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THE DOWN WITH PLASTIC ISSUE

City Hall reworking plastic bag ban in wake of Prop. 26

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL City officials are revising a proposed ban on single-use plastic bags after the passage of Proposition 26 in this month's election raised questions about whether the City Council retained the authority to outlaw plastic.

Prop. 26, which passed with 53 percent of the vote, redefines most fees on industry as taxes, which require a two-thirds vote to win approval, instead of a simple majority vote from an elected body or from the public.

While there's disagreement over how Prop. 26 will apply statewide, City Hall's Dean Kubani, director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, said it was clear the version of the bag ban proposal officials had planned to bring to the council as early as this month would butt up against the newly passed proposition.

He said City Hall still plans to bring a plastic bag ban to the council for a vote, but will have to change the measure and reconfigure its economic analysis of the plan. A vote could come by January, he added.

The proposal that had been under discussion at City Hall would have banned stores from using single-use carry out plastic bags and required them to charge at least a 20 cent, per-bag fee for recycled paper bags, Kubani said.

Out of the 20 cent fee, 16.6 cents were to cover the store owners' costs and 3.4 cents were to go to City Hall to fund enforcement and outreach for the program.

It's City Hall's portion of the fee that has caused Santa Monica officials to reconsider, Kubani said, because it's likely that amount would be considered a tax on industry and couldn't be enacted without a two-thirds vote from the public under Prop. 26. Kubani said even a unanimous decision by the City Council to establish the fee would likely be vulnerable to legal challenge.

Instead, Kubani said City Hall will likely forego the estimated $450,000 the measure would have raised for administering the program and will propose a measure similar to the one that Los Angeles County supervisors approved on Tuesday. That measure bans the use of plastic bags by grocery stores and mandates at least a 10 cent, per-paper-bag fee, the entirety of which is retained by the stores. It applies to unincorporated areas of the county, which have a population of about 1.1 million.

L.A. County Counsel Andrea Ordin on Tuesday said the paper bag surcharge did not fall under Prop. 26 because no portion of it is directed to a government agency.

Councilman Richard Bloom said scrapping the revenue generating portion of Santa Monica's proposed plastic bag ban program will probably mean paring down any educational publicity campaign connected to the ban. But he said he didn't expect the lack of funding to erode support for the idea of banning plastic bags.

"I don't think that's going to deter the

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NOT GOING TO STOP: **City officials say they are moving forward with a ban on plastic bags that would force markets to charge a nominal fee for the use of paper bags, all this despite a new state law approved by voters that makes it more difficult to pass fees on to consumers.**

Holbrook keeps narrow lead over Winterer in council race

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Challenger Ted Winterer continued to trail in the only still-undecided race for a City Council seat on Tuesday, with Los Angeles County election officials releasing an updated tally that showed only a one-vote change in the razor thin gap between Winterer and incumbent Bob Holbrook.

Winterer trailed by 42 votes after picking up 366 since Friday, bringing his total to 12,429. Holbrook's vote total increased by 365, bringing his total to 12,471 and keeping him in third place in the race for three four-year terms on the council.

The results were a blow to Winterer, who since election day has steadily gained ground on Holbrook each time updated totals have been released, narrowing Holbrook's advantage by 104 votes in the past two weeks.

But the outcome of the election remained

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Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010

Meet the city manager
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave., Thelma Terry Community Room, 7 p.m.
City Manager Rod Gould will lead a community meeting in an attempt to update local residents on city projects. Gould plans on discussing the upcoming fiscal year budget in light of the current economic climate. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/budget

Super fresh
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue and Second Street
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at the weekly Farmers' Market. A variety of prepared foods will also be available.

Under the sea
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd.
The library will screen Disney's "Oceans," a drama/documentary about the disappearing wonders under the sea. The film explores Earth's five different oceans, following both friendly and fierce animals. Rotten Tomatoes gave it an 80 percent rating.

Planning Commission
City Hall, 7 p.m.
Attend a Planning Commission meeting and learn about developments that could impact your neighborhood. Issues on the agenda include requests for conditional use permits to sell alcohol at two Downtown establishments.
For more information go to www.smgov.net.

Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010

Get global
Santa Monica College
1900 Pico Blvd., 11:15 a.m.
Santa Monica College has long been known for its international student community. With more than 3,000 students from almost 100 different countries, the school is putting on an international festival geared towards exploring the different cultures of the world. Free food, music, dance and games will be provided.

'Loveland'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
Actress turns grief into hilarity in "Loveland." What's so funny about death? Plenty, if you're award-winning writer/performer, Ann Randolph, renowned for transforming horror into humor. For information, call (310) 394-9779.

Staying in charge
Main Library
Multi-purpose Room, 601 Santa Monica Blvd.
7 p.m.
Esther Epstein's presentation about staying in charge will help you understand what a power of attorney is, how a financial power of attorney can help you, how to plan for incapacity and how to avoid court battles over your care. This program is presented by Epstein in association with the Alzheimer's Association. This program is free and all ages are welcome. For more information, visit www.smpl.org or contact the Santa Monica Public Library at (310) 458-8600. The Santa Monica Public Library is wheelchair-accessible. For special disabled services, call library administration (310) 458-8606.

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Donations save shoe shine guy

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

THIRD STREET PROMENADE It looks as if Christmas came early for Andy Waller.

A fixture on the Third Street Promenade for well over a decade, Waller was on the verge of losing his shoe shine business as he was seriously behind in rent, owing City Hall more than $960. Waller was given several opportunities to pay, but he couldn't seem to get caught up. He had until Nov. 16 to raise the cash.

After a story about his predicament ran in the Daily Press, Waller, whose rent is $107.68 a month, said several Los Angeles area news shows came out to interview him. Once the segments aired, donations started pouring in. Waller was able to raise the money needed to clear his debts and pay his rent for the month of December, city officials said.

Now Waller can focus on shining shoes and directing tourists to points of interest in Downtown.

"There are some really special people out there," Waller said Wednesday as he was removing a piece of gum from a customer's black leather boots. "That's what it's all about, people helping people."

Waller said several people stopped by his stand to offer words of encouragement or cash. Some donated $5 while others gave more. Some handed over $50 or $100. One man, whom Waller referred to only as "Mr. Tom from Long Beach," gave a significant donation. Waller did not disclose the amount, but he said it was substantial, helping him get over the hump.

Santa Monica City Councilman Kevin McKeown donated $50, saying in a letter to the Daily Press that he wanted to help protect a small business that had roots in Santa Monica.

When Waller was in jeopardy, there was talk of replacing him with another operator and possibly moving the shoe shine stand, which City Hall owns, to another location within Downtown to attract more business. Donna Rickman, a senior development analyst for City Hall who has been working with Waller, said moving the stand is still an option. She will be talking with Waller and the Bayside District Corp. to gather feedback. Bayside is a public-private management company that helps market and maintain Downtown for City Hall.

Waller, who took over the operation from Ernie Whitehead, who in turn took over the stand in 1993 for Bob Jones, said business picks up in the winter and hopes the trend continues so that he may be able to do something for others in return for the generosity he received.

"I believe in people," Waller said. "Their kindness towards me really touched my heart. I just want to tell other people that they shouldn't be afraid to step up and help each other."

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Don't drink and drive

The Santa Monica Police Department will be conducting a sobriety/driver's license checkpoint in the evening of Friday, Nov., 19. This is part of an ongoing campaign to reduce the number of people killed or injured in alcohol-involved crashes, said SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler.

DUI checkpoints are conducted to identify offenders and get them off the street, as well as bring awareness to the community of the dangers of impaired driving, Trisler said.

Statewide, overall traffic deaths declined by 23 percent, from 3,995 in 2007 to 3,081 in 2009. Total traffic fatalities are at their lowest levels in six decades. DUI deaths declined by 16 percent, from 1,132 in 2007 to 950 in 2009, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System.

Officers will be contacting drivers in Santa Monica to confirm their sobriety and driver's license status since unlicensed drivers are over-represented in fatal crashes. This is the first of several checkpoints to be conducted over a 12-month period, Trisler said.

The SMPD reminds drivers if they plan on drinking, have a designated driver or call a taxi cab.

Funding for the operation is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

DAILY PRESS

Computers seized from slain publicist's L.A. office

BY JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. Investigators seized computers Tuesday from the business of a prominent Hollywood publicist who was shot to death in her car in Beverly Hills hours after attending a movie premiere.

Ronni Chasen, 64, of Los Angeles, who promoted the Academy Award-winning movie "Driving Miss Daisy" and other major films, was shot several times in the chest shortly before 12:30 a.m., a police statement said. Her Mercedes-Benz E350 sedan crashed into a light pole along Sunset Boulevard.

Police hauled the computers from her firm, Chasen and Co., about 12 hours after the attack. The reason for the seizure was unclear.

Police said they had not yet determined a motive or identified a suspect. No reports of threats against Chasen or her firm had been received, police Sgt. Lincoln Hoshino said.

Calls and e-mails to company representatives were not immediately returned.

Fellow publicist Howard Bragman called Chasen's shooting death bizarre.

"She wasn't a shady character," he said. "It's a small community and she was one of the fixtures in it."

Nahid Shekarchain, who lives near the scene of the shooting, told the Los Angeles Times she heard at least three gunshots sometime after midnight then found Chasen in the car with blood on her chest and gushing from her nose. The front passenger's window had been shattered.

The driver was breathing heavily and did not respond, Shekarchain said.

The killing took place after Chasen attended the premiere of the movie "Burlesque," which she had a hand in promoting.

Chasen was involved in Hollywood publicity since the 1970s, working on campaigns for movies and artists. She promoted "On Golden Pond," which won Academy Awards

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Homeless woman charged in L.A. train track death

BY THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Betty Sugiyama was rushing to catch a train for a shopping trip when authorities say the unthinkable happened: A homeless woman leapt from a bench and shoved her onto the tracks.

Witnesses said the woman then calmly returned to her seat as Sugiyama lay on the tracks with a cracked skull. The 84-year-old Little Tokyo resident died soon after, and the suspect was arrested on murder charges.

A sister of Sugiyama who witnessed the attack remained stunned Tuesday that anyone would want to kill her friendly younger sibling, a Japanese-American who had grown up in the shadow of World War II and was sent to an internment camp as a child.

"I didn't see any anger or expression on her face," Mary Sugiyama said as she recalled how the woman in a black dress jumped up from a bench and rushed her sister. "She didn't look like she was upset or anything."

Sheriff's deputies arrived moments after the attack and arrested Jackkqueline Pogue. Prosecutors on Tuesday charged her with murder.

Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. David Coleman said investigators were trying to establish a motive. He said it was unclear if Pogue, 44, is mentally ill or if she had been using drugs, but she seemed coherent when detectives spoke with her.

Mary Sugiyama, 86, said she and her sister had been trying to catch a downtown train then make a connection and ultimately head to Long Beach, where they planned on spending the day shopping.

