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THE DONE AND DONE ISSUE

SM reports no hate crimes against LGBT community

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica bucked a national trend in 2011 that showed an increase in the number of hate crimes targeting people because of their sexual orientation.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation released new numbers this week that showed a 1.5 percent uptick in crimes against people based on their sexual orientation across the nation.

That makes 2011 the first time that sexual orientation has overtaken religion as the second-most common motivation for hate crime behind race, said Stephen Fischer, a spokesperson for the Criminal Justice Information Services division of the FBI.

"Historically, race biases led the distribution of bias motivated crimes, followed by religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity/national origin and disability," Fischer said. "This distribution was altered for the first time in 2011; sexual orientation biases now outweigh religious biases by (1) percent."

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CLARE unveils newest facility

Detox, sober living center to help 275 women a year

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PICO BLVD One year ago, Andreau walked through the CLARE Foundation's door with a bag on her back with four pairs of pants — none of which fit — and nothing else.

Today, she's a senior resident living at the CLARE Foundation's newest facility, a 40-bed detox and sober living house that caters specifically to women in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction.

She has keys to the new building, and is charged with helping other residents through their battle against old demons that have, in many cases, ruined their lives.

"I was not a trusted member of society," Andreau said. "It's a good feeling."

Andreau's story is emblematic of what the CLARE Foundation works to accomplish with its clients, and of the organization's hopes for the all-female facility on the 800 block of Pico Boulevard.

The Women's Treatment Program aims to pair women with gender-specific treatments to guide them out of addiction and achieve self-sufficiency.

It houses 18 residents on its first floor for short-term detox stays, while the 22 beds on the second floor are reserved for women working their way through a six to nine-month program to get them ready to re-enter society.

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Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

WELCOME: **Councilmember Gleam Davis (center) talks to community members as they gather to celebrate the dedication ceremony of the CLARE Foundation's new facility on Thursday.**

Supreme Court refuses to rehear murder case

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SACRAMENTO The California Supreme Court refused to rehear the appeal of a woman convicted of murdering homeless men for their life insurance policies, putting an end to a case that has dragged through the court system for almost four years.

California's highest court refused to overturn a decision convicting former Santa Monica landlord Helen Golay in October citing overwhelming evidence linking her to the deaths of two homeless men in 1999 and 2005.

Her attorney, Roger Diamond, asked for a rehearing after the decision because the 17-page court document did not cite information presented by the defense.

It was a longshot, Diamond acknowledged, and one that did not pan out.

"It's very rare that they would grant a rehearing," Diamond said. "It's an option I

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Man sentenced for viewing child porn in library

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor-in-Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A Culver City man caught looking at children engaged in sex acts on a computer at the Ocean Park Library plead guilty last month to being in control of child porn and was sentenced to four years in state prison, police said Thursday.



GIBBONS

Richard Gibbons, 56, a registered sex offender, was busted on Oct. 9 after a Santa Monica police officer

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Friday, Dec. 14, 2012

Very fashionable
Free People
395 Santa Monica Place
Third Street and Broadway, 4 p.m.
Free People Santa Monica kicks off a night of fashion. It's an early evening soiree to celebrate the season, complete with in-store DJ, sweet treats, surprise giveaways, and of course, bohemia lover's winter must-haves.

Light the menorah
Third Street Promenade and Wilshire Boulevard
Sundown
Downtown Santa Monica will celebrate the Chanukah season with a lighting of a menorah at sundown. There will be a daily lighting throughout Chanukah. For more information, visit downtownsm.com/winterlit.

Big Will
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St., 7:30 p.m.
Poisoning, beheading, cross-dressing, and betrayal become fresh and frisky thanks to Fiasco Theater's inventive production of Shakespeare's rarely seen epic romance "Cymbeline." This up-and-coming New York theater company brings us a young ensemble of six versatile actors who resolve the twisted fates of 14 characters with live music that ranges from a cappella madrigals to bluegrass. For more information, visit thebroadstage.com.

By the fire
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
For the fourth year in a row the Miles presents the "Fireside at the Miles" series. Enjoy seven weekends and 16 separate events featuring contemporary music, storytelling, opera, jazz, dance, poetry, beat boxing, a capella singing and more. Performances take place beside the huge vintage fireplace with a cheery eco-log fire. For more information, call (310) 458-8634.

Saturday, Dec. 15, 2012

Meet the masters
Pico Farmers' Market
Virginia Avenue Park
2200 Virginia Ave.,
9:30 a.m. — 1 p.m.
Master gardeners provide free tips, solutions to problems, seeds and seedlings as well as their technical expertise based on the Master Gardener Volunteer Training Program, which provides intense gardening training emphasizing organic gardening and covers vegetables, fruits, flowers, shrubs, trees, soils, composting, pests and harvesting. For more information, visit smgov.net/portals/farmersmarket.

Open doors
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave.,
12 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Celebrate the holidays at Bergamot Station Arts Center, home to the Santa Monica Museum of Art, and over 30 art galleries and creative spaces. Enjoy festive fare and drinks, performances from Pop Wagon, unique gifts, and fun for the whole family. Free parking is available in the Bergamot parking lot. For more information, visit bergamotstation.com.

Bottoms up
Rusty's Surf Ranch
255 Santa Monica Pier, 5 p.m.
The fourth annual SANTA Monica Pub Crawl features some of the city's top bars and restaurants in its quest to raise money for those in need during the holidays through a partnership with Westside Food Bank. The starting location will be at Rusty's Surf Ranch. For more information, call (323) 330-9559.

Laugh it up
M.i.'s Westside Comedy Theater
1323-A Third Street Promenade, 8 p.m.
Westside Laugh Party is having a toy drive to make sure that children served by the Venice Family Clinic will have presents to open this year. Bring an unwrapped toy to the show and help make a difference. Oh, and don't forget about the comedy. For information, call (310) 451-0850.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

THIRD STREET PROMENADE

New Apple store to open

One of the world's largest companies by market share is planning to open its largest retail store on the West Coast this Saturday on the Third Street Promenade.

Apple Inc., the Cupertino, Calif., tech giant that created the iPod, iPhone and the line of Mac personal computers, is expecting a large crowd to gather at its new store, located at 1415 Third St.

The all-glass building with a curved ceiling and roughly 8,000 square-feet of retail space will feature double the number of stations where people can test-drive products like the new iPhone 5. It will also have three times as many Genius Bar seats so that customers can get IT help, a spokesperson for the company said. The Genius Bar comes with a 360-degree layout, the first of its kind in Southern California.

Apple is closing down its other promenade location and moving the 200 employees a few blocks south. Apple has called the promenade home for the last nine years.

The first 1,500 customers to line up on Saturday will get a free T-shirt, the spokesperson said.

The property where the new Apple store is located sold in July for nearly $60 million, according to Bloomberg News. The property was purchased by Nakash Holdings, the investment company of denim moguls Avi, Ralph and Joseph Nakash of Jordache Enterprises fame. The property was previously home to a Borders book store.

– KEVIN HERRERA

MAIN LIBRARY

Reading the world

The Santa Monica Public Library will be a book distribution hub for World Book Night 2013 and invites residents to participate in the national reading initiative set for April 23, 2013.

Have you ever read a book you loved so much that you wanted everyone to read it? That's the premise of World Book Night, an initiative that encourages avid readers to share their love of the written word, person-to-person.

First celebrated in the U.S. in 2012, World Book Night is a collaborative venture of authors, publishers, libraries, book stores and others. In 2012, over 25,000 World Book Night volunteers went out into 5,800 communities and put free books into the hands of new or light readers, as well as those without easy access to books, city officials said.

Avid readers who are interested in participating in World Book Night can sign up now through Jan. 25 on the World Book Night website – www.us.worldbooknight.org. People can sign up to be a "book giver" and make a first, second and third book choice from among 30 titles available to give away. Volunteers must be 16 years of age (or if younger, accompanied by an adult); provide their contact information; indicate where they will go and to whom they will give away their free books.

In early April, the World Book Night organization will match "book givers" with local book distribution hubs, of which the Main Library is one. Volunteers will pick up their 20 free, give-away copies at their designated hub between April 16-23. Then on World Book Night book givers will venture out into the world to give away their books.

Library workers will also host a celebration at the Main Library to mark the occasion and thank volunteers, city officials said.

– KH

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Samohi bags All-CIF honors

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SAMOHI Santa Monica football's successful 2012 season earned the Vikings four spots on the All-CIF Southern Section Western Division first team, it was announced Thursday.

