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NOT A GOOD LOOK: Drivers talking on cell phones are the target of a police plan to catch distracted drivers in the act.

Cops to crack down on distracted drivers

Action part of larger campaign to make city's streets safer

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

CITYWIDE The next time you think about sending a text while driving — even if it's just something as simple as "almost there" — you might want to think again.

During the month of January, Santa Monica police officers will be targeting drivers talking or texting on cell phones as part of a campaign to decrease the number of traffic collisions in the city by the sea.

In the new year, the Traffic Enforcement Section will focus on different driving

behaviors each month that are the primary causes of collisions, said Lt. Jay Trisler, who has been tapped to lead the section.

Motor officers have already conducted stings to catch drivers who fail to stop for pedestrians and the SMPD routinely conducts sobriety/drivers' license checkpoints to catch motorists who are impaired or driving without a valid license.

Other behaviors to be targeted include failure to properly stop at stop signs, illegal turns and speeding, especially on Pacific Coast Highway.

"If you don't have both hands on the wheel and both eyes on the road, that's distracted driving," said Sgt. Richard Lewis, public information officer for the SMPD.

That includes eating while driving or applying makeup. While there may not be a law against those activities, Lewis said they often lead to a driver failing to follow the

rules of the road. If they're caught, they will be issued a ticket, Lewis said.

Cell phone use is particularly dangerous and the SMPD has received complaints from residents who want cops to crack down on the illegal practice.

Since 2008, it has been against the law in California to talk on a hand-held cell phone. The ban on texting followed in 2009.

Tickets for cell phone violations are \$20 for the first offense and \$50 for the second. But with court costs and other fees, the total cost of a ticket can be more than triple the base fine amount, according to the California Department of Motor Vehicles.

BY THE NUMBERS

The National Safety Council estimates at least 28 percent of all traffic crashes — or at

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Redevelopment in jeopardy after high court ruling

City Hall to review pending projects

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica officials will scramble to determine the fate of \$267 million in high-priority redevelopment projects in the wake of a California Supreme Court decision Thursday that allows the Legislature to dissolve redevelopment agen-

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Local Red Cross chapter chief retiring

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN John Pacheco, the chief executive director of the American Red Cross of Santa Monica for the last eight years, is stepping down effective Jan. 2, 2012, according to a statement released by the organization Thursday.

Pacheco, who served as a combat medic during the Vietnam War, has spent the last 35 years with the American Red Cross in the Los Angeles area. He is credited with turning around the Santa Monica chapter, which was said to be in bad financial shape when he arrived.



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Santa Monica Sears not on chopping block

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HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill. Florida will be hit the hardest by the closing of Sears and Kmart stores, losing 11, according to a preliminary list of 79 planned closures released Thursday.

Ohio, Michigan and Georgia are not far behind with six store closures planned in their states. Tennessee, North Carolina and Minnesota are set to lose four stores each.

California will lose three locations with the Sears in Santa Monica safe for now.

A spokeswoman for Sears Holding Corp. said each store employs between 40 and 80 people.

None of the closures announced so far are in Sears' home state of Illinois.

The 125-year-old retailer said on Tuesday it would close up to 120 stores to raise cash.

The projected closings represent only about 3 percent of Sears Holdings' U.S. stores. Sears and Kmart merged in 2005. The company now has about 3,560 stores in the U.S. That's up from 3,500 immediately after the merger, due to the addition of more small stores.

USC wants to raise \$6B by 2018

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Despite a weak economy, the University of Southern California's ambitious \$6 billion, seven-year fundraising goal is already off to a good start with three recent gifts of at least \$100 million each.

USC President C.L. Max Nikias announced the Campaign for the University of Southern California in August, saying more than \$1 billion had already been raised toward the \$6 billion goal.

Half the money will augment USC's endowment supporting faculty and students. Half will provide immediate support for academic priorities, capital projects and infrastructure.

The Los Angeles Times says the university plans to double its fundraising staff to about 400 next year



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ON THE JOB: Lisa and Joe Green of Broadway Liquor plan to work over the New Year's weekend. Their employees have been given time off.

There's no place like work for the holidays

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE For many, the winter holidays are a time of rest. The kids are home from school, mom and dad can steal some time off of work, and everyone does their best to recreate the togetherness they wish they had the rest of the year.

But many in Santa Monica will be working on the days that the average employee considers free by sacred right.

Be for the tireless public servants or the men and women that keep the bubbly flowing, holidays like Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's are just another day to make sure the cogs in the wheel keep turning.

No matter the date, the men in blue continue policing the streets of Santa Monica, making sure that celebrations don't get out of hand and those Christmas and Chanukah gifts stay right where their purchasers put them.

There's not an officer on the force that hasn't worked a holiday, said SMPD spokesman Sgt. Richard Lewis.

"This is a 24-7 business," Lewis said. "We always have to provide public safety."

But for those officers with small children or local family, colleagues work to make concessions where they can.

"I like to think we do," Lewis said. "Officers attempt to give each other an out on certain holidays."

Younger officers and those that don't have local family may juggle their schedules to work on Christmas or Thanksgiving to give relief to others, who in turn often take other festive days, like New Year's.

Sometimes, however, the best laid plans of mice and men get disrupted by reality.

This year, Santa Monica will be overridden by up to 30,000 fans of the Wisconsin Badgers, the team which will square off against the Oregon Ducks in the iconic Rose Bowl football game in Pasadena, Calif.

Both teams will have their pep rallies here in Santa Monica over the New Year's weekend, which will mean a step up in police presence to keep the peace, Lewis said.

"New Year's Eve and day, we'll have

beach officers on the ATVs because one, there will be great weather and two, the influx of tourists to see the game," Lewis said. "Those slots are not normally filled."

If anyone knows the need to throw plans aside for surprise events, it's Olivia Marshall and Julie Howard.

Both women are nurses at the Santa Monica-UCLA Medical Center and Orthopaedic Hospital, Marshall manning the Emergency Center and Howard working in labor and delivery.

Like the police, nurses collaborate to create their working roster, trading holidays like playing cards to assemble the schedules that best meet their needs.

Marshall works every Christmas without fail. She and her husband are Jewish, and choose to celebrate Chanukah with their children rather than the Christian holidays.

Marshall's mother-in-law, however, practices Christianity, which means her kids can open their presents with their father and

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Setting the record straight

Editor:

A Dec. 23 Daily Press editorial entitled “What facts?” states that the Friends of Sunset Park (FOSP) Board of Directors described a previous Daily Press editorial (“Airport Commission’s lack of diversity is troubling,” Dec. 9) as “loaded with falsehoods.”

What the FOSP board actually wrote in a piece (“Pointed commentary on appointments,” Your Column Here) published on Dec. 14 was that “contrary to the [Dec. 9] editorial, Friends of Sunset Park is not ‘vigorously lobbying elected officials to shut SMO down.’”

To support that statement, we included the written recommendations concerning Santa Monica Airport (SMO) that we handed to the city manager at the Nov. 3 “Can We Talk” meeting in Sunset Park.

They included implementation of “standard” runway safety areas; development of toxicity levels for the ultra-fine particles emitted by jets; protecting toddlers at the Clover Park Tot Lot from airport pollution; reducing the impact of flight schools on residents; requesting that pilots follow recommended departure flight paths unless otherwise instructed by air traffic controllers; and including the actual number of resident complaints in noise reports by staff at Airport Commission meetings.

FOSP receives plenty of complaints from members about safety, noise, and air pollution concerns related to SMO. If and when they tell us that they want the airport closed, the FOSP Board will lobby for that.

Board of Directors
Friends of Sunset Park

Religion has a place in public

Editor:

In response to certain letters to the editor and articles in various papers, I want to state that I definitely support a return to the full traditional array of 14 nativity scenes in Palisades Park. I suspect that most non-Christian people of faith (including Zoroastrians like myself) are either supportive of, or at least not opposed to, this historic display. Of course, uplifting non-Christian traditions should also be supported and honored.

After all, public expression of faith is evident in our currency (on which is imprinted the phrase “In God We Trust”), in our pledge of allegiance and in some political speeches. It should be noted that the expression “separation between church and state” (which was taken from a letter written by Thomas Jefferson and has often been applied in an out-of-context manner) is a phrase which is incorrectly though frequently used as an excuse for minimizing or banning faith-based public displays.

My understanding is that “separation between church and state” is not a clause in the Constitution and it was not a founding principle of our country. Actually, the First Amendment of our Constitution states that “Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”

As encouraged by the classic tale “The Emperor’s New Clothes,” let us think for ourselves even if the thinking results in a “politically incorrect” point of view – while at the same time striving to be good listeners.

Dhun May
Santa Monica

The definition of race

Editor:

I looked up the word “race” in the Merriam-Webster dictionary I have and there’s no definition that seems to fit what people seem to mean when they say that word.

