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Strong winds lash SoCal

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Cold northern winds lashed Southern California on Thursday with fierce gusts that toppled trees and knocked out power to thousands, while runoff from a departing storm system forced people to leave their homes in a San Joaquin Valley farm town.

One gust in northwestern Los Angeles County was clocked at 94 mph, with others exceeding 50 mph in some mountains and canyons.

The winds and cold air mass moved in behind a powerful storm that swept through Tuesday and Wednesday, following storms last week that waterlogged parts of the state.

An overflowing irrigation canal in Lamont, about 75 miles north of Los Angeles, forced Kern County authorities to call for the evacuation of 120 homes. Fire spokesman Sean Collins said the call went out at 6:30 a.m. Thursday and it was possible the evacuation could be lifted in the afternoon as water receded.

The Coast Guard was considering calling off a search after finding no sign of a 20-foot boat reported in trouble in rough seas off San Diego late Wednesday. A call picked up by a sea salvage company reported a man and three children aboard a boat taking on water. Eric Lamb, a captain at the company, said it may have been a hoax.

High wind warnings were in effect through Thursday morning in some valleys. Gale warnings and high surf advisories were issued for the coasts.

The winds knocked trees onto cars in the Los Angeles area, and more than 35,000 Southern California Edison and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power customers were without electricity early Thursday.

Branches from one giant falling tree hit Greg Mora's car as he drove through the Los Feliz area of Los Angeles.

"The next thing I knew, I opened my eyes, and there was a tree right in my face," Mora, who suffered a gashed forehead, told KTLA-TV. "It was scary. It was really scary."

Another tree cracked the windshield of a moving SUV in the Pacific Palisades area.

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Commissioner pushing for safer beach bike path



File photo

RIDING ALONG: **Concerns regarding safety on the beach bike path have some pushing for new signs warning pedestrians to avoid walking on the bike-only route.**

BY NICK TABOREK
Special to the Daily Press

SM BEACH Anyone who's taken a bike ride along Santa Monica's coast during the height of summer will attest: it can get pretty risky out there.

With the crush of fellow bicyclists, skateboarders, and, occasionally, pedestrians who have wandered onto the wrong path, a peaceful cruise on the strand that spans Santa Monica's shore can quickly become about as hectic as the 405 Freeway at rush hour.

Statistics about bicycle accidents on the beach bike path are hard to come by, since Santa Monica's police department doesn't keep tabs on the state-owned and county-patrolled path.

But according to Parks and Recreation Commissioner Phil Brock, anecdotal evidence suggests it's some of the most dangerous bicycle terrain around.

While the strand may technically be out of City Hall's purview, Brock has been urging City Hall to take responsibility by installing better, more noticeable and multi-lingual signs aimed at keeping pedestrians off the bike route.

So far, the effort has been a study in bureaucratic red tape, with a plan drawn up by a City Hall consultant a year ago still gathering dust because the proposal wasn't in line with state rules for highway signs, Brock said.

It's been a long wait, but since City Manager Rod Gould appointed a staff member to supervise City Hall's bike planning efforts, Brock said he's optimistic city officials will get some new, state-approved signs in place by summer.

"This was so long in coming," he said. "I think what's happened is there's a critical mass of support for bike paths, for bike signs and for increased safety for both pedestrians and bicyclists."

Of course, installing more signs is no guarantee of increased safety.

But Brock said it's the least the city can do to work toward a safer environment for cyclists and pedestrians at Santa Monica's most important attraction.

"What you can do is at least provide visible, clean signage that reflects Santa Monica," he said. "That's at least a good start, then we can go to enforcement."

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1901 Ocean Way
Catch restaurant is offering a special tasting menu for the big night. The ritzy eatery will also have a celebration in the lobby lounge featuring live music. For more information, call (310) 581-5533.

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Valet tips for New Year's Eve

Drivers who are hesitant to leave their car with a valet have good reason to worry, according to Santa Monica-based Edmunds.com, a premier online resource for auto enthusiasts.

In its article "Confessions of a Parking Valet: True Tales of Mishaps and Mischief," Edmunds.com exposes the truth about what goes on at a typical valet station and gives advice on how to make sure your car is cool. The article features surprising stories from a real-life parking valet who offers candid advice to drivers.

"Seeing things from the perspective of the parking valet gives consumers useful insight on how to handle future situations and protect their vehicles," said Edmunds.com Senior Consumer Advice Editor Philip Reed. "For example, readers will learn that evening shifts are the toughest and usually provide the worst tips, so it might be beneficial to tip a little extra during that time frame to ensure your car gets treated well."

Highlights from the advice of the anonymous valet also include:

■ If you tip a little when you drop off your car, the valet will most likely treat the car better and bring it back promptly in the hope that a second — and more generous — tip awaits them.

■ If you notice any damage to your car or think that anything is missing, talk to the valet manager and request a copy of the incident report and the contact information of their insurance company. Any "release of liability" language on your valet ticket may not hold up in court.

■ In situations where the valet will be parking your car on the street, be aware that if he parks it illegally or doesn't feed the meter, you will be left with the ticket.

■ Remember to explain a car's quirks such as complex security systems, start buttons, remote "smart key" features or aftermarket modifications like gullwing doors.

