
Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 7 p.m.
Presidential candidate and funny lady Roseanne Barr will speak about her Peace and Freedom Party campaign. Local chanteuse Suzy Williams will provide the entertainment. For more information, visit www.churchop.org.

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Business groups protest state's carbon market

JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. Dozens of people, some wearing red "Save Our Jobs" T-shirts, packed a public meeting on Thursday to testify that a key component of California's landmark greenhouse gas emissions law will impose enormous costs on them and consumers.

Manufacturers, oil refiners and others appeared before the California Air Resources Board to protest the state's pending cap-and-trade program for carbon emissions. The program's fees amount to a $1 billion-a-year tax increase at a time when the state's economy is sputtering, they said.

"We are concerned that out-of-state refiners will have an unfair advantage because they are not being held responsible for their emissions," said Lisa Bowman, a Phillips 66 worker and member of United Steelworkers Local 675.

The California Chamber of Commerce and others wrote Gov. Jerry Brown urging him to halt the start of the program, which begins in earnest on Nov. 14 and is the central element of California's 2006 climate-change law, AB32.

A key issue for those opposed to the program is costs associated with the permits — called allowances — which the program will require businesses to buy, some at auction.

In general, cap-and-trade will place a limit, or cap, of the emissions of heat-trapping gases that are allowed from pollution producers like refineries and cement manufacturers. The businesses will be required to buy these allowances from the state, with each permit allowing for a specified amount of greenhouse gases each year.

For the first two years of the program, businesses will receive 90 percent of their allowances for free, with the free amount and the cap declining over time.

The chamber and other businesses want the amount of free allowances increased to reduce the impact on their businesses in a struggling economy.

"The fact is that this auction represents a multi-billion dollar hidden tax that will harm California businesses and consumers by dramatically increasing energy costs at a time we can least afford it," the letter to the governor stated.

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Photo courtesy San Antonio Missions

DECKER

LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Decker represents Israel

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

JUPITER, Fla. Former Santa Monica High School slugger and current San Diego Padres farm-hand Cody Decker has been selected to represent Israel for the qualifiers of the World Baseball Classic currently taking place across the globe.

His Israeli national team defeated South Africa on Wednesday in the opener in Jupiter, Fla.

Israel will face the winner of the Spain-France game Friday at 1 p.m. at Roger Dean Stadium.

Decker, who plays outfield for the AA San Antonio Missions, hit 29 home runs this season with 81 runs batted in.

LOCAL V-BALL MATCHUP

Pacifica Christian, ranked No. 1 in the latest CIF-Southern Section Division 4A girls' volleyball poll, will travel to Crossroads on Friday for a battle for Santa Monica supremacy.

Pacifica Christian enters the match with a 6-1 record. There is no record available for Crossroads.

ST. MONICA TRAVELS TO WEBB

Claremont's Webb will host St. Monica football on Saturday as the Mariners try for a winning record.

St. Monica is currently 2-2 on the season as it plays its last pre-league game of the year.

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Developers taking over

Editor:

This is not an easy letter to write as I respect the Planning and Community Development Department and their dedication to solving some very difficult planning and economic problems. There is constant pressure to densify cities now that suburban flight has run its course.

However, I'm very familiar with two projects and somewhat less familiar with two others where the planning staff has led developers astray by supporting their bloated designs.

After a 49-year career working with developers as their architect and completing 22 of my own development projects, I have come to the conclusion that, with rare exception, developers are less than creative. They are bottom-line oriented and fueled by density rather than creating an overall environment. With few exceptions do they understand that good design is also good economics.

The planning staff is dedicated and knowledgeable, but planners are generally not trained architecturally and in many cases need to better understand the three-dimensional world of urban design in addition to their largely two-dimensional education. And our planning code in Santa Monica doesn't help the situation.

Development agreements are far too permissive with equivalent community benefits sorely lacking. In addition, the "float up" process to review initial conceptual designs is for all intents and purposes not working well, invariably taking up substantial and valuable community time and energy tilting at windmills with the developers going back to the drawing boards following a huge waste of city staff expense along with much greater and unnecessary community time and energy. The public should not be doing what the planning staff should be doing! And in cases, the planning department is either being asked to do or is taking upon itself to do what is not in their background.

In the meantime, we're not getting good design, we're not getting open space, and we're definitely not getting very much at all in the way of community benefits to offset substantial additional profits asked for and bestowed upon developers.

And while I'm sticking my neck out and being critical of the planning process, I might as well also take on the architectural design component with its rash of four- and five-story buildings. The ethos of a city is embodied in its architecture. I believe the spirit of our city is embodied in the human scale of its courtyard buildings, but the biblical "LUCE" emphasizes the importance of surface articulation. These pop-outs with an array of different materials and colors don't do much to disguise the four- and five-story mass of this recent wave of buildings – they just make it all look robotic – or what I choose to call an exercise in "facadomy."

My assistant, a long-time resident of Santa Monica and a former arts commissioner, feels "they all belong in Chicago," and is "fearful of having a drink or two and then trying to find which building is yours." We shouldn't be competing with Manhattan or San Francisco – we need to protect and maintain our own heritage and environment. Four- and five-story buildings are not necessarily wrong for Downtown, as long as they come with setbacks, open space and meaningful courtyards.

Santa Monica does have truly dedicated and well-intentioned city employees, but unfortunately developers are controlling the process and bringing this city to its knees. At this point, we need to slow down and take stock. Only a truly "creative" zoning code, along with a more conscious City Council can offer Santa Monica any real protection.

Sad, but still hopeful.

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When the smoke doesn't clear

AMIDST THE MANY MITT MELTDOWNS, with the release of the 47 percent of the country are moochers hidden video of his candid talk given in front of $50,000-plate donors, the real Willard Romney stepped forward. (Actually, he stepped into it.)

Willard's inability to relate to the middle class and poor should have come as no surprise what with his incessant bragging about his wife's two Cadillacs and having a home being built with an elevator for his cars! Daily, Willard reminds me more and more of the buffoon billionaire Thurston Howell III from "Gilligan's Island."

By definition, in Willard's 47 percent that he labels self-imposed "victims" are disabled vets on government assistance. Personally, when an IED blows off a GI's arm or leg (and many are women) I don't think it's exactly self-imposed.

Adamantly pro-war (next stop Iran?), curiously when Willard's time to serve came during Vietnam he moved to France. (His campaign cites that as foreign policy acumen. Even more troubling, his top advisor referred to Russia as the Soviet Union, which only fell 21 years ago!)

Apparently, Willard's pro-war as long as none of his family are doing the fighting. Meanwhile, during his convention speech, Mitt not only didn't refer to the Afghan war, he didn't mention veterans once. I bet he wishes he could Etch-a-Sketch that faux pas.

Somehow I was reminded of Willard's wealthy-elite view of the world last weekend at my apartment building where I've lived for 37 years. I was chatting with a friend at the pool except that the mob of kids in the shallow end were screaming so loudly that I couldn't hear a word. On the very far side of the pool I spotted parents gabbing away, obliviously. I approached and politely asked if any of the kids belonged to any of them.

An attractive 30-something mother responded curtly to my plea, "Well, we pay a great deal more rent than you do." (Say what? What the hell does that have to do with anything?)

Stunned by her twisted logic, I went to the gym where the clanging of weights was soothing compared to the kiddie cacophony. Minutes later her gracious husband came in and confessed, "I just wanted you to know that you were right." Frankly, after 37 years of calling my apartment "home," it was unsettling having someone suggest the high rent they pay as justification for being inconsiderate.

On that note, as I type this, despite the heat wave, I have my sliding glass doors shut and am shvitizing. (Yiddish for perspiring profusely.) You see another new neighbor (who also pays high rent) has a son who smokes. I find it more than ironic that smokers don't want that disgusting second-hand smoke in their apartment but are perfectly happy puffing away on their balcony and turning my place into an ash tray.

In July, our City Council passed a housing ordinance that required all new tenants to refrain from smoking in their units. (But it did not affect current tenants!) But at the second reading two weeks later, the council reversed itself. (Only happened once in the past seven years.)

So now carcinogenic tobacco smoke fills my bedroom. According to the law, I could take them to small claims court or even file a restraining order in Superior Court, but for the moment I'll leave a copy of this column at their door.