The sisters grew up in a family of six kids, the children of Japanese immigrants. Their father worked in and around Seattle in the fish-canning business and came to Los Angeles in the late 1930s to accept an offer of a job in a bookstore run by a relative.

Little Tokyo was once a humming center

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Save the shoe shine guy

Editor:

Regarding Kevin Herrera's story, "Shoe shine guy might go bye-bye," Nov. 12, page 1:

When the large corporate stores moved in to the Third Street Promenade, they transformed a beach-town shopping street with local character into a plasticized shopping mall like any mall in America. Gone was the Midnight Special Bookstore, King George V, Woolworth's and the small businesses that were the fabric of Santa Monica Downtown shopping. Rents quadrupled, pushing the locals out to make room for the mega-stores with their mega sales-tax dollars.

Now the last bit of character is on the brink of being a memory: The shoeshine stand at Santa Monica Boulevard. Andy Waller, who has operated the stand for almost 15 years, is late on his rent a few months due to tough times. Now he faces eviction.

I have lived and worked close to the Third Street Promenade for 17 years, and have known Andy for 15. Andy might be the last part of human character left in town. Unlike shoe shine stands in big cities run by "companies" with transient, faceless workers, Andy has been suiting up and showing up every workday without fail greeting all of us, many of us by name, every day as we work and shop. He knows everybody and his familiar hello reminds us that we are a community and not just some commercial shopping district.

There's no bailout program for Andy's business. There's no payment plan offered by City Hall, because Andy isn't important enough. He doesn't bring in the tax revenue that the big stores bring, so who cares if he loses that stand? I'm sure City Hall has a crackerjack plan to get some "company" to run the stand. Maybe they'll find a "better" location near Santa Monica Place that will draw more "revenues." And that's important because City Hall has to make sure it collects $107 every month, even if it means kicking out our friend that was willing to shine our shoes for 15 years.

But no one will say hello to me and ask me how my car is running, and I doubt the next shoeshine worker will be able to help tourists with directions or a restaurant suggestion. People like Andy just aren't important. Saying thanks to a guy who has shined a million shoes with a smile and a hello isn't important, and that's a damn shame.

A new "company" is not going to create any more shoes to shine, so replacing our loyal friend because of hard times isn't going to make any more money. The city of Santa Monica will be the grand, $107 winner next month when their brilliant eviction plan takes effect, and after 15 years of shining them, Andy will get the boot.

Carlos Pineiro
Santa Monica

There's an app for that

Editor:

Lloyd Garver's column about apps was hilarious ("It's a phone too?" Modern Times, Nov. 4)! It's ridiculous how often I hear about these apps and all the amazing things they do. To continue in his vein, "these sappy apps need to be slapped."

On the other hand there's nothing like a happy app to brighten your day, and I happen to know of a very useful app called Easy Checkbook written by yours truly — be sure to check it out, Lloyd!

James Toomey
Gardena, Calif.





Hiding in the Open

David Alsabery — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Don't get too caught up in sports

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT HIGH school football programs are beneficial for most children? Today the number of seats available for your child at a university are shrinking rapidly, and the time when "C's get degrees" is over. To be successful in college, you need the time to study.

Now I am not going to tell you that the knocking around is a bad thing. Not all boys are the same, and some really need to be hitting each other in a safe manner rather than doing it in an alley. I also believe a certain amount of exercise is important for boys, or they have a nasty tendency to lose focus, which results in parents drugging them to get them to calm down. Although that may seem to solve the problem, it's not as good as natural methods which focus that energy.

The problem with high school football is the schools' and the coaches' negative effects on these kids. All you have to do is track the grades of the kids on the entire football team, and then follow up with how many were accepted to a university. I challenge our incoming superintendent to publish the grades, GPA and SAT scores of every player on every team without showing their identity. My nephew was one of three kids with a GPA above 3.6 on the football team in all grades. That's because the coach didn't seem to care about the grades.

That's the problem. Some coaches care more about the team than the players' futures. When a football player asked if he could get out of class for a week to go back east to tour colleges, all the teachers encouraged him, and found ways to allow him to make up the work. The only teacher that wouldn't was the football coach. This student was told that if he missed a week, he would not get an "A" in the class, and wouldn't be allowed to play anymore. That student did not fly back east to tour colleges, and as a result, may have missed some great opportunities.

What you have to ask yourselves is do you want your children to be successful in college, or do you want them to play football? Football players are far from stupid. There are many examples of athletes being scholars. The term "dumb jocks" is unfair. Football requires a great deal of practice, as well as an understanding of a great number of plays. This is especially true if they play multiple positions. You may not know it, but a bunch of chess games are going on at the same time. The amount of time required to be on a team is massive. College students, some of whom work to pay high tuition costs, have only so much time in a day to do homework each week. While playing a sport can teach responsibility and dedication, and possibly help pay for college, if it is all a student concentrates on chances are they are going to lose out.

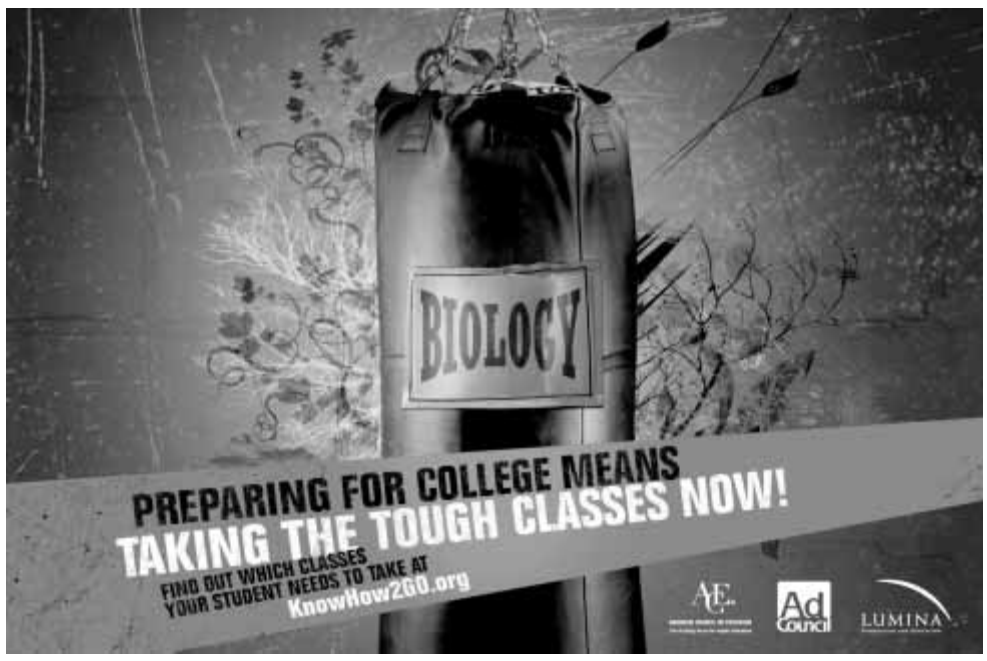
A buddy I worked with for a few years was a football player with the San Francisco 49s, and had the Super Bowl rings to prove it. He was a hard working, dedicated man. He thought he was genetically gifted for football, until he showed up on a professional team. He told me that in the end, no matter how hard you work, you can never beat genetics. He told me the story of working hard during the off-season, only to have some guys show up hung over and still outperform him and show greater endurance with no training. In the end, if your child thinks they're going to get a football scholarship, they'd better understand that only a few genetic anomalies will have that honor, and you might have one on the entire team. The rest will dedicate all that time and sacrifice their grades.

Understand that over 60 percent of last year's entering freshmen class were women, so a boy's odds are even lower at the start. Getting into a university requires grades that are higher than 3.6 GPA and above 4.0 for academic scholarships. There's only a narrow gap between the two. What is below the 3.6 GPA is a tough road. Getting a job today requires a college degree if you live in the Los Angeles area. If you're not preparing your child now for the last four years of their education, you're sentencing them to a lifetime of luck or hard work.

We as a people don't have the option to allow our children to be uneducated. We are Rome, but our power is in decline. Our children will have to compete in a global market where people are becoming better educated, and can speak more languages than "American."

So maybe take a look at water polo, and see if that keeps them busy while learning how to work on a team that gives them enough time to get the grades they'll need. From my experience, chicks dig a water polo body.

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What will Brown do for you?

CALIFORNIA IS CIRCLING THE DRAIN AND the news keeps getting worse.

With unemployment at 12.4 percent — 2,269,948 people without jobs — it should come as no surprise that the state is upside down in its unemployment insurance fund. The deficit is expected to reach $10.3 billion by the end of the year as the state borrows $40 million dollars a day from the federal government to provide assistance to jobless workers. California must make an interest payment $362 million to the federal government next September. It's one more obligation that leaves less money for programs like education, laws enforcement and transportation.

Then there is the latest projection from the Legislative Analyst's Office showing the state with a budget deficit of $25.4 billion.

Just last month, when, with self congratulatory rhetoric, lawmakers concluded the budget for this year, it was obvious to all that it was a sham. I wrote at the time that only those "who had just put their life savings into Florida swampland," would believe the rosy projections on which the budget was balanced.

The budget was based on two fallacies. First, the economy would generate substantial revenue and, second, the federal government would come to the rescue. A look at the November election results across the country makes it clear the chance of a significant federal bailout are slim and none, and slim is getting on his horse.

The new governor will inherit all this and more. Borrowing is no longer a realistic option. The state's credit rating is so low that it makes Popeye's friend Wimpy, who always promised to pay on Tuesday for a hamburger today, look like a qualified borrower. And how about the tricks used by the last three governors? When they got into fiscal trouble they pirated away local funds. The passage of Proposition 22 now bars these raids on local government revenue.

So what will Jerry Brown do? If our past and future governor, who has been vacationing in "politically incorrect" Arizona, has a plan, he has yet to reveal it. His former chief-of-staff, and later governor, Gray Davis speculated before the election that Brown would go to a special ballot this spring asking voters to approve new levies. However, since they just overwhelming rejected Proposition 21, which was a comparatively modest tax increase, Brown, who is an excellent reader of tea leaves, may decline.

Veteran political observer Joel Fox, who serves as president of the Small Business Action Committee, suggested in a recent column that Brown will follow in the footsteps of the last two governors and appoint a tax commission to come up with tax reform proposals that will stabilize revenue to government.

Reports from the previous two tax commissions were ignored, but Brown may be willing to put political capital behind changes he likes. These could even include modifications to Proposition 13 that would penalize the business community. Certainly this would be endorsed by his government employee union allies, which illustrates the overall problem with tax commissions.

SO IF BROWN ESTABLISHES A TAX COMMISSION, HE SHOULD DIRECT ITS MEMBERS TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE CALIFORNIA'S PRIVATE SECTOR STRONGER BY LIMITING TAXES AND OVERREACHING REGULATIONS.