Wide receiver Sebastian LaRue led a list that includes offensive lineman Andres Meza, wide receiver Jason King and defensive lineman Nick Cardiel. Cardiel was second in the state with 20 sacks and has drawn the interest of Georgetown.

"This was one of my most exciting years to coach," head coach Travis Clark said. "We overcame hurdles and I felt that we had a good season. Those guys deserved it."

The All-Western Division honors come on the heels of an impressive number of players named to the All-Ocean League team.

LaRue was the league Most Valuable Player with King the Offensive Player of the Year. In guiding Samohi to a 5-0 record in league and a 7-3 overall mark, Clark was named Coach of the Year. It was the second year in a row that Clark earned the honor.

In all, 12 Vikings were named to the first team.

On offense, Meza was joined by fellow offensive linemen Steve Becerra and Tim Darby, as well as quarterback Ryan Barbarin, kicker Denicio Gonzalez-Drake and running backs

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Paul Alvarez Jr. *news@smdp.com*

ALL TOGETHER: **Samohi football huddles before taking the field for a playoff game.**

State sees unusually high 'king tides'

GILLIAN FLACCUS & LISA LEFF
Associated Press

HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. Seawater spread into several low-lying communities along the California coast Thursday morning as unusually high "king tides" pulled the Pacific Ocean farther ashore than normal.

Causing some damage but mostly just making a nuisance, water flooded Pacific Coast Highway and side streets in Sunset Beach, a sliver of Huntington Beach between the ocean and a yacht harbor. Down the Southern California coast, Newport Bay was brimming, while just north of San Francisco the tide swamped a commuter parking lot in Marin City and seeped into dozens of cars.

Bruce DuAmarell, an 18-year resident of the Sunset Beach, said he got a call at work from an alarmed neighbor and came home.

"My garage had flooded. There were four to five inches in my garage," he said, as he took a break from sweeping water out onto the street. "It came up over the seawall and literally filled up the harbor."

DuAmarell said he lost a vacuum cleaner and some Christmas presents for his children, but otherwise was unscathed.

Occurring several times a year, king tides happen when the Earth, moon and sun align in a way that increases gravitational pull on the Earth's oceans,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A big thanks

Editor:

Regarding the letter to the editor "SMC betrays seniors," Dec. 2.

Here's what I think about shutting down an Emeritus class for one winter session. Thank you for all the other winter sessions when it was in full operation — and there have been many of them since the college opened in 1975!

We should be grateful for what is offered absolutely free in a community, state and country that makes such high-quality education possible to any and all of its senior citizens.

Where else in the world do you get that? Where else in the world is there another Emeritus for elders? In what other countries do such programs of Emeritus' caliber exist at all — whether in winter, summer, spring or fall?

So thank you, SMC. I am grateful for Emeritus' public-spirited, educational, inspirational mission; whether it is open full-time, part-time or not at all.

Rose Dosti
Santa Monica

Lawsuit on the horizon

Editor:

If we are going to arrive at a meaningful solution to the Malibu High School stadium lighting issue, we need to have an honest conversation with facts.

Prior to 2010 there were a series of community meetings discussing everything from no lights to lights almost every night of the year. These meetings produced the community compromise of 16 nights of lights. This compromise was agreed to by the Malibu High School sports parents, the Malibu Park community and the school district. It was also championed by Malibu City Councilmember Laura Rosenthal.

When the issue of the stadium lighting was scheduled to be heard by the city of Malibu, the school district unilaterally walked away from the compromise agreement. Instead the district submitted a proposal requesting a permit for permanent 70-foot light poles and 61-plus nights of lights per year.

Malibu's Planning Commission never got to vote on this permit. Our city attorney declared that the Malibu Planning Commission was ineligible to hear the issue. That decision not only disenfranchised the Planning Commission, but it also eliminated all the community comment and full disclosure that typically occurs at a Planning Commission meeting. The permit was then illegally moved to the City Council, where once again our city attorney intervened and recused two City Council members. In short, seven of the 10 Malibu decision makers who would typically weigh in on the lights were prevented from voting by our city attorney.

The Malibu Park community has met with the school district and the Shark Fund in an attempt to resolve the issue and avoid litigation, with no success. There has yet to be a ruling by a judge, but the surrounding community is prepared to litigate until it's exhausted every possible means of ensuring a compromise and a legal, binding agreement through the courts.

Steve Uhring
Malibu, Calif.



Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

A tax to grind

Each day as I watch the morning news I see that the poor Lakers are still in free fall, the Dodgers are still spending money like Saudi princes and, with only 18 days before we go over the fiscal cliff, there's no discernible progress in Washington in solving the pressing debt crisis. As Alfred E. Newman used to say, "What, me worry?"

One thing seems clear during the negotiations, or as I call them the "Fiscal Cliff Follies," being rich in America must carry a heavy burden. Otherwise why would folks with seven-figure incomes, offshore tax havens and car elevators whine so much about people on food stamps? While the rich enjoy their caviar they're steamed about the poor eating government cheese. Go figure.

While I could have sworn Barack Obama won the election, so far refusing to budge in settling the debt is GOP House Speaker John Boehner (whose faults seem to include wearing too much self-tanning lotion, which often makes him look orange).

A major roadblock is the proposed tax hike on incomes over $250,000. It would only affect the top 2 percent but Tea Bagger members of the House are adamantly opposed even though two-thirds of the country is in favor. (You can't get 66 percent of the country to agree that the sun rises in the east.)

How did George W. Bush ram through the tax cuts? "Amazingly" is the answer, especially when you consider that throughout recorded history, he's the only leader in the world to ever wage a war (in this case two) and lower taxes.

Bush simply charged both wars on the credit card so that we'd have to deal with it long after he left office. (For those who say to move on and stop blaming Bush, to me that's like telling the Goldmans to move on and stop blaming O.J.)

The Bush tax cuts are due to expire on Jan. 1. Putting it in historical context, in the 1950s and early '60s, considered a golden era, the top tax rate was 90 percent and the economy, the middle-class and the stock market boomed. Even in the Reagan years the top rate was 50 percent. So currently, far from being onerous, it's the lowest rate in 60 years!

To suggest that raising rates on the top 2 percent will destroy job growth is a red herring. It may mean slightly smaller Swiss bank accounts, but it's ludicrous to assert that it will kill jobs. It may kill a few car elevators, but I think we'll survive. Of course I can just hear Tea Baggers clamor, "Well, car elevators mean jobs!" God, I'll be glad when these clowns are gone. (Apologies to clowns.)

One of the leading voices in the "anti-tax" crowd is Grover Norquist. Grover? What kind of name is that? Then again consider Mitt, Taggert, Track and Trig. Where do Republicans come up with these monikers for male children and why?

Anyway, Grover, a close friend of convicted felon Jack Abramoff, is the originator of the "Taxpayer Protection Pledge," signed by 95 percent of all Republicans in Congress. Infamously, Grover is the one who said, "I want to shrink government down to where we can drown it in the bathtub." (To which former GOP Sen. Alan Simpson said, "I'd like to drown Norquist in the same tub.")

PERHAPS WE SHOULD TURN THE FISCAL CRISIS OVER TO THE DODGERS AS THEY SEEM TO BE PRINTING MONEY.

So what will likely happen is Boehner will cave on the rate hike for the rich (though probably less than the 3.7 percent boost) and in return Obama will cave on Medicare and Social Security. (Confirming the late George Carlin's warning, "Next they'll be coming for your Social Security to give to their rich friends and you know what, they'll get it.")

If a bargain is struck (hopefully including the debt ceiling or in a few months we'll be repeating this theatre of the absurd), I doubt there will be substantial cuts in the bloated Pentagon budget. (Romney wanted to give 10 percent more than they requested!) As it is we have troops in 150 countries, including 53,000 in Germany and 36,000 in Japan. (Talk about moving on. When did World War II end?)

Perhaps we should turn the fiscal crisis over to the Dodgers as they seem to be printing money. (Oil reserves under Chavez Ravine?) The Dodgers are counting on billions from an upcoming cable TV deal. Hey, maybe cable TV is the solution to our fiscal woes, i.e. "USA, the Reality Show." Or maybe, given the record success of the 12-12-12 Concert for Hurricane Sandy Relief, we should have a benefit concert to "Save America From Debt?"

But miracle of miracles, maybe by the time this goes to print Boehner and Obama will have reached a compromise rendering these 822 words pointless. Then again, as some readers are only too quick to point out, it wouldn't be the first time.