Sometimes I hear people refer to color, as if “white” or “black” were a race. Sometimes I hear people say “American,” as if nationality fit the definition. But it doesn’t. Perhaps ethnicity comes close, but isn’t quite right.

I’m beginning to think the “race” word may be obsolete and perhaps the only word that makes any real sense in the questionnaire is “human.” Am I wrong? Just asking.

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Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

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2011 a bad year for despots

ONE OF MY NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTIONS for 2012 is to avoid waiting until the last minute to write these columns. (Another is to lose 10 pounds.) Unfortunately, it takes a deadline for me to focus on the writing (and to avoid chocolate for the weight).

In defense of my literary procrastination, often planning ahead doesn’t work. In this 24-hour news cycle world, an idea on Monday can be as fresh as four-day-old fish on Friday. (An editor once referred to a column of mine that way.)

A month ago I was writing about Herman Cain when he suddenly suspended his campaign (because of alleged sexual infidelities). This ruined my column and, for that matter, probably didn’t help his marriage very much.

On the record Herman admitted that he had a female “friend” of 13 years (Ginger White) whom he flew to championship boxing matches among other cross country rendezvous and whose bills he paid from time to time. But Herman insisted their relationship was strictly platonic. (That is, if you don’t count the sex?)

In an updated column, I was going to refer to Cain as the “black Pinocchio” at the risk of offending two of my core constituencies: African Americans and fans of Pinocchio. Then Herman dropped out of the presidential race altogether. I think that week I wrote about the weather.

In a sense, Cain was a victim of bad timing. Sure, he didn’t know a thing about Libya, but if Gaddafi hadn’t been on the run voters here might not have noticed. I did find it hilarious when Cain apologized for an incoherent answer about Libya by pointing to his head, “I’ve got so many things swirling around up there.”

Later, Cain got a bit defensive. “I’m not supposed to know anything about foreign policy,” he said, suggesting that’s what advisers are for. It’s all moot now because evidently when Herman “consulted” with Gloria about Ginger, being president seemed less important than winding up like John Wayne Bobbit.

Of those who had a less than stupendous 2011, Gaddafi might be near the top of the list (followed by Bin Laden, Kim Jong-il and Hosni Mubarak, in descending order).

After 42 years in power, Muammar didn’t exactly have a dignified end, being pulled out from a drain under a motorway (reminiscent of Saddam Hussein being pulled out of a hole below an Iraqi farmhouse). Reportedly Muammar’s last words to his captors were, “Hey, fellas what did I do to you?” (OK, I made up the “hey, fellas” part.) Evidently when the laughing died so did Muammar. Admittedly I might be the only one who noticed this but it turns out that was a wig Gaddafi wore, oddly similar to Phil Spector’s. (I ask you, where else do you see Gaddafi and Spector in the same sentence?)

Kim Jong-il, North Korea’s brutal but

wacky dictator, died of natural causes at 69. Curiously, in 2009, the North Korean constitution was amended to refer to him as the “supreme leader.” He was also called “dear leader,” “our father” and “nut job.” (OK, I made up the nut job part.)

Lil’ Kim, as Bill Maher calls Jong-il (he was 5-foot, 3-inches tall) was touted to his people as a God, which at his height seems a stretch. (No pun intended.) Ironically, Kim viewed Elvis as a God, which might explain his pompadour hairdo. (Strange as Kim’s hair was it was better than Gaddafi’s Hair Club for Men rug.)

Lil’ Kim is succeeded by Kim Jong-un, his youngest son, who’ll be 28 in January. (I wonder what his older brothers think about being passed over.) Instead of Elvis this Kim is obsessed with Michael Jordan. Obviously it’s genetic. Reportedly Jong-un’s best traits are that he’s “a big drinker and never admits defeat.” Not terribly comforting considering North Korea has nuclear bombs.

OF THOSE WHO HAD A LESS THAN STUPENDOUS 2011, GADDAFI MIGHT BE NEAR THE TOP OF THE LIST (FOLLOWED BY BIN LADEN, KIM JONG-IL AND HOSNI MUBARAK, IN DESCENDING ORDER).

Osama bin Laden also bit the dust in 2011. Actually, it wasn’t dust. He was buried at sea. It’s possible the burial may have jeopardized his 72 virgins in heaven. How did they come up with 72? Wouldn’t 52, a virgin a week, be enough?

In his last moments Osama didn’t look all that dignified either. Broadcast worldwide was a video of him in old Pakistani pajamas, remote control in hand, watching a video of himself on TV. A short while later he had bullet holes where his eyes used to be. And not long after that he was in the North Arabian Sea “swimming with the fishes.”

But take heart, our current troubles may soon be irrelevant. The Mayans predicted that 2012 will mark the end of the world. On the bright side, that would seem to take the pressure off my New Year’s resolution to avoid waiting until the last moment to write these columns. (Not to mention losing the 10 pounds.)

Wishing a loyal reader, Honey Brady, a speedy recovery from recent hip surgery, **JACK** can be reached at Jnsmdp@aol.com.

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Congress, Obama codify indefinite detention

IN YET ANOTHER REVERSAL OF HIS professed commitment to the rule of law, President Barack Obama says he will sign the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which formalizes his authority to imprison terrorism suspects indefinitely without charge or trial.

Where is the “progressive” outrage?

George W. Bush and Obama both claimed that the 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF) empowered them to have the military hold people merely suspected of association with al-Qaida or related organizations without charge for the duration of the “war on terror.” It didn’t matter if the suspect was a foreigner, a U.S. citizen, or a legal resident. It also didn’t matter if the alleged offense was committed inside or outside the United States. The battlefield encompassed the whole world.

In interpreting the AUMF this way, both administrations went well beyond its language. On its face, the AUMF only authorizes “the president ... to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on Sept. 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States by such nations, organizations or persons.”

Clearly the power is restricted to people involved in 9/11 and those who protected them. Yet under novel theories of the executive branch’s constitutional authority, this was turned into a virtual blank check.

The AUMF also makes no reference to indefinite detention or to turning citizens and legal residents over to the military, rather than civilian law enforcement, when they are merely suspected of being involved in a vague class of activities such as “supporting associated forces” in the commission of belligerent acts.

Regardless of the absence of the relevant language, both the Bush and Obama administrations claimed these broad powers that make a mockery of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights’ Fifth Amendment in particular.

Now these powers have been formally set down on paper. Ironically, the Obama administration hinted at a veto of the bill because it introduced restrictions on its authority. Carrying on the Bush philosophy

that under the Constitution the executive branch has virtually unlimited power, Obama objected to any congressional intrusion into its prerogatives, even if only to codify authority already claimed and exercised.

For example, one section requires the executive branch to turn over to the military a person suspected of terrorism. Note that this would even include individuals resisting the American occupation of Afghanistan or the bombing in Sudan or Somalia. It could also include someone who innocently gave money to a charity not knowing it had some connection to an “associated” organization. But the Obama administration did not like being required to do this. Rather, it prefers to have it as an option. In the end, the administration was granted the power to use civilian courts, but only after filing a waiver with Congress.

The section goes on to say that included within the military’s authority is “detention under the law of war without trial until the end of hostilities.” This section, however, exempts Americans citizens captured inside the country.

The next section does apply to American citizens and other legal residents. Although it explicitly says the administration is not required to turn them over to the military, it may do so if it wishes. Obama successfully opposed a blanket prohibition in this section against the military detention of American citizens.

As one of its defenders, Sen. Lindsey Graham, said of the provision: “The statement of authority to detain does apply to American citizens and it designates the world as the battlefield, including the homeland.” This shouldn’t be surprising: Obama already claims the authority to kill Americans without due process.

Obama’s intention to sign the NDAA tells us exactly where he stands on the Bill of Rights. As Human Rights Watch put it: “President Obama will go down in history as the president who enshrined indefinite detention without trial in U.S. law.”

The late Chalmers Johnson, the scholar who did so much to chronicle America’s world domination, liked to say that you either abolish the empire or live under it. Is there any doubt he was right?

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So, this week’s Q-Line question asks:
What were the top local stories of 2011? Remember, local.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Public hearings will be held by the Landmarks Commission on the following:

2701- 2705 Main Street, 11LM-006, Zoning: CM2 (Main Street Special Commercial) District. The City Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider Landmark Designation Application 11LM-006, at 2701-2705 Main Street to determine whether the commercial structure, in whole or in part, should be designated as a City Landmark. The Landmarks Commission will make a decision regarding designation based on whether the application, research and public testimony presented show that the structure meets one or more of the required criteria for Landmark designation. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Landmarks Commission. Owner: Lambert Family Trust. *(Continued from December 12, 2011 meeting.)*

1063 26th Street, LC-11CA-020, Zoning: R-1 (Single Family Residential) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a modification to a conditionally approved Certificate of Appropriateness which allowed the construction of a new two-story addition and detached rear accessory garage and rehabilitation work to an existing Landmark single-family residence. Applicant: DUB Studios, Gabriel Sandoval, AIA. Owner: David B. Golubchik.