During one of these 5 a.m. smoke attacks, I raced to the park with a pair of binoculars. I could see the tiny glow of the lit cigarette coming from the balcony on the floor below mine. But barefoot and shirtless, I suddenly wondered what the hell would I tell the police if they saw me holding binoculars — that I was owl watching?

Soon the light went off and the balcony sliding glass door was shut. Somehow I felt like Columbo. Sure I may get lung cancer from second-hand smoke, but I had solved the mystery.

Back in July when the second reading failed, Mayor Richard Bloom promised the ordinance would be revisited soon. Even with election year pressures he kept his word. It's scheduled for Oct. 2.

Joking aside, this is a serious public health issue and, uncharacteristically, Santa Monica is behind the curve. I'm imploring the council to find a compromise. If not I'll be writing about it for weeks. (Which may cause my editor to scream louder than those kids at the pool.)

Just a few minutes ago, I opened the sliding glass door again hoping for an ocean breeze. Instead I was greeted with a toxic waft. There are more than 7,000 chemicals in a cigarette, including arsenic, ammonia and insecticide and 70 of them are carcinogenic. One word: yikes!

So I once again dashed to the park to spy on the surreptitious smoker. Sure enough the balcony sliding glass door was open and there was the tiny red glow of a lit cancer stick.

As I trudged home, I reluctantly accepted my fate. The bad news is every few hours carcinogens seep into my bedroom. The good news is, racing to the park like Inspector Clouseau, at least I'm getting some decent exercise. And who knows, one night I might even spot an owl.

The housing ordinance is scheduled for the Oct. 2 City Council meeting at City Hall at 7:30 p.m. On that Tuesday it's best to call the City Manager's Office at (310) 458-8301 to make sure it's still on the agenda. **JACK** can be reached at jnsmdp@aol.com.



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Judge denies request to stop anti-Muslim film clip

GREG RISLING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES An actress who appeared in an anti-Muslim film that sparked violence in the Middle East lost her legal challenge on Thursday to have the 14-minute trailer taken down from YouTube.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Luis Lavin rejected the request from Cindy Lee Garcia because she wasn't able to produce any agreement she had with the makers of "Innocence of Muslims" and the man behind the film hadn't been served with a copy of her lawsuit.

Garcia's lawsuit aimed to have the video removed from YouTube's site that has been linked to protests that continue to rage across the Middle East and killed at least 30 people in seven countries, including the U.S. ambassador to Libya.

Garcia's attorney, Cris Armenta, told reporters Thursday that her client plans to return to court in three weeks with more evidence to bolster her case.

While it's unclear how Lavin's decision would be interpreted outside of the U.S., the lawsuit had little chance of succeeding because of a federal law that protects third parties from liability for content they handle, legal experts said.

"From the beginning this was a Hail Mary pass," said Jeremiah Reynolds, a Los Angeles attorney who specializes in intellectual property and First Amendment cases. "I think they hoped the judge would have enough sympathy for this woman to have him take the video down."

Garcia on Wednesday filed a lawsuit for fraud and slander against Internet search giant Google and Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, the man behind the video who has gone into hiding since it rose to prominence last week.

She claimed she was duped by Nakoula and that the script she saw referenced neither Muslims nor Prophet Muhammad. She also said her voice had been dubbed.

Her lawsuit mirrors similar claims made by those who said they were fooled by actor Sacha Baron Cohen during the making of "Borat" and "Bruno." The British comedian was unsuccessfully sued by some who appeared in his movie who weren't familiar with his outlandish characters.

"Although this is a much more serious situation, the (legal) analysis should be the same," Reynolds said. "It's an act that is protected by the First Amendment."

YouTube, which is owned by Google, has refused requests to remove the film by both Garcia and the White House. However, the company has blocked users in Saudi Arabia, Libya and Egypt from viewing the clip as well as Indonesia and India because it violates laws in those countries.

Cindy Cohen, the legal director for San Francisco-based Electronic Frontier Foundation, said Garcia does have a claim against the filmmaker but not against Google.

"The law protects Google here because they aren't the producers of the film," Cohen said. "You don't want a situation where the host is responsible for the content. Then nobody would ever be a host."

Garcia's lawsuit contends that keeping the film online violates her right of publicity, invades her privacy rights and that post-filming dialogue changes cast her in a false light.

"I think we need to take it (the film) off because it will continue to cause more problems," she said. "I think it's demoralizing, degrading."

Garcia said she has been threatened at least eight times and has called the FBI but she hasn't heard back from federal agents.

Armenta argued in court that her client was used a puppet to make the film, and she was clearly defrauded and lied to by the people behind the movie.

"She did not sign on to be a bigot," Armenta said.

Timothy Alger, the lawyer representing Google at Thursday's hearing, said the Internet company shouldn't be responsible for what transpired between Garcia and the filmmakers. He said no matter how someone views the content "it is something of widespread debate."

Garcia could seek to have a judge grant an injunction against Nakoula to order him to remove the video, but it wouldn't accomplish what Garcia set out to do.

"It would have little to no effect because other websites are showing the film," Reynolds said. "It would be a moot point."

The Q Line

To ban or not to ban?

New York City last week OK'd a ban on big, sugary drinks at restaurants.

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Gov. Brown signs 18 bills that benefit U.S. veterans

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. California veterans and their families will receive a slew of new state benefits — from cheaper college tuition to expedited vocational licenses — under a legislative package signed by Gov. Jerry Brown Thursday.

The Democratic governor said in a statement that the 18 bills "respect the honor and dignity of those who serve."

He also took the opportunity to needle Congress about failing to work across party lines for the benefit of service members in a similar way.

"Yesterday, a bill to invest in job training for veterans was blocked because of Washington political infighting," he said. "Here in California, Republicans and Democrats joined together to support our veterans."

Among the bills signed into law are AB2371, which provides treatment for criminal defendants suffering from a mental illness acquired during military service, and SB1287, which grants injured veterans discounted fishing licenses.

Another, AB1505, says California will reinstate benefits for soldiers discharged from the military for being gay if the federal government does.

Many of the new laws involve higher education. One triples the number of years veterans are eligible for priority registration at public colleges. Another extends eligibility for in-state tuition.

Several establish new funding mechanisms for veterans' services, including a new "support our troops" specialized license plate.

California National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. David Baldwin said the legislation shows the state is keeping its promises.

"This comprehensive package of legislation signed by Gov. Brown continues to demonstrate that California is fulfilling its obligation to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much," he said in a statement.

Economists say jobs will pick up

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LOS ANGELES Employment will pick up slowly this year and next in California with economists expecting the state's unemployment rate to drop to 8.5 percent in 2014.

But UCLA Anderson Forecast economists say job growth could be threatened if there's any slowing of China's economy and a worsening of the financial crisis in Europe.

The Anderson Forecast released Thursday shows California has been outperforming the nation in job creation since January 2010 with the state's tech boom creating new jobs each month.

City News Service says economists expect California's unemployment rate to hover around 10.7 percent through the rest of this year. It is expected to average 9.8 percent next year and drop to about 8.5 percent in 2014.

Yosemite workers may be surveyed for mouse virus

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YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. California public health officials want to survey workers at Yosemite National Park to determine whether they were exposed to a deadly mouse-borne virus, a park spokesman said Thursday.

The California Department of Public Health recently proposed to take a voluntary survey of workers to contribute to the park's understanding of the rare virus and the recent disease cluster, Yosemite National Park spokesman John Quinley said.

Quinley added that state and federal public health officials are still designing and reviewing the proposed survey and will notify employees if it goes forward.

The Mariposa Gazette reported Thursday that three workers in Yosemite National Park experienced flu-like symptoms and got tested for hantavirus.

Mariposa County Health Officer Charles Mosher told the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors at a meeting Tuesday that while initial tests came up positive, a set of second set of tests showed the workers were not exposed to the strain that causes hantavirus pulmonary syndrome, the paper reported.

Quinley said there have been no confirmed or suspected cases among employees of the National Park Service or the park's concessionaire, DNC Parks and Resort.

Nine people who spent time at the park this summer have been infected with the rodent-borne virus, the majority after staying at the "Signature" cabins in Curry Village. Three of them have died.







CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Just let her go

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12, AT 12:50 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1800 block of Pico Boulevard regarding a report of an assault that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with a woman who said that she was just assaulted and had her cell phone stolen from her by her ex-boyfriend. She said that she and the ex were both students at Santa Monica College until their break-up earlier this year. They dated for approximately one year, police said. She went on to say that she takes the bus to school and this morning noticed her ex riding the same bus. When she got off at 18th Street and Pico Boulevard, she told officers that the ex walked up behind her, grabbed the back of her neck and made some comment about a guy she was supposed to be dating. The suspect then took her cell phone and walked off. Officers from the Santa Monica College Police Department assisted in the investigation by looking for and locating the suspect, who is a student at the school. Officers searched the suspect and found the victim's cell phone. The suspect was placed under arrest for robbery and battery. The suspect was identified as Aaron Fort, 18, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at $50,000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12, AT 8:02 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 600 block of Wilshire Boulevard — 7-Eleven — regarding a report of an intoxicated man using the payphone outside the store to call 911 several times. When officers arrived, they made contact with the suspect, who was on the payphone with SMPD dispatch. The suspect first questioned who the officers were and then asked for a ride to West Los Angeles. The suspect was displaying obvious signs of being drunk and was unable to care for himself, police said. A records check showed that the suspect had called 911 six times that day and multiple times the day before. The fire department even went out to assist him. The suspect was placed under arrest for abusing the 911 system and for being drunk in public. He was identified as Edward Gaynor, 46, a transient. His bail was set at $500.

FRIDAY, JULY 13, AT 3:30 P.M.,
A community service officer responded to Gooding & Co., a classic car auction house located at 1517 20th St., regarding a report of embezzlement. When officers arrived, an executive with the company told them that an employee who worked as an assistant to the president of the company was allowed to make purchases on his behalf. From May 2011 until her termination in June of 2012, the suspect is believed to have embezzled more than $16,000 from the company through numerous purchases for personal goods and services, such as gifts, airline tickets and dinners. The alleged thefts were discovered when company purchases were audited. The employee admitted to them and was fired, police said. On Sept. 11 at 2:30 p.m., the suspect was arrested by detectives for embezzlement and grand theft. She was identified as Brittany Sochard, 28, of San Francisco. Her bail was set at $20,000.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 9, AT 6:41 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 2300 block of Virginia Avenue regarding a report of a woman who refused to pay her cab fare. When officers arrived, they made contact with the taxi driver who said he picked the woman up around 2:30 a.m. in La Mesa near San Diego and drove her to Santa Monica. She paid $70 for the gas and went into her apartment for the rest of the $350 fare. When she returned about an hour later, the taxi driver said she did not have the money, so he called police. The woman was placed under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper. She was identified as Stephanie Metzier, 35, of Santa Monica. Her bail was set at $500.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, AT 4:57 P.M.,
Officers were on patrol in the 1500 block of Ocean Avenue when they saw a man smoking a cigarette in Palisades Park, a violation of the municipal code. When officers made contact with the suspect, he said that he did not have any identification on him. A computer check revealed that the man was on probation and subject to a search. Officers said they found methamphetamine in his backpack and placed him under arrest for possession of a controlled substance, a probation violation and smoking in a public park. The suspect was identified as Jermaine McCraw, 38, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, AT 4:15 P.M.,
Officers set up a perimeter near Third Street and Bicknell Avenue after an automated license plate reader got a hit on a stolen vehicle that was abandoned. While searching for suspects, a man drove up to officers and told them that he recognized a woman who was currently being detained within the perimeter. He told officers that she, another woman and a man tried to steal some of his stuff while he was at a beach parking lot with two girlfriends. He said he and his friends were transferring items from one car to another in the parking lot when they saw three people rifling through their stuff. When he confronted the three, a man produced a cell phone that belonged to the victims and apologized for taking it. The three then fled before the man could get their names. Officers searched the suspects inside the perimeter and said they found a shaved car key used to steal cars. Police placed three people under arrest after they were identified by the man from the attempted beach robbery. They were booked for grand theft auto. They were identified as Fabiola Payan, 23, of Newhall, Calif.; Armando Morales, 43, of Sylmar, Calif., and Priscilla Gomez, 39, of Pacoima, Calif. Bail was set at $35,000 for Payan and Morales. Gomez was on parole at the time of the arrest and no bail was set.

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kind, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department.

"One piece was worth $10 to $15 million by itself," Lewis said.

Depending on the pieces in question, the heist could rank as one of the biggest crimes in recent history, said Robert Berman.

Berman runs Santa Monica Auctions, a local auction house that deals mostly in modern art.

Even minor drawings or paintings by names like Piet Mondrian, Richard Diebenkorn and Cy Twombly fetch a high price — major works would be in the millions, Berman said.

Still, it's not the kind of artwork that many people steal.

When the Daily Press caught him Thursday, Berman was at an art faire in Chicago that had also been struck by thieves.

"This is contemporary art that looks like it's not worth anything," Berman said. "Ironically, even at the art faire here in Chicago there was a booth that had some TV monitors. Even though there were multi-million dollars worth of art, someone stole the TV monitors, but not the art."

Fencing such unique art also presents a challenge, Berman said.

To get top dollar, a seller has to be able to say where it came from. In the case of stolen works, you'll get a very small percentage of what it's worth, Berman said.

If such works appear at a reputable gallery or auction, owners will likely alert the authorities.

The SMPD is working the case with the help of the Los Angeles Police Department, FBI, Department of Justice and Interpol, an international policing organization.

According to the FBI website, Interpol has a Works of Art database, the FBI has the Stolen Art File and other online tools exist like the Art Loss Register, all of which serve to alert art dealers, gallery owners and auction houses about missing and stolen artwork.

The victim also lost 40 bottles of wine worth $100,000, five expensive watches, a red 2010 Porsche Carrera 4S and a gun, Lewis said.

Anyone with information is urged to contact investigators at (310) 458-8432, (310) 458-8453 or the watch commander (24 hours) at (310) 458-8495.

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CARBON

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Business groups say the uncertainty about what costs associated with cap-and-trade will be in 2015 — when the number of free allowances are set to be reduced — are influencing investment decisions being made now. They want assurance that those costs will be lowered by offering more free allowances.

"We need to send the message now ... that more allowances will be available to industry," said Dorothy Rothrock of the California Manufacturers and Technology Association. "2015 is right around the corner and manufacturers are making plans this year for the next three-to-five years and capital investments may or may not happen in California based on the current regulations."

The board has designed the system to financially reward businesses that reduce emissions below their cap — meaning money could be made through cap and trade.

Companies that cut emissions and have extra allowances can then sell the permits in a marketplace; greenhouse gas emitters could purchase those allowances if they failed to cut emissions.

Polluters that reduce emissions could turn a profit if the market price for extra allowances rises above the initial cost of the permit.

"This system rewards those that are more efficient and allows those who can't or don't want to reduce their emissions too keep on operating and pass the cost of allowances on to their customers," Mary Nichols, the board's chairman, said.

A company can also meet up to 8 percent of its emissions reduction obligations by purchasing carbon "offsets," or investments in forestry or other projects that reduce greenhouse gases.

The program, the largest in the U.S., is modeled on similar programs in Europe, and designed to be able to link up with plans in other states and elsewhere to increase the size of its market for carbon allowance trading.

"(The board) has gone a long way to make these regulations as simple and palatable as possible," Nichols said. "At this point it's time for CMTA and WSPA and the chamber to join the many of hundreds of businesses that are investing in the fight against climate change instead of fighting AB32."

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Not all is well, however. The jobless rate remains high at 8.1 percent. While housing sales have more recently gained, home ownership last year dropped for a fifth straight year to 64.6 percent, the lowest in more than a decade, due to stringent financing rules and a shift to renting. More Americans than ever are turning to food stamps, while residents in housing that is considered "crowded" held steady at 1 percent, tied for the highest since 2003.

Fresh economic data released Thursday added to the mixed picture. The Conference Board's Index of Leading Economic Indicators, designed to forecast future economic activity, dipped 0.1 percent in August after rising 0.5 percent in July and dropping 0.5 percent in June. And the number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits fell only slightly last week.

Taken as a whole, however, analysts say the census data, which track changing patterns in everyday life, provide the latest evidence of a stabilizing U.S. economy. Coming after the devastating housing bust in 2006, such a leveling off would mark an end to the longest and most pernicious economic decline since World War II.

Richard Freeman, an economist at Harvard University, said the data point to a "fragile recovery," with the economy still at risk of falling back into recession, depending in part on who is president and whether Congress averts a "fiscal cliff" of deep government spending cuts and higher taxes in January. "Given the situation in the world economy, we are doing better than many other countries," he said. "Government policies remain critical."

