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THE RESOLUTION ISSUE

Hardcore gang member convicted in Lopez, Martin murders

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A hardcore gang member was found guilty of the 2006 murders of a popular Santa Monica High School student and a man who was gunned down at Virginia Avenue Park, police said Thursday night.

Jose Zapien, 25, was also convicted of the attempted murders of 12 other people in 2004 and 2006, Santa Monica Police Sgt. Jay Moroso said in a news release.

Prosecutors said Zapien fatally shot Eduardo "Eddie" Lopez, 15, in February 2006 as he walked with friends near the corner of Pico Boulevard and 26th Street.

Lopez was a popular student and promising outfielder on the school baseball team, according to those who knew him. Shortly after the murder, hundreds packed St. Monica Catholic Church to say good-bye to Lopez and thousands marched near Samohi with the boy's family to call for peace and unity in the Pico Neighborhood, which has been troubled by gang violence.

Friends said Lopez' dream was to get a

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Retailers take on Silicon Valley

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Software engineers wearing jeans and flip flops test the latest smartphone apps. Walls and windows double as whiteboards where ideas are jotted down. And a mini basketball net is in the center of it all.

At first glance, this workplace resembles any Silicon Valley startup. There's just one exception: Target's trademark red bulls-eye at the entrance.

Target, Kohl's and home-shopping network QVC are among a half dozen retailers opening technology test labs in the San Francisco area to do things like improve their websites and create mobile shopping apps. They're setting up shop in modern spaces and competing for top Silicon Valley talent to replicate the creativity, culture and nimbleness of online startups.

The goal is to stay on top of tech trends and better compete with online rivals like Amazon.com that attract shoppers with convenient ordering and cheap prices. The labs are a shift for retailers, which like many older industries, have been slow to adapt to rapidly changing technology. But retailers say the labs are essential to satisfy shoppers who more often are buying on their PCs, tablets and smartphones.

"Consumers expect immediate gratification," says Lori Schafer, executive adviser at SAS Institute, which creates software for retailers. As a result, she says retailers need to develop technology in weeks, instead of months or years.

Retailers are playing catch-up after several years of watching shoppers gradually move from physical stores to the Web.

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WHAT A HAUL Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Dentists Jessie Schwarz (left) and Ellen Stone sort through 150 pounds of candy at Santa Monica Dentistry for Children on Thursday. The pair held a Halloween candy buy-back to promote healthy teeth with the intent of sending the sweets to soldiers stationed overseas through the nonprofit Operation Gratitude.

Fate of sculpture 'Chain Reaction' remains unclear

Landmarks Commission risks disqualification with letter to council

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN After a strained discussion with city officials about the state of "Chain Reaction," the Landmark Commission agreed to send a letter to the City Council expressing concern about the sculpture's deterioration

In writing the letter, commissioners run the risk of disqualification from future hearings about the city landmark, said Heidi von Tongeln, city attorney. The commission is a regulatory body, she said, and therefore cannot advocate for a specific landmark.

"I'm going to be really honest with you," Commissioner Leslie Lambert responded. "I am getting increasingly pessimistic about the ability of this commission to do anything with this landmark. I feel our hands have been bound. We can't really express anything about the future of the landmark."

"Chain Reaction," created by the late Pulitzer Prize-winning political cartoonist Paul Conrad in 1991, is owned by City Hall. Building Officer Ron Takiguchi maintains that the structure is unsafe, but a report from respected City Hall consultant Mel Green states that it is "not an imminent hazard nor should it be considered dangerous."

The cost to restore the project is currently unknown with totals ranging from

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013

A day of ideas
Santa Monica High School
601 Pico Blvd., 12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
The theme for TEDxYouth@SantaMonica, 2013 is, "YOU." Participants are inspired to discover what is unique about them, express it, and share it with the world. There will also be interactive activities, food trucks and music. Admission: Free for high school students and $45 for adults. For more information, contact Yolanda Quiroz Soto at (310)998-7598 or visit tedxyouthsantamonica.com.

Another side of science
Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m.
The Consoling Universe with K.C. Cole focuses on the consoling aspects of science. Learn how science includes making mistakes, cooperating with others, and dealing with uncertainty. For more information, call (310) 458-8600 or visit smpl.org.

Comedic campaign
Magicopolis
1418 Fourth St., 4 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.
Seven comedians will perform at a benefit fundraiser for Peace & Freedom Party candidate for governor Cindy Sheehan. Admission: $20 (general) and $50 (avid supporter reserved seating). For more information, call (323) 960-5036 or visit cindy2014.org.

Beautiful music
McCabe's Guitar Shop
3101 Pico Blvd., 8 p.m.
Susie Glaze & The HiLonesome Band return to perform music from their recently released record, "White Swan." Admission: $15. For more information, call (310) 828-4497 or visit mccabes.com.

Sunday, Nov. 17, 2013

Walk for the kids
Crescent Bay Park
2000 Ocean Ave., 8 a.m.
CRY Walk for Child Rights is an opportunity for individuals to participate in the child rights movement that enables lasting change in the lives of children. Admission: Adults ($20), couples ($35) and team of 10-plus ($12 each). For more information, visit america.cry.org/cryevents/walk/.

Putting the foot on Smith-Magenis
Clover Park
2600 Ocean Park Blvd., 9 a.m.
The Third Annual Los Angeles 5K Walk for Smith-Magenis Syndrome will raise money for research to solve the complex challenges of SMS. Donations can be made on the SMS website. For more information, call (310) 458-8310 or visit smsresearchfoundation.org.

Mayoral tribute
City Hall
1685 Main St.,11 a.m.
City officials invite all of the Santa Monica community to celebrate the legacy of the late Mayor Ken Genser. Admission: Free. For more information, call (310) 458-8310.

The many portrayals of disabilities
Santa Monica Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 1:30 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Disabilities Commission for a special screening of "Cinemability," a movie directed by Jennie Gold that looks at how Hollywood portrays those with disabilities. Admission: Free. For more information, call (310) 458-8701 or visit www.smgov.net/portals/accessiblesm/.

House of veterans
Santa Monica History Museum
1350 Seventh St., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Historian Ricardo Bandini-Johnson will present a lecture on the history of the Veterans' Administration in Sawtelle, formerly known as The Old Soldier's Home. Admission: Free. For more information, call (323) 632-2100.

Who is Dr. Who?
Ye Old Kings Head
116 Santa Monica Blvd., 6 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
King Trivia presents 2 1/2 hours of "Dr. Who" themed trivia in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the show. Admission: $5. For more information, call (818) 808-0008 or visit kingtrivia.com.

Wonderful music
Moss Theater at New Roads School
3131 Centinela Ave., 7 p.m.
Musical Theatre Guild's 18th season opens with Wonderful Town: Music by Leonard Bernstein, lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green. Admission: $45. For more information, call (818) 848-6844 or visit musicaltheatreguild.com.

Fun fundraiser
Santa Monica Alternative School House (SMASH)
1418 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
SMASH dad Jake Johannsen has put together a talented group of comedians and magicians for a night of laughs to help raise funds for the school. Admission: $40 and for ages 21 and older. For more information, visit www.smashcomedynight.eventbrite.com.

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Questions linger for families of Bulger's victims

BY DENISE LAVOIE
AP Legal Affairs Writer

BOSTON As former Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger was led out of a courtroom to begin serving a life sentence for his murderous reign in the 1970s and '80s, questions remained for the families of some of his victims.

Why did federal prosecutors give such generous plea deals to Bulger's cohorts? And did Bulger ever offer to plead guilty, a step that would have avoided the two-month trial?

Relatives of people who were killed by Bulger or his henchmen vented their anger Wednesday during the first part of Bulger's sentencing hearing, calling him a "terrorist," a "punk" and "Satan." But after Bulger was formally sentenced Thursday, some of them also said they thought federal prosecutors should have been able to convict Bulger without giving lenient deals to his partners in crime.

Sandra Patient, whose uncle, Arthur "Bucky" Barrett, was shot in the head by Bulger, called it "ludicrous" that ex-hit man John Martorano and former Bulger protege Kevin Weeks are walking the streets, despite committing horrendous crimes. Both testified against Bulger and provided key evidence.