■ If you're rude, demeaning or demanding, or you've stiffed him on tips in the past, your valet probably won't show annoyance but still may take revenge. They may take a long time to bring your car up, change settings on seats, mirrors, radio and climate control, lower tire pressure or even intentionally ding the door or scrape the paint in a place where it's not easily noticed.

"By and large, the golden rule seems to apply," said Reed. "Treat the valet as you wish your car to be treated."

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BADGER NATION

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(Top) Thousands of University of Wisconsin fans gather at the Santa Monica Pier during the team's Rose Bowl pep rally on Thursday afternoon. (Right) Former University of Wisconsin player and Heisman Trophy winner Ron Dayne (far left) signs autographs for students and fans at Santa Monica Place on Thursday afternoon. Wisconsin will play TCU on New Year's Day in Pasadena. The matchup is just the second between the two teams.

Jerry Brown mum on tax extensions

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Gov.-elect Jerry Brown is keeping quiet about his plans to tackle a $28 billion budget deficit, despite reports that he plans to couple deep spending cuts with a special election next year to extend temporary tax increases.

Brown adviser Steve Glazer said Thursday that the incoming governor's scheduled budget release is the appropriate time for him to lay out his plan in full. The governor has to propose a budget for the 2011-12 fiscal year by Jan. 10.

"That's the requirement that's in place for the governor, and we're going to follow it," Glazer said. "We certainly have been consulting with legislators and stakeholders for the past six weeks."

The Los Angeles Times and The Sacramento Bee, citing unnamed sources, have reported that Brown will propose extending a variety of temporary tax hikes that are set to expire by July. The Bee also reported that Brown will propose cutting an additional $10 billion from state government in exchange for the extensions.

The reports said the new governor will seek to shift more tax revenue to local governments in exchange for their taking on more responsibility for services.

Glazer would neither confirm nor deny Brown's interest in extending the taxes and declined to discuss the details of any cuts.

"The cutbacks are going to be very significant at all levels of state government," he said.

California temporarily raised the state income tax rate by 0.25 percent, increased

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Waste creates wasteful spending

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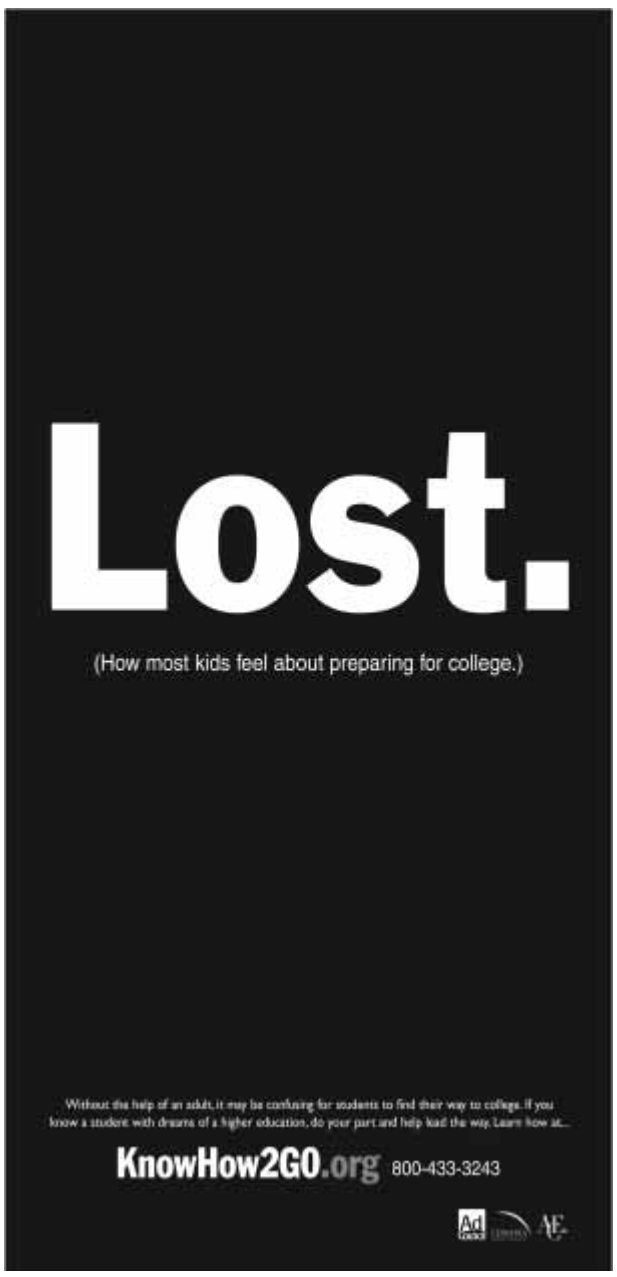
That's some spin the city's trash manager uses to justify wasting $500,000 of our precious taxpayer money only to find out it would cost too much to build a new trash and recycling center here because the proposed site is on top of an existing landfill in Santa Monica ("City Hall abandons trash yard proposal," Dec. 28, page 1).

Roughly $500,000 wasted to find out there already is a landfill on the property? I'm pretty sure the landfill did not appear overnight without anyone knowing about it. City Hall owns the property, so why didn't City Hall consult its own or other public records first? That simple review of records should not have cost anything, and certainly not $500,000. Why didn't City Hall conduct a simple soil test of the property? That probably wouldn't have cost more than a few thousand dollars.

