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THE IT'S BEEN A GOOD RUN ISSUE



COMING DOWN

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

People brave the rain Sunday during the Bayside District's Winterlit tree lighting ceremony on the Third Street Promenade in Downtown Santa Monica. Parts of the event were cancelled due to the weather and took place on Monday night.

Docs: Slain model was calling 911; killer hung up

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES An aspiring young model and actress who was slain in her Santa Monica apartment in 2008 was calling 911 for help when her killer grabbed the phone and hung up, according to grand jury transcripts.

The frantic phone call was among the revelations in newly unsealed transcripts of October grand jury proceedings against Kelly Soo Park, the woman charged with murdering 21-year-old Juliana Redding in 2008, the Los Angeles Times reported Sunday.

The transcripts also include the testimony of investigators who said DNA matching Park, a 45-year-old close associate of Redding's former boyfriend, was found on

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District defends handling of sexual harassment case

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS More than 140 people have signed a letter expressing disapproval with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District's handling of a sexual harassment case at Santa Monica High School and asking for more information about the incident.

The letter, written by a district parent named Michael Chwe, concerns the case of a Samohi math teacher who was accused in 2008 of having an inappropriate relationship with a female student. It asks for information about the district's investigation into the teacher and questions the actions of Superintendent Tim Cuneo related to the case.

According to a letter dated Dec. 4, 2008 from then-Assistant Superintendent Mike Matthews, the teacher was put on leave that school year after an investigator hired by the district determined he had violated SMMUSD's sexual harassment policy.

The teacher was again placed on leave the following school year after a complaint surfaced that he had engaged in inappropriate communications with students over Facebook, according to people knowledgeable about the case. He has returned to Samohi as a classroom teacher this school year.

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HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Samohi's Verdugo stepping down

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI In a short tenure that has included four trips deep into the playoffs and even a California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section title, Head Coach Marty Verdugo has made his mark on Santa Monica High School's girls' basketball team. Now, he says, it's time to move on.

Following this season, his fifth, he said that he plans to leave the coaching post and pursue other interests in the sport. The announcement Sunday came just a day after his Vikings won the Inglewood Circle of Champions Tournament, the first preseason tourney win in his time leading the team.

Verdugo said that he isn't being forced out by any means, but instead said that this was all part of his five-year plan when he took the job.

"I've accomplished what I hoped to

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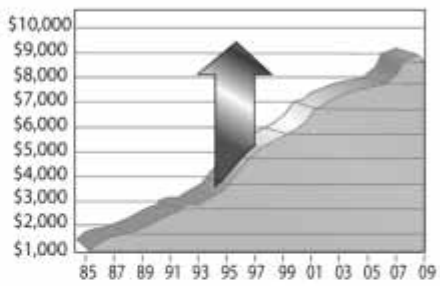
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Tom Hill
CGA STAFF WRITER

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2010

Spy game

Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7:00 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Jack Nordhaus presents a lecture about the role of espionage under the George Washington and George W. Bush administrations. Drawing comparisons between the two presidents, Nordhaus will offer insights that will be sure to enlighten and surprise you.

Holiday hoopla

Ocean Park Branch Library
2601 Main St., 3:30 p.m.
If you've ever seen the Potter Puppet Pals on Youtube, then you know how entertaining watching a puppet show can be. Join Mr. Jesse for an afternoon of fun, as he presents your favorite holiday stories and songs through puppets. For more information, contact Jesse Nathaniel at (310) 458-8683.

City Council meeting

City Hall
1685 Main St., 5:45 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica's City Council for a special meeting. They will be performing the oath of office to the new administration voted in during the Nov. 2 election, as well as discussing bicycle parking in parking structures and the street performing ordinance. To obtain a copy of the agenda, visit www01.smgov.net/cityclerk/council/agendas.

Online learning

Main Branch Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 6:00 p.m.
You learned how to use Google before it became a verb. You have your own personal website. But, sometimes, you still need a helping hand to show you how to find a website. For more Internet-savvy users, this class will teach you how to search the dark recesses of the Internet to find exactly what you're looking for. Registration is required. To register, visit the Reference Desk or call (310) 434-2608.

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010

The book club

Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 5:00 p.m. — 5:45 p.m.
For fifth-seventh grade students who love to read, the library is hosting a book club on "Flipped" by Wendelin Van Draanen. Arrive early and get a head start on the thoughts you might bring to the table.

Downward dog

Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 9:00 a.m.
We all know how hard it is to wake up a morning workout. But with yoga, working out should be stress free. The Annenberg Community Beach House is hosting classes in its Garden Terrace Room for adults at any level. Get your flex on, just don't forget a mat and a bottle of water. To sign up, visit www.recenroll.smgov.net.

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Gun likely not linked to publicist's death

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The gun a man used to kill himself as undercover police tried to talk to him about the slaying of a Hollywood publicist was likely not the same weapon used in her slaying.

Harold Martin Smith died Wednesday as Beverly Hills police investigating the death of Ronni Chasen went to speak with him at a rundown apartment building. He shot himself with a handgun as police approached him in the lobby.

A law enforcement official, who was not authorized to speak about the case so asked for anonymity, told The Associated Press that Smith used a revolver to shoot himself. The official did not say what caliber bullets the gun fired but noted it was not a 9 mm weapon.

An initial coroner's report stated that Chasen appeared to have been killed with 9 mm hollow point bullets. The report, obtained by KTTV's Fox 11 News, said one such bullet was pulled from Chasen's back in the hospital, and the 64-year-old had been shot multiple times.

Chasen's final autopsy report has not been released, and Beverly Hills police have said little about the investigation. A message left with a police spokesman was not immediately returned.

Investigators last week called Smith a "person of interest" but stressed that it was not known if he was connected to the slaying.

Officers approached Smith after someone phoned a tip into the TV show "America's Most Wanted."

At least one resident of the apartment building from which he was being evicted told reporters that Smith had bragged about the killing, though others thought he had mental issues and could not have carried out the homicide.

He had a long criminal history and carrying a gun could have landed him back in prison.

Investigators believe Chasen was shot as she waited to turn left from Sunset Boulevard to Whittier Drive, a road she could have taken to get back to her home in West Los Angeles. After she was shot, she drove down Whittier before crashing into a light pole.

✉WHAT DO YOU THINK?
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Photo courtesy Doris Sosin

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FIRST PERSON

Remembering Pearl Harbor

War seen through the eyes of a child on the front lines

BY DORIS SOSIN
Special to the Daily Press

NOMA I was 10 years old in 1941 and did not understand the implications of an impending world war. My father, Louis Dreller, was a naval officer stationed on the USS Indianapolis, a heavy cruiser, which was the flagship for the Pacific fleet. Pearl Harbor was the base from which the Indianapolis operated.

Our family lived in Hawaii to be near dad. He was out at sea much of the time. We felt lucky to be living on the island of Oahu where he returned often to direct the overhauling of ships in Pearl Harbor.

This was a magical time in the islands, before statehood and the influx of tourist hotels, condominiums and shopping malls. The islands were sleepy rural environments, relatively untouched. There were only three hotels on Oahu: the Royal Hawaiian which was elegant and offered sweeping views of the coastline; the Halekalani, a rustic, tranquil, tropical setting; and the Moana, a sweeping, old-world style building with large, spreading trees. We lived far from Pearl Harbor in the Nuuanu Valley, an area lush with vegetation. Houses were scattered along a winding road up a mountain. Next door to our modest house was an estate with large grounds tended by a staff of Japanese gardeners. Our home overlooked their tropical gardens. I never stepped into them, but they were romantic vistas for me to feast my eyes.

My father and our neighbor, Lt. Cmdr. Rochefort, often met to discuss their theory that the Japanese would attack Pearl Harbor. Rochefort was with Navy intelligence. He had broken a code, which said that the Japanese were planning to bomb Pearl Harbor. Both dad and Rochefort communicated what they had discovered to the Navy brass at Pearl and to anyone who would listen, but no one took them seriously. I remember many evenings when guests were over for dinner and my father would explain why the Japanese would attack and that it was the strategic thing for them to do. But nobody took him seriously. He left to go out to sea in September. Before he sailed, he made reservations on the Matson Lines for my mother, my sister and I to sail to California on Nov. 13 and thus escape the attack he feared would happen.

There was no commercial airline travel to the islands in those days, only the stately ocean liners, the Lurline and the Matsonia, were available for commuting. They trav-

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Law and order

Editor:

Santa Monica is one of the most popular and fastest-growing biking communities in the country. It is also the worst managed in terms of enforcing the state vehicle code regarding people illegally riding bikes on the sidewalk. If anyone thinks this is just my humble opinion, read the numerous complaint letters in this newspaper alone, or better yet, sit at the Coffee Bean Downtown and count how many bikes pedal past your sidewalk table in the time it takes to quaff a chai latte.