Martorano, who admitted killing 20 people, spent 12 years behind bars, while Weeks, who admitted aiding in five murders, served five years.

"I don't think there will ever be justice," Patient said.

Federal prosecutors defended their handling of the case and said they feel gratified that they put Bulger and his partner, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, behind bars for life. Flemmi also testified against Bulger.

At the time prosecutors made a deal with Martorano, he was facing six or seven years on money-laundering charges. He agreed to cooperate with prosecutors and testify against Bulger, and admitted committing 20 murders.

"By pleading guilty, he doubled his time in prison," Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian

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NOT SO FAST

Paul Alvarez Jr. *editor@smdp.com*

Pacifica Christian's Shanon Volpis blocks a ball hit by Milken's Leora Wenger Thursday night at Brentwood High School. Pacifica would go on to win the playoff game in three straight sets: 25-18, 25-15 and 25-18. The team takes on Nordhoff High School Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. in Ojai, Calif.

SM Conservancy trying to buy 400 acres in west Malibu

BY MELISSA CASKEY
Special to the Daily Press

SM MOUNTAINS After moving one step closer to obtaining 532-acre Charmlee Wilderness Park in the city of Malibu this week, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority are also in the process of acquiring 416 acres of land in nearby Decker Canyon.

The conservancy board of directors voted last week to approve the use of $25,000 in mitigation funds to attempt to acquire the land.

The potential acquisition is directly west of Decker Canyon Road and runs north from Pacific Coast Highway up to Decker Canyon Camp. A map of the area shows the acreage is currently owned by Malibu Real Estate Holdings, Inc.

"The Coastal Slope Trail crosses through five of the eight subject parcels. The dominant vegetation type is chaparral with extensive riparian vegetation included in a

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Welcome to fantasy land

Editor:

In the magical realm where Santa Monica staff and City Council members reside, 3 million more square feet of office and residential space in a crowded city of 8 square miles will not add one extra car trip, strain municipal services or disrupt any neighborhoods. All the city's happy residents and newcomers will shun cars and bike to work, shops, school and entertainment venues. There will be no extra pollution from wall-to-wall vehicular traffic because their "studies" show there will be no impact.

In the real world, residents have repeatedly (and fruitlessly) complained to the City Council about the unsightly overbuilding already happening and planned for the future.

Apparently the members' ears are tuned to hear only arguments from developers, but not the voices of residents. When all the dense, high-rise ugly buildings are finished and block the sun and air that made this beach town special, we'll have a mini-Manhattan, complete with the residential slums of tomorrow.

Harriet P. Epstein
Santa Monica

Hating the Hitler reference

Editor:

I am writing to express how disappointed I am in the Daily Press that it printed the letter by Paul Bergman ("Checking the record," Letter to the Editor, Nov. 10) in which he speculated that Hitler would be Jon Coupal's hero if he voted for reduced taxes for the wealthy. It is outrageous to accuse someone you disagree with to be a supporter of one of the greatest mass murderers in history and it was irresponsible for the Daily Press to give such an accusation mass airing.

Is a supporter of liberal causes a fan of Mao or Stalin (both of whom exceeded Hitler in their slaughters of their own populations)? Of course not, and it cheapens serious discussions of real issues to make such comparisons or to lend them credence by publishing them.

Daniel Bleiberg
Santa Monica

Explain yourselves

Editor:

The Daily Press article "Residents, City Hall propose corrections to planning document," Nov. 13, raises some very serious issues. Somebody, somewhere made the decision to designate residential A-lots as commercial property on the Land Use & Circulation Element maps. Maps don't draw themselves. This "mistake" is worth millions to the owners of those lots.

In a city where many question whether or not council members have sold their souls to developers in exchange for campaign contributions, and citizens are concerned about a lack of transparency in the development process, it is not enough for the city manager to simply say, "Gee, we don't know how that happened." An investigation is required. An explanation is owed.

John Petz
Santa Monica





That Rutherford Guy

John W. Whitehead — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Who's to blame for Battlefield America?

IT'S HARD TO PINPOINT WHAT EXACTLY IS responsible for the growing spate of police shootings, brutality and overreach that have come to dominate the news lately, whether it's due to militarized police, the growing presence of military veterans in law enforcement, the fact that we are a society predisposed to warfare, indoctrinated through video games, reality TV shows, violent action movies and a series of endless wars that have, for younger generations, become life as they know it — or all of the above.

Whatever the reason, not a week goes by without more reports of hair-raising incidents by militarized police imbued with a take-no-prisoners attitude and a battlefield approach to the communities in which they serve.

The latest comes out of New Mexico, where cops pulled David Eckert over for allegedly failing to yield to a stop sign at a Wal-Mart parking lot. Suspecting that Eckert was carrying drugs because his "posture [was] erect" and "he kept his legs together," the officers forced Eckert to undergo an anal cavity search, three enemas, and a colonoscopy. No drugs were found.

In Iowa, police shot a teenager who had stolen his father's work truck in a fit of anger and led cops on a wild car chase that ended on a college campus. When 19-year-old Tyler Comstock refused orders to turn off the car despite having stopped, revving the engine instead, police officer Adam McPherson fired six shots into the truck, two of which hit Comstock. Members of the community are demanding to know why less lethal force was not used, especially after a police dispatcher suggested the officers call off the chase.

While some critics are keen to paint these officers as bad cops hyped up on the power of their badge, I don't subscribe to the bad cop theory. The problem is far more pervasive, arising as it does out of America's obsession with war and all things war-related, which is reflected in the fact that we spend more than 20 percent of the nation's budget on the military, not including what we spend on our endless wars abroad. The U.S. also makes up nearly 80 percent of the global arms exports market, rendering us both the world's largest manufacturer and consumer of war.

Then there's the nation's commitment to recycling America's instruments of war and putting them to work here at home, thanks largely to a U.S. Department of Defense program that provides billions of dollars worth of free weapons, armored vehicles, protective clothing and other military items to law enforcement agencies.

Keep in mind, once acquired, this military equipment, which is beyond the budget and scope of most communities, finds itself put to all manner of uses by local law enforcement agencies under the rationale that "if we have it, we might as well use it" — the same rationale used with deadly results to justify assigning SWAT teams to carry out routine law enforcement work such as delivering a warrant.

In addition to staffing police departments with ex-military personnel and equipping them with military gear, the government is also going to great lengths to train local police in military tactics. With such military training a.k.a. indoctrination in the works, it's little wonder that police officers increasingly look upon American citizens as enemy combatants.

Even those police officers who are not formally trained in military tactics are at a minimum being given greater access to more powerful firepower. In Boston, for example, the police department is preparing to train 99 of its patrol officers in how to use semiautomatic rifles, which would become standard fare in police cruisers.

Last, but not least, there's the overall glorification of war and violence that permeates every aspect of American society, from our foreign policy and news programs to our various modes of entertainment, including blockbuster Hollywood action movies and video games. Indeed, thanks to a collaboration between the Department of Defense and the entertainment industry, the American taxpayer is paying for what amounts to a propaganda campaign aimed at entrenching the power of the military in American society.

Nowhere is this indoctrination more evident than in the recent sci fi/action movie blockbuster hit "Ender's Game," in which a 10-year-old boy, seemingly training for war with battlefield simulations, is in fact waging war against enemy forces. Couple that with the recent release of "Battlefield 4," a first-person-shooter video game that allows users to wage war against the enemy using a phalanx of military weaponry and gear, and you have the military's core strategy for recruiting and training future soldiers, who will in turn eventually become civilian warriors, AKA, police officers, in the government's war on crime.

Incredibly, the relationship between the military and the video game industry (one aspect of the military-entertainment complex) goes back decades. "America's Army," the first military-developed video game, was released to the public for free in 2002. It has since "become a more effective recruiting tool than all other Army advertising combined." A main focus of the game's producers is to get it into the hands of young, impressionable people. As Marsha Berry, executive producer of the third game in the series put it, "We wanted kids to be able to start playing at 13. If they haven't thought about the Army by the time they get to 17, it's probably not something they'll do."