City Hall's trash manager justifies this waste of $500,000 by saying, "I believe that is a cost of doing business." Unfortunately, there is no way to justify this kind of bureaucratic stupidity. This is another example of why our city, our state and our country are all in a financial mess. Bureaucrats don't care about spending our taxpayer money because no one here holds them accountable.

And now to top it off, the city trash manager plans to raise our trash rates by 10 percent in an obvious effort to help cover the cost of her bureaucratic wastefulness. We don't need any more increases in costs for services. The city government just added a new sales tax to generate revenue the city manager claims he needs to operate. We need to hold these tax-and-spend bureaucrats accountable. I suggest we start with firing the city's trash manager, then start reviewing all city departments and eliminating waste and the wasteful.

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Santa Monica



Your column here

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Better manage your money in the new year

MONEY CAN BRING OUT THE WORST IN us, particularly when there isn't enough of it. We often find ourselves in conflict with our partners (or even ourselves) about how it's spent and how it's saved, expending a lot of unnecessary energy.

The need for a working budget and savings in the bank is paramount, especially for those who are employed in the highly unpredictable entertainment industry. When your current employment has a good run, it's oh-so tempting to spend most or all of your earnings. Or, almost as bad, you put all of your savings into market fluctuating investments. While your risk tolerance may be high, it behooves you to have cash socked away for the potential (or is it inevitable?) down periods.

Here are tips for minimizing the money conflicts, whether your cash flow is secure or not:

1) Agree on a budget. At the start of this New Year, map out how you will spend — and save — your money for 2011. Review your income outlook, likely changes, savings and spending. We give our government a hard time for not planning and sticking to a budget, but we don't do it ourselves. Ninety percent of the families I sit down with don't have a budget.

2) Who holds the purse strings? Understand the decision-making roles in the family. Often, there is one ultimate decision-maker in the family when it comes to the budget. There is no point ignoring the fact that someone's in control or someone thinks they're in control. Let that person drive the budget process, but the other person should be responsible for tracking. This may create a low level of irritation, but if you don't give ownership and accountability to both of you, one of you won't care.

3) There are ways to ensure that you keep yourself accountable, even when you're single. Consider partnering with a friend or sibling to maintain checks and balances for how you spend your money.

4) Software. In vivid Technicolor, you can track income and spending via software. This encourages both partners to engage in the process. You can identify deviations in the budget and make corrections in subsequent months. You can use free Web-based, straightforward software like www.mint.com or more sophisticated budgeting software, like Quicken or Quickbooks.

5) Set aside 15 to 30 minutes a week to balance your checkbook and credit cards, and to make sure spending is on track for the month. If you see that entertainment or groceries went over that week, identify ways to cut back the following week.

6) You don't have to be a slave to your budget. This isn't prison. It's hard to stay committed to something if there are no benefits. Be good to yourself occasionally. Give yourself permission to go off-budget from time to time on something that's of value to the family or for yourself, e.g. a great vacation. If you're being good year-round, you can have a reward at the end of the year.

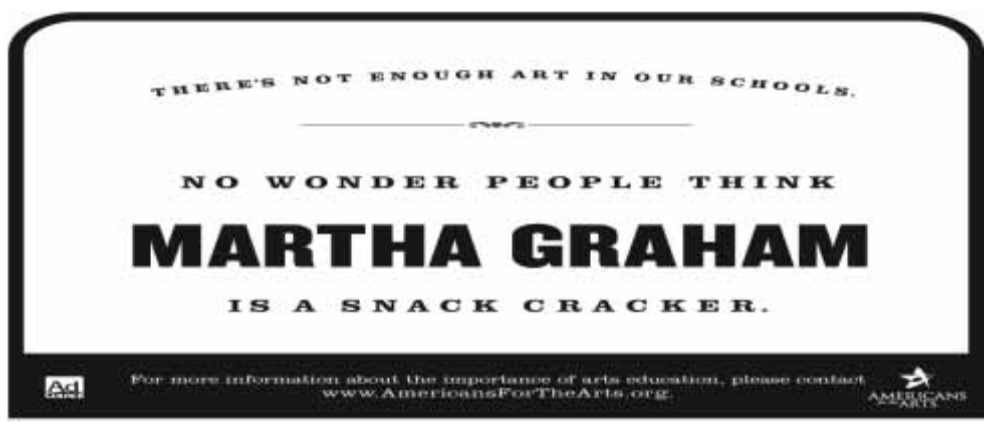
7) Java fix or broke? Remain aware of the little things we don't think about. Then, ask yourself if you really need it. Take the daily routine visit to Starbucks: If two people buy coffee daily, that's $10 each day x five days per week x 52 weeks x 20 years. You've spent $52,000 without adjusting for inflation. Imagine the funds you might have accrued if you'd invested even a portion of this over the period.

8) Spending can be a good thing. There's something about that physical parting of cash that can make you aware of your spending. In the Starbucks example, consider using hard cash rather than plastic for your favorite blend — frequent trips to the ATM might encourage you to consider not making it a daily affair.