Unlike wheelchairs, bikes are not pedestrian devices; they are, in fact, vehicles according to state law. The problem of bikes being pedaled willy-nilly down the Santa Monica sidewalks is so obvious that if you declare that you were almost hit by a bike at any local gathering, almost everyone in the room will offer their own recent near-miss story.

Guess what? The problem of biking on sidewalks is not like getting the flu. It's not going away in two weeks. Bikes are here to stay and the biking community is growing. The City Council needs to take the bike by the horn to insure the safety of its citizens before we read about a dog whose neck was broken by a 10-speed that ran into his leash, or worse, a child being hit by a 150-pound, mounted beach cruiser.

Recently, the City Council agreed to reduce the penalty for biking on the sidewalk from a misdemeanor to an infraction. The message this sends is that biking wherever you want is really not dangerous or important enough to be a real law with real penalties, it's more like getting a parking ticket.

The potential problem we face now is if citations are not issued by the police and scofflaws get "warned" to death the way smokers near business entrances get warned and never cited, then law enforcement in this city is a farce, or at least that's the way it will continue to appear to the scofflaws.

Here are some steps City Hall should take to address the safety of our pedestrians and our bikers: 1) Post signs in the most densely congested areas of the city, such as the Bayside District and Ocean Front Walk, warning that biking on sidewalks is illegal and subject to penalty. 2) Require bike rental businesses in Santa Monica to have their customers (many of them are tourists from other countries) sign a warning that they are aware that biking on sidewalks and crosswalks is dangerous and illegal. 3) Cite bikers who break the law. 4) Make the penalties for illegal biking progressive, up to and including losing the privilege of riding a bike on city streets for up to one year.

Enforcing laws that are written to ensure our safety is easy. You rarely see a dog off-leash in a Santa Monica park because dog owners know that it's a $250 citation. They also know the park ranger will actually issue that ticket. Continuing to passively ignore vehicles (bikes) on sidewalks is a disaster waiting to happen. This isn't Mayberry. Santa Monica is one of the most densely-populated cities in the nation with traffic issues so famous it's re-defining the phrase "red light district."

It's not rocket science, folks. All it takes is City Hall deciding that our safety is more important than a biker's need to extend the bike lane wherever they choose to ride, and a police department with the courage to issue citations instead of just warnings.

Carlos Pineiro
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Global warming is undeniable

LAST WEEK THE REPUBLICANS IN THE House of Representatives decided to eliminate a global warming committee created by Democrats. Apparently some politicians continue to deny that human beings are leaving an indelible footprint around the globe.

Vicious hate-mailers which frequent my inbox on the subject of global warming seem also to be in denial, yet a recent survey published in July 2010 in The Proceedings of National Academy of Sciences found that of 1,372 scientists involved in climate research 97 to 98 percent supported anthropogenic (or human-induced) climate change.

Twenty-four climate models including Japan's Earth Simulator super-computer predict that if a carbon-cap is not firmly in place by 2020 Earth's temperature will rise by at least 5.5 degrees and perhaps as high as 10 degrees by the end of this century.

And while the delegates for 193 nations meet at the U.N. climate summit in Cancun and argue for who pays for what; this year (2010) will go down as a record year for the amount of coal burned in one year on our planet. It will easily exceed 6.25 billion tons and China's galloping economy will have contributed at 54 percent of the emissions.

Each of their coal-fired power plants is consuming 2.2 billion gallons of fresh water and worldwide burning coal is adding as much as 10 tons of mercury vapor — a potent neurotoxin — to our stratosphere. It's winding up in our food chain and drinking water here in America.

Let's take a look at what Earth's ecosystems are telling scientists about rising temperatures, acidifying oceans, droughts, intense rainfalls, dying forests and melting ice caps.

Rising temperatures have significantly impacted Hawaii. Surface temperatures are rising, rainfall and stream flow has generally declined, rain intensity has increased, sea level and sea surface temperatures have increased, and the ocean is acidifying.

Around the world jellyfish populations are on the rise as the oceans acidify. Shellfish, on the other hand, like mussels, shrimp, or lobsters are at risk since they will find it considerably more difficult to build their protective shells.

Oceans are naturally alkaline and had a pH level of about 8.2 in 1750. Since the Industrial Revolution, the acidity has increased by 30 percent. Earth's oceans absorb about 25 percent of the global CO2 emissions. In this process CO2 is converted into carbonic acid. Rising CO2 levels are unequivocally causing the oceans to become more acidic.

Canada experienced its warmest and driest winter on record. Abnormally dry conditions in British Columbia combined with higher temperatures, which resulted in poor snow conditions for some events at the Winter Olympics in Vancouver/Whistler. Winter temperatures on average across the nation were 13.5 degrees above normal. Springtime temperatures were also 9 degrees above average.

Canada experienced the largest spring Arctic sea ice retreat ever recorded as well as registering the largest missing summer sea ice. To experience the warmest winter and spring, back to back, is extraordinary. The year 2010 will go on record as the hottest year ever recorded in Canada.

In Moscow the July mean temperatures were almost 16 degrees above normal; and the heat wave that gripped the nation killed in excess of 11,000 people in Moscow alone.

Japan and China had their hottest summers ever recorded.

Extreme heat affected northern Africa and the Arabian Peninsula during the summer of 2010 with temperatures of 126 degrees measured in Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) and 123 degrees at Doha (Qatar).

After 13 years of being parched the drought in Australia (except for the southwest) broke. Rainfall arrived, farmers rejoiced, grain crops grew and then the rain kept on falling.

A bumper grain crop of 45 tons was predicted. It was the wettest September since the inception of record keeping in the 1850s in Australia. So far at least 15 tons of grain have rotted on the fields. Global grain prices, already at a two-year high after a drought in Russia, have soared again due to persistent rainfall ruining Australian crops and fueling fears of a global shortage.

October was the driest month in Mexico since 1941. November was the driest month in Israel since 1950 and its just suffered the worst-ever forest fire incinerating about 60 percent of the Carmel forest, killing 42 people and destroying over 250 homes.

Droughts have been relentless in the Amazon. In 2005 the northwest jungle experienced a one in 100 year drought. In concert with an intense storm 620 miles long by 124 miles wide at least 500 million trees were killed.

Usually the Amazon can absorb about 2 billion tons of CO2 a year. In 2005 the massive die-off of trees released 3 billion tons of CO2 into the atmosphere, therefore an additional 5 billion tons of heat-trapping gases accumulated that year — more than the combined annual emissions of Europe and Japan.

Unless we reduce our global greenhouse gases around the globe researchers from Carnegie Institution for Sciences predict rising temperatures will alter rainfall in the Amazon by at least 37 percent such that many plants and animals now living there with either move, but more likely die. Let me remind you that the Amazon accounts for about a fifth of Earth's annual oxygen output.

Droughts, wild fires and a plague of beetles have leveled the western forests of the U.S. Instead of Arizona, Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming forests absorbing CO2, they too are now emitters of CO2.

In the last 60 years the northwestern Antarctic Peninsula has warmed faster than perhaps any place on Earth. Winter temperatures have soared by 11 degrees, and 90 percent of the 244 glaciers are in retreat. The ice-dependant Antarctica krill which feeds millions sea birds and marine mammals has declined in some cases by as much as 80 percent.

The natural world is in a tailspin from the alacrity of rising temperatures; there is no debate. Global warming is a citizen's issue therefore we all are required to lend a helping hand.

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What's the Point?

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Marriage becoming an afterthought

I'M A BIG KCRW FAN. THEY HAVE wonderful programming and a great variety of shows. As a foodie, I love Evan Kleiman with her "Good Food" show on Saturdays, which has a Farmer's Market report from Santa Monica regularly. I'm an armchair psychologist so I find Ira Glass' show, "This American Life," endlessly fascinating.

But for current events and hot topics of the day, I don't think you can beat NPR's "Morning Edition." I was listening to it yesterday as I drove to Equinox where I'm still trying to work off the Thanksgiving dinner before Christmas dinner sets in. There was a story about the changing dynamics of marriage and parenthood in America.

It turns out that marriage is becoming a rite of passage for the educated and affluent. There was a study done by the National Marriage Project out of the University of Virginia that demonstrates what I've been observing in my family law practice for the past decade — a marked shift away from young couples doing things in order.

Historically, Billy and Susie dated, then got engaged, married, bought a home and had a child. That is the traditional, and some would say right, way to form a family. It makes sense, there are increasing levels of commitment and as a couple settles into a rhythm they form a home and then a family. From a sociological perspective it makes sense that people would take things in order. After all, you don't put the flour, eggs and butter in the oven for an hour, and then try to mix them to make a cake.

But societies change. Ours has undergone many changes over its 200-year history, and this latest change will continue. What is happening is that marriage is becoming a state that the lower levels of our society are choosing to put off in favor of having children.

The NPR story highlighted a couple from Maryland who chose to have a child before marriage because they felt that child rearing was something that couldn't be put off. That's an interesting way of looking at parenthood because it is very dependent on the female's biology. As men are capable of fathering children well into their 70s, clearly it is not his biological clock that is ticking.