Palisades Park, LC-11CA-021, Zoning: DP (Designated Park) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider a request for approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a GIVE Santa Monica donor plaque and appurtenant concrete base in Palisades Park, in the vicinity of the pergola, which is an individually significant contributing feature of Palisades Park. The Landmarks Commission will determine whether the proposed work is appropriate and architecturally compatible within the Landmark Palisades Park. Applicant: City of Santa Monica Community and Cultural Services Department. Owner: City of Santa Monica.

2001 Main Street, LC-11CA-022, Zoning: CM-2 (Main Street Commercial) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for new signs in conjunction with a proposed retail use and the approval of a sign program for the Landmark multi-tenant building. Applicant: Ralph Mechur Architects. Owner: 2001 Main Street, LLC.

2009 La Mesa Drive, LC-11CA-023, Zoning: R1 (Single Family Residential) District. The Landmarks Commission will be conducting a public hearing to consider the proposed addition to an existing single-family dwelling. The proposal includes enclosing the existing carport to expand the existing guest house on the first floor, add a game room and theater on the second floor and add a new two-car garage to the west wing of the existing single-family residence located at 2009 La Mesa Drive. Applicant: Briles Culotti Trust. Owner: Briles Culotti Trust

WHEN: Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:00 pm

WHERE: City Council Chambers, City Hall, Room 213
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica



QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment on this and other projects. You or your representative, or any other persons may comment on the application at the Public Hearing, or by writing a letter addressed to Scott Albright, AICP, Senior Planner, City Planning Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, California, 90401-3295. Or, you may contact Mr. Albright by phone at (310) 458-8341 or by email at scott.albright@smgov.net.

MORE INFORMATION

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. If you have any disability-related accommodation requests, please contact (310) 458-8341 or TTY (310) 458-8696 at least three days prior to the event. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Bus Lines 1, 2, 3 and 7 serve City Hall. Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the Challenge may be limited only to those issues raised at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

ESPAÑOL

Este es un aviso de una audiencia publica para considerar la designación de una propiedad en la ciudad como un monumento histórico. Para mas información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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TV show on Muslims takes on Sept. 11 attacks

DAVID BAUDER

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK A television show about members of a Muslim community in Michigan is focusing what may be its second-to-last episode almost entirely on the conflicted feelings that its featured participants have about marking anniversaries of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The episode of TLC's "All-American Muslim" airs Sunday (10 p.m. EST). The series attracted attention earlier this month when a conservative Christian group called on advertisers to boycott the series, calling it "propaganda that riskily hides the Islamic agenda's clear and present danger to American liberties and traditional values."

Two companies, the Lowe's home improvement chain and travel planning website Kayak.com, announced they were pulling ads. TLC hasn't said how many companies responded to the Florida Family Association's call to stop sponsoring the show. The controversy prompted a backlash of people protesting against Lowe's. Some new advertisers have signed on since then, TLC General Manager Amy Winter said Thursday.

Filming for the reality TV series took place during commemorations for the 10th anniversary of the attacks. Both TLC and the show's characters, Muslims living in and around Dearborn, a suburb of Detroit at the heart of one of the largest Arab-American populations outside the Middle East, wanted to address the topic, Winter said.

"I'm very proud of it," she said. "What you'll see in there is a community with a range of emotions that they express over what was probably one of the most pivotal moments in our nation's history."

Mike Jaafar, a deputy sheriff who participated in a Sept. 11 memorial service at Tiger Stadium in Detroit, helped law enforcement prepare for any problems related to the anniversary. He choked up when recalling how police officers in New York City were killed as they tried to rescue people at the

World Trade Center.

"You think about your guys who work for you, going into a building and not coming home," he said.

Nawal Auode was a high school sophomore on Sept. 11, 2001, when her mother called to say she was picking her up at school. Her mother found out about the attacks as she was passing out flyers to advertise a day care center and a man spit at her and ordered her off his porch.

"It was the first time I realized that people looked at me as less American," said Suehaila Amen. "As a person who was born and raised in this country, it was very difficult."

Auode said she dreads the anniversary of the attacks because of a sense that members of her community have to defend themselves for something they had nothing to do with.

That's at the root of the biggest conflict in Sunday's episode. One woman talks about how important it was to attend a Sept. 11 commemoration, but her adult-age children didn't want to go.

One man, Bilal Amen, traveled to New York City to visit the Sept. 11 memorial because, he said, "I want to see the place that changed my life."

Another woman, Nina Bazy, spoke angrily about the Sept. 11 terrorists and said they weren't real Muslims because "a real Muslim would not do anything like that." She said Osama bin Laden made life difficult for many Muslims in the United States.

"He ruined it for us," Bazy said. "He ruined it for our kids. He made us scared in our own homes."

"All-American Muslim" ends its eight-episode first season on Jan. 8. Its ratings are considered disappointing for TLC, and the attention caused by this month's controversy didn't improve them. Based on ratings alone, a second season would be considered unlikely. Working in its favor is TLC's pride in a series that spotlights communities that many viewers aren't familiar with.

TLC hasn't made a decision on the show's future and its executives will meet soon to consider it, Winter said.

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Singer and humanitarian Paul Robeson is portrayed in an intimate biography by actor Stogie Kenyatta. A descendant of rebellious slaves who graduated valedictorian in 1919 from Rutgers University and received a law degree from Columbia University a few years later, Robeson lived many lives: an All-American football player who played in the early NFL; a worldwide star whose singing captivated thousands worldwide; a notable film actor; a passionate public speaker who was persecuted by the House Un-American Activities Committee. Robeson shows us that in spite of our differences, we still have more in common than we do in conflict. For information: paulrobesononemanshow.com. Cost: \$20.

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Forrest Gump, Hannibal Lecter join film registry

BEN NUCKOLS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Bambi, Forrest Gump and Hannibal Lecter have at least one thing in common: Their cinematic adventures were chosen by the Library of Congress to be preserved in the world's largest archive of film, TV and sound recordings.

"The Silence of the Lambs" (1991), a harrowing psychological thriller about the cannibalistic serial killer Lecter, and "Forrest Gump" (1994), starring Tom Hanks as the guileless hero who thinks "life is like a box of chocolates," were critical and commercial successes that won the Academy Award for Best Picture. The animated Disney classic "Bambi" is among the most beloved movies ever made.

A majority of the 25 titles chosen this year for inclusion in the National Film Registry are lesser-known — including silent films, documentaries, avant-garde cinema and even home movies. The Library of Congress announced the selections Tuesday.

The registry began in 1989 under an act of Congress and now includes 575 films. Its aim is not to identify the best movies ever made but to preserve films with artistic, cultural or historical significance. Previous titles chosen range from "The Birth of a Nation" to "National Lampoon's Animal House."

"Forrest Gump" has its critical detractors but was praised for its technical achievements, including the seamless incorporation of the title character into historical footage.

More than 2,200 films were nominated for the registry this year. The National Film Preservation Board pares them down before Librarian of Congress James H. Billington makes the final selections.

"Each year, we do try to pick one of the titles that the public nominated the most, and 'Forrest Gump' was way up there on that list," said Stephen Leggett, program coordinator for the

National Film Preservation Board. "Everything on the list is subject to dissenting opinion."

Staffers at the Library of Congress Packard Campus for Audio Visual Conservation in Culpeper, Va., work to ensure that each title is preserved for future generations, packing away original negatives or unreleased prints into the facility's massive vault and collaborating with other preservationists, movie studios and independent filmmakers.

"These films are selected because of their enduring significance to American culture," Billington said in a statement. "Our film heritage must be protected because these cinematic treasures document our history and culture and reflect our hopes and dreams."

Leggett said he was pleased by the inclusion of "The Negro Soldier," a 1944 documentary produced by Frank Capra that was groundbreaking for its realistic and positive depiction of African-Americans. It became mandatory viewing for soldiers entering the army in the latter stages of the war and was shown in commercial theaters.

"It was kind of ironic because the official Army policy at the time was still segregation. You had a film which was implicitly if not explicitly promoting integration," he said.

Films must be at least 10 years old to be considered for the registry.

The oldest movies selected this year are both from 1912. "The Cry of the Children" is about the pre-World War I child labor reform movement, and "A Cure for Pokeritis" stars John Bunny, regarded as the American film industry's earliest comic superstar.

"A lot of people would argue that the humor is kind of dated," Leggett said of Bunny's films — mostly short domestic comedies in which he played a henpecked husband. "He really was a major figure at the time. It doesn't help your reputation when people like Charlie Chaplin and Buster Keaton come after you."

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BY DAILY PRESS STAFF



Naked woman shows up on doorstep

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

SATURDAY, DEC. 24, AT 10:46 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1000 block of Pico Boulevard after a couple called in to report a naked woman at their doorstep. The couple told officers that the woman showed up nude asking for help. The couple let her in the residence, provided her with clothing and called police. Officers said the woman was laughing uncontrollably and would suddenly fall asleep as she was talking with officers. She did not know where she was and could not explain how she got to the home with no clothes on. Believing she was under the influence of drugs, officers placed the woman under arrest. She was booked for being under the influence of a controlled substance and her bail was set at \$2,500. She was identified as Rachel Szpunar, 31, of Los Angeles.