9) Knowing when to invest. A good rule of thumb is to set aside three to 12 months of basic living expenses, but don't be tempted to buy mutual funds, stocks, or even bonds with those dollars. Instead, for peace of mind, keep what you need to live on for six months (a good recommendation) in a fully liquid money market or savings account. Any extra cash beyond this reserve can be invested in other assets. When the economy tanks, it causes panic for those with all their savings invested in the affected markets. Those with liquid cash can afford to wait out the crisis. And if that good gig ends, or you are laid off, you'll need the cash on hand for housing, food, transportation and insurances. The amount of money you set aside depends on your personal situation. A good financial adviser can help you there.

With cash set aside for the down periods and a workable budget, you'll see the money conflicts lessen. You don't have to cut out the rewards for good fiscal behavior; you just need to stay on top of your budget and communicate. And, that communication will go a long way to creating your own economic bliss.

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Reservations about New Year's Eve

THEY SAY (WHOEVER "THEY" IS) THAT the older one gets the faster the years fly by. I can attest to that because this one was a total blur. I only hope this doesn't mean I'll soon be going to "early bird" dinners.

There was some debate whether the first or the last day of 2010 marked the beginning of the decade. After doing exhaustive research (OK, Google) it's universally accepted that tomorrow is the first day of the New Year and the first day of the new decade. I haven't been terribly happy with either, although not that anybody has asked me.

Perhaps one reason for my attitude is that at the end of this past October I had a major heart attack. That can kind of put a damper on a year. On the other hand, I survived, feel fine and, with Dr. Greg Cohen's permission (shameless plug because I was woefully late to my last appointment) I'm back to working out.

During the weeks when I didn't work out, I had forgotten how boring it is. For me, working out is like writing. I feel great after I'm done.

So tonight is the big night to "ring out the old and ring in the new," a phrase first uttered by Alfred Tennyson in 1850. Some of the more somber lyrics included, "Ring out the grief that saps the mind, for those that here we see no more." Not surprisingly, it took 22 years (1872) before John B. Calkin put Tennyson's words to music. This is a little known fact, and with good reason.

When it comes to New Year's Eve, it seems like there are two types of people. Those who, because of all the crowds, madness and drunk drivers, would rather die than go out partying. (OK maybe that's a little strong.) And then there are those for whom New Year's Eve is the one night of the year to really cut loose. From my slightly curmudgeon-like beginning so far, I bet you can guess which group I fall into.

There may be a third group. Those who celebrate by drinking and driving and wind up with the first group who'd rather die. In addition to restaurants, bars, dance clubs and movies, the police and Highway Patrol do a huge DUI business on New Year's Eve. I bet it's their busiest night of the year.

For those who don't go out on New Year's Eve, there's always Dick Clark hosting the festivities from Times Square as the midnight hour gets close until the giant ball finally falls. Clark doesn't quite go back to Tennyson's days, but he hosted the show from 1972. (His string of being the permanent host of the New Year's Eve show, 37 years, is the longest of any host of an American entertainment television program.)

Even more astounding than his longevity, was the fact that Clark never seemed to age. As the decades past, it was eerily Dorian Gray-ish. But in 2004 Clark had a severe stroke and his participation with the show was reduced to brief taped commentary. I'm embarrassed to admit this, but I found it painful to watch him try to talk. On the other hand, God bless him for trying.

One of this year's co-hosts is Ryan Seacrest, who, to my eye, looks like he too could have that Dorian Gray/never look older quality. His co-host this year is former Playboy playmate Jenny McCarthy. Jenny had a long-term relationship with comedian and actor Jim Carrey, which ended in April of this year.

As I write this, I'm realizing while it's somewhat short on humor, it does seem to have a variety of trivia. Where else can you read about Alfred Tennyson and Jenny McCarthy in the same column? On the other hand, why would you want to.

I doubt that Jim Carrey will be on the New Year's Eve telecast. And yet upon their breakup McCarthy said, she'll, "always keep Jim as a leading man in my heart." Very touching, though I notice she didn't say "the" leading man in her heart, but rather "a" leading man. Oh well.

Tomorrow is New Year's Day, which means the famed Rose Bowl parade and the "granddaddy" of all bowl games. Granddaddy or not, I'm the least bit excited about this year's game. The Rose Bowl almost always featured USC or UCLA (OK, SC) but this year there's not even a team from the Pac 10. Wisconsin versus TCU (Badgers and Horned Frogs) just doesn't feel Rose Bowl-like.

There are 35 bowl games during the holiday season. (Why so few, you ask?) It appears that I will skip 34 of them and only watch the BCS Championship game between Auburn and Oregon. But enough of this hilarity, from me to you, happy New Year's!

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The Q Line

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Off on a good note

As one year passes and another nears, we couldn't help but wonder what you thought Santa Monica's government should reconsider as we head into 2011.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What should be City Hall's New Year's resolution?