It will be interesting over the next 20 years to see how this impacts children and their attitudes toward marriage, which I imagine will continue to decline. The National Marriage Project found that, "the desire of teenagers of both sexes for 'a good marriage and family life' has remained high over the past few decades. Boys are almost 10 percentage points less desirous of this than girls, however, and they are also a little more pessimistic about the possibility of a long-term marriage. Both boys and girls have become more accepting of lifestyles that are considered alternatives to marriage, including non-marital childbearing and unmarried cohabitation."

The long-term effects of this on how children are raised, and what their expectations are of gender roles remains to be seen. I fear that it will have a negative impact on how boys are raised, and what their understanding of what being a man and father means.

As more boys and girls are raised in single-parent households, primarily by their mothers who do not see the important value of having a man to demonstrate day-to-day living and problem solving, I anticipate that we will have a generation of boys who are confused about their role in society.

As women see a husband as less of a necessity in their own lives, it seems to me that it won't be long until they see a father as less of a necessity in a child's life. That is problematic, because in my experience and opinion it is other men who teach men how to be men. Teenage boys need a father figure to help guide them through the maze of hormones and new rules for social behavior, and without that, I fear that they will be left in the wilderness to recreate some modern version of "Animal Farm."

My concern is that boys will not develop a positive self-image if they only see males as weekend fathers who only contribute financially. Additionally, I am concerned that the will not see men as playing a positive role if they don't see their fathers as more than sperm donors.

But, in the end, the changes will come, and we will adapt. I don't know what the future males of America will be like, perhaps they will be more emotionally open and nurturing, perhaps they will be better than what I think is possible. I don't know what the future females will be like, perhaps they will be stronger and more independent and our society will reach new heights of equality.

Whatever the future is, it is sure to be interesting.

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The Q Line

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The year 2010 saw its fair share of interesting happenings in Santa Monica. There was a City Council election that took a month to sort out, a couple local high school teams won CIF titles and bikes continue to be on the minds of many.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What were the main stories of 2010, and why?

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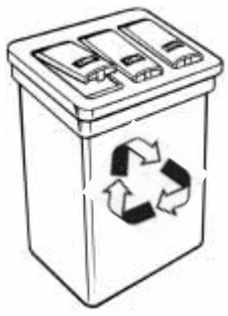
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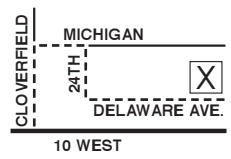


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Schwarzenegger proposes $9.9B in cuts, fund shifts

BY JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger on Monday declared a fiscal emergency in California and asked lawmakers to meet in a special session to close an immediate $6 billion deficit.

The Republican governor announced a plan that relies largely on cuts to health care and social services for the poor, a proposal that was not received enthusiastically by the Democrats who control the Legislature.

About $7.4 billion of Schwarzenegger's proposal would come from cuts, include reducing cash assistance to needy families by 15.7 percent in April, then eliminating the entire welfare-to-work program in July.

He wants to eliminate vision coverage and increase monthly premiums for Healthy Families, a program that provides health coverage for children of low-income families.

The governor also is asking the state to limit prescriptions and cap physician visits to 10 a year for Medi-Cal recipients.

Schwarzenegger referred to the Legislature's record-long budget impasse earlier this year in explaining why he was calling lawmakers into a special budget session. He said lawmakers should act immediately because cuts can take months to take effect.

"It is extremely important that they start right now. That's the fiscally responsible thing to do," Schwarzenegger said. "Like I said, I think any governor, it's not just me, any governor that sits here would do exactly the same thing."

Schwarzenegger took the action the same day new lawmakers were being sworn into office. Under the special session provisions, the Legislature has 45 days to address the fiscal crisis and cannot act on other bills in the meantime.

"I believe the Governor will have a difficult time convincing the Legislature to approve his proposal given the fact that it doesn't address the entire problem, doesn't create jobs and is in fact a rehash of proposals we have already considered and rejected," Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles, said in a statement.

Schwarzenegger will be gone from office long before then, with Gov.-elect Jerry Brown taking over on Jan. 3. Democratic lawmakers have indicated they would be more inclined to wait for Brown before taking action on the state's deficit.

Perez outlined his agenda for the year as he convened a new legislative session and swore in a new batch of lawmakers Monday.

Among Perez's plans is a bill to overturn the governor's veto of child care services in order to save $256 million.

California faces a budget shortfall of $6 billion in the current fiscal year and more than $19 billion in the fiscal year that will begin July 1.

The budget that he signed Oct. 8 was filled with overly optimistic revenue assumptions, cost shifts and it assumed more federal aid than the state can expect to receive. Many, including the nonpartisan Legislative Analyst's Office, had warned the spending plan would not hold.

Schwarzenegger said his proposal would save the state $9.9 billion over the next two fiscal years.

In addition to the spending cuts, he also is proposing more than $2 billion in fund shifts and other revenue, including a 4.8 percent surcharge on property insurance to fund firefighting and other emergency services.

Gov.-elect Jerry Brown, a Democrat, is expected to hold the first in a series of budget forums later this week. Brown will be sworn in Jan. 3.

"I'm hoping people will get out of their comfort zone and cooperate, because the state is facing a fiscal crisis, and so is the nation," Brown told The Associated Press after meeting separately with Republican and Democratic lawmakers Monday. "I'm hopeful the leaders in California will approach the budget with a real sense of discipline and fairness. People are friendly and chatty today, but there's no telling what that means, what it portends."

Pair charged in melee before USC-UCLA football game

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PASADENA Prosecutors have charged two men with resisting arrest and other crimes stemming from brawls among fans tailgating before Saturday's Southern California-UCLA football game at the Rose Bowl.

The district attorney's office says 24-year-old Joshua Elder of Temple City and 27-year-old Steven Michael Radu of Monrovia face arraignment Monday afternoon in Pasadena Superior Court.

Elder is also charged with misdemeanor exhibiting a deadly weapon and Radu is charged with trying to free Elder from police custody, a felony. Both remain jailed.

No charges have been filed yet in the stabbings of two people, which led to the arrest of a third man for investigation of attempted murder. One stabbing victim is hospitalized in stable condition. The other was released.

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Quackers' call to service

Editor's Note: The Quackers are three awesome ducks – Rusty, Richard and Sydney – from the canals of Venice who are on a mission to educate the community about the dangers of global warming and the importance of practicing sustainability, all while surfing the most gnarly waves possible.

WHEN WE ARRIVED AT THE BEACH THE sky was changing from a soft rose to a deep magenta and the sun had just touched the water. Our shadows grew longer in the fading light as we hurried across the sand. Soon everything was bathed in a warm golden light. It was the magic hour, that time of day when even the most ordinary objects take on an air of mystery and uncommon beauty.

Throwing our surf boards in the water we quickly paddled out and faced the horizon. With our legs dangling in the water we watched until the fiery sun seemed to pulse, shoot out one last flare of bright light and then slip from sight.

The waves were small, 2-3 footers with a slow, lazy break that made for a good, long ride. On one ride, Rusty executed a series of sharp turns, shooting trails of water straight into the sky, as he pumped the wave for an even longer ride. Those conditions kept us surfing until a thin strip of magenta was the only light left in the sky.

When we arrived home, the answering machine was flashing and our cell phones buzzed with messages. I hit the button on the answering machine as we hunted for our cells. We heard Cousin Juanita Quacker's voice loud and clear, "Hey! Where are you guys? Call me ASAP!" Each of our cells had the same message.

A worried Richard rushed to call Juanita. She quickly reassured him that all was well and then said, "I'm working on a big project to save the Gunnison's prairie dogs in Santa Fe, please say you guys will fly in this weekend to help!"

Rusty heard "dog" and quickly used it to reopen his campaign to get one. "Can I have one if I help?" he asked. "What type of dog is a Gunnison's prairie dog anyway? Is it like a Chihuahua?"

To Rusty's great disappointment, Juanita explained that prairie dogs were not dogs at all but a burrowing member of the squirrel family native to the Great Plains and southwestern desert grasslands. She said their name came from the barking sounds they make.

Juanita continued with a passionate plea for our help. "It is so sad," she said. "All five species of North America's prairie dogs are in trouble. They have lost 90 percent of their historical range due to habitat loss, shooting and poisoning and in less than a century their population has declined by 98-99 percent. The WildEarth Guardians are kicking off a giant campaign to raise awareness about the prairie dogs plight. We want to share how important they are to the ecosystem and environment. They should be put on endangered species list before it is too late."

We took off the next morning to join her.

As we traveled from Albuquerque to Santa Fe, Juanita did her best to educate us on prairie dogs in general and especially about Gunnison's.

"Gunnison's are the type of prairie dog found in Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos, New Mexico," she said. "They have been in those areas since practically the beginning of time. Currently, they are facing habitat loss not just from urbanization but also in rural areas from oil and gas activity. In just the last century their population declined by 98 percent. There is only a small colony left in Santa Fe."