The commissions are invariable tasked to solve the revenue problems of government. There is no requirement that commission members consider the problems of taxpayers. For example, a common recommendation is to extend the sales tax to services. The fact that this would put a significant new accounting burden on small service businesses is ignored.

Those who propose these tax commissions and those who agree to serve on them, invariably show an abject ignorance of how wealth and the resultant tax revenue to government, is created. It is a thriving private sector that funds government. Instead of working to create a healthy business climate — California ranks last, or near last in a number of surveys — they look for ways to extract more from taxpayers even in bad times. To put it in terms every farmer would understand, they want to devour the seed corn.

So if Brown establishes a tax commission, he should direct its members to find ways to make California's private sector stronger by limiting taxes and overreaching regulations. It should be instructed to come up with a plan that creates an environment in which businesses can feel secure in expanding facilities and hiring new workers, and where taxpayers no longer feel like they have to hang on to their most recent paycheck like it may be their last.

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EU tries to stop spread of panic over Irish banks

BY GABRIELE STEINHAUSER & SHAWN POGATCHNIK
Associated Press Writers

BRUSSELS European officials scrambled Tuesday to stop Ireland's debt crisis from turning into another Greek-style meltdown and dragging down the euro currency. Talks over solutions, including possible help for Ireland's troubled banking system, went into the night.

Only months after saving Greece, the 16-country eurozone has been shaken anew by concerns that Ireland will be unable to pay the cost of rescuing its banks, which ran into trouble when the country's real estate boom collapsed and their risky loans to developers stopped being repaid.

Ireland is on the hook for the bank losses — but wants nothing to do with the sort of European Union bailout that pulled Greece back from bankruptcy in May. That kind of intervention that could threaten the nation's status as a low-tax haven and humiliate the government ahead of possible national elections early next year.

Investors, meanwhile, are clamoring for a solution. Growing doubts about Ireland's ability to pay its bills have sent interest rates soaring on Irish bonds, making recovery even more difficult. European nations are worried — as they were with Greece — that Ireland's problems will make borrowing more expensive for economically vulnerable countries like Portugal and Spain and push them to the brink of default, threatening the stability of the euro.

The European Union's top monetary official, Olli Rehn, said the focus was on a bailout not of the Irish government but of Irish banks. He said the EU was working with the European Central Bank, the International Monetary Fund and national governments to find a solution.

"This is not a matter of the survival of the euro, this is a very serious problem in the banking sector of Ireland," Rehn said.

Jean-Claude Juncker, who heads the group of 16 nations use the euro, said that the 750 billion ($1.01 trillion) financial backstop eurozone governments set up together with the IMF last spring could be used to support the Irish banks.

Irish Prime Minister Brian Cowen said the government neither wants nor needs a bailout and reiterated that his government is fully funded through mid-2011.

He said before the Irish parliament in Dublin that Irish officials have been talking "with our European counterparts to see in what way market risks can be taken out of the equation." He declined to elaborate.

Stock prices fell worldwide and gold and other commodities plunged in value as investors awaited word from the talks in Brussels.

The euro fell 0.7 percent against the dollar to $1.35, and yields on Irish bonds rose again as investors' expectations ebbed for an early decision on an Irish bailout — which would be expected to guarantee they will get paid back on their holdings.

The yield on 10-year Irish treasuries rose to 8.25 percent from Monday's closing yield of 7.94 percent. Yields rise as bond prices fall, and higher yields signify more investor perception of risk they won't get paid back.

Ireland has postponed returning to the bond market until early 2011 in hopes that the interest rate demanded by investors will have fallen by then.

Ireland's minister for European affairs, Dick Roche, suggested that others in the EU were panicking over how to manage Ireland's 45 billion ($61 billion) bank-bailout bill and its deficit, which is forecast to reach a staggering 32 percent of GDP this year, a record for postwar Europe.

"I would hope that after the meeting this afternoon and tomorrow there would be more logic introduced to this. There's no reason why we should trigger an IMF or an EU-type bailout," Roche said. "There is a problem with liquidity in banks, but I don't think the appropriate response to that would be for European finance ministers to panic."

A bailout of the Irish government would cause it to lose some control over its finances in return for loans. It could be forced to give up the country's rock-bottom corporate tax rate — a key attraction to businesses that annoys other EU countries that have much higher rates.

The priority for European leaders is containing contagion — a market panic that jumps from one weak country to the next.

Behind Ireland stands Portugal, one of the eurozone's smaller members with 1.8 percent of its economy but one that is considered by some to have done less than the Irish to bring debt and deficits back under control. Next comes Spain, with a proportionally smaller debt burden but a dead-in-the-water economy that is so big — 11.7 percent of eurozone output — that it could present a much larger challenge if it needs help.

The current panic over Ireland began in the wake of revelations that the cost of Ireland's bank bailout had risen sharply. The pressure worsened after Germany said bond holders should absorb part of the losses in any future bailouts. EU leaders slowed a bond sell-off with a statements that existing debt holdings wouldn't be affected, but couldn't restore calm.

Ireland's banks are in dire trouble due to reckless lending during an overinflated real estate bubble. The government has taken over three — Anglo Irish, Irish Nationwide and the Educational Building Society — and has taken major stakes in Allied Irish Banks and Bank of Ireland. Allied Irish is expected to fall under majority state control within weeks.

Scott Brown, chief economist at Raymond James & Associates, said Ireland is more troublesome for Europe than Greece because more of Ireland's debt is held by major banks, especially in England. A default by Ireland could be another blow to banks that have only recently recovered from the global credit crisis.

David McWilliams, a former Irish Central Bank economist and prominent commentator, said Ireland's only card worth playing in this week's Brussels meetings was to admit defeat and stress that Ireland's problems were Europe's responsibility, thanks to the euro currency.

McWilliams said Ireland should agree to let the European Central Bank — which has full-time observers inside the Department of Finance in Dublin — take "direct responsibility for the Irish banks, over and above the Irish government."

That would keep the Irish banks from contaminating the bond market, easing the market turmoil for everyone.

"We need finally to be honest and say to our European colleagues that our banks are bust," he said. "No matter how much we bluff, that problem's not going to go away — and our problem is your problem."

Stocks tumble on Asian inflation, Euro debt fears

BY STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The Dow Jones industrial average traded below 11,000 for the first time in nearly a month Tuesday as worries mounted about inflation in Asia and as European leaders met to discuss a bailout of Ireland.

The Dow dropped nearly 200 points in afternoon trading, with the Travelers Companies Inc. leading the way. Only two of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow rose. Home Depot Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. both posted gains after reporting better results.

Asian markets started a global sell-off in stocks after South Korea's central bank raised interest rates to curb inflation. Shares also fell in Shanghai and Hong Kong as speculation spread that China will take more steps to rein in its red-hot economy, which would dampen global demand for industrial goods.

Basic materials companies, which have benefited from the booming demand from China, were among the biggest losers in U.S. trading. Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc. fell 4.7 percent, Alcoa was off 3.4 percent, and Monsanto Co. was off 2.5 percent.

The Dow fell 198.56, or 1.8 percent, to 11,003.41, having dipped below 11,000 earlier in the day for the first time since Oct. 20.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 22.51, or 1.9 percent, to 1,175.24, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 46.06, or 1.8 percent, to 2,467.76.

While Asian countries are dealing with excessive economic growth and inflation, European finance ministers were trying to figure out if Ireland would be the latest European country to need a bailout.

Similar problems in Greece earlier this year hurt stocks worldwide as its government had to get bailed out by fellow European nations and the International Monetary Fund. Greece fell into a fiscal crisis following runaway spending and a lack of trust from investors following revelations that Greece published faulty budget figures. Ireland, meanwhile, is staggering under the costs of nationalizing three banks after that country's real estate boom imploded.

"It's been simmering for a while," Scott Brown, chief economist at Raymond James & Associates, said of the European debt problems. "Now it's coming to a complete boil."

Brown said Ireland is more troublesome for Europe than Greece because more of Ireland's debt is held by major banks, especially in England. A default by Ireland could be another blow to banks that have only recently recovered from the global credit crisis. Shares of British banks HSBC and Barclays PLC both fell more than 3 percent.

There are also fears that if Ireland needs a bailout it will spook investors who hold debt from other European countries.

Ireland is a "precursor to Spain," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist at Prudential Financial. "It's a precursor to Portugal" as well.

The dollar surged against the euro, approaching its highest level against the shared European currency since late September. The dollar also jumped 0.8 percent against an index that measures it against a group of six other currencies.

Treasury prices rose for the first time in three days, sending yields lower as investors sought out relatively safe assets. The yield on the 10-year note edged down to 2.86 percent from 2.95 percent.

Shares fell overseas as well. The Stoxx 50 index, which tracks blue chip companies in Europe, fell 2.5 percent, while Japan's Nikkei fell 0.3 percent. China's Shanghai composite index fell 4 percent.

Foreclosure mess could threaten banks, report says

BY MARCY GORDON
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON The disarray stemming from flawed foreclosure documents could threaten major banks with billions of dollars in losses, deepen the disruption in the housing market and hurt the government's effort to keep people in their homes, according to a new report from a congressional watchdog.

Revelations that several big mortgage issuers sped through thousands of home foreclosures without properly checking paperwork already has raised alarm in Washington. If the irregularities are widespread, the consequences could be severe, the Congressional Oversight Panel said in a report issued Tuesday. The full impact is still is unclear, the report cautions.

Employees or contractors of several major banks have testified in court cases that they signed, and in some cases backdated, thousands of certifying documents for home seizures. Financial firms that service a total $6.4 trillion in mortgages are involved, according to the new report. Big banks including Bank of America Corp., JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Ally Financial Inc.'s GMAC Mortgage have suspended foreclosures at some point because of flawed documents.

Federal and state regulators, including the Federal Reserve and attorneys general in all 50 states, are investigating whether mortgage companies cut corners on their own procedures when they moved to foreclose on people's homes.

"Clear and uncontested property rights are the foundation of the housing market," the report says. "If these rights fall into question, that foundation could collapse."

It lays out the possible scenarios: Borrowers may not be able to ascertain if they're sending their mortgage payments to the right party. Judges may block all foreclosures. Prospective buyers and sellers could be in left in limbo.

For major banks, if they discovered that they still owned millions of bad mortgage loans they assumed had been sold, the losses could reach billions.

"Serious threats remain that have the potential to damage financial stability," Sen. Ted Kaufman, D-Del., the watchdog panel's chairman, said in a conference call with reporters on Monday. "This is an incredibly complex problem."

The Treasury Department's foreclosure prevention program could be crimped if mortgage companies taking part in it find their legal right to begin foreclosure proceedings is challenged, affecting their ability to modify home loans. Treasury should actively monitor the effect of the so-called "robo-signing" controversy on the program, the report urges.



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council from moving forward on this ban. It's been a community priority for too long," he said.