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Google Maps return to iPhone with new mobile app

MICHAEL LIEDTKE
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Google Maps has found its way back to the iPhone.

The world's most popular online mapping system returned late Wednesday with the release of the Google Maps iPhone app. The release comes nearly three months after Apple Inc. replaced Google Maps as the device's built-in navigation system and inserted its own map software into the latest version of its mobile operating system.

Apple's maps application proved to be far inferior to Google's, turning what was supposed to be a setback for Google into a vindication.

The product's shoddiness prompted Apple CEO Tim Cook to issue a rare public apology and recommend that iPhone owners consider using Google maps through a mobile Web browser or seek other alternatives until his company could fix the problems. Cook also replaced Scott Forstall, the executive in charge of Apple's mobile operating system, after the company's maps app became the subject of widespread ridicule.

Among other things, Apple's maps misplaced landmarks, overlooked towns and sometimes got people horribly lost. In one example brought to light this week, Australian police derided Apple's maps as "life-threatening" because the system steered people looking for the city of Mildura into a sweltering, remote desert 44 miles from their desired destination.

Google Inc., in contrast, is hailing its new iPhone app as a major improvement from the one evicted by Apple.

"We started from scratch," said Daniel Graf, mobile director of Google Maps. Google engineers started working on the new app before Apple's Sept. 19 ouster, Graf said, though he declined to be more specific.

Digital maps are key battleground in mobile computing because they get used frequently on smartphones and can pinpoint a user's whereabouts. That information is so prized by advertisers that they're willing to pay much higher rates for marketing messages aimed at a prospective customer in a particular location, said Greg Sterling, an analyst at Opus Research.

Google's mapping app for the iPhone doesn't include ads, but that will likely change, based on the steady stream of marketing flowing through the Google maps app on Android phones.

The additional tools in the free iPhone app include turn-by-turn directions. Google's previous refusal to include that popular feature on the iPhone app —while making it available for smartphones running on its own Android software— is believed to be one of the reasons Apple decided to develop its own technology. The increasing friction between Google and Apple as they jostle for leadership in the smartphone market also played a role in the mapping switch.

Google's new iPhone mapping app also offers street-level photography of local neighborhoods, as well as three-dimensional views, public transit directions and listings for more than 80 million businesses around the world. The app still lacks some of the mapping features available on Android-powered phones, such as directions inside malls and other buildings.

All those improvements are positives for Apple too, Sterling said, because the availability of a more comprehensive mapping option makes it less likely that iPhone owners will switch to Android devices.

"The irony is that Apple ended up getting a better version of Google Maps on its system by booting it off," Sterling said. "At the same time, you could argue that Google is making a triumphant return to cheering crowds. So, in a way, everyone wins in this situation."

Investors didn't see anything positive for Apple. The company's stock slid $9.31 to close at $529.84, while Google shares crept up $5.14 to finish at $702.70.

There still isn't a Google mapping app for Apple's top-selling tablet computer, the iPad, but the company plans to make one eventually. Google, which is based in Mountain View, Calif., declined to say when it hopes to release an iPad mapping app. For now, iPad owners can use the maps in an iPhone mode. That won't be the best experience, but it still may be better than Apple's offering on the iPad.

In an indication of iPhone owners' exasperation with Apple's maps, Google's new alternative was already the top-ranking free app in Apple's iTunes store early Thursday morning. By noon EDT, users had chimed in with more than 10,000 reviews of the Google app. Nearly 90 percent of them gave Google maps a five-star rating — the highest possible grade.

The return of Google's map app may even encourage more iPhone owners to upgrade to Apple's latest mobile software, iOS 6. Some people resisted the new version because they didn't want to lose access to the old Google mapping application built into iOS 5 and earlier versions.

After initially omitting Google's new navigation tool, Apple added the app to its list of maps for the iPhone late Thursday afternoon.

The Q Line

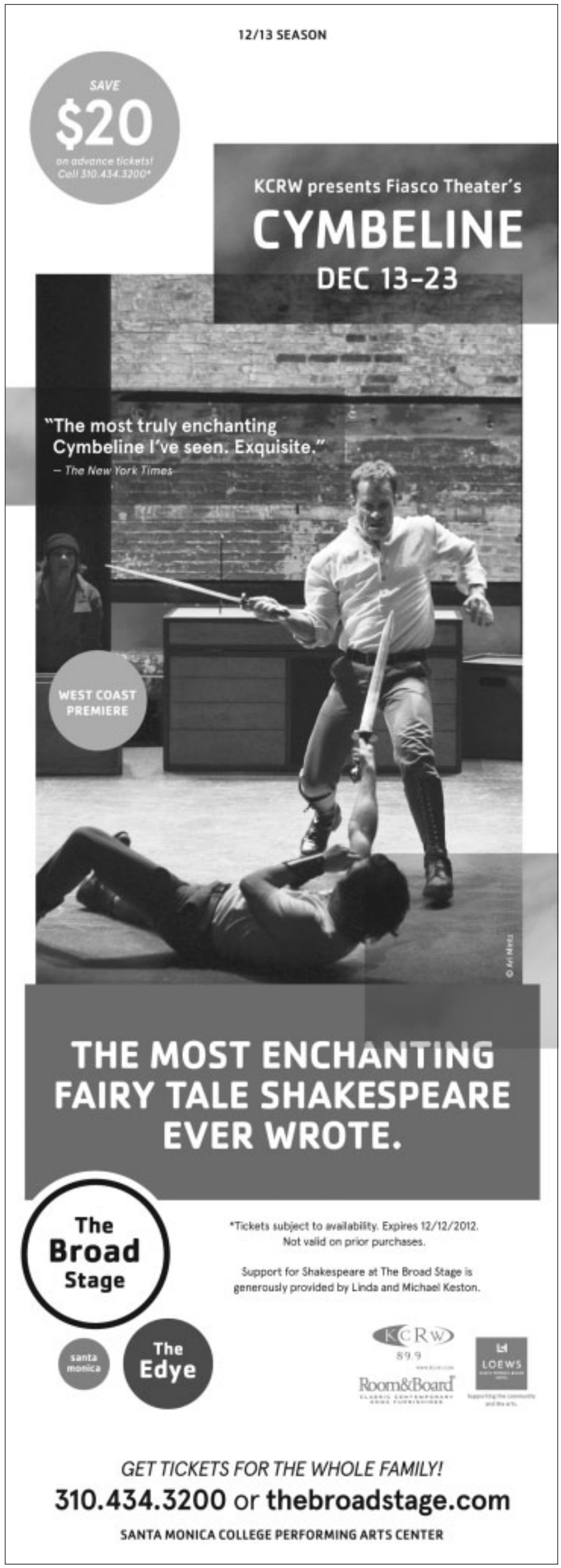
Planning Downtown

City Hall is in the process of developing a Downtown Specific Plan that will dictate development in the heart of Santa Monica. There was a workshop last week that let residents voice their opinions about the direction the district should take.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What would you like to see Downtown look like and why?

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Play Time

Cynthia Citron
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Like the 'Sopranos,' but more

A TROUPE OF FIVE DEEZ-DEM AND dowz-guys are currently chewing up the stage of the Ruskin Group Theatre in Santa Monica. You might think of them as the "Sopranos" on steroids.

In the first of playwright/director Sam Henry Kass' three one-act plays, jointly titled "Siddown!!! (Conversations with the Mob)," the terrifically nuanced Cris D'Annunzio plays Punchy, a forlorn petty thief who is being shunned by his bosses because of one too many screw-ups. (When the storage warehouse where he was to deliver his "goods" was locked, he drove a hijacked 18-wheeler and its stolen cargo of cigarettes home and parked it in front of his house — in broad daylight.)

So now he is sitting in a restaurant pushing a salad around on his plate while he pleads with Lenny (Jason Paul Field) to "just mention my name" to the powers that be.

Punchy's arguments veer from self-righteousness (after years of doing grunt work he feels, a la Mitt Romney, that he is "entitled" to consideration) to pathos and self-pity.

The dialogue is sharp and witty and both actors do it justice, but the mesmerizing bit in this scene is watching Lenny assiduously down a bowl of tomato soup, a full plate of spaghetti, two rolls and a glass of wine while refuting Punchy's pleas.

The second playlet involves John Paul Field and Jeff Adler as "Lefty and Squinty," two minor mobsters waiting in court for the verdict on multiple charges against their boss. These are two acting tours de force, hilarious in their quirkiness and timing.