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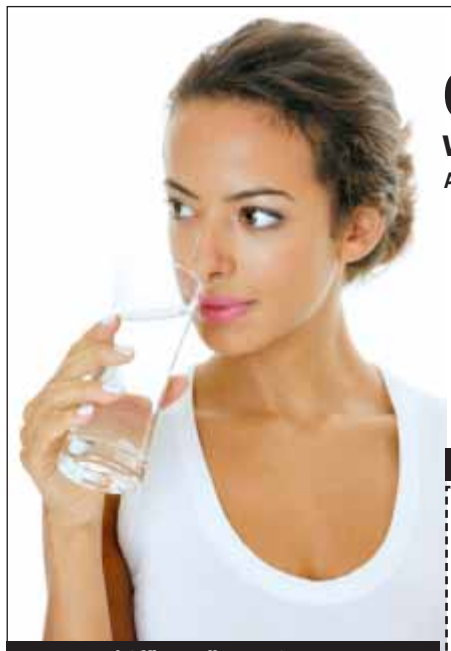

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CRIME WATCH
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Homophobia on the promenade

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.

FRIDAY, DEC. 24, AT 4;20 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1400 block of the Third Street Promenade regarding a fight in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with the alleged victim who said he was walking down the promenade when the suspect confronted him. The suspect allegedly was using a bullhorn and walked in front of the victim and yelled, "You are going to hell, heathen." As the victim continued to walk, the suspect walked in front of the victim again and yelled, "I want you to die, faggot." The victim told the suspect to leave him alone, at which point the suspect struck him in the mouth with the bullhorn. The victim tried to kick the suspect and missed. The suspect then struck the victim in the face several times with a closed fist, police said. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for assault and battery, as well as a probation violation. He was identified as Richard Levik, 51, of Mar Vista. His bail was set at $20,000.

MONDAY, DEC. 20, AT 7:50 P.M.,
Officers on routine patrol stopped a pedestrian who committed a traffic violation by crossing the street against a red light. During the stop, officers discovered the individual was on probation for narcotics. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was in possession of a syringe and tar heroin. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for possession of drugs and a hypodermic needle, a probation violation and the traffic violation. He was identified as Julian Mayers Johnson, 23, of Venice. His bail was set at $10,000.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, AT 10:46 A.M.,
Officers responded to the 500 block of Olympic Boulevard regarding a fight in progress. When officers arrived, they made contact with a witness who identified one of the people involved in the fight. Officers approached the suspect, who was sitting on the edge of the sidewalk. The suspect was allegedly yelling and appeared intoxicated. Witnesses told officers that the suspect had been inside the Access Center and wanted to use a chair that someone else was sitting in. The suspect then allegedly started yelling and was asked to leave. As he was leaving, he swung his fist at one victim and grabbed the hair of another, police said. The suspect was arrested for assault, battery and public intoxication. He was identified as Fatu Fatu, 37, a transient in Santa Monica. His bail was set at $20,000.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22, AT 9:02 P.M.,
Officers were contacted by a citizen who said there was an aggressive panhandler at the corner of Second Street and Santa Monica Boulevard. As officers were walking to the location, another citizen advised them that the same individual was unruly and harassing her. Officers observed the suspect, who was allegedly yelling unintelligibly. Officers felt the suspect was drunk. As officers were talking with the suspect, he attempted to grab a chair to balance himself and the chair fell over, police said. Officers placed the suspect under arrest for public intoxication. As they were doing a pre-booking search, officers asked if the suspect had anything on him that he shouldn't. He allegedly said, "I have speed in my pocket." Officers located a plastic baggie with a white crystal that later tested to be methamphetamine. Officers booked the suspect for possession of a controlled substance, probation, public intoxication and a warrant. He was identified as Scott Savitch, 33, of Tujunga. His bail was set at $70,000.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25, AT 2:48 P.M.,
Officers responded to the area of 22nd Street and Wilshire Boulevard regarding a report of an assault and battery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they were advised by witnesses that the suspect was on top of a woman as she was laying on a bench, face down. The victim said that the suspect was attempting to get money out of her pockets. Officers were able to detain the suspect and he was placed under arrest for attempted robbery and public intoxication. He was identified as Robert Sanders, 31, a transient. No bail information was provided by police.

SATURDAY, DEC. 25, AT 12:54 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2100 block of Virginia Avenue regarding a report of vandalism. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who advised them that she and her boyfriend were at Burger King and were involved in an argument. The victim said she went out to her vehicle to let her boyfriend "cool off," while he was in the bathroom. When she got into her vehicle, she drove out of the parking lot. Her boyfriend called her from a payphone and asked where she was. She told him to go back into the parking lot. The victim said she was in the lot waiting for her boyfriend. As he was walking up to the car, she decided to play a little joke and acted like she was going to drive off. The boyfriend didn't find it funny and allegedly broke the rear and passenger-side windows. The victim then drove away and called police. Officers located the suspect and placed him under arrest for vandalism. He was identified as Douglas Leeper, 31, a transient. His bail was set at $20,000.

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Editor-in-Chief Kevin Herrera compiled these reports.

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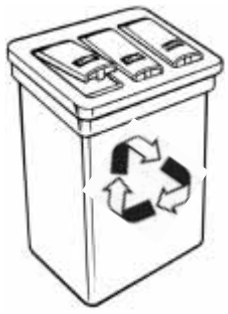
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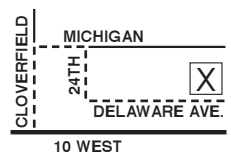
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WIND
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Driver Jared Risman told KTLA-TV that the car in front of him swerved, and seconds later, a tree hit his vehicle.

Risman said he was lucky that he was not moving faster.