Existing efforts to educate the public about Santa Monica ordinances like the polystyrene ban could be adapted to include outreach for the plastic bag ban at minimal cost, he said.

The county supervisors' move to bar grocery stores from using plastic bags on Tuesday was praised by advocates of the ban, including Santa Monica-based environmental watchdog Heal the Bay, for being one of the strongest measures of its kind in the country. San Francisco's ban is less restrictive, advocates said, because it allows stores to use plastic bags made from cornstarch, which also pose environmental risks. Malibu's ban doesn't require stores to charge a paper bag fee.

According to Heal the Bay, California municipalities spend nearly $25 million each year to collect and dispose of plastic bag waste, and less than 5 percent of plastic grocery bags are recycled statewide. The bags are an environmental problem because they clog landfills, litter public spaces and harm animal life when they end up in waterways, the group said.

The passage of the county plastic bag law comes after a statewide proposal to ban plastic carryout bags proposed by State Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica), failed to pass the State Senate in August.

Brownley hailed the county measure's passage as the first of many expected plastic bag bans in local jurisdictions.

"This is just the beginning of a wave of bans against single-use plastic bags across California," she said. "The plastic bag industry's millions of dollars spent lobbying against these bans can't stop this movement. Californians are tired of wasting millions of dollars every year cleaning up plastic bag pollution and they are switching to reusable bags."

It's still possible bag ban opponents could bring a legal challenge against L.A. County.

Prior to the vote by county supervisors, the American Chemistry Council, the plastics industry-funded group that was the chief lobbying force against Brownley's measure, issued a statement warning that Prop. 26 may pre-empt the county's bag ban.

"If the proposed fee on paper bags is a regulatory fee under Prop. 26, it cannot proceed on a routine board vote — a 2/3 vote would be needed," the organization said in a statement.

The board of supervisors' vote to pass the measure was 3-1, with Supervisors Gloria Molina, Mark Ridley-Thomas and Zev Yaroslavsky in favor of the measure, and Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich opposed. Supervisor Don Knabe was absent.

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Tim Shestek, the ACC's senior director of state affairs, had earlier urged the board to call off the planned vote, citing uncertainty caused by Prop. 26.

"The voters have clearly spoken in California that they are tired of getting hit with what amounts to consumer taxes thinly disguised as fees," he said in a statement. "Given that Prop. 26 has just passed, it's critical that the board carefully examine how [it] applies to the bag ordinance before attempting a vote."

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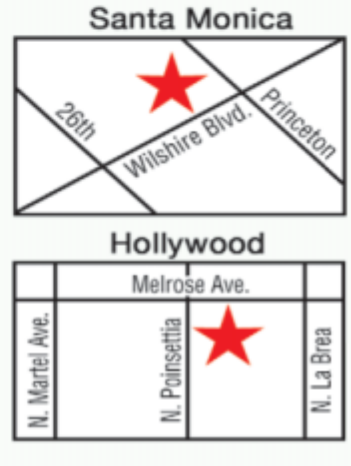


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for best actor, actress and screenplay in 1981.

She worked with a number of music clients in recent years, including Janet Jackson, composer Hans Zimmer, producer Glen Ballard and Diane Warren, who wrote the song "You Haven't Seen the Last of Me," which Cher sings in the new movie "Burlesque."

At the time of her death, Chasen was working for Screen Gems on a campaign to promote the soundtrack of "Burlesque" for an Oscar nomination, according to the trade publication Variety.

Chasen "was at our premiere last night and so full of her trademark energy and love of life," said Amy Pascal, co-chair of Screen Gems owner Sony Pictures. "We are heartbroken, shocked and completely devastated."

Chasen also was working with 20th Century Fox on a supporting actor Oscar campaign for Michael Douglas in "Wall Street 2: Money Never Sleeps," according to Allen Berry, a publicist for the actor.

Stephen Jaffe, a crisis management consultant, said he and his wife, actress Susan Blakely, have known Chasen for at least 25 years. The Hollywood awards season was always a busy time for Chasen, he said.

"She would always call us this time of year to come to really incredible events," he said, explaining Chasen would often arrange screenings followed by intimate gatherings of filmmakers and guests.

"This was an absolutely shocking and inexplicable event that has hurt us," Jaffe said of the shooting.

Bragman said Chasen had a unique way of doing business.

"She was not a woman who was a slave to the fashion of the day," he said. She played to her own vision and integrity. She was very bright, very successful."

DEATH
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of Japanese culture where Japanese was the main language spoken by its 30,000 or so residents and numerous markets selling tofu, miso paste and other traditional foods pulled customers from around the region.

At the start of the U.S. involvement in World War II, much of Little Tokyo's population was sent to internment camps. The Sugiyama family was sent to the Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming.

"It was just a bleak place with barracks and a lot of sand, towers with soldiers guarding us," Mary recalled.

After returning to Los Angeles at the end of the war, Betty Sugiyama went on to work for several Japanese bookstores up until she retired a few years ago.

"She would work seven days a week," Mary said. "After she retired, she loved to go shopping and go out as early as she could and make me go with her. She would always want to be on the go and would always make a lot friends."

Today, Little Tokyo has shrunk to an area of just three blocks squared, and immigrants from other Asian countries, as well as gentrification, have shrunk the Japanese population to just 2,000 Japanese residents, said Bill Watanabe, president of the Little Tokyo Services Center, a social services agency.

The train station at Little Tokyo was opened last year as part of a mass-transit expansion. Sheriff's Capt. Patrick Jordan said homicides on the county's sprawling bus and rail network are extremely rare — there were none last year — though other nuisance crimes such as graffiti tagging persist.

Little Tokyo is located a few blocks north of Skid Row, where thousands of homeless residents live or visit. Watanabe said Little Tokyo is a generally safe neighborhood, though it occasionally sees purse snatchings and other crimes.

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in doubt on Tuesday as election officials were unable to provide an estimate of how many ballots remained outstanding.

Even before new ballots were counted on Tuesday, though, a Los Angeles County election official said in an e-mail he "would doubt if there were any large numbers" of unprocessed Santa Monica ballots.

Reached on Tuesday, Winterer said it's difficult to estimate how many Santa Monica ballots could remain, but pointed out there is still a sizable chunk of unprocessed ballots countywide.

On Monday, county officials estimated there were 160,000 ballots that remained to be counted, or 40 percent of the nearly 400,000 ballots they announced needed to be processed as of Nov. 3.

Holbrook, meanwhile, said he was resigned to waiting until the county certifies the election on Nov. 30 to know its outcome.

"This is a tough situation," he said, adding that there's no sense of competition between himself and Winterer as vote tallying continues. "We're just a couple of guys that ran for City Council trying to get elected. That's all it is."

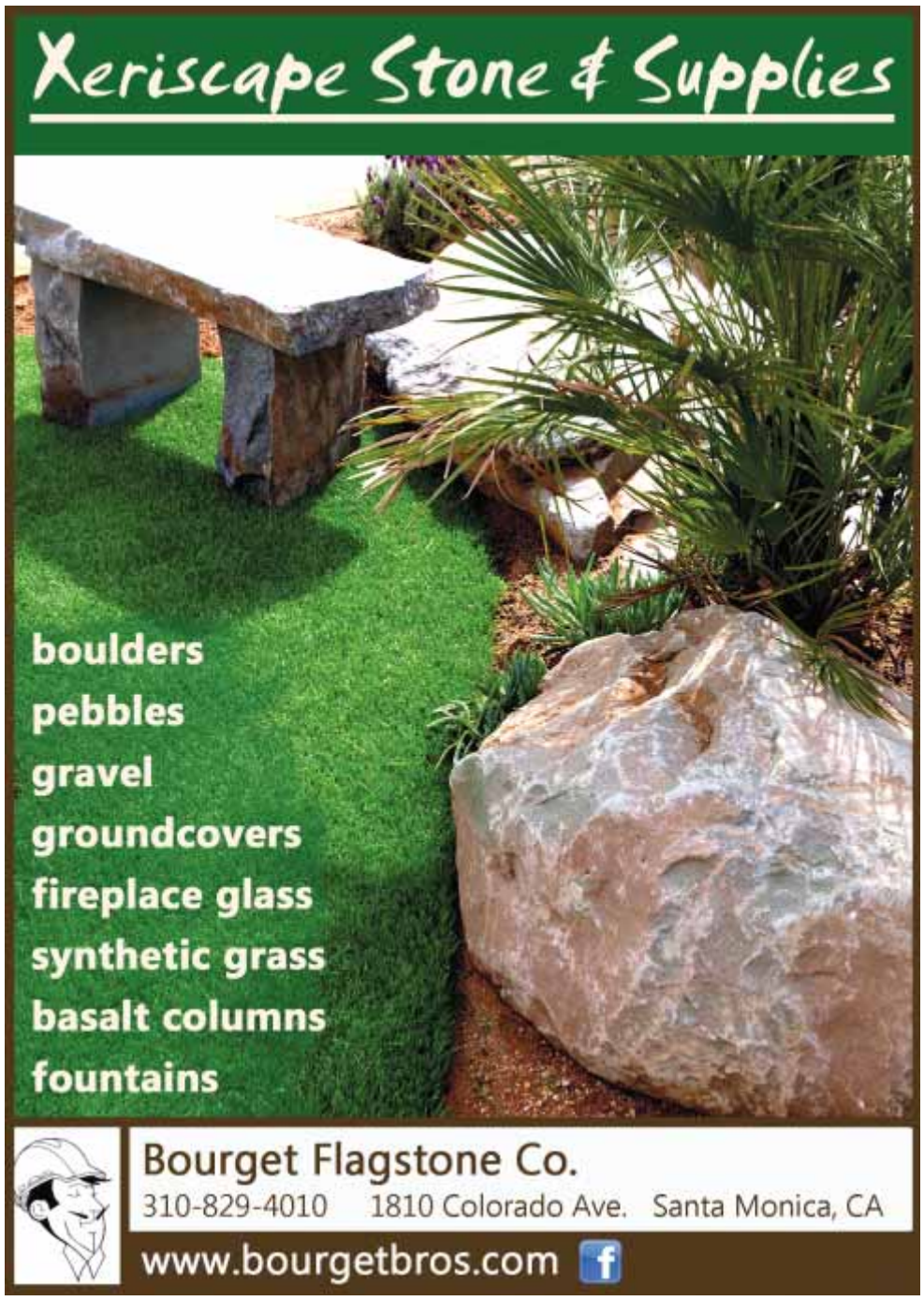
Whoever comes up short has the option of calling for a recount, but the cost, estimated at between $3,000 and $4,000 a day for the unknown number of days the work would take, would fall to the candidate challenging the results. (If the recount changes the outcome of the election, though, a reimbursement would be made.)

Winterer, who was behind by .05 percent of the vote on Tuesday, said he was undecided about the possibility of asking for a recount.