"The prairie dogs are a keystone species in the grassland ecosystem," Juanita said. "Over 140 wildlife species benefit from the prairie dogs and their colonies. Their burrows provide habitat to many amphibians, reptiles, small mammals and insects. At least 9 species depend on prairie dogs for survival. One of which is the endangered burrowing owl." Barely stopping for a breath she went on, "Raptors and mammals need them for food and the large herbivores love the rich grassland around their colonies. Scientists believe that their underground tunneling plays a significant role in recharging the water table!"

We were spellbound as she told us of the advanced communication system prairie dogs use. They have different "words" to describe, for example, a tall human in a yellow shirt, or a short human in a green shirt. They also have "words" for deer, coyote, red-tailed hawk and many other creatures.

Juanita said that prairie dogs are highly social creatures. She has seen photos of them greeting each other with what looked like hugs and kisses. The "kiss" is actually used to distinguish a member of their family or "coterie" from a stranger.

In Santa Fe we hit the ground running. When we talked and shared all we knew about prairie dogs people were more than willing to sign our petitions. Some even joined in and helped for the rest of the weekend!

That last night as we soaked our sore feet and rested our hoarse voices we hoped with all our hearts that our work will help save the prairie dogs and in doing that, all of other creatures that depend on them to live.

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DISTRICT
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Cuneo on Monday defended the district's actions and declined to discuss the details of the case or Chwe's accusations, citing the confidentiality of personnel matters.

"If there's any complaint we immediately investigate," he said. "We take student safety and employee safety seriously. We also take the responsibility seriously to protect the rights of students and employees [and to follow] due process."

Chwe, who has assembled information about the case and written several letters to district officials asking for details about it, said his aim isn't necessarily to get the teacher in question fired, but to push back against what he sees as a district policy that favors teachers' privacy over the safety of students.

He said his resolve increased after a lawyer for the girl who brought the original complaint against the teacher earlier this year sent a letter to a number of district parents soliciting information about the teacher's behavior.

When Cuneo learned about the lawyer's letter, he wrote a memo to school board members, PTA leaders and Samohi principal Hugo Pedroza that called the lawyer's e-mail "highly inappropriate."

In the memo, which is included in Chwe's online chronicle of the case, Cuneo went on to write: "Please destroy all copies of the e-mail and do not forward it or discuss the content of the e-mail with others."

Chwe said he interpreted the memo as a hostile move against parents who had learned about the teacher's violation of the district's sexual harassment policy and were concerned about student safety.

"People have the right to know and people have the right to discuss this in an open manner," Chwe said in an interview. "I think it's reasonable to ask, 'How many times does a person need to be put on leave until the person is taken out of the classroom altogether?'"

Chwe's letter asks for the district to explain its basis for concluding the teacher is not a danger to current students, whether he is restricted from having one-on-one meetings with students or engaging in electronic communications with them, and what disciplinary actions have been taken against him.

But Cuneo said the district can't legally disclose details about the case. In written correspondence he has indicated that Chwe could face a lawsuit over the publicity he has given to the case.

> **"PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW AND PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO DISCUSS THIS IN AN OPEN MANNER."**
>
> **Michael Chwe,**
> SMMUSD parent

"The further dissemination of inaccurate information, which may include slanderous accusations, comes with it legal risk or liability," he wrote in a letter to Chwe dated Sept. 9.

Cuneo also said Chwe and those who support his efforts should take a different approach if they're concerned about the district's sexual harassment policy.

"If they don't feel the policy is appropriate, then I would recommend they meet with me and we can discuss the policy and what revisions they feel there should be. But personnel issues are private, they're not public," he said.

Chwe has not been dissuaded. He called Cuneo's reply "vague legalistic language which ... verges on intimidation" and said he expects to send the letter requesting more information about the case to the superintendent and Pedroza this week.

An e-mail to the Samohi teacher in question requesting an interview last week did not get a response by Monday. Several calls to Harry Keiley, the head of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association, were not returned.

Meanwhile, Debbie Mulvaney, president of the Samohi PTSA, said she's been aware of the case for months but believes district officials have acted appropriately.

"I am comfortable having seen this process that they have done exactly what they are required to do," she said.

She said she thinks those who have signed Chwe's letter don't understand the legal protections that exist in harassment cases against teachers.

"If I thought there was a real issue, as a representative of parents, I would be leading the charge," she said.

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MURDER
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Redding's skin, clothes and cell phone, and her fingerprints and DNA were found around the apartment.

"DNA was recovered from every single one of these surfaces inside that bungalow," Deputy District Attorney Alan Jackson told the grand jury.

Investigators testified that Redding's body was covered with cuts and bruises.

Park has pleaded not guilty and denied any involvement in the killing. She was free on bail and awaiting trial.

Investigators believe Redding was killed shortly after she made the 911 call at about 10 p.m. on March 15, 2008. They found her body the next day, after her mother called authorities to say she couldn't reach her.

Prosecutors said that police found evidence of a hasty attempt to clean up after the killing.

There was no mention of a motive in the transcripts.

Prosecutors had previously said Park's boss, Dr. Munir Uwaydah, had dated Redding and was close to launching a pharmaceutical business with Redding's father, but the father backed out of the deal. They said Park received hundreds of thousands of dollars from Uwaydah before she was arrested.

He has not been charged in the case and through an attorney has denied any wrongdoing.

Redding moved from Arizona to Santa Monica to pursue her acting and modeling career. She had a role in a small 2005 movie, and was featured in a photo layout in Maxim magazine, winning one of the magazine's "Hometown Hottie" contests.

She had been working as a waitress when she was killed.

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VERDUGO
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accomplish," Verdugo said. "But, at this stage, I'm just going to focus on this season."

His list of accomplishments run deep. He's led Samohi to three Ocean League titles, the CIF-SS Division 1A title last season (the first in the sport in school history), a trip to the third round of the state playoffs, and has developed a number of players who have gone on or plan on going on to NCAA Division 1 teams.

"I came here to see if we could go to the next level," he said. "We've been able to elevate the team to being one of the elite programs in Southern California."

The mark he's made on his players is evidenced by many accolades, but also in what he's taught them on the court.

"He's a very intense coach," said senior Moriah Faulk, who has committed to play for UCLA next year. "He brings out the best in you. He knows how to light your fire."

Despite the announcement, Verdugo said that this team has the goods to match the accomplishments of his past teams. He said that despite reaching the summit last year, he said he wouldn't mind a repeat performance this season.

Those odds are good as the Vikings have run off to a 5-0 start, the best in his time at the school, and are stocked with a roster of players who have been battle tested and heavily recruited.

In addition to Faulk, Bianka Balthazar and Kristina "KJ" Johnson have also signed letters of intent to D1 schools. Balthazar has committed to Long Beach State while Johnson will play for the University of the Pacific. The three D1 recruits on this team eclipses the two from last year's squad — Thea Lemberger and Lilly Feder.

Once the season is completed, Verdugo said that he plans to continue to teach at Samohi, but isn't sure about his future in basketball.

"There are some things I want to look at," Verdugo said. "But, I do know I'll still be in basketball."

Samohi begins the Redondo Tournament today against Peninsula High School. The tournament will conclude on Saturday.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

Samohi tourney includes teams from across state

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SAMOHI The Santa Monica High School boys' basketball team is hosting "The Tournament" beginning Tuesday on campus.

The tourney features 16 teams from across the state including Sherman Oaks Notre Dame, Palisades and Compton. It concludes on Saturday.

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3:30 p.m. - Eisenhower vs. Palisades
5 p.m. - Corona Centennial vs. Blair
6:30 p.m. - Cleveland vs. Compton
8 p.m. - Santa Monica vs. Serra (Gardena)

FIRST ROUND: WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

3:30 p.m. - Windward vs. Crenshaw
5 p.m. - Lincoln (San Diego) vs. Notre Dame (Sherman Oaks)
6:30 p.m. - Sheldon (Sacramento) vs. Birmingham
8 p.m. - Bishop Montgomery vs. Central (Fresno)

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eled a leisurely five-day route from Long Beach to Honolulu. Accommodations were exquisitely detailed; teak carpentry, sweeping staircases, gracious dining arrangements, dancing after dinner, wonderful menus with covers of Hawaiian paintings. Hawaiian food was served; fish, papaya, pineapple, fresh coconut cake. This was an era of intimate, tasteful living, long vanished from the American ocean liners of today.

As soon as my father left, my mother defied my father and canceled the reservations. She felt we were in no danger. It turned out, she was wrong. My father's predictions came true when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

I remember the day well. We lived in a two-story house that rested on a hill. The top story was the living area and the bottom story housed the bedrooms. They were rather insulated from noise, so I did not hear any sounds when I woke up on Sunday morning. I thought I was the only one up so I ran out to play, waiting for my mother and sister to awaken so we could have breakfast. I arose early, around 7 o'clock, and went out of the house. We lived on a beautiful road called Oahu Avenue. It ran for miles, in a rural setting of Hawaiian vegetation, through the valley and up into the hills.