"I drive so slow, snails laugh at me. Grandmothers laugh at me. And because I drive so slow, it saved my life," he said.

In Northern California, winds and rain were blamed for toppling a 100-foot oak tree that crashed onto a tent and killed a woman camping Tuesday at a wildlife preserve in Sonoma County.

The storm also made roads treacherous with downed trees, ice and snow. Three people were hurt Wednesday night when three big-rigs, a pickup and an SUV wrecked on State Route 138 in the Gorman area, where black ice was reported, the California Highway Patrol said. One big-rig jackknifed and was struck by a second, the third slid into a fence, and the SUV collided with a pickup driven by a fire captain responding to the accident.

The region, however, escaped widespread problems in the two-day round of foul weather, and communities east and south of Los Angeles that were hit hard by runoff from storms last week were able to focus on cleaning up without new damage.

Rain was lighter than expected in Highland in San Bernardino County, where 50 homes remain evacuated after being swamped by a pre-Christmas mud flow. More than 100,000 sandbags had been used to build walls to keep more muck out of the community.

"All the drains are working, no flooding, no new mudslides," police Lt. Jason Kravetz said. "We'll go back to clean up."

Also Wednesday, Acting Gov. Abel Maldonado asked President Barack Obama for a major disaster declaration for the state. Maldonado said the damage wrought by 10 days of bruising storms was too much for state and local governments to handle. He also added Mariposa to a dozen other counties where emergencies have been declared.

In the snow-laden Sierra Nevada, Placer County search teams found the body of a woman who went missing while snowboarding at a Lake Tahoe-area resort, sheriff's Capt. Jeff Ausnow said. Shawnte Marie Willis, 25, became separated from friends Tuesday at Alpine Meadows Ski Resort. Bad weather had hindered the search.

Among road problems left by the storm, Highway 1 was closed at points along the coast due to flooding or rock slides Wednesday. A slide kept one closure in effect Thursday northwest of the Los Angeles County line.

The same storm system prompted a blizzard warning through Thursday night for mountainous areas of eastern Arizona, while rain drenched the lower desert Wednesday, causing dozens of drivers to slide off slippery highways.

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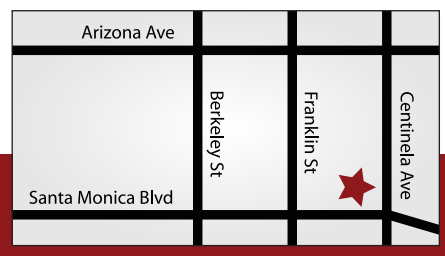

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the fee for licensing vehicles from 0.65 percent to 1.15 percent and hiked the sales tax by 1 percent as part of a February 2009 budget deal cut by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and lawmakers.

The state also reduced the amount taxpayers can claim on a dependent care credit to the federal level of $100 instead of $300.

Voters were asked in May 2009 to extend those temporary taxes by two more years but they refused, rejecting Proposition 1A. Last November, voters also rejected an $18-a-year increase in the vehicle license fee to fund state parks, even though passage would have allowed free park admission for all vehicles with a state license plate.

Placing a tax measure on a special election ballot in 2011 will require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature and thus will need some support from Republicans, who are in the minority in the Assembly and Senate.

Senate Minority Leader Bob Dutton, R-Rancho Cucamonga, said Republicans prefer to cut low-priority services and streamline programs before broaching tax increases. He said asking for more money from taxpayers could hurt efforts to create jobs.

Dutton said he hasn't been briefed on whatever proposals Brown is considering, but said voters are in no mood for even small tax hikes.

"Even if you give the majority party more money, they aren't going to fix the problem. It's a matter of trust here," Dutton said. "They just keep piling on. They don't have a lot of credibility with me right now."

Assembly Minority Leader Connie Conway, R-Visalia, was equally leery of any attempt to close the deficit through higher taxes.

"Republicans and Democrats must respect the will of the voters — who have rejected recent attempts at the ballot box to raise taxes," she said.

Brown, a former two-term governor, has pledged to do everything he can to get the state's finances back on track but warned that the solutions will be painful.

California faces a budget shortfall of $6 billion in the current fiscal year and more than $19 billion in the fiscal year that will begin July 1. Brown released figures showing the state will lose another $2.7 billion from federal estate tax changes, swelling the shortfall through June 2012 to $28.1 billion.

During his first term in office more than two decades ago, Brown spoke of an era of limits in government and did not favor tax increases.

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When: Monday, January 10, 2011 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.

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Espanol
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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 11, 2011

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:

Variance 10-022, 2726 6th Street. The applicant requests approval of a variance to allow for one non-required, compact-size (9 feet by 15 feet 5 inches) parking space in the 20-foot front setback of the lot. The site contains a single-family dwelling. No parking is currently provided on site. Pursuant to Santa Monica Municipal Code (SMMC) Section 9.04.20.10.030 (Variance - Applicability), the Zoning Administrator may grant a variance to modify the design standards and location of off-street parking requirements. SMMC Section 9.04.10.08.60 (Design standards) requires that the minimum dimensions for parking spaces in residential districts comply with the standards approved by the City Parking and Traffic Engineer, which is 8 feet 6 inches (width) by 18 feet (depth) for a single space. SMMC Section 9.04.10.08.190 (Location of required parking spaces) allows for parking in the front one-half of the lot where the parcel has no alley access, and provided that no part of a required front yard (setback) shall be used for parking spaces. . [Planner: Russell Bunim] **APPLICANT/OWNER:** SK Investments.