The census figures also show slowing growth in the foreign-born population, which increased to 40.4 million, or 13 percent of the U.S. population. Last year's immigration increase of 400,000 people was the lowest in a decade, reflecting a minimal gain of Latinos after many Mexicans already in the U.S. opted to return home. Some 11 million people are estimated to be in the U.S. illegally.

The bulk of new immigrants are now higher-skilled workers from Asian countries such as China and India, contributing to increases in the foreign-born population in California, New York, Illinois and New Jersey.

Income inequality varied widely by region. The gap between rich and poor was most evident in the District of Columbia, New York, Connecticut, Louisiana and New Mexico, where immigrant or minority groups were more numerous. By county, Berkeley in West Virginia had the biggest jump in household income inequality over the past year, a result of fast suburban growth just outside the Washington-Baltimore region, where pockets of poor residents and newly arrived, affluent commuters live side by side.

As a whole, Americans were slowly finding ways to get back on the move. About 12 percent of the nation's population, or 36.5 million, moved to a new home, up from a record low of 11.6 percent in 2011.

Among young adults 25 to 29, the most mobile age group, moves also increased to 24.6 percent from a low of 24.1 percent in the previous year. Longer-distance moves, typically for those seeking new careers in other regions of the country, rose modestly from 3.4 percent to 3.8 percent.

Less willing to rely on parents, roughly 5.6 million Americans ages 25-34, or 13.6 percent, lived with Mom and Dad, a decrease from 14.2 percent in the previous year. Young men were less likely than before to live with parents, down from 18.6 percent to 16.9 percent; young women living with parents edged higher to 10.4 percent, up from 9.7 percent.

The increases in mobility coincide with modest improvements in the job market as well as increased school enrollment, especially in college and at advanced-degree levels.

Marriages dipped to a low of just 50.8 percent among adults 18 and over, compared with 57 percent in 2000. Among young adults 25-34, marriage was at 43.1 percent, also a new low, part of a longer-term cultural trend in which people are opting to marry at later ages and often cohabitate with a partner first.

Births, on the other hand, appeared to be coming back after years of steep declines. In 2011, the number of births dipped by 55,000, or 1 percent, to 4.1 million, the smallest drop since the pre-recession peak in 2008, according to Kenneth Johnson, a sociology professor and senior demographer at the University of New Hampshire. More recent data from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also show that once-precipitous drops in births are slowing.

"There are signs that young adults have turned a corner," said Mark Mather, associate vice president at the Population Reference Bureau. "More young adults are staying in school, which will increase their potential earnings when the job market bounces back. It's going to take some time, but we should see more young adults entering the labor force, buying homes and starting families as economic conditions improve."

While poverty slowed, food stamp use continued to climb. Roughly 14.9 million, or 13 percent of U.S. households, received food stamps, the highest level on record, meaning that 1 in 8 families was receiving the government aid. Oregon led the nation at 18.9 percent, or nearly 1 in 5, due in part to generous state provisions that expand food stamp eligibility to families making 185 percent of the poverty level — roughly $3,400 a month for a family of four. Oregon was followed by more rural or more economically hard-hit states, including Michigan, Tennessee, Maine, Kentucky and Mississippi. Wyoming had the fewest households on food stamps, at 5.9 percent.

Government programs did much to stave off higher rates of poverty. While the official poverty rate for 2011 remained stuck at 15 percent, or a record 46.2 million people, the government formula did not take into account noncash aid such as food stamps, which the Census Bureau estimates would have lifted 3.9 million people above the poverty line. If counted, that safety net would have lowered the poverty rate to 13.7 percent. And without expanded unemployment benefits, which began expiring in 2011, roughly 2.3 million people would have fallen into poverty.

Some 17 states showed statistically significant increases in the poverty rate, led by Louisiana, Oregon, Arizona, Georgia and Hawaii. Among large metropolitan areas, McAllen, Texas, led the nation in poverty, at 38 percent, followed by Fresno, Calif., El Paso, Texas, and Bakersfield, Calif. In contrast, the Washington, D.C., metro area had the lowest level of poverty, about 8 percent, followed by Bridgeport, Conn., and Ogden, Utah.

"There are signs among all these measures that the multiple downsides of the Great Recession have bottomed out, which is good news especially for young people who have seen their lives put on hold," said William H. Frey, a demographer at Brookings Institution. "There is some light at the end of the tunnel."

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SENDING: **A woman prepares a package for delivery at the Fifth Street post office recently.**

WAXMAN
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Postal officials held a meeting informing residents of the closure on July 19 and gave official notice on Aug. 17.

That would be the case if this was a true closure, said Richard Maher, spokesperson for the USPS.

"Actually, this is classified as a relocation," Maher said.

In the case of a closure, the total number of postal locations in a given community decreases, meaning the public has one less place to go to mail packages, get stamps and access their post office boxes.

"A new location half a mile away will offer all the same services," Maher said.

Relocations like Santa Monica's mean customers will still have the same number of post offices, just rearranged to score some cost savings and allow the organization to benefit from the sale of the historic Downtown building.

Unlike closures, relocations cannot be appealed to the PRC.

Waxman disagrees with the characterization, and believes that the change of services constitutes a closure, officials said Thursday.

In his letter, Waxman also accused the agency of failing to justify its cuts by showing that it will actually succeed in saving money by moving to the new location. Residents have sworn that they will not go to the carrier annex on Seventh Street, and that the USPS will be killing the goose that lays the golden eggs by closing down the previous location.

Postal officials have admitted that the Fifth Street office is profitable, but say that the sale is necessary to plug gaping holes in their finances left by a decline in volume of first class mail and a requirement by Congress to pay for its employees' retirement benefits in advance.

That mandate cost $20 billion, Maher said, and even if Congress acted tomorrow to change it — which they could — it wouldn't be enough for the semi-private company to break even.

Although it's unknown what the Downtown building will fetch on the open market, officials expect a savings of $336,179 per year for a 10-year savings of over $3 million, although there will be a $400,000 upfront cost to revamp the annex for customer use.

Residents appreciate Waxman's efforts, said Reinhard Kargl.

Kargl has been rallying support for the post office through a Facebook page, Save the Santa Monica Main Post Office.

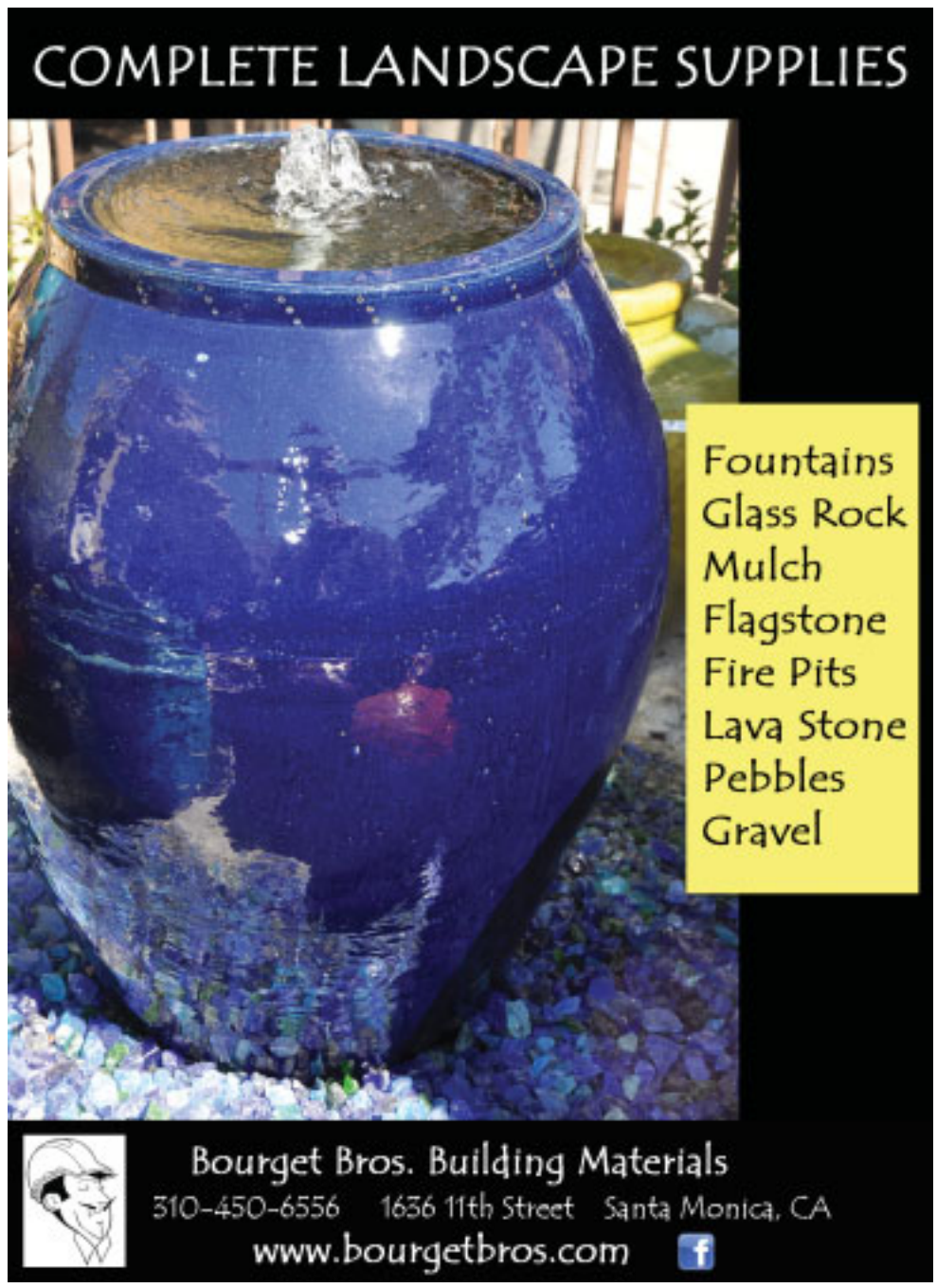
"Obviously it's very positive, and I think he's on the right side of what the residents want," Kargl said. "I have spoken to many people, and I haven't found anybody who says, 'It's OK, let's just go ahead with the closure.'"