I began to walk leisurely down the valley when I noticed hot metal in the street. It was shrapnel from bursting bombs. I was fascinated with it and began to collect it to take home and use for molding tin soldiers. We owned a kit whereby we melted metal and poured it into molds to make soldiers and then painted them. I observed planes diving low and "ack-ack" fire hitting the planes. I saw and heard what sounded like bombs bursting. I assumed it was practice, and that it was a mock battle. We had been preparing for war and having practice raids for months, however, never on a Sunday and usually out at sea. I did wonder what was going on when I noticed the rising sun emblem on the planes. In my imagination, I assumed the Navy was going all out to look realistic.

I wandered on, collecting the hot metal and wondered if this were a practice or the real thing. I realized the streets were empty. No one around. Just as the enormity was beginning to dawn on me, a woman ran out of her house and grabbed me and pulled me into her house. She shouted at me. "Don't you know there's a war on? You will get killed out there in the street." She was hysterical. I ran out of her house and back up the hill to my own home.

I looked for my mother. She was gone and had left a note saying she went off with Mrs. Rochefort to the highest mountain, Tantalus, to watch the war. She would be back. I ran to get my sister, who refused to allow me to awaken her. She was a teenager, who had been on a Saturday night date and wanted to sleep late. I don't think she realized what I was telling her. So, I turned on the radio to listen to the news. So many messages were thrown at me. "Fill your bathtub with water. Do not go outside. We expect Japanese spies on the island to take over the radio and the telephones. Don't believe anything you hear unless it has been confirmed. Many ships have been sunk in the harbor. This is war. Make something to black out your windows, either paint them or put up blackout curtains. Do not turn any lights on when it is dark. Use candles which cannot be seen."

While I was waiting for my mother to come home and my sister to wake up, I received a call from Lt. Cmdr. Rochefort telling me he would let us know as soon as the Navy had word about the Indianapolis. He also told me in case I got calls from anyone else identifying themselves as naval personnel, not to believe them. He said the Japanese spies had prepared well for the attack and had lists of our ships with the names and phone numbers of every naval officer attached, and might call to say my father had been killed. I was not to believe them. I was to believe nothing unless I heard it direct from him.

I filled the bathtub with water and waited for my mother while wondering if my father was safe. He certainly had understood the Japanese plans. I was proud of his ability to predict the attack, yet worried for his safety. The next day we received telegrams from both my mother's and my father's families asking if we were safe. As I write this memoir, I can imagine their anxiety way off in Boston and Los Angeles, not being able to envision how safe we were, suspecting the worse.

Each Sunday at dusk, the Japanese maids walked up the valley to return to the homes they worked and lived in six days a week. It was a picturesque Sunday parade, watching them stroll up in their kimonos and getis. I loved that scene of the women taking delicate steps, wearing traditional garb, carrying paper parasols, chatting to each other in Japanese.

This Sunday was different. The maids were very frightened. They were in shock. Certainly, they had been as surprised by the raid as the rest of us. It turned out that none of the Japanese population on the islands were spies. As they climbed the hill, our neighbors jeered at them, yelling insults. My mother, my sister and I ran out to protect them. We yelled back at the neighbors claiming the maids' innocence. We escorted

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WikiLeaks releases document detailing critical sites

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON In a disclosure of some of the most sensitive information revealed yet by WikiLeaks, the website has released a secret cable listing sites worldwide that the U.S. considers critical to its national security.

The locations cited in the diplomatic cable from U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton range from undersea communications lines to suppliers of food, medicine and manufacturing materials.

The Pentagon declined to comment Monday on the details of what it called "stolen" documents containing classified information. But a spokesman, Col. David Lapan, called the disclosure "damaging" and said it gives valuable information to the country's adversaries.

"This is one of many reasons why we believe Wikileaks' actions are irresponsible and dangerous," Lapan said.

WikiLeaks released the 2009 Clinton cable on Sunday.

In the message, marked "secret," Clinton asked U.S. diplomatic posts to help update a list of sites around the world "which, if destroyed, disrupted or exploited, would likely have an immediate and deleterious effect on the United States."

The list was considered so confidential, the posts were advised to come up with it on their own: "Posts are not/not being asked to consult with host governments in respect to this request," Clinton wrote.

Attached to Clinton's message was a rundown of sites included in the 2008 "Critical Foreign Dependencies Initiative" list. Some of the sites, such as border crossings, hydroelectric dams and shipping lanes, could hardly be considered secret.

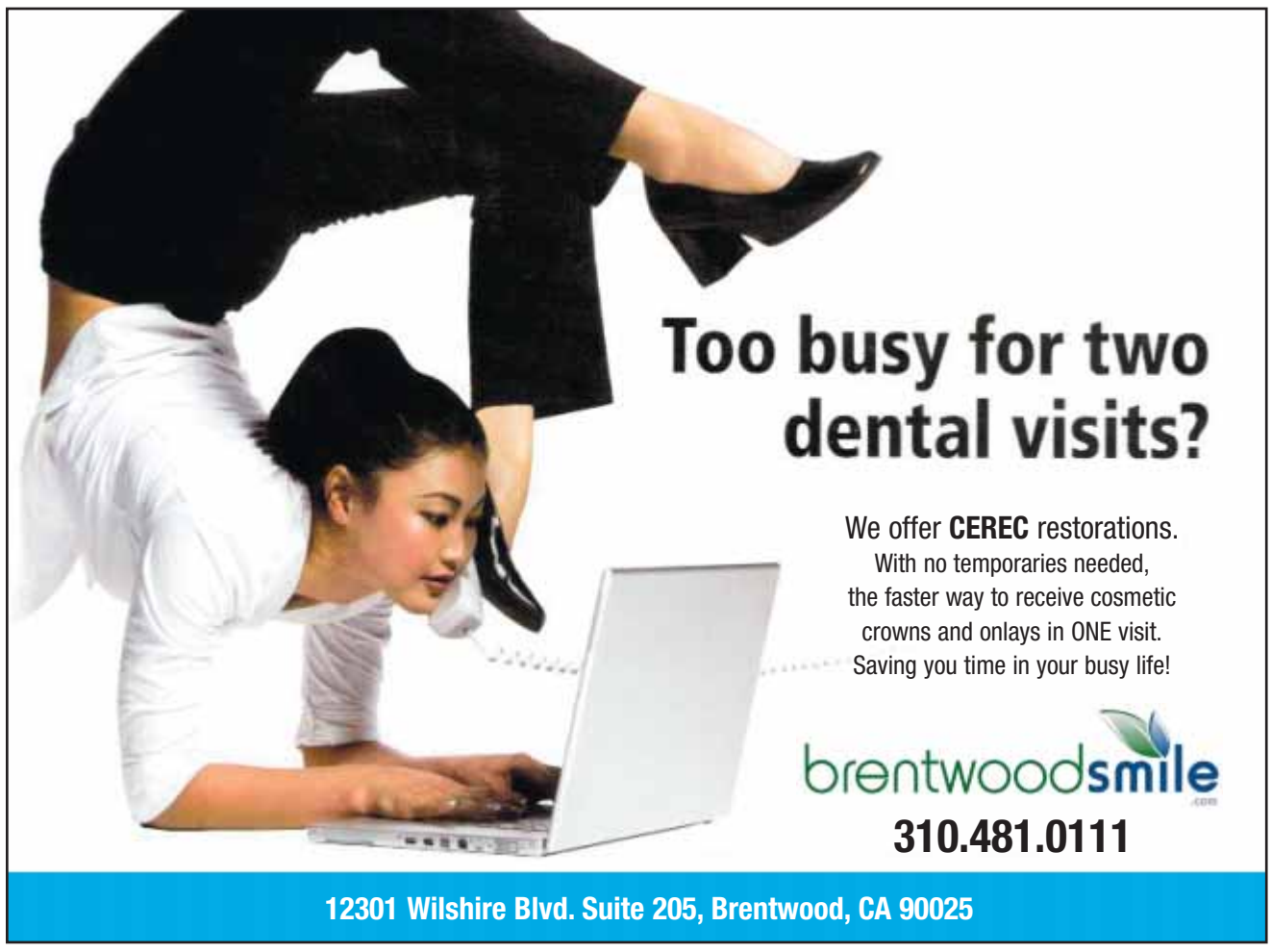
But other locations, such as mines, manufacturers of components used in weapons systems, and vaccine and antivenom factories, likely were not widely known. The Associated Press has decided against publishing their names due to the sensitive nature of the information.

The release came as WikiLeaks faced more pressure to end its release of secret U.S. diplomatic cables, which started last week.

The Swiss postal system on Monday shut down a bank account held by WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, leaving him and his website with few options left for raising money. Meanwhile, WikiLeaks' Swedish servers again came under suspected attack.