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Lawmakers seek more rail money for California

BY KEVIN FREKING
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WASHINGTON With some incoming governors rejecting money for high-speed rail, California's two U.S. senators are asking the Obama administration to redirect federal funding to their home state.

The request reflects a national debate about the viability of high-speed rail, as California officials embrace the effort while officials in other states are skeptical that such trains are a wise investment.

The Obama administration has awarded billions of dollars to the states to jump-start high-speed rail projects, including $3 billion for California's project. That rail system would eventually extend some 800 miles, linking Sacramento and the Bay Area to San Diego. The trains would travel at a speed of up to 220 miles an hour.

Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer told Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood on Tuesday that no state was more determined than California to put the rail money to use. They pointed out that California voters have already committed more than $9 billion in bonds to high-speed rail.

"It has come to our attention that several states plan to cancel their high-speed rail projects," the two senators said in a letter. "We ask that you withdraw the federal grants to these states and award the funds to states that have made a strong financial commitment to these very important infrastructure projects."

High-speed rail projects are extremely expensive, like the estimated $43 billion tab for California's. Some GOP candidates who won gubernatorial races two weeks ago don't believe their states can afford their share of the project.

Ohio's incoming governor, John Kasich, has asked the Obama administration to let the state use its $400 million high-speed rail allocation for other things, or to use the money to pay down the national deficit, a proposal that LaHood rejected.

In Wisconsin, Governor-elect Scott Walker set up a website called NoTrain.com, which criticizes a proposed high-speed rail project extending from Madison to Milwaukee. "I will put a stop to this boondoggle the day I take office," he said.

Three Republican congressmen from Wisconsin introduced a bill Tuesday that would give states the option of returning unwanted high-speed rail funds to the U.S. Treasury toward reducing the national debt. Reps. Jim Sensenbrenner, Paul Ryan and Tom Petri said state leaders should have the authority to prioritize how tax dollars are being spent.

Cullen Werwie, a Walker spokesman, said the governor-elect "is pleased that these three leaders understand that the train between Milwaukee and Madison is dead." Werwie did not immediately return a request for comment about what Walker thought about the idea that money directed to Wisconsin could end up in another state.

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Thousands mourn slain Riverside police officer

BY AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

RIVERSIDE, Calif. Ryan Bonaminio was an Iraq war veteran who once survived an attack on the dilapidated building where his Army company was serving.

But death came for the 27-year-old not on a battlefield, but in a park in his hometown.

The former military policeman was gunned down just miles from his childhood home after taking a civilian job as a police officer in the Southern California town where he grew up. He was beaten with a metal weight bar and shot with his own service weapon after pleading for his life, authorities said.

Thousands of officers in uniform from across the state descended upon Grace Community Church on Tuesday to pay homage to Bonaminio, who enlisted in the Riverside Police Department after tours in Germany and Iraq. Bonaminio killed Nov. 7 after chasing a suspect in a truck theft down a dark path and into a park, authorities said.

Authorities have charged convicted felon Earl Ellis Green, 44, with murder and other crimes.

Mourners focused on Bonaminio's life of service as they spoke at a podium positioned above his flag-draped coffin, which was brought into the Riverside church by a police honor guard.

Huge photos of Bonaminio, including one in his uniform, hovered over the stage, flanked by rows of seated brothers-in-arms. The dimly lit church was packed with officers and hundreds more watched the service on a giant screen in a grassy lot next door while sitting on folding chairs under the blazing sun.

Police from other cities worked in Riverside on Tuesday so the department could attend the memorial.

Military colleagues hailed Bonaminio's service as a police officer, both in Riverside and as part of the Army's 314th Military Police Company, where he earned the nickname "Bondo" because his sergeant got fed up with his long last name.

He was always upbeat and boosted other soldiers' spirits, despite sweltering temperatures in Iraq and sleeping in the sand for days on end without showers, his fellow soldiers said.

"I never understood it, but if you've ever met Ryan, you understand it. That was his way, to support me, to support the other troops that were there," Doug Spencer said of Bonaminio's smile. Spencer served with him in Iraq in 2003 and carpooled with him to weekend training sessions before deployment.

"We made a pact. The pact was to come home alive, to watch each other's backs, to help with everything — just to cope with everything over there. Having Ryan by my side in Iraq is what brought me home," he said.

Fellow soldier Brook Marshall recalled running into Bonaminio while racing out of his room in Iraq under mortar fire one night seven years ago. Bonaminio, he said, cracked a joke at the red and blue shorts Marshall was wearing and cursed his own choice of footwear: flip-flops that slapped on the stairwell as they ran.

"Even in the midst of a mortar attack Ryan was able to maintain his sense of humor," Marshall said, reading from a journal he kept in Iraq. "No matter how bad the situation was, Ryan always made the best of it."

Once Bonaminio returned, he enlisted in the Riverside police force, something he had always planned to do.

Police who knew him lauded his courage, dedication, humility and his commitment to the community where he grew up. Chief Sergio Diaz urged the other officers to follow their fallen colleague's example and never forget his sacrifice.

"Ryan has taught us how to live," Diaz said, choking back tears. "Today we bury Ryan's physical body, tomorrow we take the mourning bands off our badges and we will get on with our work. And it will be a shame on us if we pass on the opportunity to be inspired by Ryan's example."

Green will be arraigned next month after he is evaluated by a psychotherapist.

Prosecutors say Green fled from Bonaminio when he was pulled over in a stolen big-rig and lured the officer into a park. Green then beat Bonaminio with a weight bar, stole his service weapon and fired on Bonaminio as he pleaded for his life, District Attorney Rod Pacheco said.

Green, of Rubidoux, could be eligible for the death penalty if convicted.

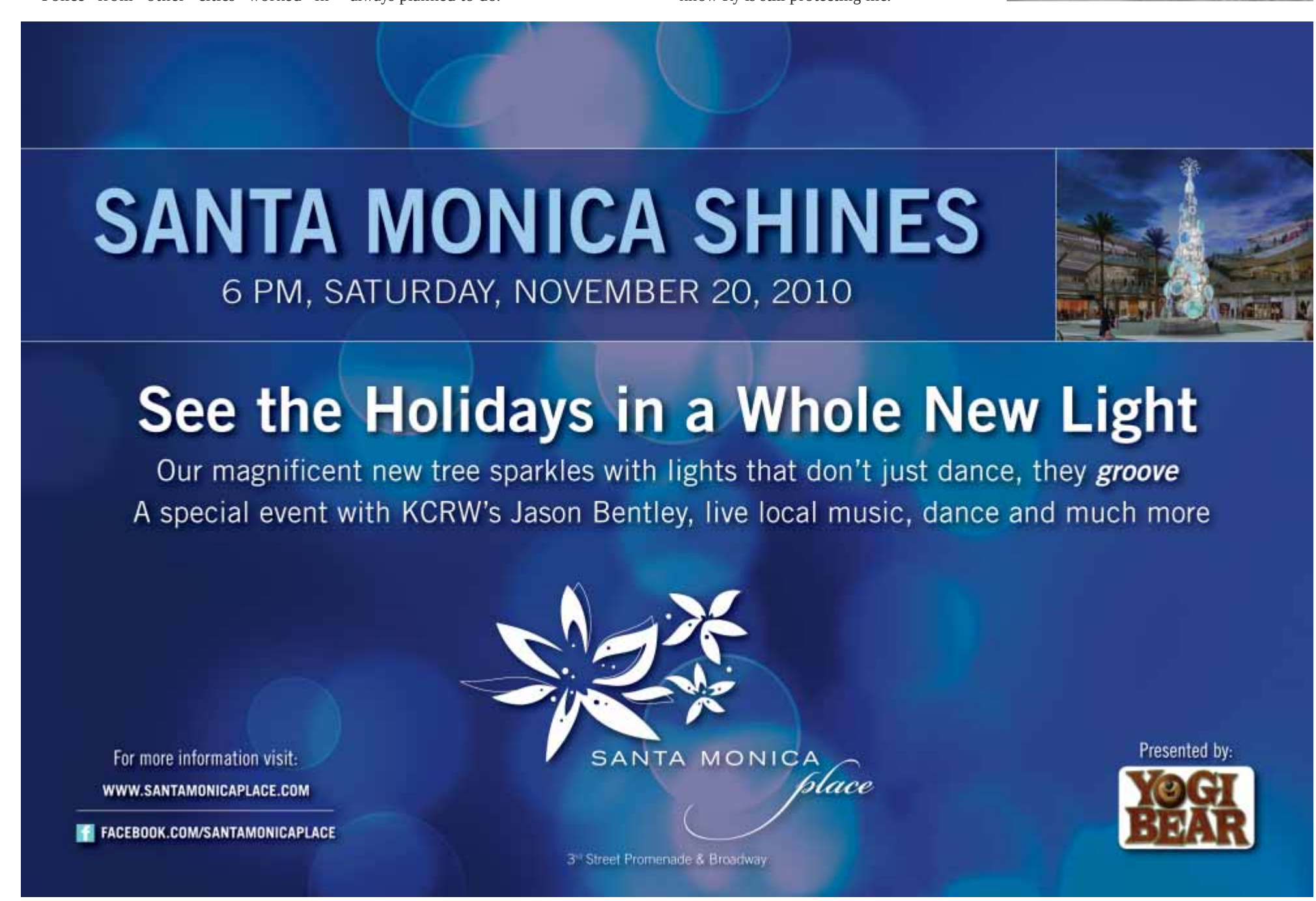
Bonaminio was born and raised in Riverside, a city of 300,000 people about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

The avid hiker and Anaheim Ducks hockey fan is survived by a sister, brother and parents, who thanked the officers for the outpouring of support and urged them to wear their badge with pride.

In a soft-spoken voice, Bonaminio's mother Geraldine said she imagines her son looking down on the crowded church and humbly asking if all this was really for him.

"And as I look out my window, and I see a black and white rolling by," she said, "I know Ry is still protecting me."







Obama's hopes for Russia nuclear pact fade

BY DESMOND BUTLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON In a blow to President Barack Obama, chances faded Tuesday for Senate approval of a major nuclear arms treaty with Russia this year, tripping up one of the administration's top foreign policy goals: improving relations with Moscow.

Obama has been pushing to get enough Republican support for a vote before the Democratic majority shrinks by six in January, and was optimistic just over the weekend about sealing perhaps his most significant foreign policy achievement.

Part of the task included winning over Sen. Jon Kyl, the leading Republican senator on the New START agreement, who has demanded more funds for the U.S. nuclear arsenal as a condition for approving the treaty. The White House proposed adding $4.1 billion to modernize the arsenal and officials traveled to Kyl's home state to sell the pact, according to a congressional aide. But the senator wasn't sufficiently impressed.

In a statement Tuesday, Kyl said he didn't think the issue should be considered this year, citing a busy Senate agenda and the complexity of the treaty. Democrats are unlikely to be able to move forward without his support.