Taking recruitment one step further, Col. Casey Wardynski, the creator of "America's Army," now serves as superintendent for an Alabama school district with its own cyber-war curriculum, operated in partnership with the U.S. Army Cyber Command, which provides high school students with a fast-track to the army, complete with full-time mentoring by West Point. Indeed, the military's targeting of youth, down and out due to financial crisis and dwindling education budgets, has gotten more aggressive, with military personnel establishing curriculums in high schools in order to recruit students straight out of high school and into the army.

Getting back to the question of who's to blame for Battlefield America, as we are coming to know it, whether it's militarized police or a militarized culture, it's a little like the chicken and the egg debate. Whichever way you look at it, whichever one came first, the end product remains the same. Clearly, the American homeland is now ruled by a military empire. Everything our founding fathers warned against — a standing army that would see American citizens as combatants — is now the new norm. In other words, it looks like the police state is here to stay.

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The Q Line

Airing it out

City Hall recently sued the Federal Aviation Administration to determine who has control of Santa Monica Airport after 2015.

This past week, Q-line asked:
What would you like to see happen with Santa Monica Airport? Should it still be an aviation field or something else altogether?

Here are your responses:

"I BELIEVE IT SHOULD BE CLOSED TO ALL aviation and a beautiful park should be built there for everyone to enjoy ... and have it open to the people nearby, not just the pilots who seem to be able to do what they wish. I know your line will get a lot of comments from the pilots because they like to chime in, and I'd like to note that most of the pilots don't even live in the city. It's serving people that aren't living in the city. I'm also concerned about the security system at the airport and what kind of security checks are run there. It's open for anyone to just drive their car up to the airport and get into the plane. There could be drugs and money and things like that. I'd like the airport closed in any event. I'm so pleased that City Hall has filed suit against the FAA. It's long overdue."

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SANTA MONICA Airport closed, particularly with this most recent accident. In a very real sense, the people who allow this airport to stay open were directly responsible for the severity of that accident. Had it been a safe airport, there would have been runoff room for that plane. It would not have gone straight into the hangar, which wouldn't be there in a safe airport. It really brings home the fact that the airport needs to go and anything would be better in its place. It's noisy, polluting and highly dangerous to everyone."

"I'M OPPOSED TO MAINTAINING THE airport simply because I live very close to it and see the impact that it has upon the community. I find it to be reckless and irresponsible. I would very much like to see the airport become a park or a mixed-use space that could have sport facilities, perhaps even entertainment facilities, but mostly a park that benefits all of Santa Monica and the surrounding community versus the airport, which really just benefits a small special interest group."

"THE CLOSING OF SANTA MONICA Airport is long overdue. It has been a love canal in Santa Monica and Los Angeles for too long. The land needs to become a great park. Close Santa Monica Airport, we need this great park."

"I'VE LIVED HERE SINCE THE 1970S. First of all, the airport had giant signs that said "No jets," so the worst scenario will be to have prop planes, but the best scenario is to have a multi-purpose park for senior citizens, for artists, bike routes, tennis courts, you name it."

"PLEASE KEEP THE SANTA MONICA Airport as an airport. The people who live around the airport are nothing but cry babies. They want to cry now even though they bought their houses way after the airport was built. They knew the planes were going overhead, but now they want to be cry babies about it. They should get over it and grow up."

"WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A FEW single-engine planes for the purpose of rescue and emergencies, it's time to go from plane to park."

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"SANTA MONICA AIRPORT SHOULD BE completely shut down. Neighbors of the airport should not have their health and safety encroached on any more, and they should not feel like they are living in a combat zone. All for the benefit of the filthy rich. Enough is enough! If Santa Monica decides to keep it open, both the city and the airport should be renamed Satin Monica."

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE SANTA MONICA Airport decommissioned and turned into a park. As a Mar Vista resident, my voice doesn't have much weight in Santa Monica, but I am subject to the noise, fumes and pollution of the airport and would like to see it close. A great park would be fantastic!"

"I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SANTA Monica Airport closed. It would be great if it were converted to a park like New York's Central Park. I like the visions of the Airport2Park team. More bike riding paths would be great. It would be awesome if there was a pool like at SM College with both an adult lap pool and a kids pool, something that could possibly convert to a skate rink in the winter. A skateboard park would be nice to further the vision that was started with the kids playground, the dog park and sports fields that are already there."

"SMO SHOULD BE SHUT DOWN AND turned into a park."

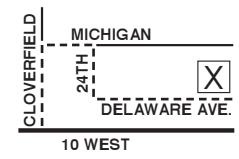
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"I believe this area should become a park with a small amount of truly affordable housing for seniors/disabled piggy-backed on buildings already present."

"SOMETHING ELSE ALTOGETHER! A park would be nice."

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The cost of turkey and trimmings? Mostly unchanged

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Here's another reason to be thankful this holiday season — the cost of putting Thanksgiving dinner on the table is down slightly from last year.

But don't bank on those savings for any big Black Friday splurges. The average Turkey Day dinner will cost $49.04, or just 44 cents less this year than it did in 2012. And while every penny counts, if you need to do any traveling to belly up to the big meal, increases in airline and train tickets mean that 44 cents won't get you very far.

The good news is that after some steep price hikes during the economic downturn about five years ago, food prices have remained mostly stable this year. It's a welcome change from 2011, when the cost of Thanksgiving dinner jumped $5.73, up from $43.47 in 2010, according to the annual informal survey of consumer grocery prices performed by the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The group estimates the cost by averaging non-sale food prices around the country based on feeding 10 people a meal of turkey, bread stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, carrots and celery, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee and milk. And yes, their estimates account for the need for those all-important leftovers.

The credit for this year's slight drop in price goes to stable commodity and fuel prices, both strong drivers of the prices consumers pay at the store, says Ricky Volpe, a research economist with the USDA's Economic Research Service. He says overall grocery prices are down about one-tenth of a percent since January.

One exception — poultry. Though the Farm Bureau didn't detect a price increase in turkey since last year (they actually found the price for a 16-pound bird down 47 cents), Volpe says consumers shouldn't be surprised if that component of the meal jumps as much as 5 percent over last year. Higher demand and feed prices are to blame.

However, you might save a bit of cash on gas when you head to the grocer to get your turkey. At the moment, drivers are paying about 25 cents less per gallon than they were a year ago, with a national average of $3.19, according to travel tracker AAA. And while the group hasn't issued a prediction for gas prices the week of Thanksgiving, they say that in recent years prices generally have dropped in the weeks leading up to the holiday.

Need another reason to drive? The average domestic airfare is up 9.5 percent from last Thanksgiving to $313, according to the Airlines Reporting Corp., which tracks tickets sold by online and by traditional travel agencies. Meanwhile, Amtrak prices in September (the most recent month for which data were available) were up more than 4 percent over a year ago.

Consumers won't be able to do much about the cost of travel, but there's always plenty of ways to spend less — and a lot more — on food.

The Farm Bureau estimate budgets $2.18 for a dozen brown-and-serve dinner rolls. But if you're willing break out a recipe and bake your own, a home cook could cut almost a dollar off that price. On the flip side, if you'd prefer to leave the cooking to others and purchase a ready-to-eat meal from a grocer, expect to pay a premium for the convenience, maybe $75 or more.

Likewise, if your tastes lean to the organic or heirloom end of the food spectrum, you won't find turkey for $1.36 a pound as the Farm Bureau did. Budgeting two or three times that is a safer bet.

And since it's impossible to escape holiday creep, we might as well break the bad news about your Christmas roast. Beef prices are at or near record highs this year, so you can expect to pay as much as 2.5 percent more than last year for that succulent rib roast you've been waiting all year for.

Turn to bourbon for easy, warming holiday cocktail

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

My definition of the ideal summer cocktail? Easy to make, refreshing to drink. Come the winter holidays, I make only one change: Easy to make, comforting to drink.

Because while I'm looking for bright and fruity in the heat of summer, at Thanksgiving and Christmas and the onslaught of holiday gatherings in between, I want whatever is in my cup to

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Bourbon orchard
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1
Ice
2 ounces bourbon
4 ounces apple cider
1 teaspoon agave nectar
In an ice-filled cocktail shaker, combine all ingredients. Shake well for 30 seconds, then strain into a tumbler.