Also Monday, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder again condemned the leaks and said the espionage act is just one of the laws the U.S. could use to prosecute those involved in the WikiLeaks releases.

Holder declined to say which other laws might come into play. Possibilities include charges such as the theft of government property or receipt of stolen government property.





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DRELLER

Kieko, our maid, into our home and comforted her.

My father was safe. He stayed out at sea. We left our beloved islands in tears. My calico cat, Butterscotch, had just produced five kittens when we were given one day's notice to evacuate. Instead of leaving the islands by the stately Matson Lines, we were evacuated in late February, l942, by troop ship, the USS Henderson. These ships plied the Pacific picking up dependents in Hawaii, escorting them to the states and returning to Pearl with a shipload of green recruits.

We were lucky to get on a ship as they were bulging with people frantic to get back to the states. The skipper of the Henderson was a personal friend. He squeezed us on board at the very last minute. Instead of the plush staterooms we were accustomed to, my mother, my sister and I were separated on three different decks. We slept in bunks in rooms that accommodated eight people.

The troop ship was escorted by submarines and cruisers to protect us in case of attack. We carried life jackets with us at all times. We zig-zagged across the Pacific to try to elude enemy submarines. It was a 13-day crossing, with blackout lights, practice air raids and submarine attacks. Each person was assigned a lifeboat station. Although our little family was on different decks, the crew had been thoughtful to put us together at one lifeboat station.

One night, when we were all asleep, the alarms rang out. We grabbed our life jackets and went quickly and cautiously to our stations. Enemy submarines had been spotted. My mother and sister arrived at our station and the crew began to lower the lifeboats. I vividly remember my knees knocking against each other and my teeth chattering. It was dark and cold. We could make no noise and show no lights so the enemy would not hear or see us. We waited for a very long time, until the all clear was sounded. We had escaped notice by the Japanese subs and were safe and able to return to our cabins. It took a long while before I stopped shaking.

We waited in Los Angeles for my dad to return from sea duty. I had just completed my sixth grade year in Los Angeles, the school year that had been interrupted by the war, when my father received new orders. Dad was assigned to the Philadelphia Naval Yard to design and oversee the construction of war ships. We moved to Philadelphia. I went to junior high in Drexel Hill, one of the many stately towns on the Main Line. My dad worked seven days a week during the entire war years to commission one ship after another.

When the war was over we were reassigned to Hawaii. My father was promoted to admiral and put in command of Pearl Harbor Naval Base. We returned to the islands in 1946 happy and victorious.

Doris Sosin is a Santa Monica resident and a founder of the North of Montana Association and the Santa Monica Conservancy.

Foreign student visas largely unmonitored

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Associated Press

MYRTLE BEACH, South Carolina Lured by unsupervised, third-party brokers with promises of steady jobs and a chance to sightsee, some foreign college students on summer work programs in the U.S. get a far different taste of life in America.

An Associated Press investigation found students forced to work in strip clubs instead of restaurants. Others take home $1 an hour or even less. Some live in apartments so crowded that they sleep in shifts because there aren't enough beds. Others have to eat on floors.

They are among more than 100,000 college students who come to the U.S. each year on popular J-1 visas, which supply resorts with cheap seasonal labor as part of a program aimed at fostering cultural understanding.

Government auditors have warned about problems in the program for 20 years, but the State Department, which is in charge of it, only now says it is working on new rules. Officials won't say what those rules are or discuss on the record the problems that have plagued J-1 visas.

John Woods, deputy assistant director of national security for Immigrations and Customs Enforcement, told the AP there were at least two federal investigations under way into human trafficking related to J-1 visas. He would not provide details.

The AP interviewed students, advocates, local authorities and social service agencies, and reviewed thousands of pages of confidential records, police reports and court cases. Among the findings:

• Many foreign students pay recruiters to help find employment, then don't get work or wind up making little or no money at menial jobs. Labor recruiters charge students exorbitant rent for packing them into filthy, sparsely furnished apartments so crowded that some endure "hotbunking," where they sleep in shifts.

Students routinely get threatened with deportation or eviction if they quit, or even if they just complain too loudly. Some resort to stealing essentials like food, toothpaste and underwear, according to police.

"The vast majority of participating students in this program find it a rewarding experience and return home safely," the State Department said in an e-mail to the AP.

But it's not hard to find exceptions. Most of the nearly 70 students the AP interviewed in 10 states, hailing from 16 countries, said they were disappointed, and some were angry.

"This is not what I thought when I paid all this money to come here," said Natalia Berlinschi, a Romanian who came to the U.S. on a J-1 visa hoping to save up for dental school but got stuck in South Carolina this summer without a job. She took to begging for work on the Myrtle Beach boardwalk and sharing a three-bedroom house with 30 other exchange students.

"I was treated very, very badly," Berlinschi said. "I will never come back."

• The State Department failed to even keep up with the number of student complaints until this year, and has consistently shifted responsibility for policing the program to the 50 or so companies that sponsor students for fees that can run up to several thousand dollars. That has left businesses to monitor their own treatment of participants.

The program generates millions for the sponsor companies and third-party labor recruiters.

Businesses that hire students can save 8 percent by using a foreign worker over an American because they don't have to pay federal taxes. The students are required to have health insurance before they arrive, another cost that employers don't have to bear.

Many businesses say they need the seasonal work force to meet the demand of tourist season.

"There's been a massive failure on the part of the United States to bring any accountability to the temporary work visa programs, and it's especially true for the J-1," said Terry Coonan, a former prosecutor and the executive director of Florida State University's Center for the Advancement of Human Rights.

The issues are serious enough that the former Soviet republic of Belarus told its young people in 2006 to avoid going to the U.S. on a J-1, warning of a "high level of danger" after one of its citizens in the program was murdered, another died in what investigators in the U.S. said was a suicide, and a third was robbed.

• Strip clubs and adult entertainment companies openly solicit J-1 workers, even though government regulations ban students from taking jobs "that might bring the Department of State into notoriety or disrepute."

"If you wish to dance in USA as a J-1 exchange visitor, contact us," ZM Studios, a broker for topless dancers, advertised on its website this year. The ad said ZM Studios is "affiliated with designated visa sponsors" and can get women J-1 visas and jobs at topless clubs in cities like Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

ZM Studios president Julian Andreev denied employing J-1 students in an e-mail to the AP, but the company's site on Friday still guaranteed help getting visas for prospective dancers, noting that they need a J-1 or one of two other types of visas to work legally.

J-1 students have been recruited to smuggle cash that authorities said was stolen from U.S. bank accounts, court records show, and their identities have been used in a million-dollar income tax scam.

"It's difficult to prosecute these cases because the workers usually leave the country within a few months. That's why the J-1 is the ideal visa to exploit," Coonan said.

In the worst cases, students get funneled into sexual slavery.

The J-1 Summer Work and Travel program, which allows college students to visit for up to four months, is one of the State Department's most popular visas. Participation has boomed from about 20,000 in 1996 to a peak of more than 150,000 in 2008.

The visas are issued year-round, since students come from both hemispheres on their summer breaks. They work all over the country, at theme parks in Florida and California, fish factories in Alaska and upscale ski destinations in Colorado and Montana.

The influx has been especially overwhelming for some resort towns.

In Maryland, the Ocean City Baptist Church served more than 1,700 different J-1 participants from 46 countries who sought free meals this summer, sometimes upward of 500 in one night, said Lynn Davis, who leads the food ministry.

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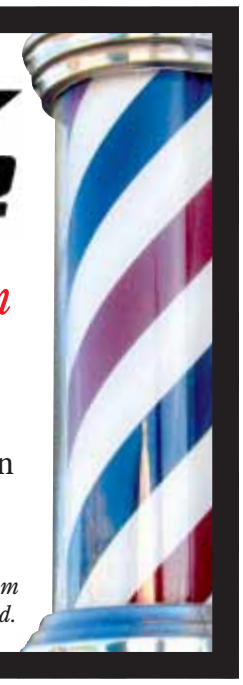
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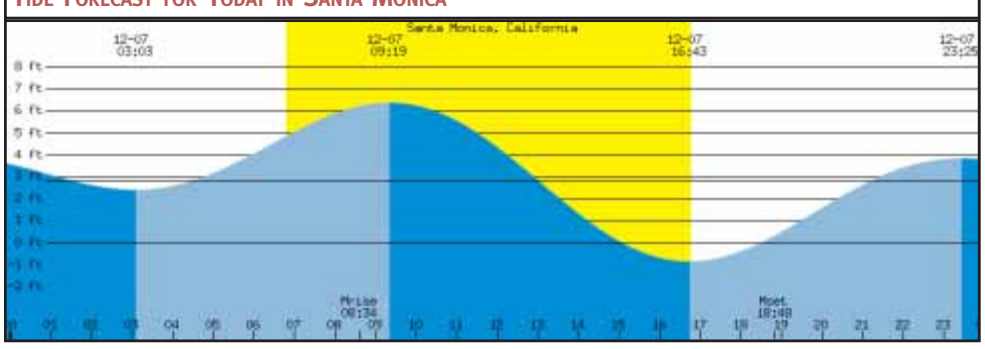
Swell Forecast

The wind swell is expected to increase to chest high for most west facing breaks. Some of this wind swell is likely to come into south facing breaks as well.