SATURDAY, DEC. 24, AT 12:55 A.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol in the 400 block of Wilshire Boulevard when they saw a vehicle heading eastbound on Wilshire Boulevard with one of its headlights out. As they followed the vehicle, officers said they noticed the driver was swerving. They conducted a traffic stop at the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Ninth Street. During the stop, officers said they could smell alcohol and asked the woman to step out of the car. She allegedly told officers that she had consumed alcohol an hour before getting into the car and consented to performing a set of field sobriety tests. After the tests were completed, officers felt the driver was under the influence of alcohol and placed her under arrest for DUI. While at the Santa Monica Jail, officers learned that the suspect lied about her identity to try and hide the fact that she had a suspended license for a previous DUI conviction, police said. The false information charge was added and her bail set at \$15,000. She was identified as Gaby Nyois Moretta, 29.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23, AT 3:40 P.M.,

Officers were on routine patrol in the area of Colorado Avenue and 17th Street when they observed a man on a bicycle who appeared to be tampering with a parked car. Officers made a U-turn, at which time the bicyclist rode off and the parked car pulled away from the curb. Officers were behind the vehicle when the driver allegedly failed to yield to a pedestrian in a crosswalk at the corner of 17th Street and Broadway. Officers conducted a traffic stop and determined that the driver was unlicensed. As he exited the car, officers said they saw several bindles of cocaine on the driver's side floorboard. Officers searched further and found more bindles of cocaine and methamphetamine hidden throughout the car. The driver was placed under arrest for possession and transportation of a controlled substance. He was identified as Isreal Hernandez-Cruz, 32, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$30,000.

TUESDAY, DEC. 20, AT 9:45 P.M.,

Officers responded to Santa Monica Place – Ben Bridge Jeweler – regarding an attempted armed robbery that had just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the store manager and several witnesses who said that the suspect entered the store around 9:45 p.m. wearing a dark colored hoodie and a black ski mask. The suspect then produced a handgun and ordered the employees to get back. He then attempted to break a glass display containing Cartier watches. He failed after two attempts and eventually ran out of the store toward Fourth Street. Detectives were able to identify the suspect and took him into custody on Dec. 23. The suspect, who turned out to be a security guard at Santa Monica Place, was booked for attempted robbery and an outstanding warrant. He was identified as Gerald Rogers, 28, of Inglewood. His bail was set at \$50,416.

FRIDAY, DEC. 16, AT 8:24 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 3200 block of Wilshire Boulevard – BevMo – after receiving a call that a suspected thief had returned to the store. When officers arrived, employees told them that the suspect made off with over \$350 worth of wine in November and threatened employees who tried to confront him. When the suspect returned, a manager tried to stall him until police arrived, but the suspect fled. Officers were able to identify the suspect and arrested him while he was driving in the 2400 block of Ocean Park Boulevard on Dec. 22. He was taken into custody without incident, police said. He was booked for robbery, violation of probation and two outstanding warrants. He was identified as Darrell Wilbert Allums, 53, a transient. His bail was set at \$57,500.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21, AT 12:40 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 300 block of Colorado Avenue – Sears – regarding a report of a shoplifter in custody. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said the suspect entered the store, took some shirts off the sales rack and then grabbed some earrings. She allegedly hid the earrings on her but paid for the shirts. When she left, security confronted her. She was cited and released. The suspect was identified as Lopez Pastora, 59, of Los Angeles.

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least 1.6 million crashes each year — involve drivers using cell phones. The council estimates that 1.4 million crashes each year involve drivers talking on cell phones and a minimum of 200,000 additional crashes each year involve drivers who are texting.

That translates into more than 5,400 deaths and nearly 550,000 injuries, according to the Department of Transportation (DOT).

In July, an elderly man was struck on Montana Avenue in Santa Monica by a driver who police say admitted to be reaching for her cell phone at the time of the collision. The victim, 83-year-old William Smerling, died about a week later from his injuries. He was hit as he walked to the bank, police said.

The City Attorney's Office has filed misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter charges against the driver, who is scheduled to be arraigned Jan. 5 and could face up to a year in jail if convicted, prosecutors said.

It's fatal collisions like that which prompted National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) Chairman Deborah Hersman to issue a statement last week calling on all U.S. states to ban drivers from using electronic devices while driving, including for text messaging, unless during an emergency.

The DOT recently approved a new rule prohibiting interstate truck and bus drivers from using hand-held cell phones while operating their vehicles, but Hersman believes they didn't go far enough.

"Research shows there is no safety benefit to the use of hands-free cell phone devices," Hersman said. "When at the wheel of a 40-ton vehicle, driving safely should be the driver's only focus."

In Missouri, two people died and 38 were injured in a pileup in August 2010 after a 19-year-old driver rammed his pickup truck into the back of a tractor truck and was then hit by one school bus and then another. The teen was texting while driving, the NTSB found after an investigation.

"We are witnessing a disturbing trend in accident and incident investigations — the ever-present cell phone poses an insidious danger when it comes to cognitive distractions behind the wheel," Hersman said.

Many car manufacturers are including Bluetooth technology that won't let drivers answer their phone or text while driving. It sends an automatic message that the person is driving and will return the call. The technology is in its infancy, but many see it gaining traction. If it does, legislation could soon follow.

Critics say that would be going too far and are worried about what other activities would be regulated. Would drivers be forbidden from listening to music in the car, or talking with their passengers?

Nine states, the District of Columbia and the Virgin Islands, already bar drivers from using any electronic devices while driving. Thirty-five states and D.C. ban texting while driving. But virtually all states allow drivers to use hands-free devices, even though talking can be a distraction.

An overwhelming number of Americans support a ban on texting while driving.

A CBS News poll conducted in May found that 94 percent of Americans said they believed texting while driving should be outlawed.

But despite that view, a record number of Americans are using their electronic devices while on the road. Forty-seven percent of all adults surveyed in a Pew poll in June, 2010 conceded that they had at least once sent or read a text message while they were behind the wheel.

NOT THE ONLY ONE

The SMPD isn't the only law enforcement agency that is cracking down on distracted drivers.

For 24 hours starting today at 6 a.m., the California Highway Patrol will have a "zero

tolerance" policy for those using their cell phones to talk or send texts. They will also be looking for drivers eating, reading or applying makeup.

Under California's vehicle code, a driver can be ticketed \$145 to \$1,000 for having "wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property."

Officers will also be tracking these distractions and the number of distracted drivers, because there are not very good data on just how many distracted drivers there are.

Since California's law requiring hands-free devices took effect in 2008, the CHP has written 518,161 citations statewide. They have written 11,634 tickets for texting while driving.

The SMPD did not have figures immediately available on the number of citations issued for those offenses.

In addition to the law enforcement actions, the SMPD has added two motor officers and a traffic accident investigator so that a third motor officer could be put back on the streets to educate and issue citations, Trisler said.

And starting next week, the SMPD will put into action the Problem Solving Safety Team, which will address long-standing issues within the community.

"If a resident keeps calling in about speeding in their neighborhood or stop sign violations or failure to yield to pedestrians, we'll have a team ready to respond," Trisler said.

Motor officers will also be assigned to different quadrants with responsibility over their particular beats. Residents and business owners will be able to contact these officers about reoccurring problems, much like community members do now with their neighborhood resource officers — cops who act as mini-sheriff's who are responsible for reducing crime on their beats.

"We want to be highly visible and make an impact," Trisler said.

Those who want to report an ongoing issue can contact Trisler at (310) 458-8471, or Sgt. Phillbo Rubish at (310) 458-4847.

City Hall has also formed the Pedestrian-Traffic Safety Committee comprised of representatives from various city departments to look at ways to make streets safer for everyone, Lewis said.

The committee is still in the early stages, but there are hopes of developing a pedestrian action plan similar to City Hall's Bike Action Plan, a 20-year vision that planners hope will encourage people to get out of cars and onto bikes.

SO WHAT CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION?

For those unfamiliar with the law against talking and texting, the SMPD has broken it down:

■ A person (of any age) holding a cell phone in his/her hand and using the speaker phone, or as is most commonly seen, holding the cell phone to the ear (whether on speaker phone or not), would constitute a violation of 23123(a).

■ Juveniles are not allowed to use cell phones at all while driving with or without an ear piece, and whether or not on speaker phone.

■ "Write, send, or read a text-based communication" means using an electronic wireless communications device to manually communicate with any person using a text-based communication method, including, but not limited to, communications referred to as a text message, instant message, or electronic mail.

■ Scrolling for a name or phone number in a cell phone or entering a phone number does not constitute texting.