"When Majority Leader Harry Reid asked me if I thought the treaty could be considered in the lame duck session, I replied I did not think so given the combination of other work Congress must do and the complex and unresolved issues related to START and modernization," Kyl said.

The administration reacted swiftly with Vice President Joe Biden warning that Senate failure to ratify the treaty would endanger the national security of the United States. Without ratification, Americans will have no way to verify Russia's strategic nuclear arsenal and cooperation would weaken between two nations that hold 90 percent of the world's nuclear weapons, he said.

The administration is worried that ratification could slip out of reach if the vote is delayed until next year. Even with their current large majority in the Senate, Democrats have struggled to win enough support from Republicans, many of whom have opposed the treaty or raised concerns. Sixty-seven votes are needed for ratification.

Kyl's rejection of fast action will likely set the treaty back at least for months because Republicans will probably demand new hearings in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee so that newly elected lawmakers are briefed.

State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said that the administration believes it has already addressed the concerns of Kyl and other Republicans on the treaty and funding for the U.S. nuclear stockpile.

"The New START treaty is in our national interest and we believe it should be voted upon in this lame duck session," Crowley said.

Kyl said that he had spoken with Reid Monday night. The Republican senator's support is crucial because a number of his Republican colleagues have said they will follow his lead on the treaty.

Kyl has maintained that boosting funding for the stockpile would ease Republican concerns about the treaty by demonstrating that the administration is serious about maintaining a robust U.S. nuclear deterrent. The treaty would reduce U.S. and Russian limits on strategic warheads to 1,550 for each country from the current ceiling of 2,200. It also would set up new procedures to allow both countries to inspect each other's arsenals to verify compliance.

Some Republicans have argued that the treaty would limit U.S. missile defense options and does not provide adequate procedures to ensure that Russia is living up to its terms. Advocates dispute both charges.

Failure to win passage could trip up one of the administration's top foreign policy goals: improving relations with Russia. The treaty, signed in April by Obama and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, has been the most tangible sign of success, and failure to get it ratified could be viewed as a rebuke in Moscow. It also would leave Obama's push for even greater restrictions on the world's nuclear arsenal in doubt.



House ethics panel says Rep. Rangel violated rules

BY LARRY MARGASAK
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Rep. Charles Rangel, once one of the most influential House members, was convicted Tuesday on 11 counts of breaking ethics rules and now faces punishment. The veteran New York lawmaker immediately denounced the verdict as unfair.

An ethics panel of eight House peers deliberated over two days before delivering a jarring blow to the 20-term New York Democrat's career. Rangel was charged with 13 counts of financial and fundraising misconduct.

The conviction also was another setback for Democrats who lost control of the House to the GOP in the midterm elections.

Rangel, a founding member of the Congressional Black Caucus, is not expected to resign. He is 80 years old and remains a dominant political figure in New York's famed Harlem neighborhood.

He was forced to step down last March as Ways and Means chairman when the House ethics committee, in a separate case, admonished him for taking two Caribbean trips paid for by corporations.

At his one-day trial on Monday, Rangel was reduced to pleading for a postponement — arguing that his lawyers abandoned him after he paid them some $2 million but could afford no more. The panel rejected his request, and Rangel walked out of the proceeding.

Rangel reacted bitterly to the conviction.

"How can anyone have confidence in the decision of the ethics subcommittee when I was deprived of due process rights, right to counsel and was not even in the room?" Rangel said in a written statement. "I can only hope that the full committee will treat me more fairly, and take into account my entire 40 years of service to the Congress before making any decisions on sanctions."

He called the panel's findings "unprecedented" because there was no rebuttal evidence. He complained that the rejection of his appeal for more time violated "the basic constitutional right to counsel."

Rangel, echoing a statement he made in August in a speech to the House, added, "any failings in my conduct were the result of "good faith mistakes" and were caused by "sloppy and careless recordkeeping, but were not criminal or corrupt."

New York Gov.-elect Andrew Cuomo, a Democrat who attended Rangel's fundraiser in August while campaigning to clean up New York politics, said, "It's obviously a sad situation to experience.

"It's important that people have full faith in the integrity in public service, so it's painful to watch," Cuomo said Tuesday at a press event near Rochester. "But we'll see what happens at the end of the process."

Only last spring, Rangel wielded significant power in the House from his position as the main writer of tax legislation. He was not present Tuesday when the verdict was announced.

The full ethics committee will now conduct a hearing on the appropriate punishment for Rangel, the silver-haired, gravelly-voiced and sartorially flashy veteran of 20 terms in the House.

Possible sanctions include a House vote deploring Rangel's conduct, a fine and denial of privileges.

The congressional panel, sitting as a jury, found that Rangel had used House stationery and staff to solicit money for a New York college center named after him. It also concluded he solicited donors for the center with interests before the Ways and Means Committee, leaving the impression the money could influence official actions.

He also was found guilty of failing to disclose at least $600,000 in assets and income in a series of inaccurate reports to Congress; using a rent-subsidized New York apartment for a campaign office, when it was designated for residential use; and failure to report to the IRS rental income from a housing unit in a Dominican Republic resort.

The ethics panel split 4-4 on a charge that Rangel violated a ban on gifts because he was to have an office — and storage of his papers — at the Charles B. Rangel Center for Public Service at City College of New York.

Two counts charging him with misuse of Congress' free mail privilege were merged into one.

The charges said the solicitation for the Rangel Center targeted foundations and businesses that were seeking official action from the House, or had interests that might be substantially affected by Rangel's congressional conduct.

However, Rangel was not accused of using his influence to pass or defeat legislation.

During Monday's trial proceeding, the chief counsel for the House ethics committee, Blake Chisam, told the jury that Rangel could have received permission to solicit nonprofit foundations. However, he could not have used congressional stationery and staff as he was found to have done.

Rangel had previously acknowledged some of the charges, including submission of 10 years' worth of incomplete and inaccurate annual statements disclosing his assets and income.

He also admitted he initially did not report his rental income from a unit he owned at the Punta Cana resort in the Dominican Republic.

An apartment in Harlem's Lennox Terrace complex housed the Rangel for Congress and National Leadership PAC political committees, when the lease terms said the unit was designated for living purposes only.

Chisam had told the jury that other tenants were evicted at an increasing rate for violating the same lease terms.

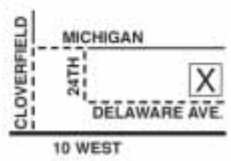
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Harry Potter's grave draws tourists to Israel town

BY TIA GOLDENBERG
Associated Press

RAMLE, Israel Spoiler alert: Harry Potter is dead.

Not the bespectacled teenage wizard created by author J.K. Rowling. This deceased Potter was a British soldier killed in 1939, and his grave is helping draw tourists to the backwater Israeli town of Ramle.

Ramle does not keep numbers on how many tourists flock to the grave in the town's British military cemetery, but tour guides and the municipality say the tombstone has become a popular attraction, largely for domestic travelers.

"There is no connection with the Harry Potter we know from literature, but the name sells, the name is marketable," said Ron Peled, a tour guide who said he has brought dozens of groups to the grave.

Pvt. Harry Potter was born near Birmingham, England, and joined the British military in 1938. According to his regiment's website, he arrived to British mandate Palestine later that year, where he was killed in battle with an armed band in 1939. He was 18.

The tombstone says, incorrectly, that he died at 19 — a result of him having lied about his age so he could enlist.

The municipality said people began inquiring about the grave about five years ago, and the city listed it on its tourism website at the start of the year.

On a recent afternoon, a group of Israeli visitors, led by a microphone-wielding tour guide, scoured the manicured cemetery, looking for Potter's tombstone. Once they found it among the 4,500 graves, they huddled behind it and snapped photos.

"It's a type of pilgrimage for some man whose name stands out. If you didn't say that Harry Potter was buried here, no one would come here," said Josef Peretz, 76, from Tel Aviv.

Thousands of tourists visit Ramle, a drab, working-class town in central Israel, every year, in large part because of its many archaeological ruins and convenient location, according to the municipality.

"Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1," the second-to-last of the big-screen adventures about the young wizard, opens Friday.

Feds expand anti-terror campaign to Los Angeles

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

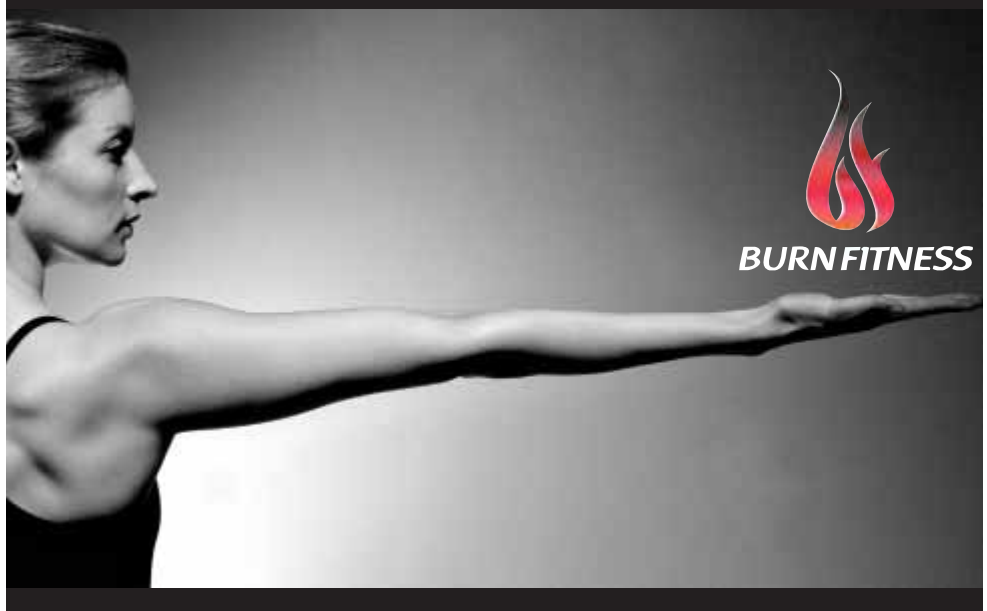
LOS ANGELES The U.S. Department of Homeland Security is expanding the nationwide "If you see something, say something" anti-terror campaign to Los Angeles.

The federal agency launched the campaign Tuesday ahead of the holiday travel season to increase public vigilance at airports and train stations.

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa likened the concept to a "21st century neighborhood watch" that encourages passengers to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior or activity.

The New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority was first to use the "see something, say something" posters in 2002. The phrase has taken on additional power after a street vendor reported a suspicious SUV in Times Square in May. His action led police discover and dismantle a bomb inside the vehicle.