Long Range Synopsis

The wind swell should back off to waist to chest.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **December 1, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 9
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 32 / 19
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 13 / 22

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo 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.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	C	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	D
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A+
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.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	D	A+
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	F	B
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).	B	C
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	C
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	C
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	D	B
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	B
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	D
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	C	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	C
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

LEGEND

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

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MLB

Red Sox acquire Gonzalez from Padres

BOB SALSBERG
Associated Press

BOSTON Adrian Gonzalez put on a Red Sox jersey for the first time and immediately said what the Fenway faithful wanted to hear.

"I'm very excited to be in Boston and ready to beat the Yanks," he pronounced Monday.

The Red Sox completed their deal for the All-Star first baseman, acquiring the slugger from the San Diego Padres for three prospects and a player to be named.

"We're thrilled to be able to make this trade," Red Sox general manager Theo Epstein said.

The Red Sox sent minor league right-hander Casey Kelly, first baseman Anthony Rizzo and outfielder Reymond Fuentes to San Diego.

Gonzalez is entering the last year of his contract in 2011 and is due $6.3 million next year. Although the trade does not include a contract extension, Epstein said he's "confident" a contract will be worked out.

"We're going to try to get something so he will be here for a very long time," said John Boggs, Gonzalez's agent.

The absence of an announced extension could prompt calls to the commissioner's office — maybe from the New York Yankees — for an investigation. If an extension isn't formalized until after opening day, it wouldn't count against the Red Sox for the 2011 luxury tax.

In five seasons with San Diego, Gonzalez has 161 homers and 501 RBIs. Including parts of two seasons with Texas, he has 168 homers and 525 RBIs. He hit .298 with 31 homers and 101 RBIs last season.

Gonzalez's lefty swings put up big numbers despite him playing at pitcher-oriented Petco Park.

"I think he's going to be a monster in Fenway Park," Padres general manager Jed Hoyer said at baseball's winter meetings in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Epstein, too, predicts Gonzalez will quickly take aim at the Green Monster in left field.

"We think he is going to wear the wall out," Epstein said.

The Red Sox made a run at Gonzalez before the 2009 trading deadline and again last season, Epstein said. Gonzalez has been an All-Star the last three years and is two-time Gold Glover.

Hoyer, who previously worked for the Red Sox under Epstein, said the Padres were sure they wouldn't have been able to sign Gonzalez after next year. Rather than risk waiting for a deal next summer, Hoyer said San Diego decided to make a move now.

"There's plenty of examples of trades at the deadline where a team didn't get nearly what they thought they'd get simply because the market didn't develop or because of injuries," Hoyer said. "With that in mind, I felt like this was the right time to do it."

Hoyer said at least three teams were showing serious interest in getting Gonzalez. He said Epstein, his pal, had been "calling me more often than usual."

For the Red Sox, the trade allows them to play a little catch up with the Yankees. A couple of years ago, Boston was in the mix to sign star first baseman Mark Teixeira, who wound up going to New York.

Gonzalez had surgery to clean up the labrum in his non-throwing right shoulder on Oct. 20, but he said Monday he's ahead of schedule and expects to be ready for opening day.

"I'm very excited to start this new phase and look forward to a lot of world championships," he said.

Gonzalez, donning a Boston jersey without a number, said the Red Sox have always been his favorite American League team, in part because of Boston icon and Hall of Famer Ted Williams — like Gonzalez, Williams was a left-hander and San Diego native.

Epstein said the Red Sox had admired Gonzalez since his days as an up-and-coming player for the Texas Rangers.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn retains No. 1 spot in poll

DOUG FEINBERG
AP Basketball Writer

Connecticut remained the unanimous choice at No. 1, while Michigan State shot up the Top 25.

The Huskies have won an NCAA women's basketball-record 86 straight games and received all 40 first-place votes in The Associated Press Top 25 poll Monday. It was the 48th straight week they sat atop the poll.

UConn will host Marquette on Thursday before going on break for exams. The Huskies will try for their 88th straight — which would match the record set by the UCLA men's basketball team — on Dec. 19 against No. 6 Ohio State at Madison Square Garden.

Baylor, Stanford, Xavier and Duke followed UConn for the second consecutive week to round out the first five. The Blue Devils will face No. 7 Texas A&M on Monday night in the Jimmy V Classic.

Michigan State made the biggest jump in the poll, climbing 10 spots to No. 15 after beating Florida State and Texas. It's one of the biggest leaps in the Top 25 since Rutgers climbed 10 spots in consecutive weeks during the 2004-05 season.

The Spartans beat then-No. 15 Florida State before topping 17th-ranked Texas.

Tennessee, West Virginia, and UCLA rounded out the top 10. Santa Monica High School product Thea Lemberger plays for the UCLA Bruins. Moriah Faulk, a senior at Samohi this year, has signed to play for the Bruins next season.

Georgetown and North Carolina were 11th and 12th, passing Oklahoma, which fell to 13th after its loss to Ohio State on Sunday.

Kentucky dropped six places to 14th following a blowout loss at Louisville on Sunday.

The Spartans were followed by Iowa State, Florida State, Notre Dame, Iowa, and St. John's.

Texas, Maryland, Wisconsin-Green Bay, DePaul, and Georgia round out the poll. The Longhorns dropped four places after their loss to Michigan State.

Both Wisconsin-Green Bay and DePaul had runs in the Top 25 last season. The Phoenix visit Eastern Michigan on Monday night.

"We want to be in the Top 25 all the time," DePaul coach Doug Bruno said. "What we've learned through the years is that you have to earn your way in. Once you're in, it takes a lot of work and effort and stay in."

DePaul opens its Big East season Tuesday night in Pittsburgh. The Blue Demons will play five games in the next 10 days, culminating with a visit from No. 2 Stanford on Dec. 16.

MOVIE TIMES

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Today's Special (NR) 1hr 39min
1:55pm, 6:45pm

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Next Three Days (PG-13) 2hrs 02min
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Morning Glory (PG-13) 1hr 42min
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Unstoppable (PG-13) 1hr 38min
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Burlesque (PG-13) 1hr 40min
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Megamind 3D (PG) 1hr 36min
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1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Inside Job (PG-13) 1hr 48min
4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

127 Hours (R) 1hr 33min
12:50pm, 3:10pm, 5:30pm, 7:55pm, 10:15pm

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8:00am

Essential Killing (NR) 2hrs 05min
1:55pm

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
1:00pm, 4:10pm, 7:20pm, 10:30pm

Due Date (R) 1hr 35min
12:45pm, 3:10pm, 5:25pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

Faster (R) 1hr 38min
1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Love and Other Drugs (R) 1hr 53min
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Tangled (PG) 1hr 40min
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Take care of yourself first, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Get a grip on a situation before you need to make a major change. By catching this problem at the seedling stage, you'll prevent a big headache, for you and for others. If you're feeling limited, don't blame others. It is the value you put on their opinions. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Challenges can be interesting, as long as you use them to exercise your creativity and intelligence. The only limitation you could experience is from yourself. Fatigue marks the late day. Tonight: Let your body relax to a good movie or music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Dealing with a partner, associate or loved one takes all the energy you have. You not only think this is no fun, but you are concerned with the long-term ramifications. You are clearly off and cannot change the immediate situation. Tonight: Forget today; rest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Others are determined to have their way. Listen to what is being shared. If you want a high peace factor, you will go along with the request. Otherwise, be ready for a battle of wills, where no one really wins. Tonight: Take suggestions, but do what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Keep your intent clear, but others still might react. Understand that what triggers one person might not even bother another. Don't wonder so much about the situation. Recognize your frustration and fatigue. Tonight: Take care of yourself first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ The unexpected carries a kick, which isn't surprising. In some ways, a key partner or associate has the ability to debilitate you. Understanding evolves, but you might have to look past a feeling of insecurity and/or financial tightness. Tonight: Let go of your worries.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Is it possible that you are making a situation a lot harder than necessary? If this is the case, loosen up and see what happens. Sometimes you only get wound tighter and tighter, causing yourself an abundance of problems. Tonight: Head home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Communication makes a difference. What seems like it's too good to be true probably is. Understanding evolves to a new dimension. A child or new friend could be full of surprises. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Examine any offers or risks with care. An unforeseen element lies within. Frustration builds in a meeting, which could involve an older person or someone you consider a stick in the mud. Tonight: In the thick of things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You could be more in touch with the goals of a project than someone who has a more vested interest. You cannot change this person, so do as much as you can on your own. A surprise communication heads your way. Tonight: Only what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Moaning and groaning won't change the state of affairs, but it might be necessary for you. Listen to a wild scheme that involves an innate gift or finances. Decide if you really can walk this path. Tonight: Go where you feel good. Talk to a responsive pal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to venture forward and try another approach. Your unexpected actions could send many into a tizzy, especially a boss or associate. Understanding evolves as a discussion occurs. Tonight: Leave a grumpy person alone.