Rooted and brewed
Start to finish: 5 minutes
Servings: 1
Ice
2 ounces bourbon
1 ounce coffee liqueur
Root beer

Fill an 8-ounce drinking glass with ice. Add the bourbon and coffee liqueur. Stir, then slowly pour in enough root beer to top off the glass. Gently stir again.



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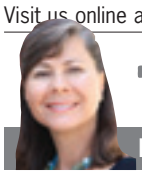
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Turkey takeout options

WHETHER YOU JUST WANT A BREAK from the three-day preparations of your traditional Thanksgiving dinner or you are in need of outside help, there are plenty of pickup or delivery options in Santa Monica. Many restaurants and stores offer sides a la carte to supplement your homemade meal or complete packages, giving you and your kitchen a break for the day.

Most meals are ready to serve and just need to be reheated. Some markets and restaurants have a limited number of dinners, so put your order in early; and to avoid the long lines for pickup consider picking up on Wednesday or even earlier.

Unless you have specific dietary needs, I've never been the type of dietitian that has messed with traditions. That being said, keep in mind that Thanksgiving dinner is just one meal and not an excuse for a four-day feast. Enjoy your favorite dishes in moderation with more than a garnish of green vegetables, and with all your extra time consider starting your day with a walk, hike or even the annual 5K/10K Turkey Trot in downtown L.A.



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TO YOUR DOOR: Whether you just want a break from the three-day preparations of your traditional Thanksgiving dinner or you are in need of outside help, there are plenty of pickup or delivery meal options in the Santa Monica area.

MARKET PACKAGES

Ralph's offers a turkey package fully cooked with cornbread stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes and rolls ready to heat and serve for six at $45. Spiral sliced ham or gluten-free meals are available for slightly more. www.ralphs.com.

Whole Foods has a variety of packages and a la carte options. The traditional meal consists of a fully cooked organic turkey, mushroom gravy, green bean casserole, roasted vegetables, country mashed potatoes, biscuit and mushroom stuffing, and cranberry orange relish. Packages include organic turkey meals, vegan, and stuffed acorn squash that serve six to eight from $80 to $130. www.wholefoodsmarket.com.

Bristol Farms allows you to mix and match your meats and sides to create your own meal. Fully cooked meats are sold per pound and include roast turkey, prime rib, honey glazed spiral ham, pork loin, poached salmon fillet, and roasted goose. Three types of stuffings and four kinds of potatoes and vegetables are presented. To round out the meal a variety of sauces, gravy, and desserts are offered. The traditional roast turkey dinner with stuffing, mashed potato, green beans, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie, serving six to eight will cost approximately $140. www.bristolfarms.com.

RESTAURANT MEALS TO GO

Buca di Beppo is offering a Thanksgiving meal to go for 10 or more with an Italian twist at $150. Their traditional meal includes turkey and gravy, spicy sausage stuffing, garlic mashed potatoes, and whole cranberry sauce. Orders must be placed by Monday, Nov. 25, and are picked up hot and ready to serve on Thanksgiving Day. (310) 587-2782.

Thyme Café on Ocean Park Boulevard provides the traditional dinner a la carte for a party of six and gourmet appetizers and desserts. Orders must be placed by Nov. 25 and are picked up Wednesday, Nov. 27. The traditional meal costs approximately $167. www.thymecafeandmarket.com.

Josie Restaurant on Pico Boulevard has everything but the bird (and green vegetable) for your Thanksgiving holiday. A variety of starters and sides will be available for order until Nov. 26 and ready for pick up on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Traditional sides cost approximately $130. www.josierestaurant.com.

Huckleberry Café meals need to be placed by Sunday, Nov. 24 and are to be picked up on Thursday, Nov. 28. Many traditional sides and desserts are available for purchase and serve between eight and 10 people. The main entrees available are free-range braised turkey thighs with wine and mushrooms, free-range smothered turkey and gravy, free-range turkey meatballs, and Creekstone Farms' beef brisket. The smothered turkey and gravy with all the traditional fixings cost approximately $190. www.huckleberrycafe.com.

Marmalade Café orders must be placed by Nov. 22, and the meal can be delivered before 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving for $15. A 22-24 pound free-range, herb-rubbed turkey, serving 12 to 15 with all the traditional trimmings priced per pound is available a la carte and costs between $210 and $275. www.marmaladecatering.com.

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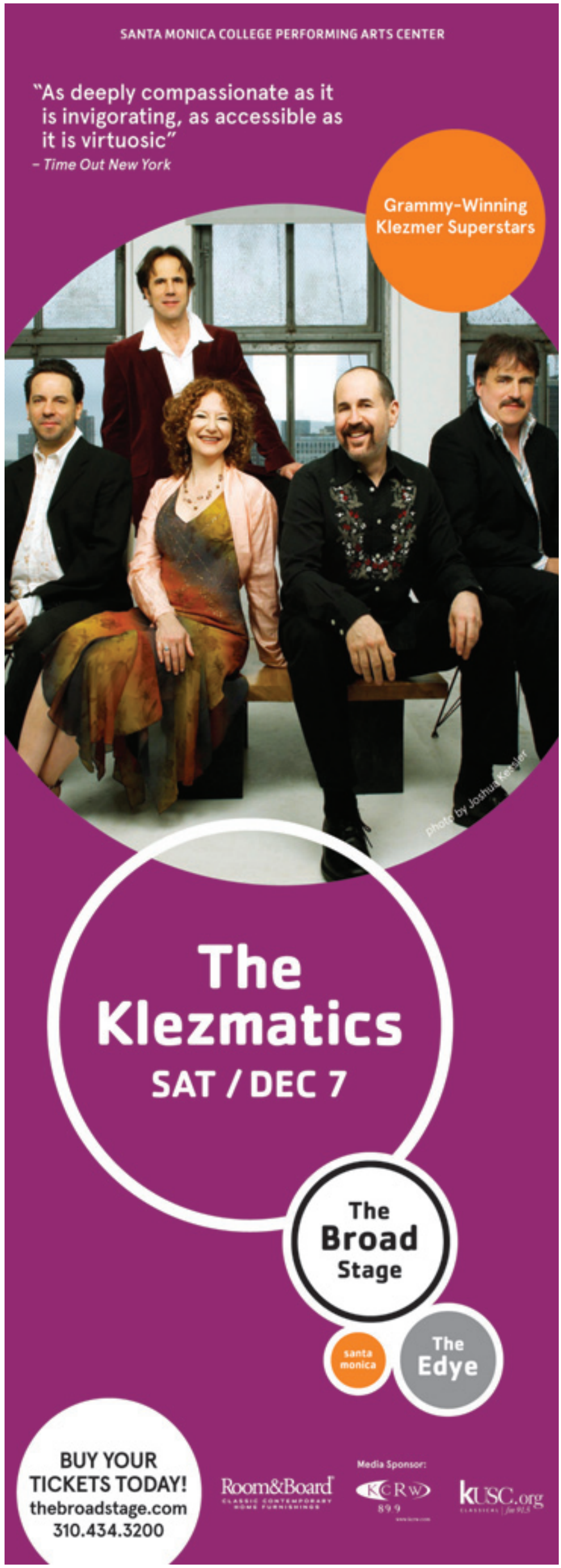
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put me at ease, leave me feeling warm and play nicely with whatever food is on the table. But I'm not willing to work all that hard for it. Hence the "easy to make" part never changes, no matter what the season.

For cold weather holidays, I gravitate to bourbon. It has all the qualities I'm looking for — warming, festive, affordable and compatible. And because of those qualities, you don't need to do much to it to create a terrific cocktail you'll want to nurse your way through during the party.

So here are two holiday-friendly bourbon cocktails to get you started. The root beer in the rooted and brewed cocktail may seem unusual, but it is quite delicious and does not impart an overly sweet flavor.

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long section of Decker Canyon Creek," said a memo written by conservancy Executive Director Joe Edmiston.

The agencies would seek to preserve the space as open parkland with hiking trails, according to Rory Skei, the chief deputy executive officer for the authority. She said neither agency was considering campsites for the area, which is what has been planned for Charmlee.