"Even so, the police department asks that if you are making a phone call, do it when you are stopped," Lewis said. "Looking at the phone to dial is what creates the danger that is distracted driving."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD BY THE SANTA MONICA ZONING ADMINISTRATOR ON APPLICATIONS FOR VARIANCES

TIME: 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, January 10, 2012

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Room 213, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

A Public Hearing will be held by the Zoning Administrator of the City of Santa Monica at the above noted time and place in regard to the following requests:

Fence, Wall, Hedge Height Modification FWHM 11-0006 & 11-0007, 415 and 427 Alta Avenue. The applicant requests approval of a height modification application to authorize an existing 8 foot hedge and entry gate, situated along the front property line. SMMC Section 9.04.10.02.080(e) permits a modification to the height limitations for fences, walls, and hedges in the front yard area, subject to approval by the Zoning Administrator. [Planner: Dennis Banks] **APPLICANT: Robert Ramirez. PROPERTY OWNER: Marshall Gelfand.**

Use Permit 11-UP-012, 3010 Wilshire Boulevard. The applicant, Black & Veatch, proposes to install, operate, and maintain an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility on the multi-story office building at 3010 Wilshire Boulevard in the City of Santa Monica. The proposal includes removing the previously approved existing nine panel antennas and installing twelve new panel antennas along the northwest, and northeast portions of the roof. In addition, the applicant proposes to install twelve remote radio units (RRUs) and six DC surge suppressors that will be completely screened. The applicant also proposes to add one new LTE equipment cabinet and one GPS antenna to the existing equipment lease area. The proposed antennas do not comply with the requirements for non-parabolic antennas contained in Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.10.06.110(a). Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.10.06.110(b), the Zoning Administrator may approve modifications to the requirements for non-parabolic commercial antennas through the approval of a Use Permit application. [Planner: Gina Szilak] **APPLICANT: Black & Veatch on behalf of AT&T Mobility. PROPERTY OWNER: Public Storage.**

VARIANCE 11-024, 2728 Second Street. The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow an encroachment into the required sideyard setback, for a proposed addition to an existing single-family dwelling. As proposed the structure will maintain the existing conforming north side yard setback of 4-feet 1-inch and non-conforming south sideyard setback of 2-feet 2-inches (southeast corner) and 2-feet 9?-inches (southwest corner), in lieu of the required 4-feet, for a new second-floor addition to the existing one-story single-family residence. Pursuant to SMMC Section 9.04.20.10.030(d)(1), the applicant may request a modification to the yard setbacks when a parcel has a lot depth less than 90-feet or a lot width less than 39-feet. The subject property has a width of 25-feet. [Planner: Lily Yegazu] **APPLICANT / PROPERTY OWNER: Tracy Yen.**

HOW TO COMMENT

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

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PACHECO

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Under his leadership, the chapter's management structure was stabilized, an active and dedicated new Board of Directors was recruited and the chapter's services to the community expanded. It is a key blood donor center and a major provider of CPR, first aid and water safety training, locally, according to the statement.

"It has truly been an incredibly rewarding experience here with the 'Cross,' made possible by the marvelous people I have had the

opportunity to serve with over these years," Pacheco said.

Upon his retirement, Pacheco will become president and CEO of a new company called Innovative Disaster Solutions, which will provide disaster preparedness planning and consulting for small and mid-size companies.

Carol Evans, former CEO of the Santa Cruz Red Cross, will take over as interim CEO. She will reside in Santa Monica until a full-time CEO is appointed, according to the statement.

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WORKING

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grandmother while Marshall works.

It's the best of all worlds, Marshall said.

"I enjoy it because I know that I let my other co-workers spend time with their families," Marshall said.

In labor and delivery, it's a different story.

Howard, who celebrates Christmas, works most of those holidays. Rather than the normal 12-hour shifts, she and the other nurses trade out, more often, working only six hours in order to give them all time with their families.

Her seven children appreciate the time she gets around Christmas because, as they say, "It's not Christmas the next day."

Still, there's no telling what the holiday will bring.

"I work in labor and delivery, so we have babies," Howard said.

Some deliveries, at least, can be avoided.

"We finally got doctors not to schedule C-sections on Christmas," she said.

Businesses with more regular hours and customer service needs balance their holiday demands in different ways.

Nikki Bell is a placement counselor for First Call Staffing, a temp agency in Santa Monica.

Her service gets the most calls right around the Christmas holiday, particularly for receptionist work, Bell said.

"I want to say it's mostly car dealerships," Bell said. "Everyone else is pretty much closed."

Well, not everyone. The service industry remains alive and well on holidays, particularly those that provide the fuel that keeps the fire going like Lisa and Joe Green.

The Greens own Broadway Wines and Spirits, an independent liquor store on the 1000 block of Broadway.

Rather than sacrifice their employees on the altar of holiday imbibing, the Greens choose to send their workers home and man the shop themselves.

They're closed Christmas Day, but New Year's they'll remain open from 10 a.m. to nearly 10 p.m. to give last-minute shoppers an opportunity.

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cies across the state.

The court took opposing stances on two pieces of legislation passed earlier this year with the intent to fill a \$1.7 billion hole in the state budget on the backs of redevelopment agencies — organizations created under state law to reform blighted areas.

Those agencies get their funding through tax pass-throughs, or portions of tax money that would otherwise go to fund schools, police and fire departments or other local public services.

Under the terms of the legislation, money for all projects under contract prior to Jan. 1, 2011 was safe. The remainder would be up for grabs unless cities chose to pay what many called “ransom payments” to the state for the right to keep the redevelopment agencies open.

Santa Monica sought to protect its Redevelopment Agency by drafting an agreement in August 2010 for what was originally \$283 million worth of projects including the Pico Neighborhood Library, renovations on the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, an early childhood education center, two fire stations and a \$57 million overhaul of Santa Monica High School.

That agreement was fully consummated at the Dec. 13 City Council meeting when the council approved the transfer of \$267 million in funding for construction and several affordable housing projects.

It seems city officials were ahead of the curve.

When word of Gov. Jerry Brown’s Jan. 1 cutoff became public, City Manager Rod Gould told the Daily Press, “Sometimes it’s good to be lucky, and sometimes it’s better to be good. This time, it’s a little of both.”

Now, city officials will have to figure out if those projects, which are in various stages of development, are safe given the State Supreme Court’s decision on the two bills.

The first, Assembly Bill 1X 26, allows the state to dissolve redevelopment agencies and keep the tax revenues that fund them. The court had no issue with that, calling the bill “a proper exercise of legislative power.”

Eliminating the agencies would save the state more than \$1 billion in this year’s budget by keeping tax revenues that otherwise get passed on to the agencies, said H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the California Department of Finance.

That money, comprised of property tax money, will go to fund K-12 schools. It will not constitute and increase in funding, however, because an equal amount will be shifted to fill the budget gap for the 2012 fiscal year, Palmer said.

The court did not, however, uphold the second bill, AB 1X 27, which permitted redevelopment agencies to stay in business if they paid the state to benefit schools and special districts.

These “ransom payments,” as they were known in City Hall, were deemed unconstitutional under Proposition 22, an initiative passed in 2010 which authors hoped would prohibit state grabs of local funds.

Axing that component will mean more property taxes for schools, Palmer said, although not necessarily an increase in funding unless voters pass a proposed tax increase in November 2012.

The safety of Santa Monica’s projects depends on the strength of the contractual obligations that city officials initiated in August 2010.

“That’s what we need to go through in great detail. We need to determine whether or not any of those projects were affected,” Gould said.

Projects will move forward in the interim, regardless, Gould said.

“We believe that we have the right and responsibility to continue progress on those



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NO GO? A Redevelopment Agency plan to renovate the historic Santa Monica Civic Auditorium is in jeopardy.

projects that are underway,” Gould said.

While the immediate impacts of the decision are unknown, the long-term loss of the Redevelopment Agency will deal a hefty blow to projects in the city, including affordable housing.

The agency provided financing for 950 units of affordable housing in the city over the last decade, said Andy Agle, director of Housing and Economic Development at City Hall.

As such, redevelopment represents the second largest funding source for affordable housing in Santa Monica, next to the federal government.

“Having a significant source of funding for affordable housing is critical,” Agle said. “This is an expensive place to live, and it’s really because of redevelopment that we’ve been able to create so much low- and moderate-income housing.”

The fight for redevelopment isn’t over yet. California legislators are already rallying in support of redevelopment agencies, promising to find another way to bring the agencies back.

Assembly Speaker John A. Pérez (D-Los Angeles) released a statement saying that the Assembly was “disappointed” that the courts blocked the creation of replacement redevelopment agencies.

“Despite the court’s action blocking our creation of smaller (agencies) that protected affordable housing, we remain committed to finding affordable housing solutions and making smart economic development investments in our local communities,” Pérez wrote.

That gives some hope to Jim Kennedy, the executive director of the California Redevelopment Association, the organization that represents the over 400 agencies in California.