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T.I. feels his presence is strong

JONATHAN LANDRUM JR.
Associated Press

ATLANTA Even though T.I. hasn't produced any major hits lately, the Grammy-winning rapper believes he can still sell a considerable amount of albums based on his track record.

T.I.'s credentials include 10 Top 10 Billboard Hot 100 hits and five platinum albums. But he has yet to make a big splash musically since he was released from jail following an 11-month term at an Arkansas prison on a probation violation. His last album, 2010's "No Mercy," reached gold status, but it didn't produce any No. 1 hits.

But he says that hasn't affected him and his future success.

"I'm going to always rise above the doubt that may exist about me," he said in a recent interview. "I have a core audience of fans that are going to buy (my albums) whether I have a single out. I ain't got to have a video out. ... When you hear my name and an album, it's going to be the complete body of work. It's going to be above standard."

T.I. said he sets himself apart from most of the current "it" rappers because of his success as an entrepreneur. He's in the Starz drama series "Boss" and the upcoming comedy "Identity Theft" alongside Jason Bateman and Melissa McCarthy; he's got his own Vh1 reality show "T.I. & Tiny: The Family Hustle"; he has the clothing line Akoo; and this week he released his second novel with author David Ritz called "Trouble & Triumph: A Novel of Power & Beauty."

"There's a difference between being hot for the moment, and being huge," he said. "Whether I'm hot or not, I'm still huge in a lot of different areas. ... It's certain things I'll do that (other rappers) will never be able to do. I'm aware of that, and I believe they are, too. It's just sometimes people get caught up with what's hot."

T.I. might have made strides outside of rap, but the 31-year-old said he is still passionate about recording music. His eighth album, "Trouble Man," will "tentatively" be out in December. His new single, "Ball," features Lil Wayne.

"I have to give them the new me," he said. "I just have to show that I remember the methods, the practices of the old me. It's like a guy who you know that has lived a certain lifestyle and you know he's validated to speak on it."



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Partisan Dems, GOP can only agree defense cuts bad

DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON The only thing a bitterly partisan Congress can agree on as it heads for the exits is that looming defense cuts will have a devastating effect on the military.

No resolution emerged Thursday to avert $55 billion in cuts to a defense budget of roughly $600 billion, beginning Jan. 2. A House Armed Services hearing with the Pentagon comptroller and the services' vice chiefs devolved into finger-pointing between Republicans and Democrats.

Republicans blamed President Barack Obama and the Democratic-controlled Senate. Democrats argued that the GOP must be willing to consider tax increases.

Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, summed up the frustration as one of the least productive and least popular Congresses in history breaks for the Nov. 6 election and an eight-week recess with a long list of work undone.

"Even though I didn't vote for this idiotic, stupid law, I accept responsibility as part of the Congress, and I think it's up to us to find the solution. However we do that, we better do it fast," he said.

As it turns out, the blunt-talking Reyes is one of 11 lawmakers who lost in a primary and will be leaving Congress.

The Republican-led committee dragged comptroller Robert Hale and the military leaders to Capitol Hill to describe the impact of the automatic, across-the-board cuts, which will occur if Congress fails to come up with a deficit-cutting plan that Obama can sign into law.

The $110 billion reductions to defense and domestic programs, combined with the expiration of Bush-era tax cuts at the end of the year, have been called the "fiscal cliff." Budget analysts warn that the combination could send the economy back into a recession.

The across-the-board cuts were devised as part of last summer's budget and debt deal between Obama and congressional Republicans. They were intended to drive a budget supercommittee — evenly divided between Democrats and Republicans — to strike a compromise. But the panel deadlocked, and only recriminations have emerged.

Hale echoed previous testimony from administration officials about the specific impact — less training for warfighters heading to Afghanistan, fewer ships and aircraft and possible furloughs for the military's civilian employees.

"We would have fewer options to respond quickly to emerging crises," Hale warned. "Inevitably, this will require changes to the national security strategy that was put into effect last January and which we think remains the right one for the times."

And if the law changes in some way to ease the cuts? Hale dismissed that idea.

"We need to avoid this thing, not try to make it better. I'd like to offer you an analogy. If you're driving into a brick wall at 60 miles an hour, let's find a way to avoid the wall, not figure out a way to pick up the pieces after we hit it," the comptroller said.

The panel's chairman, Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., painted an even more dire picture.

"As far as I'm concerned, the Defense Department shuts down January 2," he said.

The expectation in Washington is that the election will break the logjam, and Congress and the administration will work out a solution in a jam-packed lame-duck session. The remarks from Republicans and Democrats suggest they have miles to go toward reaching any agreement.

Republicans who voted for the law implementing the cuts argued that the across-the-board reductions were Obama's idea. Several GOP members accused the president of being AWOL in the midst of a crisis.

"It's time for him to lead, follow or get the hell out of the way of this country," said Rep. Austin Scott, R-Ga.

The panel's top Democrat, Rep. Adam Smith of Washington state, said lawmakers need to be realistic about what must be done.

"Stop pretending that we can bang the table about how awful the deficit is and then shy away from any of the steps necessary to cut spending or raise revenue to deal with it," Smith said. "That's the fundamental denial that we have to deal with to prevent this problem from becoming very, very great come January."

Several Republicans and Democrats said it was a mistake for Congress to leave Washington without resolving an issue that the military leaders had made clear is undermining morale and would undercut national security.

And yet lawmakers are expected to head home by week's end.

"I think it's an interesting contradiction that this hearing has set forth chapter and verse about the urgency of this problem, and the response of this institution is to leave town for six weeks," said Rep. Rob Andrews, D-N.J.

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Obama's record in Muslim world includes strides, setbacks

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON Images of angry mobs in Arab cities burning American flags and attacking U.S. diplomatic posts suggest the Muslim world is no less enraged at the United States than when President George W. Bush had to duck shoes hurled at him in Baghdad.

But more than three years after President Barack Obama declared in Cairo that he would seek "a new beginning" in U.S.-Muslim relations, a closer look reveals strides as well as setbacks.

One U.S.-led war is over and another is receding, although there are questions about whether America has made lasting gains in Afghanistan. The Arab Spring revolution, a spontaneous combustion that happened independent of Western influence, has given people new power and hope as well as democratic elections the U.S. supports.

But peace between Israel and the Palestinians is nowhere in sight, Iran is seen as a menace and broad mistrust with America is still deep and explosive across much of the Muslim world.