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In a statement Thursday, officials say new analysis of DNA evidence allowed them to establish that 29-year-old Barbara Hall was killed in 1974 by Robert Edward Stansbury, an ice cream truck driver.

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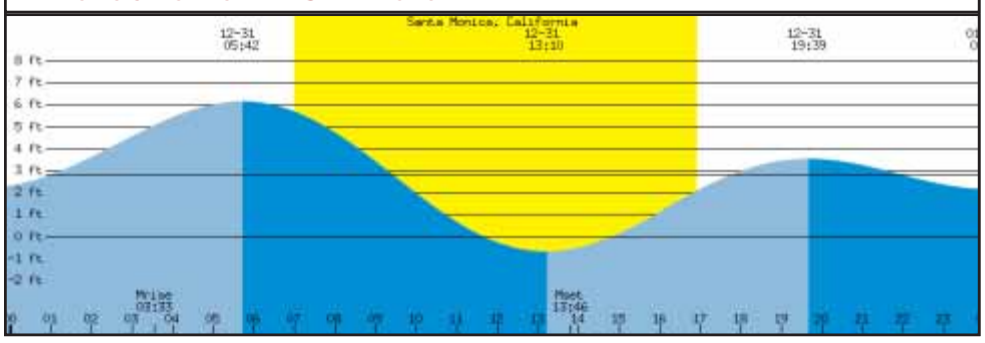
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	C
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	B
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	F
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	A+
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	A+
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A+
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	A+
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	B
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
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Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	A+
Big Rock Beach at 18948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
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Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	C
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	F	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A+
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	D
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	C	A+
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

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Rose Bowl is more than Badgers' size, Frogs' speed

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Wisconsin's size against TCU's speed. The Badgers' fearsome offensive line versus the Horned Frogs' ingenious defensive schemes.

The story line seems obvious for Saturday's Rose Bowl, and it's tough to argue against it when Wisconsin's star tackle, Gabe Carimi, has to duck to get into a hotel ballroom.

Yet the third-ranked Frogs and the No. 4 Badgers say that's a simplistic way of looking at what's arguably the biggest bowl outside the national title game this season.

Sure, Wisconsin's offensive line is a worthy heir to the Badgers' tradition of power football, while TCU's top-ranked defense is a masterpiece of tactics and technique.

But the Frogs aren't exactly small, and the Badgers are far from slow.





City of Santa Monica

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SANTA MONICA ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

DATE/TIME: January 3, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Council Chambers, (wheelchair accessible)

Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

PROPERTIES:
ARB-10-505, 850 Palisades Beach Road: Beach Club
ARB 10-594, 1817 Dewey Street: Single Family Residential

More information is available on-line at http://santa-monica.org/planning/planningcomm/arbagendas.htm or at 310/458-8341 en espanol tambien). Plans may be reviewed at City Hall during business hours. Comments are invited at the hearing or in writing (FAX 310-458-3380, e-mail planning@santa-monica.org, or mail Santa Monica Planning Division, 1685 Main St., Rm. 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401). The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact 310-458-8701 or TTY 310-450-8696 a minimum of 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Big Blue Bus lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8 & 9 and the Tide Ride serve the Santa Monica Civic Center and City Hall.

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How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
12:10pm, 3:10pm, 6:10pm, 9:10pm

True Grit (PG-13)
10:50am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
10:40am, 1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

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Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Little Fockers (PG-13)
10:35am, 1:10pm, 3:50pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Yogi Bear 3D (PG) 1hr 22min
10:30am, 12:45pm, 3:00pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm, 10:00pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min
12:35pm, 3:45pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

How Do You Know (R) 1hr 56min
10:25am, 1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:10pm

True Grit (PG-13)
11:30am, 2:20pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
11:20am, 2:05pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
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King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 2:10pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm

Casino Jack (R) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm

Rabbit Hole (PG-13) 1hr 32min
12:45pm, 3:00pm, 5:20pm, 7:40pm

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1 (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
10:15am, 1:30pm

Tron: Legacy (NR) 2hrs 07min
10:50am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:50pm, 10:45pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
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Gulliver's Travels 3D (PG)
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Tourist (PG-13) 1hr 43min
10:55am, 1:35pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
10:10am, 1:00pm, 3:50pm, 4:50pm, 6:40pm, 7:40pm, 9:30pm, 10:30pm