"It'd be open space parkland that the coastal subtrail would go through it," Skei said on Thursday. "It has some great possibilities for trail use. No other future uses have been looked at."

The acquisition could potentially give the conservancy contiguous control of vast acreage in the area, as the Malibu City Council this week voted to pursue a lease swap with the conservancy for city control of 83-acre Bluffs Park in exchange for city-owned 532-acre Charmlee Wilderness Park.

"THE COASTAL SLOPE TRAIL CROSSES THROUGH FIVE OF THE EIGHT SUBJECT PARCELS. THE DOMINANT VEGETATION TYPE IS CHAPARRAL WITH EXTENSIVE RIPARIAN VEGETATION INCLUDED IN A LONG SECTION OF DECKER CANYON CREEK,"
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Map courtesy Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

LAND GRAB: The land (in orange) being considered for purchase to create more hiking trails.

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good education so he could provide for his mother and grandmother.

Just two days after Christmas, Miguel Martin, 22, was shot and killed near the SMPD substation at Virginia Avenue Park. Martin was shot in the back as he tried to run from his attackers. At a memorial held a week after the killing, family and friends said Martin was in the process of turning his life around, working construction jobs with his father after earning his high school diploma from Olympic High School.

Detectives with the SMPD worked diligently to solve the murders, Moroso said. The SMPD worked in collaboration with patrol officers and detectives from the LAPD's West Los Angeles and Pacific Divisions, as well as with attorneys from the Los Angeles District Attorney's Specialized Prosecution Unit, which encompasses the Hardcore Gang Division.

The two-week trial ended after five hours of jury deliberation, Moroso said. Zapien is facing multiple life sentences without parole. Sentencing will be held Jan. 9, 2014, Moroso said.

At least 24 homicides have been reported in Santa Monica since January 2007, according to the L.A. Times' Homicide Report database.



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SOME CLOSURE: A friend of Eduardo 'Eddie' Lopez, 15, holds up a photo of the teen during a memorial service at Santa Monica High School in 2006. Lopez was shot and killed while walking with friends along Pico Boulevard.

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BULGER
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Kelly said.

"Twelve years is obviously better than six, but is 12 years sufficient for the crimes this guy committed? No, but this is the system we work in."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Fred Wyshak said the plea deal with Martorano was a turning point in the case. At the time, Bulger was a fugitive.

"It brought Weeks to the table, it brought Flemmi to his knees and it resulted in the conviction of Bulger and Flemmi," Wyshak said.

Bulger's sentencing brought to a close a sordid case that exposed FBI complicity in his crimes and left a trail of devastated families whose loved ones were killed by Bulger or his henchmen.

Bulger, the former boss of the Winter Hill Gang, fled the city in 1994 after being tipped off by a former FBI agent that he was about to be indicted. He was a fugitive for more than 16 years until he was captured in Santa Monica, Calif., in 2011.

His disappearance became a major embarrassment for the FBI when it was learned that corrupt Boston agents had taken bribes from Bulger and protected him for years while he worked as an FBI informant, feeding information on the rival New England Mafia.

A jury convicted Bulger in August in a broad racketeering case. He was found guilty in 11 of the 19 killings he was accused of, along with dozens of other gangland crimes, including shakedowns and money laundering.

At his sentencing, Judge Denise Casper read off the names of the 11. She told Bulger she sometimes wished that she and everyone else at his trial were watching a movie because the horrors described — including shootings, the strangling of two women, the removal of teeth from bodies and burials in a basement — were so awful.

"The scope, the callousness, the depravity of your crimes are almost unfathomable," she said.

Casper sentenced Bulger to two consecutive life sentences plus five years, as prosecutors had requested.

Bulger, who was known for his volcanic temper, snarled obscenities at several once-loyal cohorts during his trial, but he said nothing at all at his sentencing.

Bulger's lawyer, J.W. Carney Jr., said outside court that Bulger — after he was captured in 2011 — offered to plead guilty to all the charges against him if prosecutors would give "some consideration" to his longtime girlfriend, Catherine Greig, who spent 16 years on the run with him. Greig is now serving an eight-year prison sentence for helping Bulger while he was a fugitive.

Kelly confirmed that Bulger did offer to plead guilty but made "unreasonable demands," including the immediate release of Greig from prison.

"She committed serious crimes," Kelly said. "I think a lot of people would think it was a cover-up if we gave him a sweetheart deal. We thought it was best to take him to trial."

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Suspect arrested in connection with Montana Ave burglaries

BY DAVID MARK SIMPSON
Daily Press Staff Writer

MONTANA AVE A man accused of a series of smash and grab commercial burglaries was arrested Thursday morning, police said.

Ronald Perkins, 55, was picked up by Santa Monica detectives and Secret Service agents near Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles and booked at the Santa Monica jail.

Six stores were hit last week, according to an e-mail from the North of Montana Neighborhood Association. Cheeky Chic, a pop-up store on Montana Avenue was robbed of $4,000 worth of leather goods. Most of the other stores lost between $100 and $200 in cash.

The burglaries occurred after midnight, the association said, with the suspect or suspects breaking the storefront window and stealing from the cash registers.

"Montana merchants are saying that this is the largest sweep of burglaries on stores along the avenue that anyone can remember over the past 30 years," NOMA said in its e-mail.

These types of crimes occur more frequently at this time of year because it gets darker earlier, Police Chief Jacqueline Seabrooks told the Daily Press earlier this week.

Similar crimes were reported just east of the city border in West L.A., she said.

The rash of burglaries for which Perkins is being questioned took place primarily on Montana Avenue, police said.

Detectives have not ruled out that other suspects may be involved and are continuing their investigation.

Perkins bail was set at $250,000.

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RETAIL
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Online sales have grown from 5.9 percent of the $2.64 trillion in total retail sales in 2009 to 7.6 percent of the $3.1 trillion in revenue last year, according to Forrester Research.

The explosion of people using smartphones to shop has pushed stores to move faster. U.S. consumers are now spending more than half of their time on retailers' websites using their smartphones and tablets, according to the National Retail Federation, a retail trade group.

Retailers knew they needed to figure out how to create online and mobile technology to please their shoppers. So they began looking to Silicon Valley, where they hoped to tap the talent, culture and creativity that come from tech giants like Facebook and Apple.

Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, was the first to open a tech lab in Silicon Valley. Since opening Wal-MartLabs in San Bruno in 2011, the company has rolled out a number of technologies that it developed there.

One of the biggest projects? Wal-Mart rebuilt its website's search engine, which launched in 2012. It can guess a customer's intent when he or she types a term rather than just returning specific search results. A search for "denim" yields results for "jeans" instead of products with "denim," for example.

Wal-Mart's mobile app also has been a big focus at Wal-MartLabs, which has 1,200 workers and all the trappings of a Silicon Valley startup including treadmill desks and ping pong tables. For instance, Wal-MartLabs developed technology that enables Wal-Mart's mobile app to help guide shoppers to products. It also developed technology that enables the mobile app to track customers' spending based on a predetermined budget.

Wal-Mart, which is based in Bentonville, Ark., says having a presence in Silicon Valley has been invaluable in part because it offers the company early access to technology entrepreneurs. For example, two years ago, Wal-MartLabs met the founders of a startup called Grabble as they were in Silicon Valley pitching their technology that enables customers to get receipts for their purchases by e-mail. Wal-Mart has since bought the startup, hired the founders, and next year, shoppers will be able to get the so-called e-receipts.

The company says it's so pleased with its results at Wal-MartLabs that it plans to open another tech office in nearby Sunnyvale in January. It also has smaller tech hubs elsewhere. "We are not a retailer in Silicon Valley," says Neil Ashe, CEO of Wal-Mart's global e-commerce operations. "We are building an Internet technology company inside the largest retailer."

Teen retailer American Eagle opened its tech center in San Francisco in July. The 10,000-square-foot location is filled with movable desks to encourage spontaneous brainstorming sessions among its 20 workers. The goal: to get to know more about American Eagle's customers.

Among its projects is an effort to consolidate the personal data of American Eagle customers, including their shopping history, from the company's e-mail campaigns and loyalty programs. The retailer wants to gain information that would help it better target its marketing around a customer's buying habits.