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Hotel hopping in San Diego

BY CAROLE ORLIN
Special to the Daily Press

After a nostalgic conversation with some old college friends about the joys of pub crawls, I started thinking about how to convert the fun and excitement of a pub crawl to travel. How about a hotel crawl? I reasoned that just as a pub crawl is an opportunity to sample different pubs in a short period of time, a hotel crawl would enable me to sample different hotels! Travel to me is more than relaxation; it is adventure — an opportunity to experience different locales, foods, architecture, and meet new people. As an experiment, I decided that instead of my usual stay for a week or so at one hotel, I would stay at different hotels for a shorter time. My criteria involved the following key components: the hotels must be within a reasonable driving distance of Santa Monica; they must be less than a half-hour drive of each other; they must offer a fine dining experience; they must be moderately priced and within walking distance of interesting focal points (such as shops, restaurants, or the beach); and, of course, they must be dog friendly. I decided on San Diego and believed it would either be a great adventure or an energy draining experience.

My first stop was the hip, elegant Hotel Solamar, a dazzling hotel (only five years old), located in the heart of the Gaslamp Quarter. I knew I would love this hotel when I went to valet park my car. The usual fee is $35 per day, but since I was driving a hybrid it was automatically reduced to $17! They are seriously committed to the environment! Our comfy and contemporary room allowed us an expansive view of the Gaslamp and surrounding areas. So far so good. We had dinner in their restaurant, Jsix. What a wonderful treat. The service, thanks to our waiter Randal, was excellent, and the food was exceptional. My husband is still talking about the house-made pappardelle pasta with Belize shrimp and the creative and tasty artisan cheese board among its other gastronomic delights. Jsix exemplified fine dining in a casual setting.

To walk off at least a few of the calories from dinner, it was time to hit the Gaslamp. If you haven't been there in the past 10 years, like me, you will be shocked. It is no longer the funky, seedy place of the past. Well maybe a little — enough to give it flavor — but it is now more like the Third Street Promenade and West Hollywood on steroids. There are enough restaurants, bars, clubs and unique stores to keep you busy for a week. There was everything for transportation from pedicabs to stretch limos, but I had no transportation concerns, as I had my luxurious room at Hotel Solamar only a block away waiting for me. The Gaslamp Quarter and the hotel were so much fun that I hesitated to leave and seriously thought about changing my hotel crawl plans. However, being the trooper I am, it was time to soldier on to the next stop in Del Mar.

L'Auberge Del Mar Resort and Spa is a mere stone's throw from the ocean. Upon arrival, I knew that my plan was coming together perfectly. I felt all my Gaslamp adrenaline wash away and a peaceful, laid back feeling overtaking me. L'Auberge was breathtaking in both its setting and architecture. The entire resort and on-site restaurant were completely renovated two years ago. Everything appeared to be designed to impart a feeling of elegant serenity. Our room had a gas fireplace and a balcony overlooking their magnificent sunset deck and the ocean. The bed and comforters were perfect for enjoying the fire while listening to the soothing sounds of the fountains from the deck below. We actually felt safe enough to sleep with the balcony door open to enjoy both the fireplace and the water. We leisurely checked out the nearby shopping area and discovered some lovely restaurants, clothing stores, bookstores, markets and more. Again we chose to dine at their on-site restaurant, Kitchen 1540. We loved their pan seared barramundi and clams and fresh daily oysters. The organic beet salad with valdeón blue pistachio brittle and caramelized yogurt did not disappoint; neither did our server, Todd. After dinner we enjoyed a quiet walk on the beach and pleasant conversation by the fire on the deck. This was definitely an excellent escape from the frenzy of everyday life.

Next stop was Pacific Beach, where you immediately feel a young, effervescent beach vibe. We pulled up to Tower 23, also built just five years ago. This boutique hotel's bold contemporary architecture is very beach/surf oriented. I loved its minimalist, clean lines that radiated warmth, color and comfort. There too, we were able to keep the balcony door of our über contemporary surf pad open and experience the fresh air and smells of the ocean. Although we looked forward to dining at their restaurant JRDN, we had no idea what a delight we had in store for all our senses. The unique menu does call for the server's guidance, as you are encouraged to make your own salad selections, decide which rubs and sauces to put on your meats and so much more. However, Griffin, our server, was patient and very helpful, and we ended up with a wonderful, personally customized dinner. I would be remiss in not mentioning the unforgettable chili-mango infused tequila margaritas!

At last our experiment had to come to its inevitable conclusion. It was time to head home to Santa Monica. I found that on our short return trip, we had so much to discuss. Having had so many experiences in different settings, we could not reach a conclusion as to which was the best. We agreed they were all great selections with different offerings. The only thing I will do different next time is pack lighter, since we can wear the same clothes to each different location, and no one will know. I won't tell, if you don't!

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STUNNING VIEWS: **A wedding reception overlooking the Pacific Ocean at the L'Auberge Del Mar hotel — the perfect backdrop for a San Diego wedding.**





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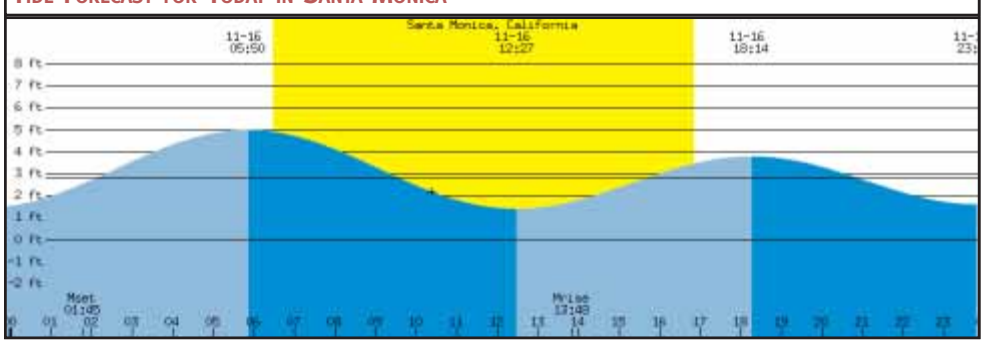
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Long Range Synopsis

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	F	D
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	B	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	B
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	D
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	A
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	B	B
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	F
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	F	A+

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

LEGEND

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Phils' Halladay unanimously wins NL Cy Young Award

BY BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK Roy Halladay arrived in Philadelphia to a standing ovation, a $60 million contract extension and the billing as baseball's top ace. That was before he threw a single pitch.

Doc delivered, and then some.

Halladay added another victory to an almost perfect season Tuesday, unanimously winning the NL Cy Young Award and becoming the fifth pitcher to earn the honor in both leagues.

"It's by far the most fun I've ever had playing this game," he said on a conference call from Mexico, where he was golfing with Phillies teammate Mike Sweeney, Cardinals star Chris Carpenter and pitcher Chris Young.

"It was everything I hoped it would be," Halladay said.

In the Year of the Pitcher, he became the only one ever to throw a perfect game and no-hitter in the same season.

Halladay was an easy choice after going 21-10 with a 2.44 ERA and 219 strikeouts. He led the league in wins and topped the majors in innings (250 2-3), shutouts (4) and complete games (9).

Halladay received all 32 first-place votes in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Adam Wainwright of St. Louis was second and Ubaldo Jimenez of Colorado was third. San Francisco ace Tim Lincecum, who won the past two NL Cy Youngs, finished 11th.

"It's surprising," Halladay said. "There could have been a lot of cases made, strong cases."

This year's AL Cy Young Award winner will be announced Thursday. It could be a much more complicated race.

Felix Hernandez went 13-12, but topped the majors with a 2.27 ERA, led the AL in innings and was second in strikeouts. His Seattle Mariners had the worst record in the league and were either shut out or held to one run in 10 of his 34 starts.

CC Sabathia of the Yankees went 21-7 with a 3.18 ERA and Tampa Bay's David Price was 19-6 with a 2.72 ERA.

"Obviously, Felix's numbers are very, very impressive," Halladay said. "Ultimately, you look at how guys are able to win games. Sometimes, you find a way to win games."

Acquired from Toronto last December, Halladay quickly adjusted to a new league and added to the 2003 AL Cy Young he won with the Blue Jays.

Halladay threw a perfect game at Florida on May 29, then tossed a no-hitter against Cincinnati in his postseason debut.

Voting for the award ended after the regular season. Three days later, Halladay completely overmatched the Reds, the top-hitting team in the NL, in their playoff opener.

Halladay split a pair of matchups with Lincecum in the NL championship series. The Giants won in six games, blunting the Phillies' bid to reach the World Series for the third straight year.

"We fell short," he said. "That part is definitely tough."

Halladay's seven-year gap between Cy Youngs ties the longest in history, matching Tom Glavine.

"To be able to do it again after so long," he said, "means a lot to me."

Halladay joined Roger Clemens, Randy Johnson, Pedro Martinez and Gaylord Perry as pitchers to earn the award in both leagues.

He credited catcher Carlos Ruiz, pitcher Jamie Moyer, pitching coach Rich Dubee and others for making his transition to the Phillies and the NL a smooth one.

"I was definitely worried about going to a new team," he said, adding he wondered: "How different are the leagues going to be?"

His assessment of the NL: "More of a strategic game."

Halladay became the 13th pitcher to unanimously win the NL Cy Young, with Jake Peavy previously doing it in 2007. It has happened eight times in the AL, with Johan Santana last accomplishing the feat in 2006.

Halladay is the 16th multiple winner of a Cy Young Award, a list headed by Clemens' seven and Johnson's five. Steve Carlton and Greg Maddux each won four times.

The Cy Young started in 1956. Through the 1966 season, there was just one selection from both leagues.

Halladay was the seventh Phillies pitcher to win the award. Along with Carlton, John Denny won in 1983 and reliever Steve Bedrosian got it in 1987.

The Phillies paid a big price to get Halladay. They wound up trading 2009 postseason star Cliff Lee to Seattle as four teams wound up being part of the swaps.

Halladay got to Philadelphia on the day of the trade and drew a standing ovation from nearly 20,000 fans when he was introduced in person at a 76ers game.

Halladay was dominant in an opening-day victory at Washington and won his first four decisions. The next month, he threw the 20th perfect game in major league history — only after got pinch-hitter Ronny Paulino to hit a grounder for the final out did Halladay break into a big smile.

It was a rare show of emotion. Halladay is well known for his focus and dedication to workouts. In spring training, it was not uncommon to see him in camp by 6 a.m.

"Roy just set such a great example," Dubee said.

Halladay earned his 18th win in mid-September. Despite all of their recent success, no Phillies had reached had won more than 17 since 1983, when Denny did it.

The only pitchers picked on all the ballots were Halladay, Wainwright and Jimenez. There were two BBWAA voters in every league city, and each person listed five top choices.

Halladay finished with a perfect 224 points. Wainwright (20-11, 2.42 ERA) got 28 second-place votes and 122 points and Jimenez (19-8, 2.88 ERA) got the other four seconds and 90 points.

"It was definitely special for me ... knowing how great the competition was and how good guys were doing," Halladay said. "To be able to finish it this way is a tremendous thrill."

At one point, Jimenez appeared to be a sure thing for the award. He started the All-Star game with a 15-1 record but tailed off.