And what is truly remarkable is that, wearing a different outfit, a hat, and a compulsive twitch, Field is completely unrecognizable as the same actor who was so cool and cruel in the first scene.

The third vignette, "Dice and Cards," is less entertaining than the first two, but it is still well-played. The mob dialogue is not as gripping, and even becomes a bit tedious at times.

The main attraction in this scene, however, is watching ex-lightweight boxing champ Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini alternately coach and berate young Richie, who is played by his real-life son, Leo Mancini.

Leo, who is a student at the Ruskin School, is making his acting debut in this production.

Richie is a little stupid, to put it mildly, and doesn't quite get it when he is told very explicitly that dice and cards have to be changed every 15 minutes when you're a dealer in a casino. "You mean use new cards?" Richie asks incredulously.

This show, "Siddown!!!" premiered in New York in 1992. This is its West Coast debut. It will run Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. through Dec. 23 at the Ruskin Group Theatre.

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Cops say man repeatedly stole from Goodwill

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SATURDAY, DEC. 8, AT 2:03 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to Sixth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard to assist a fellow officer who was investigating a report of an assault. While the alleged victim didn't want to have the suspect arrested, officers decided to question him anyway when he exited the Goodwill store. As officers started interrogating the suspect the manager of the Goodwill came out of the store and told them that the suspect had just walked off with a white Walkman. The suspect denied it, but officers learned he was on parole for burglary and searched him. They said they found the Walkman and an alarm-clock radio hidden inside the sleeve of his sweatshirt. The manager told officers the suspect had been coming into the store once a week for approximately six to eight months and had stolen something each time. The suspect was placed under arrest for burglary and a parole violation. He was identified as Ronald Hendricks, 63, of Los Angeles. No bail was set.

MONDAY, DEC. 10, AT 11:05 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1800 block of Pico Boulevard at the request of fire fighters, who were with a suspected drunk. When officers arrived the fire fighters pointed to a man who was walking in and out of traffic. Officers detained him and said they could smell the strong odor of alcohol. Paramedics told the officers they had responded to a report of a person lying on the ground who was unresponsive. When they arrived, the man woke up and walked off. He allegedly refused to comply with the paramedics and started staggering in the street. He was placed under arrest and searched. Officers said he was in possession of hash oil. He was eventually booked for possession of concentrated cannabis and for being drunk in public. He was identified as Stanley Riley, 38, a transient. His bail was set at $500.

MONDAY, DEC. 10, AT 5:10 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 1500 block of Second Street – McDonald's – to check out the area after folks complained about people using and/or selling drugs in the area. When officers arrived they saw a woman smoking a cigarette near the entrance to the fast-food joint, a violation of the municipal code. Officers made contact with her and learned she was on probation. They searched her and allegedly found a pipe in her backpack that was used to smoke methamphetamines. Officers placed her under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. She was identified as Alana Thimester, 23, a transient. Her bail was set at $500.

SUNDAY, DEC. 9, AT 4:10 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 1100 block of 20th Street regarding a report of a suspicious person inside the apartment complex consuming alcohol in the courtyard. When officers arrived they detained the suspect, who was allegedly trying to hide in the doorway to one of the apartments. Officers asked the man why he was in the courtyard, at which time he told them that he was visiting a friend in the first unit. Officers learned who lived in that unit and the name didn't match the one given by the suspect. He was placed under arrest for prowling and a parole violation. He was identified as David Merrell, 47, a transient. No bail was provided.

MONDAY, NOV. 19, AT 6:25 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 300 block of Pico Boulevard – El Texate Restaurant – regarding a theft that just occurred. When officers arrived they made contact with the owner, who told them that he was walking around his property when he noticed a bicycle parked by his storage room. As he continued to investigate he saw a man exit the storage room carrying a case of Crown Royal whisky. The owner confronted the man and told him to put the whisky down while he called police. The suspect allegedly placed the whisky on the ground and pushed the restaurant owner with both hands against a vehicle and then fled. The owner said he could see the suspect had stashed more bottles of whisky in his jacket. On Dec. 7 at 11:49 a.m., officers were called back to the location as the owner spotted the suspect standing on a nearby street corner. Officers arrived and arrested the suspect for robbery and a parole violation. He was identified as Dale Russell, 47, a transient. No bail was set.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7, AT 5 P.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Fourth Street and Santa Monica Boulevard regarding a report of a theft suspect on a Big Blue Bus. Officers were told that the suspect entered the Jamba Juice at 331 Santa Monica Blvd. and took two bottles of water from the cooler. The suspect then allegedly left the store without paying. When confronted, he allegedly threatened the store manager with bodily harm and took a fighting stance. The suspect walked away with the water and got on the bus. The manager called police and the bus remained at the stop until police arrived. The suspect ran off the bus and allegedly tried to assault police. The suspect was taken to the ground and handcuffed. No one was injured, police said. The suspect was booked for robbery and resisting arrest. He was identified as James Russell Teate, 49. He refused to give his address. His bail was set at $50,000.

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working undercover saw him viewing children engaged in sex acts on the library's computers. Police were tipped off by a library employee who said they saw the man looking at porn on Oct. 1, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

When officers arrested Gibbons he was in possession of knit gloves and duct tape. He was sentenced on Nov. 8, authorities said.

Since Gibbons is a registered sex offender with a history of crimes involving children, detectives are asking anyone with information regarding him to contact the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8495.

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FOOTBALL
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Yachal Butler and Russell Revis.

Defensive selections included cornerback Tramaine Taylor, Cardiel and defensive lineman Pete Breceda.

Safety Matthew Rusk-Kosa was named to the second team.

There were also a pair named to the honorable mention list — offensive lineman Noah Anderson and defensive lineman Blair Goulsby.

Samohi advanced to the second round of the Western Division playoffs, but lost to eventual champion Serra. It was the second year in a row that the Vikings reached the second round or beyond. Last year they played in the semi-final, but lost to Ocean League rival Culver City.

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Santa Monica reported no such incidents, despite its place in Los Angeles County which reported an increase in crimes against people because of their sexual orientation in 2011 amidst an overall 15 percent increase in the number of hate crimes.

That's still the second-lowest number of hate crimes reported in 22 years, according to the 2011 Hate Crime Report, which was released in October 2012.

Sexual orientation was the basis of 25 percent of hate crimes reported in the county, and the number of incidents rose 13 percent from 112 to 127, according to the report.

Gay men were targeted in 84 percent of those cases, according to the report.

Unlike national results, sexual orientation has almost always followed race in the number of hate crimes reported to authorities, said Marshall Wong, principal author of the annual report.

"We have also tracked consistently that it's more likely to be of a violent nature than either racial or religious-based crimes," Wong said. "The single group that consistently gets the highest rate of violence are transgender victims."

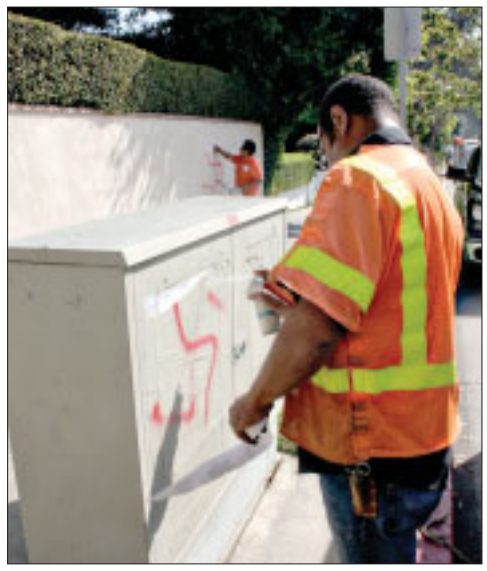
The county relies on efforts in public schools to combat bullying and reduce sexual orientation-inspired crimes. Officials point to a relatively new partnership between the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center called "Project Spin," a suicide prevention program targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and youth questioning their sexuality.

Santa Monica has a reputation for being progressive and inviting, Wong said. The city by the sea did have a spike in hate crimes in 2011 due to a rash of swastikas that were spraypainted in the North of Montana Avenue neighborhood, but that was an outlier, Wong said.

Historically, Santa Monica has seen problems with racial crimes and conflict between African Americans and Latinos. Elements of that tension cropped up in late 2011 and early 2012 at Santa Monica High School with a series of fights that took place on and off campus.

There was one race-related incident in 2011, and one based on a person's ethnicity or country of origin, according to the report.

Overall, the incidences of hate crimes are low, said Sgt. Richard Lewis, a spokesperson for the Santa Monica Police Department, the agency that provides statistics both to the FBI and the county.