Executives at American Eagle, which is based in Pittsburgh, say that's just the beginning of the types of technology that could come out of its Silicon Valley center. Joe Megibow, a senior vice president and director of American Eagle's tech center, says he envisions a future when customers can go into the store and have the clerk pull up information on a tablet, such as the shopper's e-mail address and buying history.

Target's focus at its 5,000 square foot office in the historic Folgers Coffee Co. building is more futuristic. The lab, which opened with 20 workers in May, is looking at how wearable gadgets like smart watches — computerized watches that communicate with smartphones — can be used in its stores.

Additionally, Target, which is based in Minneapolis, is experimenting with a mobile app feature that would allow customers to call up information like whether certain cereal is gluten-free by taking a photo of the box with their cellphone camera.

None of the projects at Target's lab have made it to shoppers yet, but David Newman, director of the center, says the goal is to test "the unexplored and underexplored."

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$100,000 to $450,000.

In January, council set a fundraising goal of $400,000 with a deadline of February 2014. Fans of the sculpture are charged with raising the funds. The council agreed to match up to $50,000 in public donations.

At Monday's Landmark Commission meeting, Takiguchi said that he believes his analysis is consistent with Green's, pointing out that Green did call for additional laboratory testing.

Green's report said that the sculpture would be safe for the next 10 years.

City officials have cut multiple holes in the sculpture and tested fiberglass that is supporting hollow chain-links.

The fiberglass is "quite corroded" Takiguchi said, but Green's report suggests that it simply be repainted.

Higher level city officials are currently trying to determine who will act as steward of the project, whether it should be Takiguchi, Cultural Affairs Manager Jessica Cusick, or someone else.

Takiguchi said that the scope of the work, and therefore the cost of the restoration, cannot be determined without further testing, particularly of the inside of the sculpture's mushroom cap, which he said is "in a state of inconclusiveness." Further testing cannot be completed without additional funds, he said.

Advocates of the sculpture have noted that it is hard to raise money without knowing the cost of renovations, creating a vicious cycle.

"I think the fundraising dilemma is that it's harder to get people to commit, whether they're big donors or little donors, trying to raise nearly half a million dollars as opposed to 100 or 200 thousand dollars, and the commission recognized that," said attorney Ken Kutcher, who represents Conrad's family.

Given council's looming fundraising deadline, commissioners have expressed frustration with all of the question marks surrounding the project. Further frustration was apparent at the most recent meeting, when commissioners were told repeatedly by von Tongeln that their questions for Takiguchi were outside of the commission's purview.

She reminded them that any decision made by council would then go before the commission.

"Nothing can happen to this sculpture without it coming to you first," she said.

The commission was not allowed to ask questions about work done on "Chain Reaction" prior to its designation as a city landmark in June of last year, nor were they allowed to make any remark that might show them as biased advocates for the landmark.



File photo

UNCERTAIN: Paul Conrad's 'Chain Reaction.'

"Should any one commissioner like to go speak to council, that commissioner is welcome to do so or to write a letter," von Tongeln said. "However, depending on the remarks that are made, you may be disqualified from actually hearing any matter that comes before you regarding 'Chain Reaction' in the future."

Commissioner John Berley said that it was a risk he was willing to take and the commission voted unanimously to send a letter to council.

The letter has not yet been written but commissioners went back and forth with von Tongeln as to what they might be allowed to include in it. The scope of the letter will be vague, focussing on the deterioration of the sculpture, to avoid potential disqualification.

They also appointed commissioners Lambert, Berley, and Ruthann Lehrer to speak on the commission's behalf at a future council meeting.

David Conrad, the son of artist Paul Conrad, spoke during the public portion of the meeting questioning the motive of City Hall. Officials have not given any proof that the interior of the mushroom cap needs restoration, he said. Just to remove the cap, he said, could cost $200,000.

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The Q Line

AIRPORT

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"SHUT IT DOWN. WHATEVER THEY put there can't be as bad as the airport."

"AFTER 30 YEARS OF BEING CONSTANTLY awakened rudely by the fierce sound of jets and helicopters in the night and finding black soot on my lemons, oranges and outdoor furniture coupled with headaches from jet fumes, I would like to see a beautiful park where I can walk peacefully after work, a place of recreation, where my grandchildren can play and hunt for critters under rocks and in a stream, a park that all of Santa Monica can enjoy and be proud of. There must be a more ecologically sound use of prime land in such a beautiful town than this polluted irritant of an airport. Finally, I want to stop fearing the next plane crash will land on my house."

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"AS A HOMEOWNER NEAR THE SANTA Monica Airport, I cannot imagine any better use for that magnificent property than a large multi-use park. Let's work together to make it happen."

4 questions to consider about health insurance extensions

BY TOM MURPHY
AP Business Writer

President Barack Obama is trying to make it possible for Americans to keep their health insurance coverage if they like it. But his now infamous promise may not be realistic.

Obama said Thursday that insurers should be allowed to continue selling individual coverage plans that would be deemed substandard under the health care overhaul to existing customers. The decision came after millions of people received cancellation notices alerting them that their plans would not have complied with overhaul coverage requirements set to begin next year.

A day later, the House of Representatives voted to let insurers sell those existing plans to new as well as existing customers. That bill now goes to an uncertain fate in the Senate.

Insurance experts say there are a number of obstacles that could keep insurers from letting customers renew old policies that the companies had planned to scrap for 2014. Here's what you need to know if you have received a cancellation notice:

WHAT WILL MY INSURER DO?

Your insurer likely doesn't know yet.

Several companies said shortly after Obama's announcement that they were still trying to understand the implications behind it. Obama planned to meet with health insurance CEOs on Friday.

Aetna Inc., the nation's third largest health insurer, plans to extend some of its canceled policies, but it hasn't elaborated on that. The Hartford, Conn., insurer covers more than 22 million people, but only a small slice of that is individual insurance.

Robert Laszewski, a health care industry consultant, said he expects other insurers to make a decision over the next couple days on whether to let customers renew policies that they had decided to scrap.

CAN'T INSURERS JUST CONTINUE THE COVERAGE THEY HAD IN PLACE?

The decision is far more complex.

For starters, insurers would need to figure out how much to charge since they haven't set premiums, or the price of coverage, for plans they expected to scrap. They have to consider how the coverage will be used and how prices have risen before settling on what they need to collect to cover future claims.

They also have to send letters to customers with canceled policies, telling them that the coverage can now be renewed. They also have to inform customers who want to keep canceled plans about any protections that are now required by the overhaul but that are not included under the old plans.

Insurers then have to wait for customers to decide whether to keep the coverage and respond. Then they must finalize their rates, change their billing for the different rates and reissue the policies.

All this adds up several months of work. But insurers would have to do all this in about 30 days in order to have coverage ready to start on Jan. 1.

ARE THERE OTHER REASONS AN INSURER CAN'T KEEP MY PLAN?

Yes.

State insurance regulators have to decide whether to allow insurers to do this. Many haven't made that call yet. Washington regulators have already said they will not allow insurers to extend their policies.

Aetna spokeswoman Susan Millerick said the company needs help from state regulators "to remove barriers that would make it difficult to make this change in such a short period of time."

WHAT CAN I DO IF I DON'T GET TO RENEW MY COVERAGE?

Customers still have until Dec. 15 to use the overhaul's insurance exchanges to sign up for health insurance coverage that starts in January. The premiums they find may be higher because the law requires more extensive coverage than what some plans currently offer. But customers also may be eligible for income-based tax credits to help them foot the bill.

Many insurers also are letting policyholders renew their coverage early, which would let them keep their plans through most of 2014.

Customers who do not qualify for a subsidy also should look beyond the overhaul's exchanges. They only show plans for which subsidies can be used, and an insurer may make other options available in the policyholder's state.