As nations across North Africa and the Middle East move chaotically toward democracy, they and Washington have settled into a wary, redefined relationship. Obama is not ready to call Mohammad Morsi, the popularly elected Egyptian president, an ally, and the democratically elected Iraqi president, Nouri al-Maliki, has dismissed U.S. demands that he stop Iran from using Iraqi airspace to fly weapons to Syria for use against anti-government rebels.

Such is the complicated progress report that Obama carries toward the United Nations General Assembly next week, his final moment on a world stage before the U.S. election on Nov. 6. For that election, Pew Research Center polling shows Obama has a clear edge over Republican Mitt Romney in handling foreign policy in general and problems in the Middle East specifically.

Across the world his standing remains markedly lower in predominantly Muslim nations. However, Leila Hilal, a Mideast expert at the New America Foundation, said Obama may have made more progress toward improving relations than critics say.

"Obama inherited a very damaged U.S. credibility in the region," she said, and so it would be unrealistic to think that his "new beginning" would take hold fast.

"There's only so much one president can do, given the history" of perceived insults by the U.S., she said. Those range all the way from the American invasion of Iraq to, more recently, the privately made anti-Islam video that ridicules the prophet Muhammad and triggered major protests across the Muslim world.

The question of the Obama administration's relationship with that Muslim world came under new election-year scrutiny when four Americans, including Ambassador Chris Stevens, were killed in a Sept. 11 attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, Libya.

Obama found himself eulogizing the dead, pledging that the work of U.S. diplomacy would go on undaunted — and prodding his Muslim partners to accept responsibilities.

"As they emerge into new forms of government, part of what they're going to have to do is to recognize that democracy is not just casting a ballot," Obama said this week. "It's respecting freedom of speech and tolerating people with different points of view."

Obama's critics say he misunderstands the nature of the threat to moderation in the Mideast. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said the White House is demonstrating this by overstating the role of the anti-Islam video in igniting the violence that killed Stevens in Benghazi.

"It has nothing to do with videos. It has everything to do with Islamists trying to hijack these revolutions in places like Libya," McCain, Obama's 2008 challenger, said Wednesday. "And it shows the abysmal ignorance of this administration of what's really going on in the Middle East."

Abdeslam Maghraoui, the director of undergraduate studies in Duke University's political science department, says the

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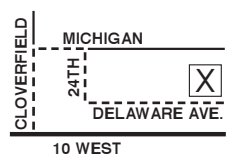
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City of Santa Monica

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Bids shall be delivered to the City of Santa Monica, Office of the City Clerk, Room 102, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California, 90401, not later than 2:00 p.m. on **October 1, 2012**, to be publicly opened and read aloud after **2:30 p.m.** on said date in City Hall Council Chambers. Each Bid shall be in accordance with the Request for Bids.

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

OBAMA
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protests that have erupted in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Yemen and in other Arab countries had more to do with local conditions than with U.S. policies. "The current anti-American backlash in the region is the byproduct of genuine misunderstanding, real ignorance and political jockeying among Islamic groups," he said.

Obama warned from the start that it would be a long slog.

In his Cairo speech on June 4, 2009, Obama noted that it was a "time of tension" between the U.S. and Muslims around the world — "tension rooted in historical forces that go beyond any current policy debate."

At the time, Egyptians had not yet ousted their authoritarian leader, Hosni Mubarak, a decades-long U.S. ally, and popular rebellions had not yet sprung up across the region.

"I have come here to seek a new beginning between the United States and Muslims around the world, one based upon mutual interest and mutual respect," Obama declared.

Assessing such an enormous promise is hard to quantify.

"It's vital to keep in mind that how Obama is perceived by the average person in Egypt or Iraq or Pakistan is not going to be the same as the way he's perceived by the diplomats or the opposition party," said Kecia Ali, an Islamic studies expert at Boston University. "To assume that there is a Muslim world view or a Middle Eastern view or even an Egyptian view of Obama makes no sense at all. There's not even an American view of Obama."

Then how about actions and results?

He has been unable to gather an agreed international response to Syria, where an Arab Spring revolt has devolved into a civil war that has killed 23,000 people, and the U.S. is unwilling to go it alone there. Without lethal aid from the West, the Syrian rebels have begun to accept arms and other assistance from more extreme factions, possibly including terror groups. That leaves open the possibility that if the rebels succeed in ousting President Bashar Assad, the country could be run by factions sympathetic to extremists.

On other big issues that help define U.S.-Muslim relations — Iran, the stalled Israeli-Palestinian peace talks and the Arab Spring — the president has seen a combination of setback, stalemate and frustration.

Iran stands out as perhaps the most clear-cut failure. Early in his presidency Obama offered an open hand to Iran's leaders, hoping to negotiate limits on their nuclear program. He said in June 2009 that the nuclear standoff had reached a "decisive point," and that what was at stake was preventing a nuclear arms race in the Mideast.

But the Iranians gave him the cold shoulder, and after a series of inconclusive attempts at negotiations, they are thought to be progressing toward a nuclear weapons capability. As he nears the end of his term, Obama has little to show for his Iranian outreach beyond a strengthening of international sanctions and a chilled relationship with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The Israeli has complained publicly about U.S. inaction and has given Romney a warm welcome in his country.

Obama did, as promised, reduce the U.S. military's presence in Muslim countries by removing all troops from Iraq and beginning to wind down the war in Afghanistan. But relations with Pakistan are arguably worse.

Obama priorities have been not just to mend relations with the broader Muslim world but also to sharpen the focus of U.S. policy toward defeating al-Qaida through the use of less blunt instruments of military power. And in joining NATO allies and the Arab League to get rid of Libyan strongman Moammar Gadhafi, Obama succeeded without committing U.S. ground troops. But there are limits to the power of a U.S. president to shape relations with Muslim nations, even longstanding allies.

Steven A. Cook, a Mideast expert at the Council on Foreign Relations, says Washington has long tended to make political demands of Egypt and other Arab countries that they cannot reasonably be expected to meet.

"Americans consistently fail to recognize," he recently wrote, "that Arabs have their own politics and have the ability to calculate their own interests independently of what Washington demands."

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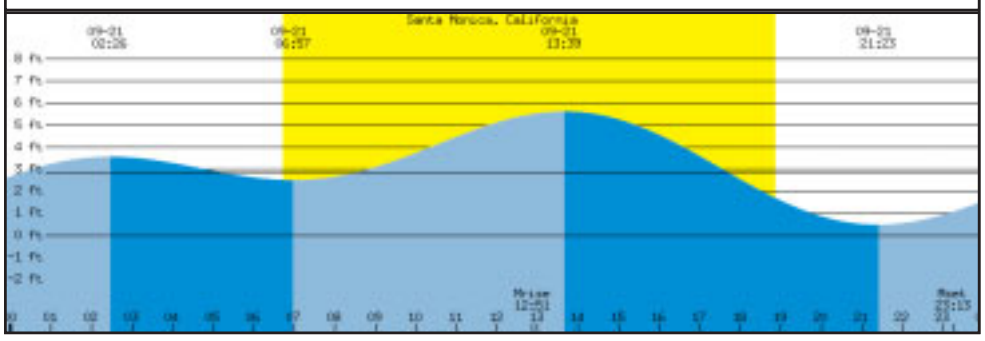
Swell Forecast

Should be chest high at south facing breaks, knee high at west facing spots.

Long Range Synopsis

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills — 0
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- Number of wet days — 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 34 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0 / 10

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Cabrillo Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	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 CIWW 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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NFL

Replacement officials affecting Vegas bets

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Las Vegas casinos think this weekend's NFL games will be the highest-scoring ever thanks to the league's replacement officials.

Oddsmakers say casinos are changing their expectations as interim referees add new variables to the game, changing its pace and the approaches taken by players and coaches.

Casinos haven't fully changed lines yet because there have been only two weeks of games and referees might adjust how they call games based on weekly feedback from the league. But oddsmaker Mike Colbert of Cantor Gaming says home teams will deserve an extra half-point in their favor if games are called all year the way they were officiated in Week 2.

"It's starting to concern us a bit," Colbert said. "(Officials) should have no influence on the total or the side."

Penalties were skewed in favor of home teams during the first two weeks this year, with visitors getting 55.1 percent of 419 penalties. Last year began in a similar fashion— visitors took 54.8 percent of 407 total penalties through the first two games — before evening out over the rest of the season. Penalties were relatively even between home and road teams for all of 2010 and 2011, and it's anybody's guess how this year's penalties will split.