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GONE: **Swastikas painted in red are removed near Georgina Avenue and Seventh Street.**

Officers are trained to identify hate crimes and investigate them, Lewis said, but the problems are not commonplace.

Although the FBI has been collecting crime information for its Uniform Crime Report since 1930, the agency only began recording hate crimes in 1990 after Congress passed the Hate Crime Statistics Act mandating that the attorney general collect the data.

The types of information gathered have been supplemented twice since. The first time was in 1994 to include biases against people with disabilities, and the second was in 2009 to include bias against a particular gender and gender identity.

That amendment, called the Matthew Shepard and James Bird, Jr. Hate Crime Prevention Act, also included crimes by and directed against juveniles.

Hate crimes are hugely underreported, according to the 2011 Hate Crime Report.

The National Crime Victim Survey by the U.S. Justice Department, which some in the field believe is a better indicator of crime than the Uniform Crime Report, found that hate crimes occurred 24 to 28 times more than what was reported by police to the FBI, according to the report.

That's both because of victims not reporting the crimes as hate crimes and law enforcement failing to classify crimes as hate crimes and report them to federal authorities.

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could take and chose to do so because in my case they did not decide the major issue which they waited two and a half years to decide."

That "major issue" had to do with the Constitution's confrontation clause. The Sixth Amendment guarantees defendants the right to confront their accuser, something Diamond believes was violated when the prosecution called the supervisor of lab technicians to testify to lab results rather than the person that conducted the tests.

The issue has flummoxed the U.S. Supreme Court as well.

The Supreme Court decided in the 2009 case Melendez-Diaz vs. Massachusetts that forensic evidence could be manipulated, and wasn't the inviolate scientific evidence that crime labs represent it to be.

Although an honest analyst wouldn't alter his or her testimony when forced to confront a defendent, "the same cannot be said of the fraudulent analyst," wrote Justice Antonin Scalia in an opinion.

A subsequent decision in Bullcoming vs. New Mexico held that an analyst who did not personally handle or observe the test couldn't testify in court unless the defendant had an opportunity to confront them.

The last case, Williams vs. Illinois, was decided only after the California Supreme Court took up Golay's appeal.

Four Supreme Court justices held that the testimony of a forensic biologist did not violate the Sixth Amendment. Justice Stephen Breyer agreed, but on different grounds and wrote his own analysis.

The four remaining justices disagreed.

Both Diamond and the prosecutor on the case, Deputy Attorney General David Madeo, hoped that the California Supreme Court would rule on the confrontation issue in the Golay case as it had on two others before it in order to provide clarity.

That did not happen, which disappointed Diamond.

"It was an interesting case and I did the best I could, but in the view of the state Supreme Court the evidence was overwhelming," he said.

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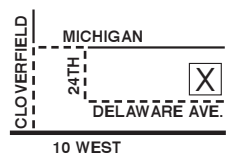


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"Within these walls, hundreds of women will gain sobriety," said Dorothy Richards, a board member with the CLARE Foundation.

CLARE first decided to offer gender-specific services in 2003. The program evolved organically as staff realized that women and men have different needs, said Debra Poorman, manager at the CLARE Foundation.

"Women have different problems in recovery," Poorman said. "They don't have as much money and they have a hard time finding housing."

This program helps women rebuild their self-esteem and, by month four, sets them up with Chrysalis, another nonprofit that helps the women acquire job skills.

"We work from the inside out," Poorman said.

Women stay in the program as little as 10 days to get off of drugs and alcohol and as long as nine months to work the full program.

The first residents of the facility moved in roughly two weeks ago, Poorman said.

It's been a long journey to get them there.

The facility has been in the works for almost six years as the nonprofit sought the $2.5 million it needed to renovate its building on Pico Boulevard, ultimately receiving major funding from Los Angeles County and the state as well as cash from the city of Santa Monica and the Annenberg Foundation.

"It was fully subscribed before the project began, which is a miracle in the social services world," said Nicholas Vrataric, executive director at CLARE.

The building has been all things to all people, including office space and a youth recovery program. It was up to Ralph Mechur, an architect and member of the local Board of Education, to remodel the space to make it fit the needs of the program.

"It's a puzzle," Mechur said. "You're basically trying to understand the services they want to provide and seeing how we can make that work within the constraints of the existing building."

The building was originally constructed in the 1960s, Mechur said, and it came with its own challenges like water and termite damage.

He also had to meet strict environmental standards with solar cells to provide electricity, a solar water heater for the showers and sinks and sustainable flooring that Mechur called "bio tile."

The green amenities do a double duty of meeting grant requirements and keeping the facility's operating costs low, only $670,000 a year including staffing.

The result is a compact, clean facility with doors to rooms facing an inner courtyard. The beds are dressed in bright, cheerful sheets with flowers, and the walls are hung with unique paintings and art.

It offers office spaces, group and meeting rooms and an industrial-grade kitchen where women can prepare their own meals.

Caitlyn, another resident staff member, joined CLARE in July. The program has been a boon to her and other women who need support through their recovery, she said.

"Being a woman in recovery has its own issues," she said. "Here, we have a home of women who understand you."

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raising water levels several feet above normal high tides. The non-scientific term also refers to extremely low tides.

Residents of Sunset Beach expect flooding, but that didn't keep 13-year resident Fred Grether out of trouble.

He tried to drive his 2004 Porsche to a car wash to rinse off the salt water after the flooding reached the rims and undercarriage. But driving to the car wash did more damage than staying put, he said as a tow truck prepared to haul his car to the shop.

"I didn't realize how deep it was at the intersection and as soon as I got to the intersection, I heard this frizzling noise and my car alarm started going off and I realized that I had burned out the electrical system on my car," he said.

"Now I'm off to my local mechanic today about me doing something very, very stupid," said Grether, who's seen flooding three times.

The tide at Marin City reached 7 feet, slightly higher than during last December's king tides. The damage could have been much worse if the weather had brought big waves along with the high tides, National Weather Service forecaster Larry Smith said

"Right now it's just a neat thing .... When we have the low tide this afternoon you will be see father out than you normally would," Smith said. "It kind of does give you a glimpse of what the future might be with the sea level rise."

The event provided organizers of the California King Tides Initiative an opportunity to get California residents thinking about and preparing for the future. The 3-year-old initiative, sponsored by government and nonprofit groups, enlists camera-toting volunteers to photograph the King Tides as an illustration of what low-lying coastal areas could look like if predictions about the Earth's climate come to pass.

As of Thursday afternoon, about 100 new snapshots had been uploaded to the photo-sharing project, coordinator Heidi Nuttles said.

"It's definitely very high tides this year, and we just encourage people to use this opportunity to go out, take pictures and reflect what this means for our shoreline and the fact that's its constantly changing even today, and how that might affect how we think about sea level rise in the future," Nuttles said.

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Stocks lower as investors watch federal budget talks

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NEW YORK Stocks slipped Thursday on Wall Street after more signs of tension emerged from federal budget talks in Washington.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 94 points at 13,151 as of 3:14 p.m. EST. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 11 points at 1,417. The Nasdaq composite index was down 28 points at 2,985.

In Washington, House Speaker John Boehner said that the White House was so resistant to cutting government spending that it risked pushing the country off the "fiscal cliff."

The "cliff" is tax increases and government spending cuts that take effect Jan. 1 unless Congress and the White House reach a deal to avert them. Economists have warned that the "cliff" could eventually lead to a recession in the United States.

President Barack Obama said that a deal was "still a work in progress." Asked about Boehner's assertion that he was waiting to hear more from the president, Obama said only, "Merry Christmas."

Stocks fell despite the fourth straight weekly drop in applications for unemployment benefits. Applications fell 29,000 last week to 343,000, the second-lowest this year, the Labor Department reported.

On Wall Street, energy and technology stocks fell the most, and consumer staples stocks were down only slightly. All 10 categories of stock in the S&P 500 index were lower.

Best Buy shot up $1.86, or 15 percent, to $14.04 after a newspaper reported that the founder of the troubled electronics chain will make a bid of up to $6 billion for the company by the end of the week.

CVS Caremark climbed 97 cents, or 2 percent, to $48.51 after issuing a profit prediction for next year that was ahead of Wall Street expectations. The company also raised its dividend.

On Wednesday, the Dow Jones industrial average declined for the first day in five. Stocks rallied in the afternoon after the Federal Reserve tied its pledge of super-low interest rates to an improvement in the unemployment rate, but the rally faded.