CITY OF SANTA MONICA NOTICE

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Clean Beaches & Ocean Parcel Tax Citizens Oversight Committee (Measure V):
Two seats available for terms ending December 31, 2015.
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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **63.7°**

SATURDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** thigh to waist high
Small Southern Hemi energy; NW swell-mix fades;
small WNW swell; watching winds; deep AM high tide

SUNDAY – **POOR TO FAIR** – SURF: **2-3 ft** knee to waist high
Small Southern Hemi energy; WNW-NW swell-mix fades...stay tuned; deep AM high tide

MONDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high occ. 3ft
Southern Hemi energy creeps up; potential NW swell-mix drops out...
stay tuned; deep AM high tide

TUESDAY – **POOR** – SURF: **1-2 ft** ankle to knee high
Small Southern Hemi energy; NW swell-mix drops out;
small Southern Hemi swell; deep AM high tide

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **November 13, 2013**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
Number of sewage spills -- 0
Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
Number of wet days -- 0
Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 22 / xx
Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / xx

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman LAcarGUY SIMA and Swain Barber Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	xx
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.		
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	xx
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	xx
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	B	xx
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	xx
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	F	xx
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A	xx
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	xx
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach.	A	xx
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	xx
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd..	A+	xx
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	xx
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	xx
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	xx
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A	xx
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A	xx
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	xx
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	xx
Tuna Canyon.	xx	xx
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	xx
Cardiac Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	xx	xx
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	xx
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	xx

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	xx
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	xx
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	xx
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	xx
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	xx
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	xx
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	F	xx
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	xx
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	xx
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	xx
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	xx
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A	xx
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	xx
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A	xx
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	xx
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	xx
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	xx
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	xx
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	xx
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DWW jetty).	A+	xx
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	xx
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	xx
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A	xx

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
xx -- no sample taken

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Heal the Bay

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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC's revival tested by surging No. 5 Stanford

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Ed Orgeron restored fun to Southern California football over the last six weeks, and wins have followed.

With four victories in five games under the interim coach, USC (7-3, 4-2 Pac-12) has managed to stay in the Pac-12 South race during a season of upheaval and disappointment. And the Trojans are having a blast doing it, attacking each day of practice with the same enthusiasm they've shown in winning three straight.

"How can you not have fun right now?" receiver Marqise Lee asked. "How can you not get excited when you get the chance to play a team like Stanford?"

Actually, their next opponent hasn't been much fun for most opponents.

No. 5 Stanford (8-1, 6-1) is two wins away from hosting the Pac-12 title game for the second straight season. The Cardinal cemented their spot atop the league by beating Oregon last week, and they've had extra days of preparation for their visit to the Coliseum, which is sold out.

While Stanford is rolling from last week's season-defining victory over Oregon, the Trojans haven't beaten a ranked opponent since their upset of Oregon on Nov. 19, 2011.

"They had the upper hand previously, but then the last few years we've managed to pull out some pretty close wins," Stanford defensive end Henry Anderson said. "I think this is a big game for them, because they've turned things around. They're trying to get the USC moniker back to the old days where they're getting all the publicity and hype."

USC's resurgence also has caught the attention of Stanford, which could be forgiven for a slight letdown. Last week's intense win over the Ducks gave Stanford control of the Rose Bowl race and a place in the national title discussion — which the Cardinal will exit if they don't beat USC.

"We're at that point in the season where every game is big," coach David Shaw said. "Every game matters. Every game counts. The fact that it's SC, I think our guys always get up for SC, and SC always gets up for us."

Reasons to watch the latest chapter in a rivalry dating to 1905:

Coliseum calamities: After decades of defeats, Stanford's last three visits to the Coliseum have been nightmares for USC, albeit for varied reasons.

It's been six years since Jim Harbaugh's Cardinal pulled one of the greatest upsets in college football history, beating Pete Carroll's 41-point favorites on a last-minute TD pass.

Four years ago, Stanford steamrolled the 11th-ranked Trojans 55-21, knocking No. 11 USC out of BCS contention with Carroll's worst loss in his nine seasons.

"That was the beginning of putting our program on a map in the national perspective and people acknowledging the way we play football," Stanford linebacker Shayne Skov said.

And two years ago, Stanford and Andrew Luck survived three overtimes for a spectacular 56-48 victory over the underdog Trojans.

Running game: Stanford's defense is incredibly tough against the run, yielding just 98.7 yards per game after holding run-happy Oregon to 62 yards last week.

But USC is loaded with talented tailbacks despite several injuries at the position. Javorius Allen has 268 yards on the ground in USC's last two games, and Tre Madden appears ready to return to the lineup while Silas Redd sits out.

The Trojans probably must run the ball consistently to keep up with Tyler Gaffney and Stanford's own punishing ground game, a prospect that sounds good to both defenses.

"I love games with lots of running offense like this," USC safety Dion Bailey said. "It starts at 5 (p.m.), and it might be over by 6:30."

Respect reversal: In several recent years, Stanford entered this matchup hoping to earn national respect. This time it's the Trojans, who haven't generated a flutter of interest in the national polls despite their surge.

"I was kind of shocked they're not ranked in the Top 25," Shaw said. "I don't know if anybody has played as well as they have in the last month of the season."

Healing Trojans: USC's depth already is depleted by NCAA scholarship restrictions, and the Trojans have been beset by injuries all year long.

But a few key Trojans are healing up. Imposing defensive end Leonard Williams expects to play after missing last week's win with a "bad" labrum, and cornerback Josh Shaw also expects to be ready to go. Tight ends Randall Telfer and Xavier Grimble are probable to play, along with Madden.

As for Lee, who has just eight catches in the last five games, the Biletnikoff Award-winner promises he's ready to play at full speed.

Kings of California: Stanford finishes its Pac-12 schedule with back-to-back games against Golden State foes USC and California. Although it's an unofficial title, the Cardinal pride themselves on ruling their state, just as USC did for most of the previous decade.

In fact, Stanford has won 31 of its last 32 games played in California, losing only the Oregon in 2011

"We take pride in kind of holding control and dominance of the state," Skov said. "I'm not saying we do, but at the end of the season, if we do, we take pride in that."

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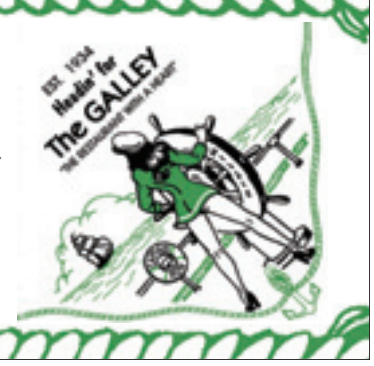
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A Five Star Life (NR) 1hr 25min
7:30pm
Introduction before films with actress Jasmine Trinca and director Maria Sole Tognazzi.

Sunday, Nov. 17

Long Live Freedom (NR) 1hr 32min
Those Happy Years (NR) 1hr41min
7:30pm
Introduction before films with director Roberto Andò.

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Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:30am, 2:30pm, 5:30pm, 8:30pm, 9:45pm

About Time (R) 2hrs 04min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Best Man Holiday () 2hrs 02min
11:00am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Free Birds (PG) 1hr 30min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm

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

Gravity 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm, 8:15pm, 10:55pm

Ender's Game (PG-13) 1hr 54min
10:30am, 1:15pm, 4:00pm, 6:50pm, 9:45pm

Captain Phillips (PG-13) 2hrs 14min
12:45pm, 4:05pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Last Vegas (R) 1hr 30min
10:50am, 1:25pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
10:30am, 1:30pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:45pm

Dallas Buyers Club (R) 1hr 57min
10:45am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:50pm

Jackass Presents: Bad Grandpa (R) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

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

All Is Lost (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Wadjda (PG) 1hr 38min
5:00pm

Great Expectations (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
4:00pm, 9:40pm

Shored Up () 1hr 24min
11:00am

Brave Miss World (NR) 1hr 32min
11:15am

Enough Said (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:55pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

12 Years a Slave (R) 2hrs 13min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:10pm, 10:15pm

Prime Ministers: The Pioneers (NR) 1hr 54min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Two: The Story of Roman & Nyro (NR) 1hr 11min
11:10am

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BE NAUGHTY AND NICE TONIGHT, CAPPY