Atlanta's Tim Hudson (17-9, 2.83) was fourth and Florida's Josh Johnson, who led the NL with a 2.30 ERA, was fifth. Giants closer Brian Wilson, who led the majors with 48 saves, was highest-finishing reliever at seventh.

Halladay received a $250,000 bonus, and Wainwright and Jimenez got $100,000 each.

By finishing second, Wainwright's $9 million option for 2012 and $12 million option for 2013 become guaranteed as long as he doesn't finish the 2011 season on the disabled list because of an injury to his right arm.

On Wednesday, the AL and NL managers of the year will be presented.

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Be playful, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Pressure builds. You are on top of your game. Be sensitive to a cantankerous boss or higher-up. Don't look at the situation as power and control games, but rather as insecurity. Avoid playing into this person's "stuff." Tonight: Everything works out fine.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Take your time moving a project forward. In fact, backtracking might be wise in order to determine if everything is in order. Confusion surrounds a partnership for now, but that could change. Learn the power of the waiting game. Tonight: Vanish for some much-needed private time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are direct and know what you want to do. Stay in touch with your feelings, understanding what needs to happen. Your creativity could be lessened by a feeling that doesn't support what you ultimately want. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Focus on each job and accomplishing what you must. Realize that you need to move a project forward. Remain optimistic and direct, despite a lingering feeling that something could go wrong. Evaluate what is happening clearly. Tonight: On top of your game.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Work as a team to accomplish much more of what you want. Though you could be tired of the same issue rearing its ugly head, you must proceed. A fun exchange could help you relax and allow more of your innate creativity to bubble forth. Tonight: Let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Defer to others and relate on a one-on-one level. If you understand what is happening within a key relationship or friendship, open up talks. Let go of financial tension. Allow greater give-and-take, and don't judge others so much. They are processing. Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Others seem to have a clear sense of direction and what they expect. You could be dragging your heels, not exactly sure about what feels right. Communication sizzles with a touch of sarcasm. Tonight: Sort through offers, deciding not to be alone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ News that is forthcoming could leave you flat. Give yourself time to process and get to the bottom of a problem. Opt not to commit to an expenditure or overdo it in any way financially. Discussions are animated. Tonight: Keep a conversation perking.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Unusual physical and mental energy allows greater flexibility. You have drive and a strong sense of direction. If you hit an obstacle, you find a way to hurdle right over it. Trust yourself more. Tonight: Be ever playful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Listen to your instincts. You know what it takes to make yourself feel grounded and secure. Look to your personal life for that type of anchoring. Your instincts help you know which way to go when you're upset. Tonight: Mosey on home.

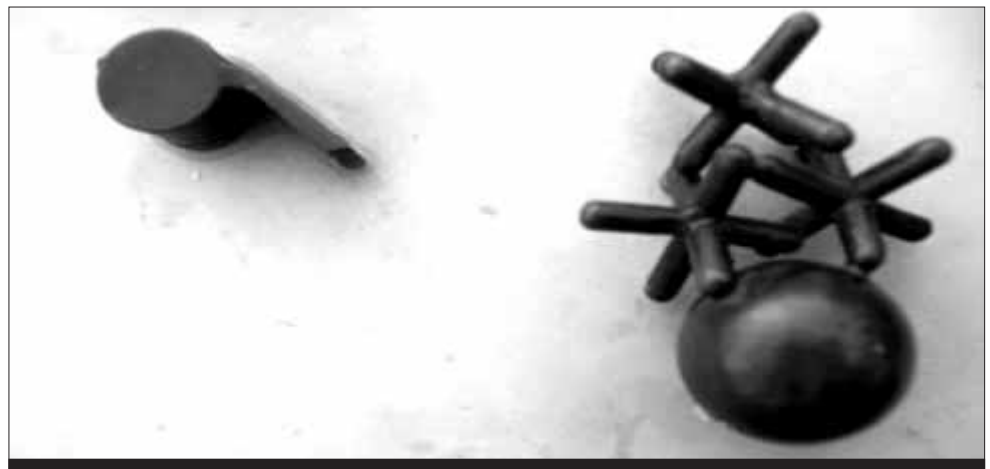
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Talk through a problem. Don't allow this issue to bog down your thinking and willingness to look at expansion and yet another approach. Pressure builds in an unprecedented manner. You will want to take action. Tonight: Where the action is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Your instincts guide you in a money matter. Your ability to clear out problems and draw out others will need to come into play. You know much more of what is going on than you thought. A boss sympathizes but pushes you. Tonight: A must appearance.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you will discover the strength of living your word and carrying projects to completion. In order to do this, you might need to hop through your share of hoops, as the unexpected runs riot in your daily life -- but you can do it. Many opportunities will appear because of your newfound precision and dedication. If you are single, be wary of romance until spring, when it is more likely to be long-term. Still, really get to know someone before deciding if this is it. If you are attached, you might be more romantically inclined than in many years. As a result, your special attention tends to heat up the love temperature. ARIES reads you cold.



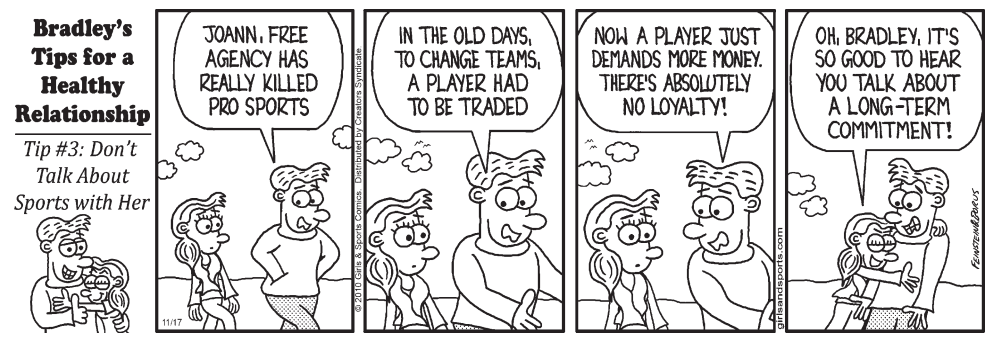
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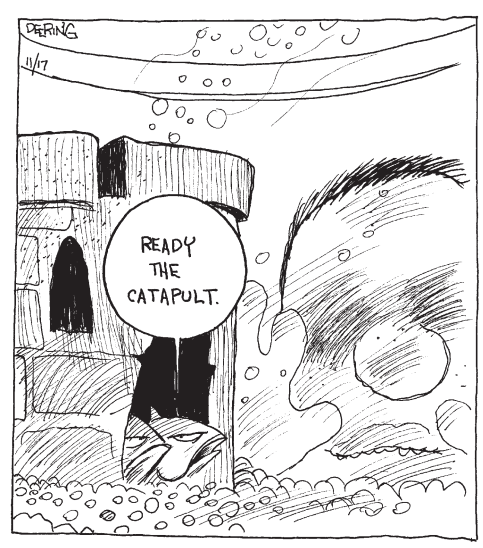
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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11 Simpleton
12 Small songbird
13 Allude
14 Leave out
15 Going dim
16 Craze
17 "Entourage" agent
18 Golf peg
19 Promoting aggressively
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23 Verdi opera
26 Posting to an online journal
29 Army sack
32 Water cooler
33 "Aw, shucks!"
34 Set straight
36 City founded by Pizarro
37 Coffee-bar order
38 Lesson giver
39 Traveler's aid
40 Ridiculous
41 Takes in
42 Grew dim

DOWN

1 Be pert
2 Zoo residents
3 Teen star
4 Meter or liter
5 Favorite
6 Signaled on stage
7 Not qualified
8 Play part
9 Suit fabric
11 Ditch purpose
15 Wk.'s end
17 Facial wrinkles
20 Dollop
21 Combo's job
24 Like some watches
25 Showy flower
27 Fall mo.
28 Made suitable
29 Soft drinks
30 Make speeches
31 Boxer's dream
35 Greek vowels
36 Moon goddess
38 Waiter's reward

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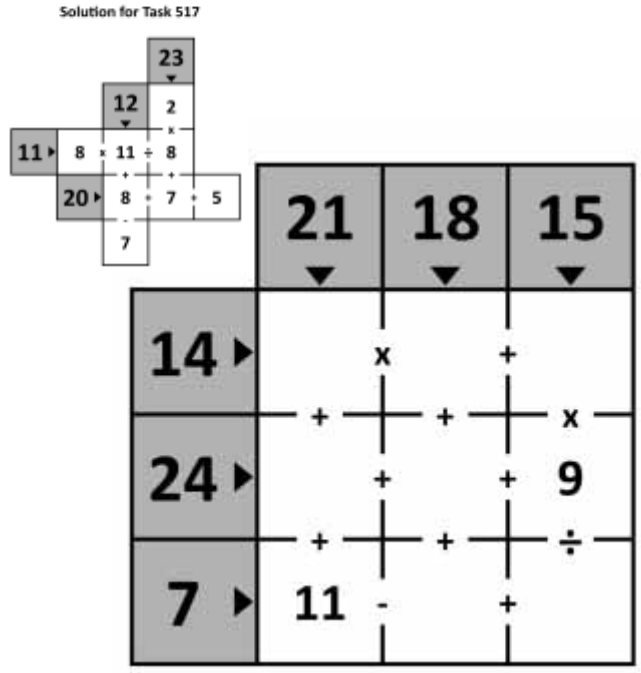
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ If Only They Had Been Less Religious ...: (1) Ten people were killed in an October stampede when a scuffle broke out at a Hindu temple in the Indian state of Bihar where 40,000 had taken their goats to be sacrificed for prosperity. (2) In July in Montcalm County, Mich., four teenagers attending a Bible church camp were killed when lightning struck an umbrella they were huddling under on a field.

■ Cheerful, articulate Catholic Opus Dei official Sarah Cassidy, 43, granting a long interview to London's Daily Mail in September about her joy of life, waxed eloquent about bringing herself pain for two hours every night as reminders of God's love. Complained another Opus Dei "numerary," our "materialistic, hedonistic society" understands pain "if you go jogging and pounding the streets ... just because you want to be thinner" (or endure Botox injections or cram your toes painfully into tiny shoes) but somehow they don't understand when Cassidy wraps the spiked "cilice" tightly around her leg every night for God.

■ In June, the Mexican government filed a brief in Arizona challenging the constitutionality of that state's proposed law that required police to check the immigration status of detainees, which, according to its Foreign Ministry, "violates inalienable human rights." However, a May USA Today dispatch from Tultitlan, Mexico, noted that Mexico has a similar law ("Article 67" of its immigration code) and that police allegedly harass immigrants from Honduras and other Central American countries. Said one pro-immigration activist, "There (the U.S.), they'll deport you. In Mexico, they'll probably let you go, but they'll beat you up and steal everything you've got first." (Bills to overturn Article 67 have been pending in the Mexican legislature for months.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

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