“What we know from the legislative record very clearly is that the legislature never intended to abolish redevelopment,” Kennedy said. “We need to find some way to keep redevelopment in place so that it can continue to address jobs, economic development, affordable housing, transit and all of the kinds of things that redevelopment does well.”

Opponents of the move, like Board of Supervisors Chairman Zev Yaroslavsky, came out in favor of the court’s decision, saying that redevelopment agencies in the state developed a bad reputation as sources of funding for commercial projects rather than projects that benefited local communities.

“If redevelopment is to continue into the future, it must be based on its original purpose — to end blight,” Yaroslavsky wrote in a statement.

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LOS ANGELES

Pipeline company charged in 2010 oil spill

A California pipeline company and several executives have been charged in connection with an oil spill last year in the Port of Los Angeles, prosecutors said Thursday.

The 61-count complaint accuses Crimson Pipeline Management Inc. and its operators of unlawfully causing and allowing the spill as well as failing to report the accident to authorities. Among those facing charges are company president Larry Alexander and operations manager Mike Romley.

If convicted, the executives could each face up to 36 years in jail and the company could be fined hundreds of thousands of dollars, prosecutors said.

A phone message left for Crimson was not immediately returned.

Investigators said they became aware of a pipeline breach when oil seeped into a channel during a storm late last year. They gathered samples of the oil and were able to identify a hydrocarbon fingerprint that determined the product came from Crimson.

A gash in the pipeline's casing was found and was wrapped before the carrier pipe was pulled out of the ground in October. More than 1,000 gallons of crude oil and 290,000 gallons of contaminated wastewater have been recovered, authorities said.

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GORMAN

Fire burns 1.5 acres of medium brush

It took firefighters less than 45 minutes to put out a 1.5-acre brush fire in Gorman.

Los Angeles County Fire Department Inspector Quvondo (kwoh-VAHN'-doh) Johnson says fire was reported at 11:48 a.m. Thursday on Davidson Ranch and Copco roads.

Johnson says the county sent 115 firefighters and Angeles National Forest also sent crews.

Johnson says by 12:26 p.m., the fire in medium brush was out.

He says there were no injuries and no structures burned. The cause is under investigation.

Gorman is about 70 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

AP

LYNWOOD

Officials warn against New Year's gunfire

California law enforcement and city officials are warning that New Year's Eve gunfire could put celebrants in prison.

Los Angeles police also stress that ringing in the new year with gunfire can kill, saying, "What goes up will come down."

Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, District Attorney Steve Cooley, Sheriff Lee Baca and Los Angeles police said during a Thursday news conference that discharging a firearm into the air is a felony punishable by a year in prison.

Sheriff deputies will be using the ShotSpotter gunfire detection system to arrest violators.

Thousands of "Don't Shoot" flyers have been distributed as part of a regional awareness campaign.

On Wednesday, Redwood City and East Palo Alto police announced Operation Silent Night, saying they are beefing up patrols and will also use the ShotSpotter system.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Man booked for investigation of attempted arson

Los Angeles authorities say a man has been arrested following an apartment building garage fire and two rubbish fires reported about the same time in Hollywood. No one was injured.

Los Angeles police Lt. Marc Reina tells City News Service that 22-year-old Samuel Arrington of Sunland was booked for investigation of attempted arson.

The garage fire on North Fuller Avenue started in one car and spread to three others, as well as the first floor of the building before it was contained around 1:30 a.m. Thursday. Investigators allege Arrington tried to set fires as well.

The fires were within a block of one another.

Bail for Arrington was set at \$75,000.

AP

ORANGE

Commuter train kills pedestrian on tracks

A Metrolink commuter train has struck and killed a pedestrian in Southern California.

Orange police Lt. Dave Hill tells the Orange County Register that the person was struck at about 6:30 a.m. Thursday at Meats Avenue and Orange Olive Road. There are no details about the victim.

Southbound Metrolink train No. 805 on the Inland Empire-Orange County line struck the person south of the Anaheim Canyon Station.

Northbound train No. 683 from Orange County to downtown Los Angeles has been cancelled because of the investigation and buses are ferrying passengers to their destinations.

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Pending Panama Canal expansion worries L.A.-Long Beach ports

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LOS ANGELES Business, labor and public officials fear expansion of the Panama Canal could cut cargo business by a quarter at the twin Los Angeles-Long Beach ports, which currently handle 40 percent of the nation's imported Asian cargo.

The widening and deepening of the Panama Canal, which will be completed in 2014, would allow huge freighters to bypass West Coast ports and head directly to terminals on the Gulf and East coasts.

The biggest ships that can squeeze through the Panama Canal now carry 4,400 to 5,000 containers. The widening project will allow ships with 12,600 containers.

The Los Angeles Times reported Thursday that there are concerns the region's role in international trade is at stake. The Los Angeles-Long Beach port complex is the nation's biggest and the world's sixth-busiest.

"Worst case, there could be a 25 percent diversion from Los Angeles-Long Beach," economist Paul Bingham said. "That's upward of 3 million cargo containers. That's a lot of dockworkers who don't get work, truckers with less to haul and trains that don't run."

Cargo movement employs more than 500,000 people, directly or indirectly, in Southern California.

The ports, neighboring cities and railroads plan improvements in an effort to keep the region competitive, including plans to speed loading of cargo onto trains, eliminate bottlenecks and increasing capacity. But opposition from some residents, environmental groups and others could jeopardize those efforts, according to a coalition of business, labor and government that calls itself the Jobs 1st Alliance.

Two Long Beach City Council members, for instance, moved to block construction of a new railroad freight complex near the ports because of fears it would increase pollution and force relocation of small businesses.

The coalition said the rail projects and other improvements are crucial to luring regional trade.

"To protect these jobs, we need to get these projects completed," alliance president Wally Baker said. "But every time it looks as though progress is being made, someone tries to move the finish line."

The coalition has started a Beat the Canal campaign, using Facebook and a website in its mission to get faster action and fight environmental reviews.

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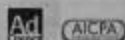


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Less booze, more H2O for a hangover

LINDSEY TANNER

AP Medical Writer

CHICAGO Attorney Colleen Gorman has a holiday ritual that doesn't involve buying presents or counting down to midnight: She goes online to look for new hangover remedies she hasn't tried.

She already has scratched off those big "prevention" pills, vitamins and chugging sports drinks, along with more quirky folk remedies including peanut butter sandwiches.

"My fiance says I should probably just drink less," said Gorman, 28, of Chicago.

Experts say that's good advice for everyone.

"The only way to prevent a hangover is to not get drunk," said Boston University researcher Jonathan Howland.

That might be too radical a remedy for many revelers, but it's the only one proven to work. Still, there are strategies that can soften the blow.

Topping the list? Don't drink on an empty stomach, said Sam Zakhari, director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's metabolism and health effects division. Food helps absorb alcohol and delay its toxic effects on the body.

Drinking plenty of water before, during and after also helps because alcohol can dehydrate the body.

Kim Khan teaches at the American Professionals Bartending School in Villa Park, Ill., and devotes a class to serving responsibly. That includes encouraging bar patrons to drink water. Khan, who also tends bar, says alternating drinks with glasses of water helps and is a method she uses "because I've been doing this way too long."

Some people think choosing clear alcohols is safer, because darker-colored drinks contain more compounds called congeners. That is based on an unproven theory that those compounds cause the body to make toxins that upset the stomach and cause other hangover symptoms, said Howland, a researcher in the emergency medicine department.

But no one really knows what causes hangovers, which makes preventing them a challenge, Howland said.

He's hoping to find a clue in his research into why some people don't get hangovers. About 1 in 4 drinkers never feel yucky after overindulging. In Howland's lab, that includes study subjects given normally "intoxicating" doses — about six beers for men and five for women.

That may seem enviable, but Howland said those 25 percenters also may be more likely than the rest of us to become alcoholics.

Some experts think hangover symptoms are caused by toxins from methanol after the body breaks down the ethanol alcohol in booze. That's why some people swear by "the hair of the dog" — more alcohol the next day. But Howland says if that helps, it only delays the inevitable.

The list of purported remedies for preventing or treating hangovers includes a witch's brew of products, including milk thistle, honey, bitters and soda, Pedialyte, cranberry juice and Tabasco sauce. None has been scientifically proven to work, Howland

said.

Brian Chui, a 23-year-old Los Angeles publicist, says he's tried a lot of them, but so far, "nothing works that great for me." This year, Chui says he may try new anti-hangover pills combining aspirin and caffeine that his friends have been touting.

Zakhari, the government expert, said the product may or may not be harmful, but could give drinkers "a false sense that 'I can drink as I wish because I have the cure.'"

Some people think popping a couple of Tylenol tablets after a night of drinking will help prevent hangover symptoms, but experts warn that can be dangerous. Both alcohol and acetaminophen, the active ingredient in Tylenol, are broken down in the liver, and taking them together can cause irreversible liver damage.