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Someone you work with could be overwhelming with his or her sudden burst of enthusiasm. This energy might revolve around a business deal or a social happening. Do not say "yes" when you really want to say "no." Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might feel as if life offers no limitations at this present moment, but you quickly could find out otherwise. Just take a step back and evaluate the situation. You will find a different path. Tonight: You are the party.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ You could be full of ideas that delight you. You easily might head out the door only to discover that you don't want to be alone. You'll want to regroup and find a reliable and fun family member, but he or she might be a stick in the mud. Tonight: The less said the better.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Tap into your creativity, and you'll find solutions that have not been available up till now. A conversation with a younger friend provides an unexpected perspective. Make sure you let this person know how much you value him or her. Tonight: Go on an old-fashioned date.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Understand what is happening with a family member or close friend. You might need to handle a situation before it becomes a problem. Know that you can do this. Once you are free, make an appearance at an important get-together. Tonight: You love being in the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your words mean more to others than you realize. Your ability to follow through on a promise could be another issue entirely. Try not to say you will do something when there is little possibility you will. Catch up on news. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person or two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You might think that a suggestion is a great idea, but when you see the financial implications, you might decide to pull out. Know that someone will be very disappointed. Be open, and tell this person what is happening. Tonight: Go with a different suggestion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might feel as if you are being challenged unnecessarily. That observation could be true, but it has nothing to do with you. This person simply is feeling his or her Wheaties. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Sometimes spending a Saturday doing errands -- getting your hair cut and squeezing in some exercise -- constitutes a nearly perfect day. Doing everything in one day also might free you up on other days or in general. Make time for a nap. Tonight: Avoid complications.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ The back-and-forth between a loved one's desires and yours continues. You might feel as if you're sitting on a seesaw looking at ways to combine both of your desires once more. There is a way -- you just have not found it yet. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ You might be too concerned with what people would think if you did what you wanted to do. Instead of worrying, live your life for you, and do what you want. Expect some reactions, but know that others do the same. Tonight: Staying close to home could be very appealing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You seem to have the right words to appeal to someone in your immediate environment. News from a distance could be a bit difficult and disappointing. Since you cannot change it, let it go. You will gain a perspective later. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people.

November 16-17, 2013

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

This year you open up to others, which allows you to see and embody different ideas and styles. This transformation could cause new choices, though you will stay with the tried and true, too. If you are single, the type of person you choose to date could reflect the new you. Expect an unusual person to enter your life by summer 2014. If you are attached, know that your sweetie is adjusting. You might hear a complaint or two, but be understanding. Respect your differences. TAURUS has an earthy perspective.

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By Dave Coverly



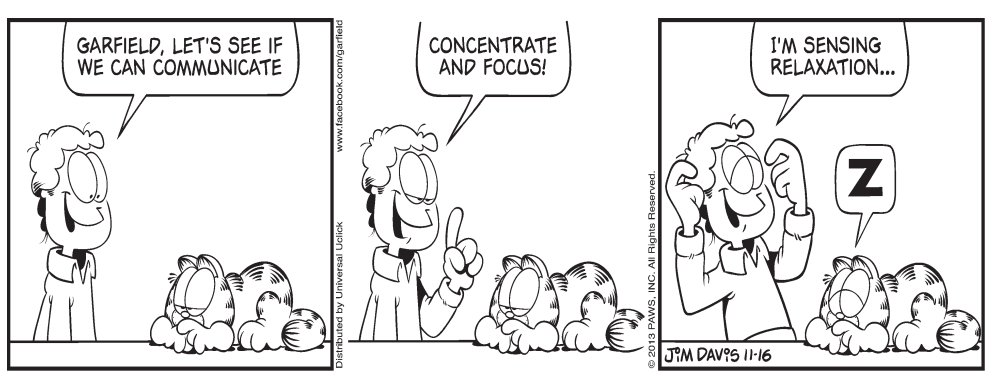
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By Mick and Mason Mastroianni



Garfield
By Jim Davis



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



Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Diamond stats
7 Song by the Kinks
11 Brain cases
12 Press
13 Checked out
14 Bottle part
15 Contents of Pandora's box
16 Fit for a king
17 Backgammon need
18 Bill makers
19 Croupier's tool
21 Capture
22 "Applause" sign settings
25 Once called
26 Lohengrin's love
27 Soup base
29 Wrestling spots
33 Boat back
34 Say without thinking
35 Damaged
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37 Important times
38 Ask
39 Turn down
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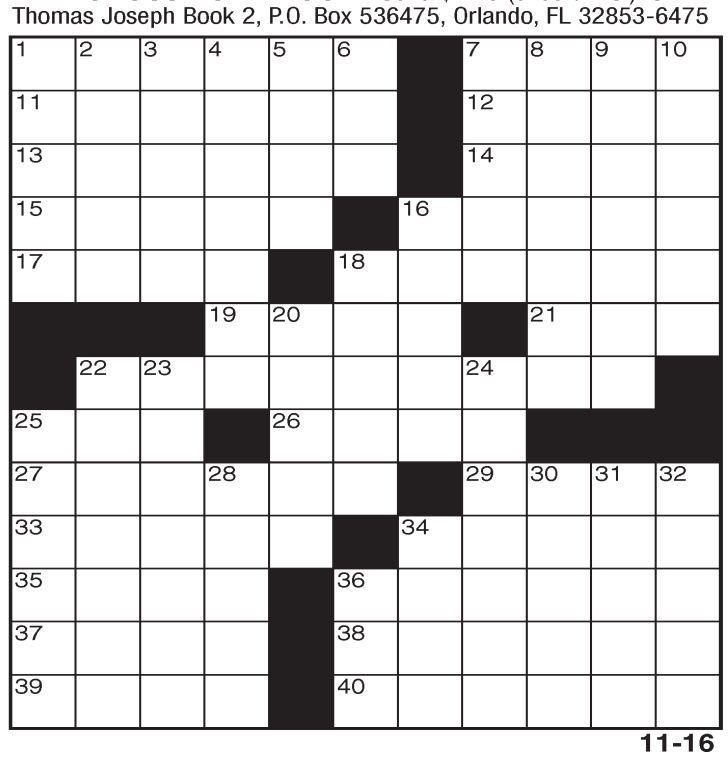
DOWN

1 Took steps
2 Famed Roman fountain
3 Elementary
4 Stag's pride
5 Makes a bow
6 Blue
7 Sheet stuff
8 Pizza sauce staple
9 Pinpoints
10 Short sock
16 Oboists' needs
18 "Hamlet" prop
20 Dined at home
22 Overall feel
23 November honoree
24 Jackson 5 hit
25 Had a snack
28 Pretentious
30 Tax cheat's worry
31 Stale
32 Ranch animal
34 Dog's treat
36 Producer's hope

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ "You hired a convicted prostitute and thief to handle state money?" asked an incredulous Connecticut state legislator in September when he learned that Suki Handly had been employed from 2008 to 2012 passing out welfare benefits in the state's Manchester distribution center and that $44,000 was missing. Furthermore, Handly and two others had been found guilty of theft in Connecticut in 2010, yet word of her prostitution and 2010 convictions were not known to state investigators until a chance audit in 2012. (State hiring offices of course promised to strengthen background checks.)

■ (1) Optometrist Robert Deck III, 48, was arraigned in Oakland County, Mich., in October on an indecent exposure charge after an August incident in which he allegedly began to masturbate in his office while fitting a female patient with contact lenses. (2) Edward Falcone, 57, a retired woodshop teacher at Brooklyn High School of the Arts, was arrested for public lewdness in October after students on a school bus reported a motorist masturbating as he followed the bus. (3) Leslie Bailey, 28, was convicted of misdemeanor lewd conduct in San Francisco in October after being spotted by a BART train operator on separate occasions, incompletely clothed, thrusting his hips against an empty seat.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1857 – Second relief of Lucknow – twenty-four Victoria Crosses are awarded, the most in a single day.

1863 – American Civil War: Battle of Campbell's Station near Knoxville, Tennessee – Confederate troops unsuccessfully attack Union forces.

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- Condo - Single Level/Top Floor Only - Santa Monica - Minimum 2 + 1.75 - Wood Floors/Laundry In Unit/Elevator Building/Two-Car Parking - $700,000 - $1,000,000
- Single Family Home - Crestwood Hills - Minimum 3 + 1.75 - Up to $1,800,000
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