Sports books make money by encouraging balanced betting action; they get it by using point spreads to account for the advantage one team has over another. In Week 2, home teams went 11-4-1 after going 8-8 in Week 1.

Future lines with interim officials will take a lot of guesswork, said Colbert, whose company runs sports books in six Las Vegas casinos and provides betting lines for the vast majority of Nevada sports books.

"You've got to use prior experience — I don't know if anyone has prior experience with something like this," he said.

City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT: Interim Ordinance to Place a Moratorium on the Approval of Any Land Use Entitlements or Business Licenses for Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

An Interim Ordinance that would place a moratorium on the approval of any land use entitlements or business licenses for medical marijuana dispensaries until such time as their legal status is clarified and appropriate regulations to control their location and operation can be enacted.

DATE/TIME: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2012 AT 6:45 p.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Santa Monica City Hall
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to:
City Clerk
Re: Medical Marijuana Interim Ordinance
1685 Main Street, Room 102
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MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Paul Foley at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at paul.foley@smgov.net. The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at www.santa-monica.org.

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica "Big Blue" Bus Lines #2, #3, Rapid 3, #7 and #9 service the City Hall and Civic Center.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

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Amelie (R) 2hrs
Assassin(s) (NR) 2hrs 8min
7:30pm
Discussion between films with actor Mathieu Kassovitz.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
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Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
4:50pm, 10:05pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
11:45am, 2:00pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 7:30pm

Lawless (R) 1hr 55min
11:55am, 2:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Words (PG-13) 1hr 36min
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, 7:20pm, 10:25pm

Dredd (R) 1hr 36min
11:10am, 5:10pm, 10:20pm

Dredd 3D (R) 1hr 36min
2:30pm, 7:50pm

Finding Nemo 3D (G) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (R) 1hr 35min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Trouble with the Curve (PG-13) 1hr 51min
11:15am, 11:55am, 1:35pm, 2:15pm, 4:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 7:45pm, 9:45pm, 10:30pm

End of Watch (R) 1hr 49min
11:35am, 2:25pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

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

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

Inbetweeners (R) 1hr 36min
5:35pm, 9:55pm

Royal Opera House's: Tosca Encore (NR)
7:30pm

5 Broken Cameras (NR) 1hr 30min
1:10pm, 3:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Arbitrage (R) 1hr 40min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Planet of Snail (NR) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:25pm, 7:40pm

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

Possession (R) 1hr 31min
11:50am, 2:20pm, 4:55pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

House at the End of the Street (PG-13) 1hr 41min
11:45am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:20pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:40am, 5:00pm, 10:15pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
12:45pm, 4:35pm, 8:25pm

Resident Evil: Retribution (R) 1hr 35min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:25pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:25pm, 7:40pm

10 Years (PG-13) 1hr 40min
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Head home early, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Let your imagination lead the way. Be ready to take off at the drop of a hat. Others tap into your ideas and use you as a resource. You might want to break free, and perhaps you'll do just that. Tonight: Go for something unique.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You deal with others directly, particularly a key person in your life. You could enhance a financial option through a discussion. A family member lets you know how much you mean to him or her. Tonight: Make it cozy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Realize where you are heading and defer to someone else. You understand that not everything is one way or the other. This realization helps you to loosen up your relationships with some potentially difficult people. Tonight: Play away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are one of the few people whose focus is less on getting into the weekend and more on completing errands and/or a project. For those of you who are working Moon Children, you will want to clear out your desk. Tonight: Only what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Allow more creativity to come forward. Through a meeting, you'll see many possibilities. Opportunities arise from this group of peers, especially through one person who is unusually upbeat. You emanate compassion and concern. How can anyone resist you? Tonight: Start the weekend right.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Center yourself, and you will open the door to many more opportunities. Someone in your personal life -- or someone who wants to become a part of it -- shares some deeper feelings. A friend you look up to also gives you positive feedback. Tonight: Head home early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ How you say what you think has much to do with the manner in which the words are received. You, more than most other signs, understand the art of diplomacy and the need to use it in a difficult situation. Tonight: To your favorite haunt.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to reconsider an option that could encourage less stress. In order for that to happen, you'll need to trust a partner or close friend. A boss likes what he or she sees. You likely will see the benefits soon enough. Tonight: Allow someone to treat you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are nearly unstoppable. A few associates also could have a similar amount of energy pushing them forward. Others seem ready to jump in and make what you need happen. Tonight: Whatever you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Something is going on behind the scenes. Rather than snoop around, as others might expect you to do, just go about your business as usual. You will reverse the trend and make others wonder what is going on. Tonight: Not everyone needs to know what you're thinking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Meetings charge you with enough energy to complete a project, but a call from a friend also encourages you to take a bold step. You are the sign of friendship, and you're only too pleased to go along with this person's suggestion. Tonight: Where people can be found.

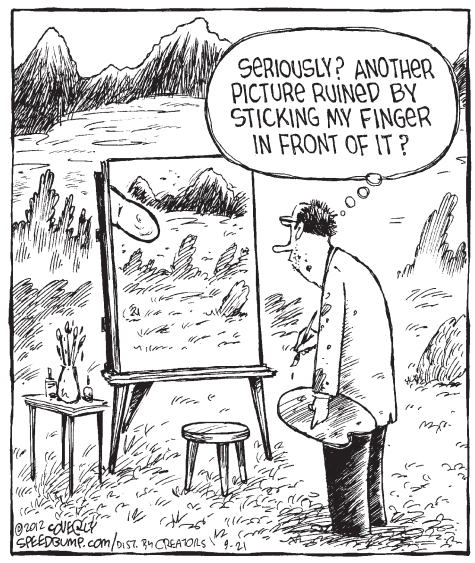
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to take that extra step toward helping a special person in your life. This person will be very grateful, even if he or she does not express the gratitude you might like. Remember, everyone has a different style. Tonight: You are the lead actor.

Happy birthday

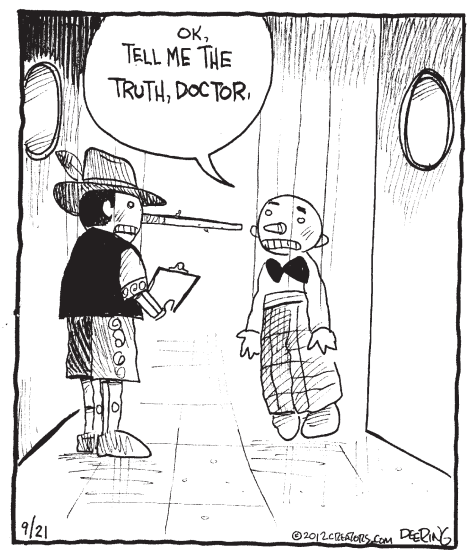
This year you focus on your domestic and personal life, though all aspects are important. Excitement comes in from a close friend or loved one who is a walking jack-in-the-box; you never know what will happen next. Hopefully, you can deal with a little stress. Others would like you to be more active, and they will not hesitate to let you know. If you are single, you will gain a sidekick. Whether you let more than that develop is your call. If you are attached, the two of you need to loosen up more and enjoy the moment. SAGITTARIUS loves to romp with you.