The risk of combining the two is small in a healthy person taking a recommended dose of Tylenol. But Zakhari says aspirin and ibuprofen are safer alternatives to treat hangover-related ills, and the best advice is to avoid Tylenol for a couple of days after drinking because even some healthy people may be vulnerable. Plus more than 600 over-the-counter medicines contain acetaminophen, so it's pretty easy to accidentally take too much.



**THE ONLY WAY
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Jonathan Howland
Boston University researcher

Alcohol can irritate the stomach and aspirin and ibuprofen can cause stomach-bleeding, so they should be used with caution, a government publication on hangovers advises.

A study to be published in the February edition of the journal Drug Safety found that cases of liver damage linked with accidental overdoses of acetaminophen more than doubled between 2000 and 2007. The analysis of data from the American Association of Poison Control Centers found a rise in liver damage caused by acetaminophen alone, and in medicine combining it with opiate drugs, which includes the painkiller Vicodin.

The study lacked data on alcohol use, but it's likely some cases involved drinking, said study author Randall Bond, a medical toxicologist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Most liver damage seen in the study was minor, he said.

Of course, routine, excessive use of alcohol alone can cause liver damage, so making hangovers a habit is not a good idea.

Time is really the only cure, Zakhari said. Because drinking alcohol can cause fitful sleep, getting extra sleep the next day can help. Zakhari advises calling in sick if it happens to be a workday.

"I have seen some people go to work with a hangover and their output is somewhere between zero and one," he said.

As for Zakhari, he's never even been drunk. He can't tolerate alcohol.

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Advocates: Aging gay population needs more affordable housing

KATHY MATHESON

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA At age 62, Donald Carter knows his arthritis and other age-related infirmities will not allow him to live indefinitely in his third-floor walk-up apartment in Philadelphia.

But as a low-income renter, Carter has limited options. And as a gay black man, he's concerned his choice of senior living facilities might be narrowed further by the possibility of intolerant residents or staff members.

"The system as it stands is not very accommodating," Carter said. "I don't really want to see any kind of negative attitude or lack of service because anyone ... is gay or lesbian."

Many gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender seniors fear discrimination, disrespect or worse by health care workers and residents of elder housing facilities, ultimately leading many back into the closet after years of being open, experts say.

That anxiety takes on new significance as the first of the 77 million baby boomers turns 65 this year. At least 1.5 million seniors are gay, a number expected to double by 2030, according to SAGE, the New York-based group Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders.

Recognizing the need, developers in Philadelphia have secured a site and initial funding for what would be one of the nation's few GLBT-friendly affordable housing facilities. They hope to break ground on a 52-unit, \$17 million building in 2013.

Anti-discrimination laws prohibit gay-only housing, but projects can be made GLBT-friendly through marketing and location. And while private retirement facilities targeted at the gay community exist, such residences are often out of reach for all but the wealthiest seniors.

Census figures released this month indicate about 49 percent of Americans over 65 could be considered poor or low-income.

Gays are also less likely to have biological family to help out with informal caregiving, either through estrangement or being childless, making them more dependent on outside services. And that makes them more vulnerable, SAGE executive director Michael Adams said.

"They cannot at all assume that they will be treated well or given the welcome mat," he said.

Cities including San Francisco and Chicago also have projects on the drawing board. But the first and, so far, only affordable housing complex for gay elders to be built in the United States is Triangle Square-Hollywood in Los Angeles.

Open since 2007, the \$22 million facility has 104 units available to any low-income senior 62 and over, gay or straight, according to executive director Mark Supper. Residents pay monthly rent on a sliding scale, from about \$200 to \$800, depending on their income. About 35 units are set aside for seniors with HIV/AIDS and for those at risk of becoming homeless, Supper said.

The Triangle's population is about 90 percent GLBT and it has a waiting list of about 200 people. The project's developer,

Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing, plans to build a second facility in Southern California in the next 18 months, Supper said.

But what took so long for the need to be recognized? Chris Bartlett, executive director of the GLBT William Way Center in Philadelphia, noted that advocates spent the better part of two decades devoting their energy to programs for those affected by HIV or AIDS, which were decimating the gay community.

While AIDS remains a priority, Bartlett said, the crisis mentality has passed and allowed the community to focus on other things. He said he looks forward to the Way Center providing social services at the planned Philadelphia senior housing facility, in a sense repaying those who led the gay liberation movement.

"Don't we owe it to them ... to ensure that they have an experience as elders that's worthy of what they gave to our community?" Bartlett said.

The Philadelphia group has been trying to get its project off the ground for about eight years but has been stymied by location problems, a tough economy and stiff competition for federal housing tax credits.

Rejected once for the credits, developers recently reapplied and hope for a different answer this spring, said Mark Segal, director of the Dr. Magnus Hirschfeld Fund, which is spearheading the project. It's planned for a thriving section of the city affectionately known as the Gayborhood.

"I'm extremely optimistic," said Segal, also publisher of the Philadelphia Gay News.

However, Adams said the real solution lies not only in building more facilities, but in cultural competency training for staffers at existing elder programs. The Philadelphia Corporation on Aging, the private nonprofit that serves the city's seniors, began offering such seminars to health care workers a couple of years ago, said Tom Shea, the agency's director of training.

"They're going to be seeing a diverse slice of the aging population in Philadelphia ... and we need to be sensitive to all their needs," Shea said.

Adams suggested that discrimination faced by today's GLBT elders could diminish in the decades ahead, since he said opinion research shows that younger generations are less likely to harbor anti-gay biases than older generations.

"So we hope that the passage of time will provide part of the solution," he said. "But of course, today's LGBT elders can't wait for that."

Jackie Adams, 54, of Philadelphia, said being diagnosed with AIDS many years ago meant she never thought she'd live long enough to need elder housing. But now Adams, who was born male and lives as a female, is part of a local initiative focused on GLBT senior issues.

On a limited income after losing her job as an outreach worker for those with HIV, Adams said affordable, GLBT-friendly senior housing is badly needed. She is not related to Michael Adams.

"I would be incomplete if I had to go from wearing stockings and dresses to (work boots) and jeans," Adams said. "I would like to be able to live in a community where I could fully be me."

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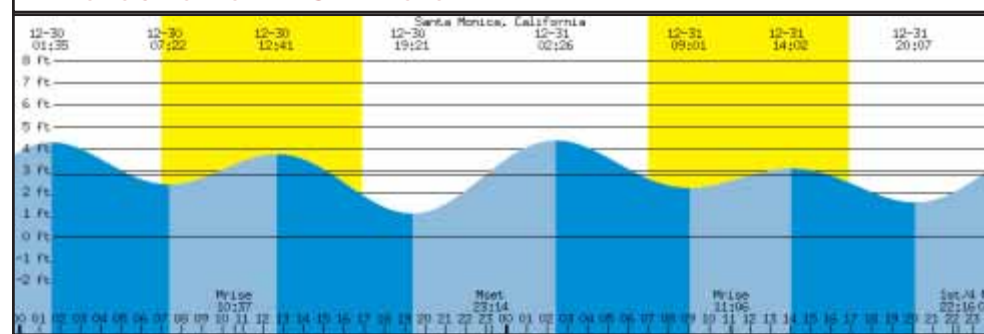
SWELL FORECAST

Today it looks about chest high or so for west facing spots.

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)	Number of sewage spills — 0
	Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill — 0
	Number of wet days — 6
	Number of A grades for dry/wet weather — 25/10
	Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather — 0/0

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Heat the Bag 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 Carriles Beach, at Arroyo Saguit Creek mouth.	A	B
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	D	A
El Pescador State Beach, between Lachosa and Las Aliso creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	B	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	D
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	B	F
Escanudo Creek, just east of Escanudo State Beach.	D	F
Loriga Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Selstone Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A+
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	D
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puente Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	F
Surfider Beach at Malibu Calvary fence.	A	A+
Surfider Beach (beach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A	F
Carlson Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone).	A+	D
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	A+
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	A+
Tuna Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	C
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Wall Runners Storm Drain at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence,	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Palga Canyon storm drain,	F	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessel Canyon drain,	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauque),	A	U
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain,	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain,	A	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier,	D	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain,	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants),	A	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain,	A	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rise Ave. storm drain,	A	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain,	A+	A
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain,	A	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south,	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.,	A	B
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower,	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth,	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain,	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach,	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of O&W jetty),	B	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain,	A+	B
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 as -- no sample taken



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NFL

Raiders need win and help to make playoffs

JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. A season that has featured its share of emotional wins, crushing losses, the death of longtime owner Al Davis and a series of debilitating injuries comes down to this for Oakland: If the Raiders beat San Diego in the season finale and get some help, they'll end an eight-year playoff drought.

“These type of games are why you do what you do in February, March, April, May when nobody is watching,” quarterback Carson Palmer said. “It’s why you stay up late at night watching film. This is why you do that to be prepared. Every kid wants to play in the NFL. The next dream is to play in a game like this and the next dream is to win the Super Bowl. This is a big moment for this team and our fans.”