The Fed said it would hold interest rates super-low until the unemployment rate drops below 6.5 percent, a threshold the Fed believes may not be breached until the end of 2015. The rate is 7.7 percent today.

The Dow's close Wednesday of 13,245 put it within a point of its close on Election Day. After the election, stocks slid 5 percent as investors began to fret about the "fiscal cliff," but stocks have drifted back higher recently.

"I don't think anyone expected the markets to hold up this well as we get closer and closer to the deadline," said Randy Frederick, managing director of active trading and derivatives for Charles Schwab in Austin, Texas. "Two possibilities: Either the markets are convinced that they'll reach some sort of agreement, or the markets don't care."

David Steinberg, managing partner of DLS Capital outside of Chicago, said it was only natural for the market to pause after its run-up in recent weeks. The fiscal cliff, Steinberg said, is generating noise and anxiety. But in the end, he didn't think it would be a "grand event" for the market.

Among individual stocks:

• Google gained $5.26, or 0.8 percent, to $702.82 after releasing an updated map application for the iPhone. Google Maps came pre-loaded on previous iPhones but was dropped for the much-derided Apple Maps earlier this year.

• SolarCity, which installs rooftop solar panels, began trading on the Nasdaq under the symbol SCTY. Shares were priced at $8 and shot to $12. Elon Musk, founder of PayPal and Tesla Motors, is the company's chairman.

• Clearwire, a struggling provider of mobile Internet access services, jumped 40 cents to $3.15 in heavy trading after Sprint Nextel offered to buy out the minority shareholders of the company for $2.1 billion, giving Sprint total control.

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Surf Forecasts

Water Temp: **61.7°**

FRIDAY – **FLAT**
Traces at best; Light/variable wind; Big tide swings, with fat AM high tide and drained PM low tide

SATURDAY – **FLAT**
Traces at best; southerly wind and stormy weather

SUNDAY – **FLAT**
Traces at best

MONDAY – **FLAT**
Traces at best; favorable weather/wind

Tides

Expect big tidal swings through at least the next few days, with deep 6.5-7'+ high tides in the mornings and drained negative low tides in the afternoons. So take note of your local tide times and what your spot likes best. Most spots will only have a short window for ideal tide.

BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **December 5, 2012**

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

QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)
- Number of sewage spills — 8
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 8
- Number of wet days — 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 28 / 14
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0 / 0

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SIMA and Grousbeck Family Foundation

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Cerritos Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alloe creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	C
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	C
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	D
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A+
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 31612 Malibu Rd..	A+	D
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (broach location)- daily.	A	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	B
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point conc).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A	B
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CSAW jetty).	A	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	F	B
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A	B
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

Heal the Bay is a non-profit environmental organization dedicated to making Santa Monica Bay and Southern California coastal waters safe and healthy for people and marine life.
Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay's Beach Report Card™ is based on weekly water quality monitoring data provided by the City of Los Angeles' Environmental Monitoring Division and the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services. Data is analyzed as soon as it is made available to us by the public agencies. Beaches are graded on an A–F scale based on the risk of ocean users becoming ill. Samples are analyzed for bacteria—enterococcus, total and fecal coliforms—that indicate biological pollution. A fact sheet detailing the exact methodology used in determining grades for each location is available from the office or on our web site. The report is not designed to measure the amount of trash or towns found at local beaches.

The Beach Report Card is an indication of past water quality and is not a warranty of the current safety of those areas surveyed. Our lawyers are happy.

MLB

Texas GM: Josh Hamilton agrees to deal with Angels

STEPHEN HAWKINS
AP Sports Writer

FORT WORTH, Texas Josh Hamilton has agreed to a contract with the Los Angeles Angels, according to Texas Rangers manager Jon Daniels.

Texas had hoped to sign the 2010 AL Most Valuable Player, who led the Rangers to consecutive World Series appearances in 2010 and 2011.

Speaking Thursday after a Rangers' holiday luncheon, Daniels said he had just been informed of the decision by Hamilton's agent, Michael Moye.

Daniels said he was disappointed "to some degree."

"But it's business and everybody's got to make their own calls," he said.

Hamilton joins a team that spent big last offseason to add first baseman Albert Pujols for $240 million and pitcher C.J. Wilson for $77.5 million. Yet, the Angels disappointed and failed to make the playoffs.

The agreement came days after the Los Angeles Dodgers added pitchers Zack Greinke and Ryu Hyun-jin, boosting their payroll over $200 million.

Hamilton's addition to the Angels outfield means Mark Trumbo could be moved to third base or traded.

Daniels met with Hamilton last week at the winter meetings in Nashville, Tenn. Daniels said then that Hamilton had told Texas he would contact the Rangers before agreeing to a deal with another team.

"I said all along this wasn't like restricted free agency in the NFL, with an offer sheet," Daniels said. "I never expected that he was going to tell us to the dollar what they had, and a chance to offer it. Our full expectation was the phone call was going to be before he signed, and certainly not after."

The 31-year-old was considered a risk by some teams because of his history of alcohol and substance abuse, which derailed his career before his surge with the Rangers over the past five seasons.

"We indicated last week he told us that he felt it might be time to move on, but that we were still talking," Daniels said. "We had additional conversations this week. We thought they moved along in a positive direction, but apparently not."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: December 17, 2012, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)
Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:

- ARB 12-262, 2834 Colorado Avenue: Creative Office
- ARB 12-390, 3204 Lincoln Boulevard: Office
- ARB 12-442, 3250 Pico Boulevard: Bank
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Looper (R) 1hr 58min
2:15pm, 7:35pm

Wreck-It Ralph (PG) 1hr 48min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Killing Them Softly (R) 1hr 40min
11:55am, 4:55pm, 10:20pm

Rise of the Guardians 3D (PG) 1hr 37min
2:35pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Anna Karenina (R) 2hrs 10min
11:45am, 1:00pm, 4:15pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Life of Pi 3D (PG) 2hrs 06min
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Skyfall (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
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Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
12:15pm, 4:10pm, 8:00pm, 11:40pm

Flight (R) 2hrs 19min
12:30pm, 3:50pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Argo (R) 2hrs 00min
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Lincoln (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:45am, 3:15pm, 6:45pm, 10:15pm

Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey in HFR 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
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Grey (R) 1hr 57min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Waiting For Lightning (PG-13) 1hr 36min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Hitchcock (PG-13) 1hr 38min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Flying Lessons (R) 1hr 43min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

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Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 2 (PG-13) 1hr 56min
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Skyfall (PG-13) 2hrs 23min
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Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey (PG-13) 2hrs 46min
11:30am, 3:15pm, 7:10pm, 11:00pm

Playing for Keeps (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:10am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Silver Linings Playbook (R) 2hrs 00min
11:10am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

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Read between the lines, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Be responsive to a boss or older relative, and communication between you will open up more. You'll be able to share what has been making you uncomfortable and finally clear the air. Tonight: It's Friday night! Adjust your plans accordingly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ Take off quickly, even though a comment or situation could trigger a desire within you to do something differently. Sudden insights also might trip you up just as you are walking out the door. Honor your priorities. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Deal with others directly. You will be most effective if you follow that guideline. You might not be OK with a change in attitude from a key person in your life. You can talk around it all you want, but you need to accept what is happening. Tonight: Add spice to your life.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Defer to others, and let them run the show. Understand that you can't always maintain a high level of control. Someone you respect might do or say something that is out of character for him or her. Tonight: Say "yes."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Good intentions go a long way, but couple them with endurance, and you can't seem to lose. You deal with the unexpected well. In fact, you enjoy change. You must adapt your schedule to these changes. Tonight: Join a friend for eggnog and cheer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Your creativity comes out when dealing with what is starting to be the customary unpredictability of key people in your life. You are starting to become a pro at dealing with chaos. Tonight: Ever playful.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might want to try a different approach when faced with a recurring conflict between home base and a relationship. You'll need to rethink your priorities beyond the conventional mode. Tonight: Happiest at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to stay focused on several important issues. Situations around you could pry you away from your agenda, but at what cost? Stay strong and centered on your objectives. A loved one could need more of your time and attention. Tonight: Easy works; you deserve it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Be aware of the financial consequences surrounding a risk. Unfortunately, you could witness a big backfire, unless you take the time to assess the situation. Sometimes less spontaneity is good. Verbalize your thoughts. Tonight: Off doing some holiday shopping.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything you have to do. You are coming from a position of strength, and others will concede. Discuss your objective in a meeting and with key friends. Tonight: Only where the action is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Listen to what is not being said. Stay on top of your goals, holiday shopping, important events and whatever else might be filling your plate. Listen and share more. Tonight: Read between the lines.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