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

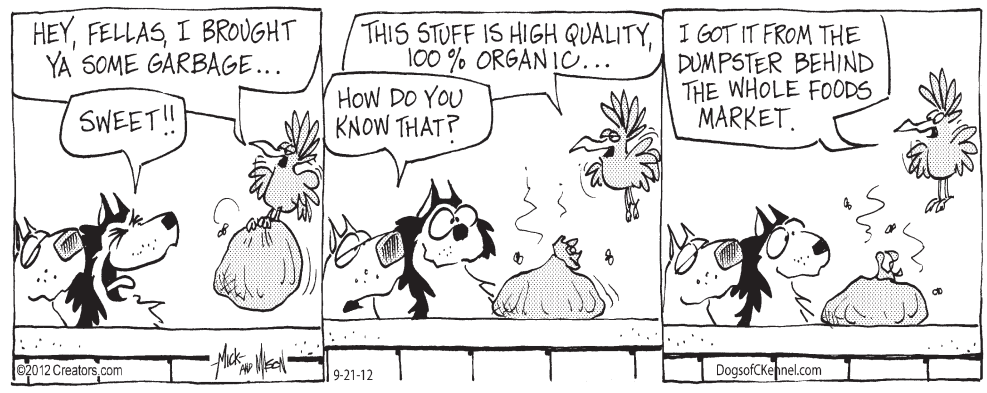
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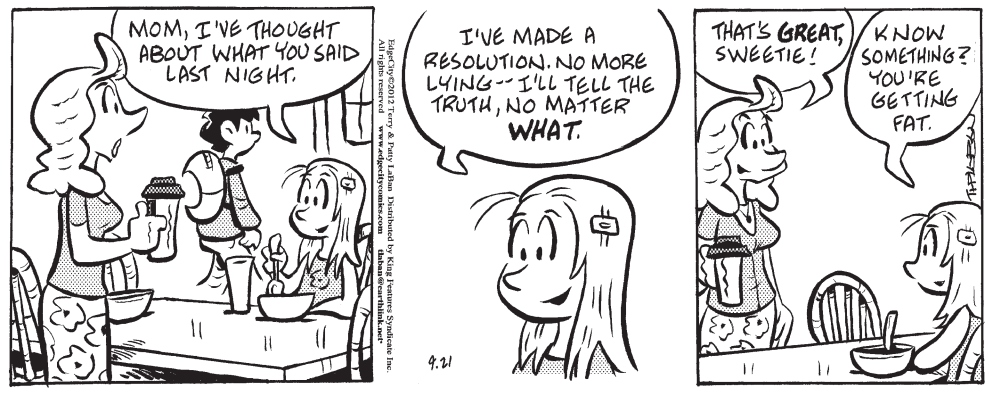
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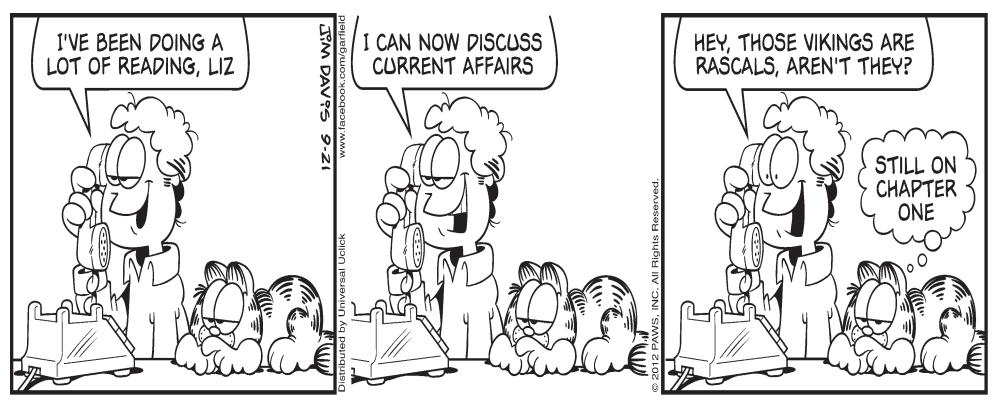
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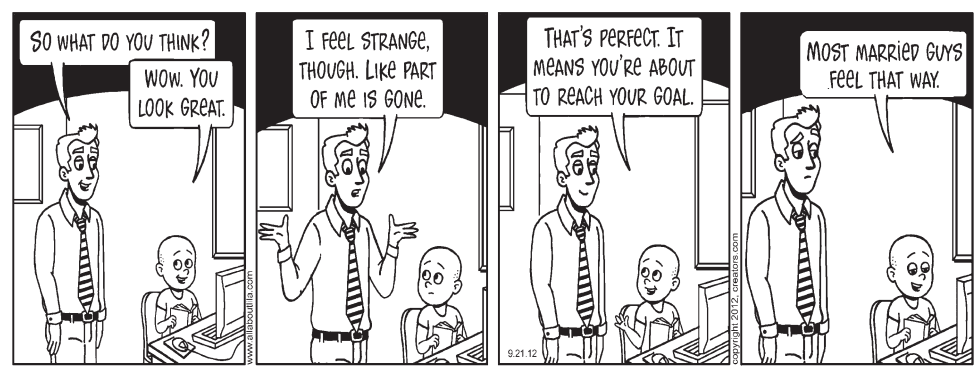
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Sudoku

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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Beetle larvae
6 Earth's outside
11 Freshen
12 Antisocial sort
13 Like lambs
14 "Swan Lake" character
15 Comedian
16 Mag. workers
18 Kayo count
19 Employ
20 Souvenir shop buy
21 Conclusion
22 Piano parts
24 June 6, 1944
25 Superman's home
27 Dismounted
29 Players' place
32 Lion's home
33 Conk out
34 Bus. card abbr.
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38 Opened, as a fastener
40 Lake swimmer
42 Mall business
43 Gold unit
44 Volumes
45 High homes

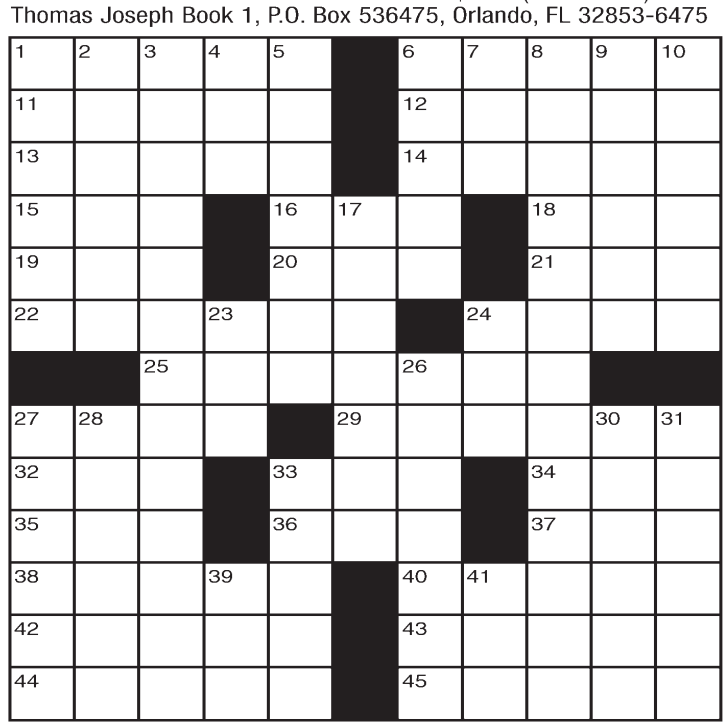
DOWN

1 "Don't be a baby!"
2 Modify
3 Wales is part of it
4 Writer Jonson
5 What "dolce" means in music
6 Nearby
7 Gangster's gun
8 New York-based organization
9 Tejano singing star
10 Chic
17 Lose hope
23 Trickery
24 Clinic nickname
26 New Jersey capital
27 Modify
28 Crude shed
30 Subtract
31 Brightens
33 Ranch guests
39 Hot blood
41 Deplore

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5 11 28 34 39
Meganumber: 15
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Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 9/19
1 2 7 19 21

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 9/20
MIDDAY: 9 8 0
EVENING: 7 3 6

SANTA ANITA PARK
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3rd: 05 California Classic
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Not Into Politics:** Lowell Turpin, 40, was arrested in Anderson County, Tenn., in July after he became jealously enraged at a stranger's photo on his live-in girlfriend's Facebook page and, demanding to know who the man is, allegedly punched her in the face and smashed her computer. According to the police report, it was a campaign photo of Mitt Romney.

■ **People Who Are a Mess:** (1) St. Paul, Minn., police arrested Brian Wutschke, 45, in August after a female pedestrian said she saw him stop his truck beside her and perform oral sex on a dildo. Officers who patted Wutschke down at the scene noted a "vibrating sex toy" that Wutschke had inserted in a bodily orifice but declined to disturb it while it was still running. Wutschke was cited for indecent conduct. (2) Lab technician Coley Mitchell was arrested in a locker room at Georgia Health Sciences University in Augusta in August, intoxicated, with his pants down with two lab monkeys nearby that had been released from their cages.

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1934 - A large typhoon hits western Honsh✣, Japan, killing 3,036 people.

1937 - J. R. R. Tolkien's The Hobbit is published.

1938 - The Great Hurricane of 1938 makes landfall on Long Island in New York. The death toll is estimated at 500-700 people.

1939 - Romanian Prime Minister Armand Calinescu is assassinated by ultra-nationalist members of the Iron Guard.

1942 - On the Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, Nazis send over 1,000 Jews of Pidhaytsi (west Ukraine) to Belzec extermination camp.

1942 - In Dunaivtsi, Ukraine, Nazis murder 2,588 Jews.

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