The game Sunday between the Raiders (8-7) and Chargers (7-8) is also exactly why the Raiders paid such a high price to bring in Palmer back in October when the season looked in trouble following starter Jason Campbell's broken collarbone.

Oakland sent a 2012 first-round pick and 2013 second-rounder that could become a first to Cincinnati to acquire Palmer.

The deal came just over a week after Davis' death and days before star running back Darren McFadden went down with a sprained right foot that has sidelined him for more than two months.

There have been some rough moments since the trade like a three-interception debut against Kansas City five days after arriving in Oakland, a four-interception performance in Green Bay and a missed third-down pass that set the stage for a dramatic comeback by Detroit two weeks ago.

There have also been highs like a sterling performance in a win in San Diego in November and the 53-yard pass to Darrius Heyward-Bey on the first play of overtime last week in Kansas City that set the stage for a 16-13 win that put the Raiders in position to return to the playoffs.

“That’s why we made the trade is to have this opportunity,” coach Hue Jackson said. “It’s about winning. We’ve got a chance to win a huge football game this weekend, but we need to go play well.”

The Raiders also need some help.

To win the AFC West, they need to beat the Chargers and hope Denver loses at home to Kansas City. They can also get in as a wild-card team by winning, having Cincinnati lose at home to Baltimore and hope either

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Stay close to home tonight, Sagittarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ You push so hard that you often miss out on other parts of your life. Right now, rest up for the next hurdle. You have a unique sense of what works and what you want. Honor yourself accordingly. Tonight: Work on your resolutions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ No one needs to tell you anything, and maybe no one should try. You are determined. You feel you have destiny behind you. You easily toss off a misunderstanding or disagreement. Don't count on a child or loved one agreeing with you. Tonight: You are master of your night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take charge of what has been neglected and needs handling. Others might have slacked off or might not see the importance of a key task like you do. Be willing to stand up for what you believe. Don't worry about some flak here or there. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Reach out for someone you care about. How you feel and what goes on could be subject to change. Sometimes you can change the current. Is this what you want to do at this point? Resolve a conflict rather than hold back. Tonight: Speak your mind.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Realize the power and strength of teaming up with the right person. Though you are strong by yourself, together you are a force to behold. Be careful with a difference of opinion. Respect your differences. Tonight: Avoid a money discussion if it is going to be a source of anger.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to think before you speak. Who wants to go into the new year riding a wave of disruption and arguments? Sometimes postponing a talk might feel like the right way to go. Tonight: Move through an issue.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Stay even and direct. Your ability to move forward despite an underlying distraction or frustration could be a problem. Confusion surrounds motives and choices. Let it all go. You could argue into next year otherwise. Tonight: Easy works.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your playfulness emerges as sensuality, causing a disruption in a partnership, especially if you're flirting with someone else. Do use caution, as you want to avoid a problem rather than allow it to develop. Prioritize, Scorp. Tonight: Let your hair down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Tension builds, especially on the home front. A deadline of sorts weighs on you, triggering some distress. Investigate several ways to let go of the issues. How much do you need to handle now? "Now" means just that. Clear them out if need be. Tonight: Close to home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A conversation cannot be postponed much longer. Someone keeps calling and calling -- the theme is clear. A talk or get-together won't be as rough as you might think. A misunderstanding weaves into the problem. Tonight: Why not let the party begin?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Don't use finances or another person's ire as a reason not to do something. If you can clear up a misunderstanding, do. Respect each other's point of view, and use both perspectives to grow and gain. Tonight: On a roll. Think "resolutions."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You cannot seem to convince others of your rightness. Perhaps that is because it is only right for you. Give others the space they need to live and act on their views. Tonight: Go with another person's suggestion.



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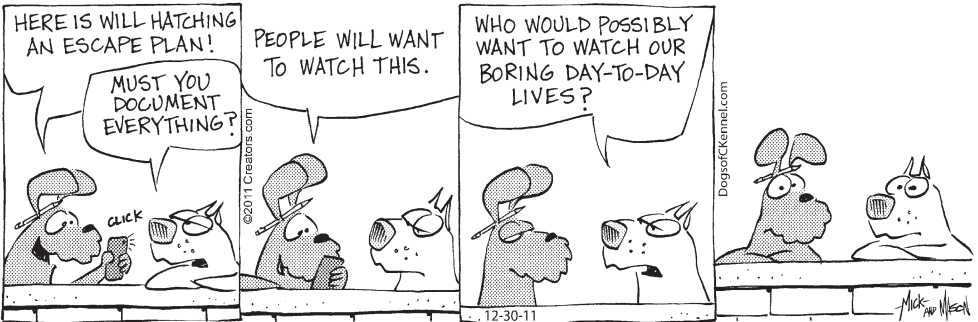
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Happy birthday

This year you often find yourself confused or in situations where misunderstandings cause a problem. Learn better ways of communicating. Learn to confirm appointments as well as what you thought you heard. Much of the stress you experience will be between you and others. Relationships will become an important issue. If you are single, move in a new direction as far as meeting people. Don't count on a bond being forever at this time.

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

★★★★★Dynamic	★★ So-So
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★★★ Average	

Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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13 Mork's friend
14 Mature
15 Links org.
16 Disconcerts
18 Fancy vase
19 Fireplace sight
20 Early hour
21 Produce unit
23 Roof supports
25 Descartes' conclusion
27 Hit show letters
28 Skating category
30 Study all night
33 Crony
34 Ball club?
36 Dec. 31, for one
37 "Who'll volunteer?"
39 Agreeable answer
40 Poet Gertrude
41 Berth places

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3 Accounting period
4 Terminus
5 Kingly
6 Repair sites
7 "Lucky Jim" author
8 Second of four at college
9 Spends time at the mirror
10 Intuit
17 Move up and down
22 Chiang -shek
24 Circle section
26 Minstrel troupe member
28 Larder
29 Blue
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32 Slob's creations
33 Some bow ties
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38 Await
42 Writer Levin

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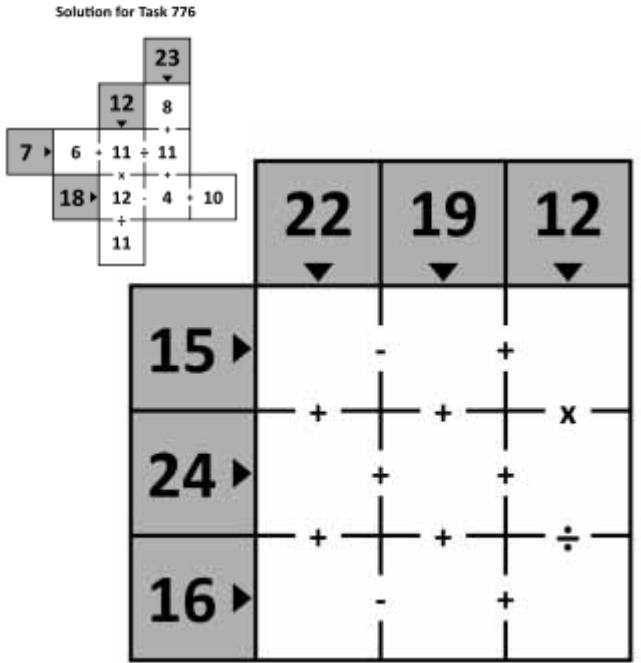
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Anti-government survivalists engaged in high-profile standoffs have made News of the Weird -- most recently the story of Ed Brown and his wife and supporters, resisting a federal tax bill, holed up for nine months in the New Hampshire woods near Plainfield in 2007. (The Browns were arrested by a U.S. marshal who tricked his way inside.) The longest-running standoff now is probably that of John Joe Gray, 63, and his extended family in a 47-acre, well-fortified compound in Trinidad, Texas, southeast of Dallas. They have lived ascetic settlers' lives since Gray jumped bail in 2000 on a traffic charge. Gray has said he feels free on his land and warned authorities "better bring plenty of body bags" if they try to re-arrest him.

■ Unlicensed "surgeon"-castrator Edward Bodkin re-surfaced recently after more than a decade under the radar. He was sentenced to four years in prison in 1999 in Huntington, Ind., for unauthorized practice of medicine (removing the testicles, with consent, of five men). Bodkin was arrested in August 2011 in Wetumpka, Ala., and charged with possession of child pornography, but authorities also recovered castration equipment, videos of castrations, photos of testicles in jars and a form contract apparently used by Bodkin to obtain the consent of men going under his knife.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1993 Israel and the Vatican establish diplomatic relations.

1996 In the Indian state of Assam, a passenger train is bombed by Bodo separatists, killing 26.

1996 Proposed budget cuts by Benjamin Netanyahu spark protests from 250,000 workers who shut down services across Israel.

2000 Rizal Day Bombings: A series of bombs explode in various places in Metro Manila, Philippines within a period of a few hours, killing 22 and injuring about a hundred.

WORD UP!

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