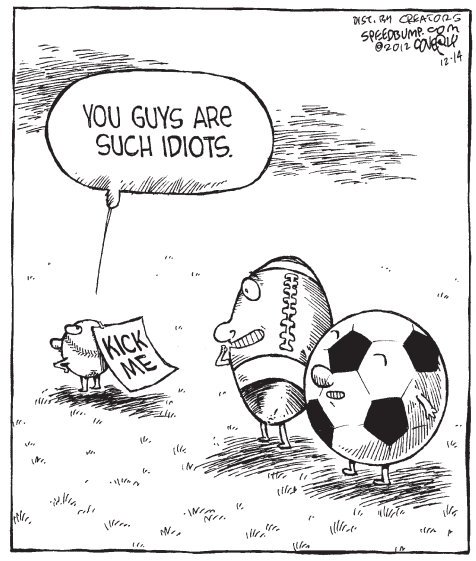
★★★ You are full of fun and energy. You also are optimistic, and what appeals to you are thoughts that are a little more accepting and less emotional. Follow through with the knowledge of where you need to head. Your comfort is a high priority. Tonight: Play a favorite holiday CD.

Happy birthday

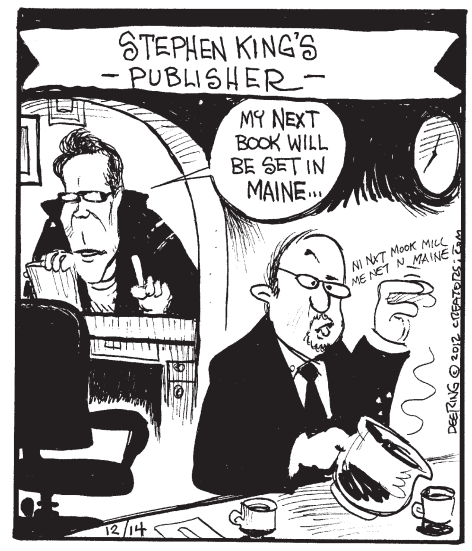
This year your sixth sense provides you with flashes of insight. Be willing to let go of what no longer works. Put your energy where it makes a difference, and you will feel more satisfied as a result. Honor a need for more private time. If you are single, someone interesting appears from out of the blue. Keep in mind that this person could leave just as quickly. Let time decide whether a relationship is long-term. If you are attached, reintroduce more unpredictability into your bond. Given time, you could see your bond strengthen. CAPRICORN knows much more about money than you realize....

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

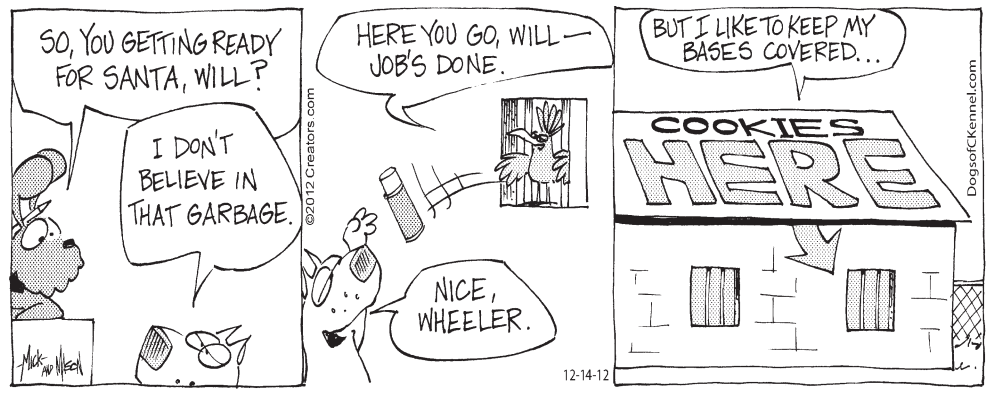
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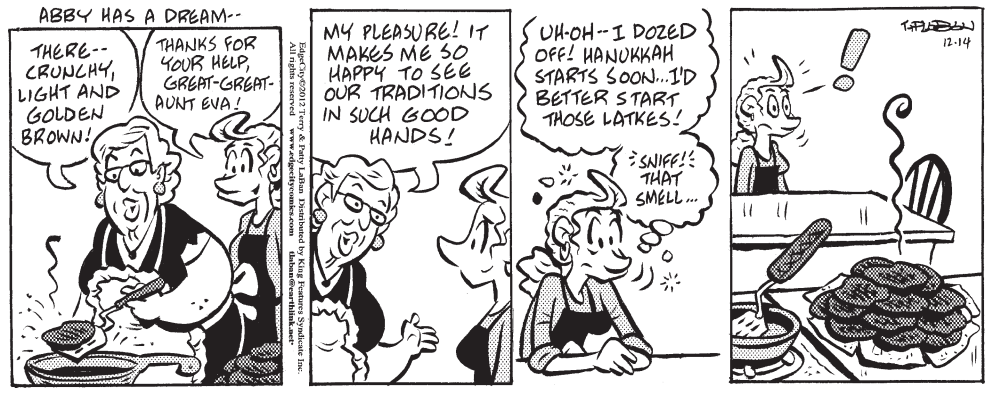
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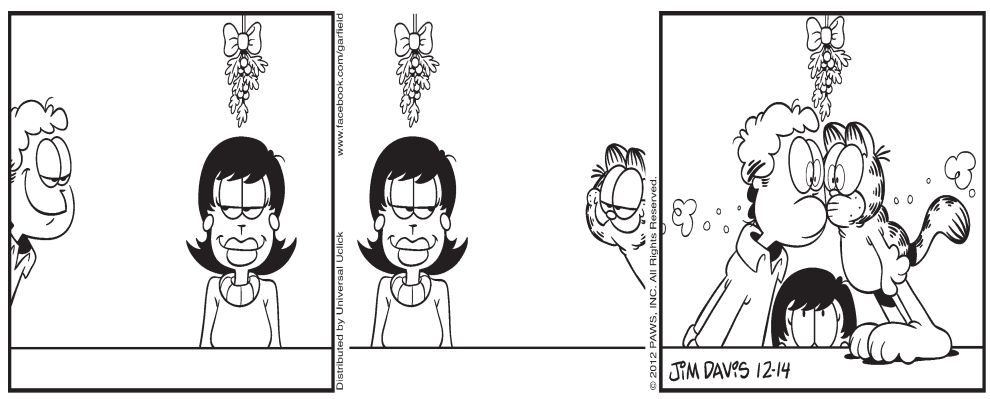
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Sudoku

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

7	9	8	4	2	1	3	6	5
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

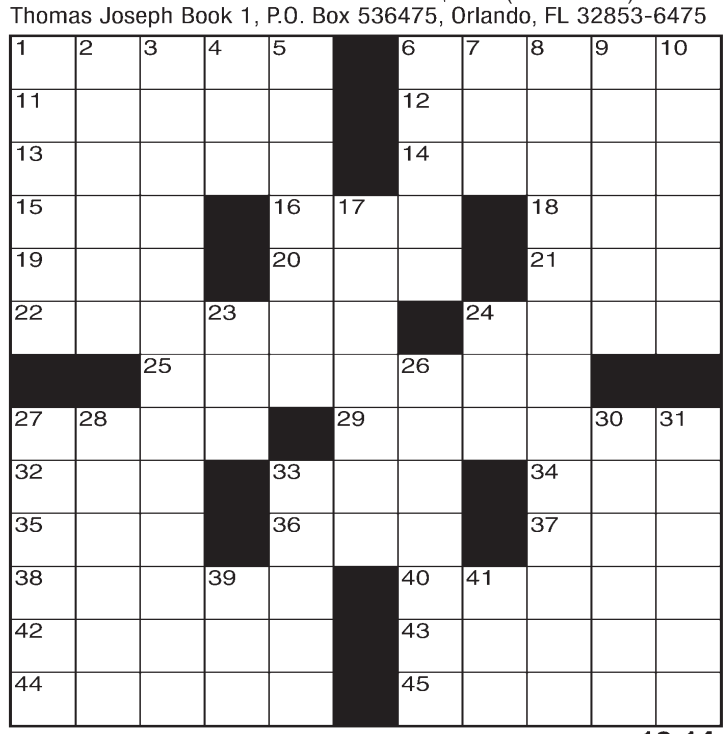
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31 Fencing weapons
33 Went cycling
39 "Hail, Caesar!"
41 Maiden name label

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Yesterday's answer

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12-14

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MEGA MILLIONS
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39 44 51 52 54
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Jackpot: $35M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 12/12
1 36 41 44 47
Meganumber: 10
Jackpot: $20M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 12/13
15 17 20 30 35

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 12/13
MIDDAY: 1 8 9
EVENING: 1 7 0

SANTA ANITA PARK
Draw Date: 12/13
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 04 Big Ben
3rd: 05 California Classic
RACE TIME: 1:43.74

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Taunting of Third-World Laborers:** First, as News of the Weird reported more than 20 years ago, Indonesian coffeemakers made "Kopi Luwak," using only beans that had passed through the digestive tracts of native civet cats. More recently, Thailand's upscale Anantara Resorts began offering coffee using beans similarly excreted by elephants. In both cases, these digestive-tract coffee beans, picked and processed by laborers earning as little as $1 day, wind up as a drink sipped by (in the words of an NPR reviewer) "cat poop fetishi(sts)" who may pay upwards of $10 for a single cup.