Happy birthday

This year, you'll be exposed to many new opportunities. Some of your choices might test your value of the status quo and traditional thought. You must make a decision. Can you walk down the untrodden path? Honor who you are, and let go of what doesn't work. If you are single, new doors open, especially after the new year. Realize that no commitment is appropriate until you get to know each other. A second person could enter your life out of the blue. If you are attached, a new aspect to your bond arises, adding Super Glue and excitement. Flow with changes. CAPRICORN's opinions on finance might not be right for you.

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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
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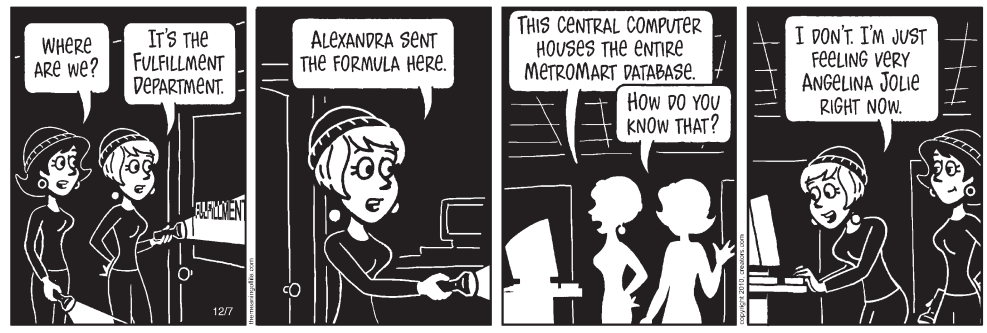
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Sudoku

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

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

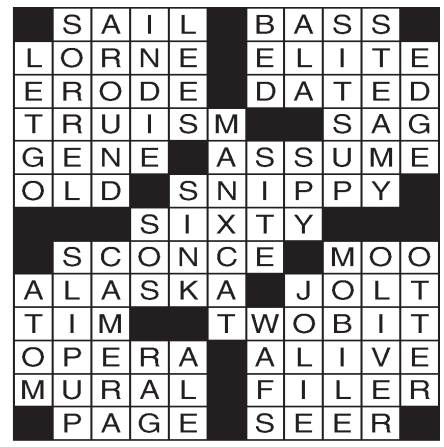
ACROSS

1 Floor squares
6 Used a broom
11 Cherish
12 Painter Picasso
13 Hawaiian site
15 Melancholy
16 Clinic nickname
17 Porker pen
18 Tourist stop
20 Boring
23 Nairobi's nation
27 Sighed word
28 Leaves
29 Corpsman
31 Devilfish
32 Caravan carrier
34 TV spots
37 Santa suit color
38 Letter after pi
41 Hawaiian site
44 Christmas tree topper
45 Slow tempo
46 Butcher's wares
47 Computer key

2 Notion
3 Washer unit
4 Misstep
5 Rarely
6 "Carrie" star
7 Kids card game
8 Wanes
9 Book basis
10 Thatcher, for one
14 Simmering
18 Band output
19 Bar-related
20 Bad actor
21 Flamenco cheer
22 Possessed
24 Opposite of oui
25 Nonetheless
26 Cool — cucumber
30 Seasonal songs
31 Interfere
33 Chess pieces
34 First person
35 Enjoy the restaurant
36 Long account
38 Monthly bill
39 Despise
40 Sneaker problem
42 Got together
43 Brood watcher

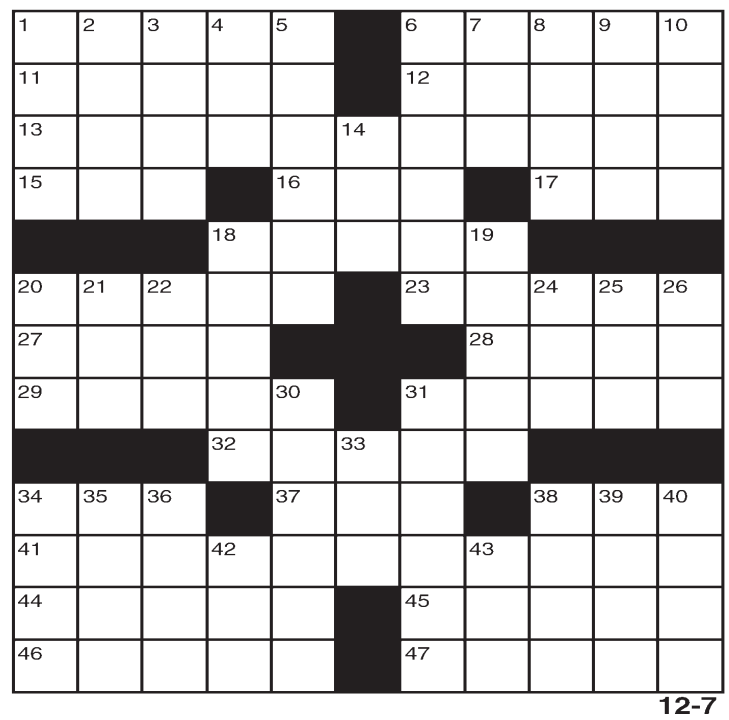
DOWN

1 "Lights out" tune



Yesterday's answer

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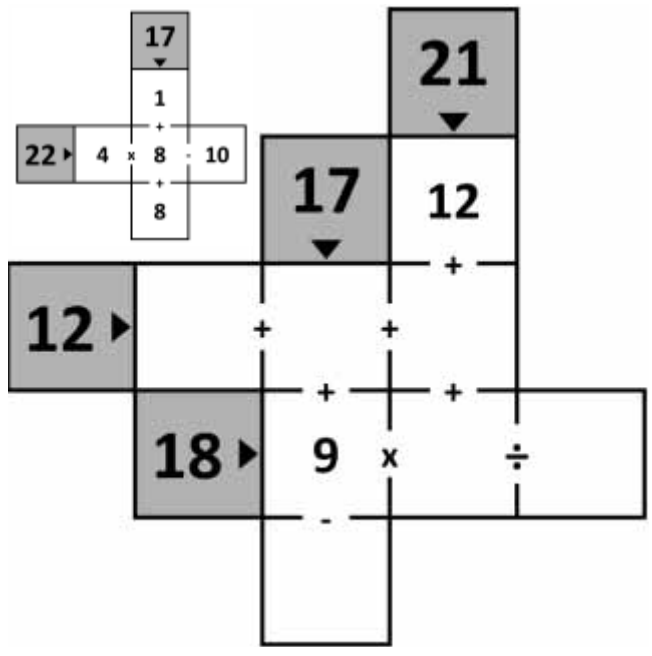
• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 1, 2, 4, 8, 10

Solution for Task 220



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In October, Freddie Mac (the government-sponsored but privately owned home mortgage financier -- whose massive debts have been assumed in a federal "bailout" administered by the Treasury Department) filed a claim in Tax Court against the Internal Revenue Service, denying IRS's claim that it owes $3 billion in back taxes from 1998-2005. Should taxpayers care? If Freddie Mac wins, IRS (which is also housed in the Treasury Department) loses out on the $3 billion in alleged back taxes. If IRS wins, it gets its $3 billion, which will undoubtedly be paid with taxpayer bailout money. Lawyers for both sides seem to think that pursuing the lawsuit is important.

■ In November, patrons using rest rooms at City Hall in Chandler, Ariz., were stunned to see wall signs warning users not to drink out of the urinals and toilets. (Actually, as officials explained, the environmentally friendly facilities flush with "reused" water -- from the building's cooling system -- which must normally be colorized to discourage inadvertent drinking, and if it is not so harshly colored, must, by regulation, be accompanied by warning signs.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1966 A fire at an army barracks in Erzurum, Turkey kills 68 people.

1970 The first ever general election on the basis of direct adult franchise is held in Pakistan for 313 National Assembly seats.

1971 Pakistan President Yahya Khan announces the formation of a Coalition Government at Centre with Nurul Amin as Prime Minister and Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto as Vice-Prime Minister.

1972 Apollo 17, the last Apollo moon mission, is launched. The crew takes the photograph known as The Blue Marble as they leave the Earth.

1975 Indonesia invades East Timor.

1982 In Texas, Charles Brooks, Jr. becomes the first person to be executed by lethal injection in the United States.

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Case No. SS020196
Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles
Petition of ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE for Change of Name
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
Petitioner or Attorney: ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE filed a petition with this court for a decree of changing names as follows: ROSANNA MARIA VALENTONE to ALESSIA ROSE VALENTONE. The court orders that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.
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