■ **Maturity-Challenged:** Attorney Thomas Corea of Palmer, Texas, was indicted in August for four felonies related to misuse of clients' trust accounts, and in October a panel of the State Bar of Texas voted to revoke his license. He apparently did not take the news well. On Oct. 31 (according to a judge's later findings), Corea vandalized his rented law office, resulting, said the landlord's representative, in "complete destruction," with "penis graffiti on every single wall throughout the building," with the representative's name written next to several of the penises. Furthermore, at the November sentencing hearing, the judge had to admonish Corea to stop making faces in the courtroom.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1999 - Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga join the United Nations.

1999 - Torrential rains cause flash floods in Vargas, Venezuela, resulting in tens of thousands of deaths, the destruction of thousands of homes, and the complete collapse of the state's infrastructure.

2003 - President of Pakistan Pervez Musharaf narrowly escapes an assassination attempt.

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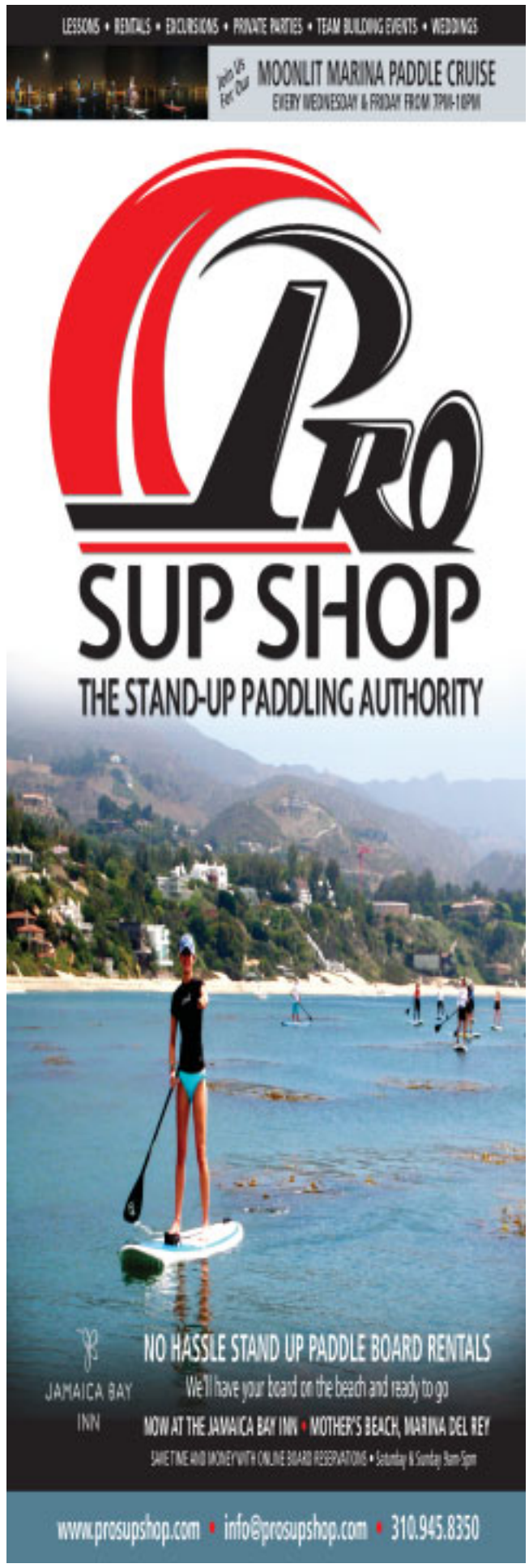
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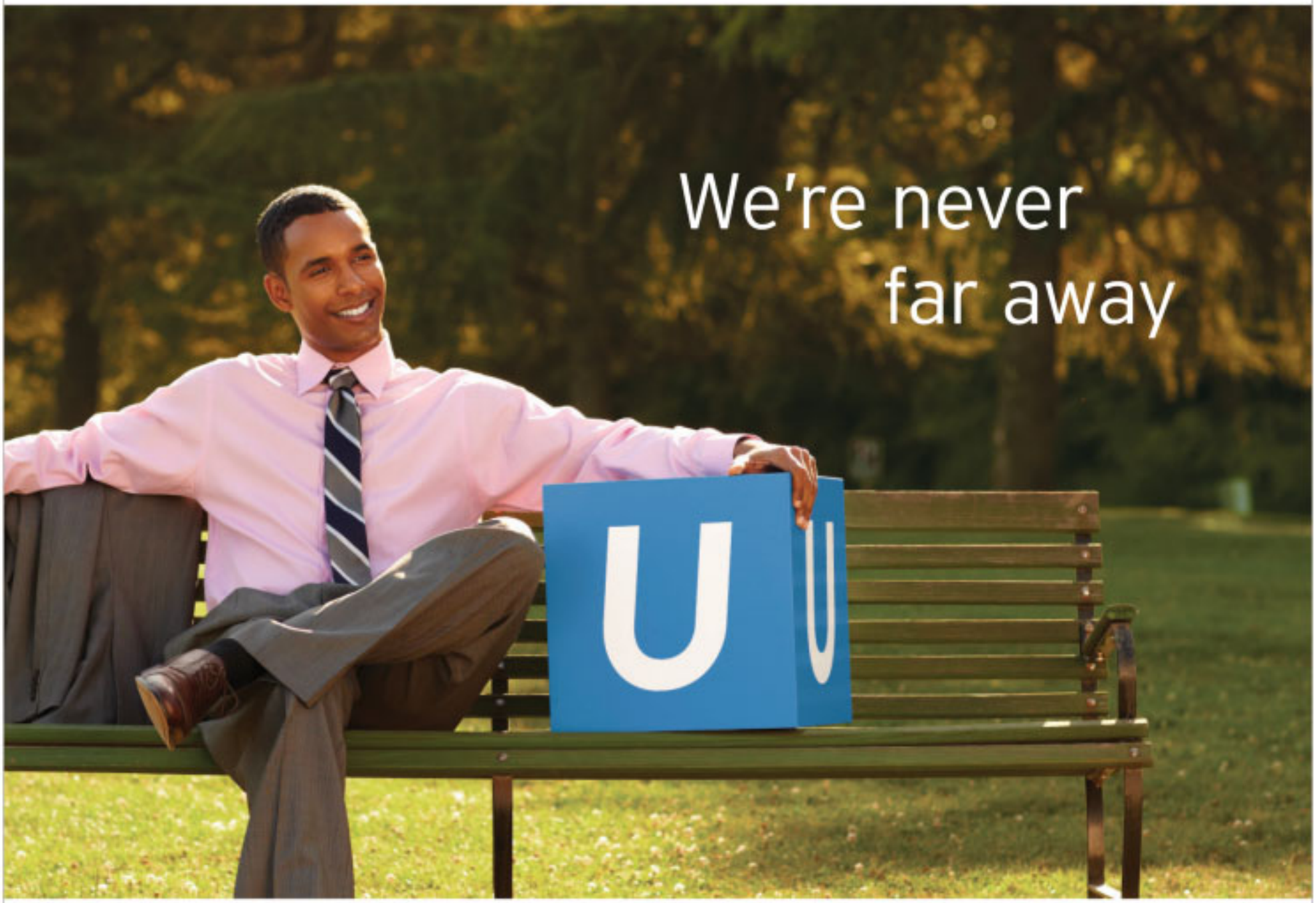
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