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Share your resolutions tonight, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Spend special time with a loved one. Create your New Year's resolutions together, laughing and enjoy the moment. Do take a moment to think of the past year, its laurels and issues. Tonight: Feeling bold and adventuresome.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Getting any alone time might be close to impossible. A stream of friends reach out to you -- some on the phone, others in e-mail, many inviting you to join them if not tonight then soon thereafter. Maintain a sense of humor. You might not be reading a parent or authority figure clearly. Tonight: Happiest with your favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Some last-minute errands or work could absorb a large part of your day. Be sensitive to a boss and perhaps an older friend. You might not be getting a clear message from someone at a distance. Don't worry. Relax. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes and greet 2011.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You enjoy the lead-up to 2011. Reach out for those at a distance early on to wish them a great New Year. A loved one could be confusing. How someone greets the New Year differs from one person to the next. Just be there for that person. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Last-minute details could have you hung up. Can you let go and enjoy the New Year? All indications are yes; only complete certain vital matters first. A partner pitches in when it counts. Tonight: No sign knows how to celebrate like you. Get to it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Do as much as possible. Touch base with key people. Once the festivities get started, connecting via telephone could be much harder. If you feel like you would prefer to be home, do that. Tonight: Share resolutions with a key person.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Whether you are throwing a party or helping someone else with his or her party, you seem to be out running last-minute errands. Still, be budget-conscious, as there is a tomorrow or another year. Start enjoying the celebration early if possible. Tonight: Out and about, celebrating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Do understand that you make a difference. Visiting with certain people and wishing them a happy New Year could be more important than you might realize. You easily could go overboard late afternoon. Tonight: Remember, there will be a tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Maintain a low profile during the daylight hours. Try to maintain some space. There could be a level of confusion in today's communications. You might need to confirm plans and conversations about tonight. Tonight: You head out in full regalia.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Friends circle the wagons around you. You have no option but to enjoy those close to you and the moment! Be precise with a financial dealing, or else there could be troubled waters ahead. Share resolutions with your pals. Tonight: Not to be found, unless you want to be.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You are a force, no matter how someone looks at a situation. You might be more confused than many about your role right now. Be spontaneous and see what lies ahead. Confirm plans. Friends all want to be with you! Tonight: Where the party is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Let your imagination soar. Contact those you care about at a distance early on. Also, you might want to detach from a confusing matter. It will work out if you let go. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

Happy birthday

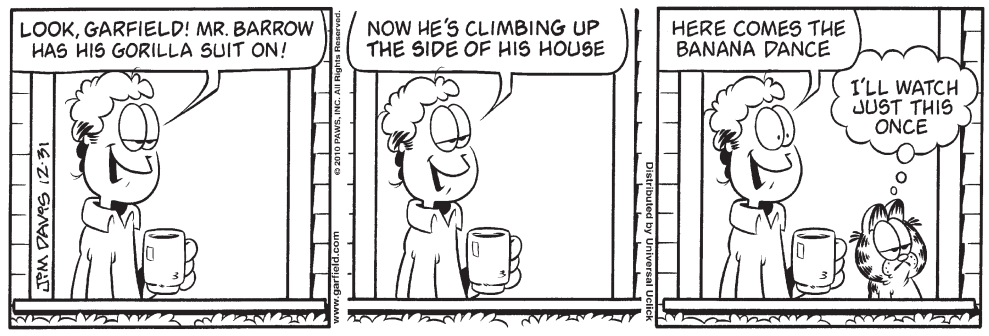
This year could prove to be very exciting. Many of your most inner hopes and desires become realities. Confusion surrounds finances. This type of chaos could be unfamiliar to you, but you can handle it. Use care with agreements. A closer relationship with a sibling becomes possible. If you are single, make sure the person you choose really is emotionally available. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from long weekends together alone as a couple.

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



Garfield

By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila

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Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



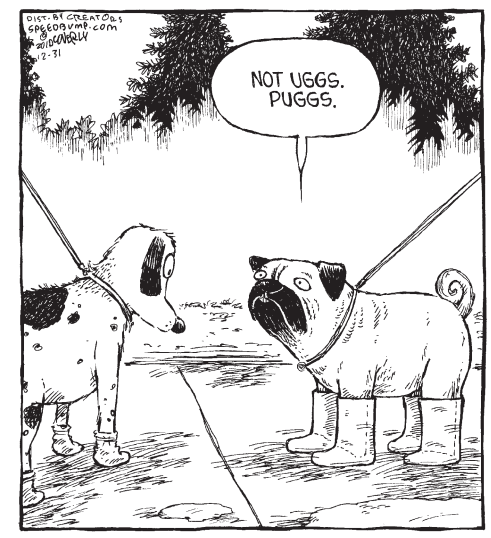
Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



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

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

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1 Truman's hometown
6 Crack up
11 Chilled
12 Like lambs
13 Poet Nash
14 Pigeon perch
15 Decimal base
16 Diluted
18 Yale student
19 Mermaid's home
20 Tax agcy.
21 Hobo attire
23 Antlered beasts
25 That girl
27 "What'd you say?"
28 Real bargain
30 Telegraph period
33 The Cratchit boy
34 Singer Damone
36 Soccer's Hamm
37 Become aware of
39 Hackneyed
40 Inert gas
41 Put away
43 Tag number
44 Katy Perry's "I Kissed —"
45 Fires
46 Witherspoon of "Walk the Line"

DOWN

1 Blackout criminal
2 Frank McCourt's mother
3 Commodores album
4 Trick taker, often
5 Leases
6 David's foe
7 Chef's need
8 "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," for one
9 Ticks off
10 Actions
17 "— a Rebel"
22 Take in
24 Switz. neighbor
26 Chasms
28 Rugged range
29 Designer Claiborne
31 Edmonton team
32 Canoe need
33 Snares
35 French film award
38 Sure thing
42 Epoch

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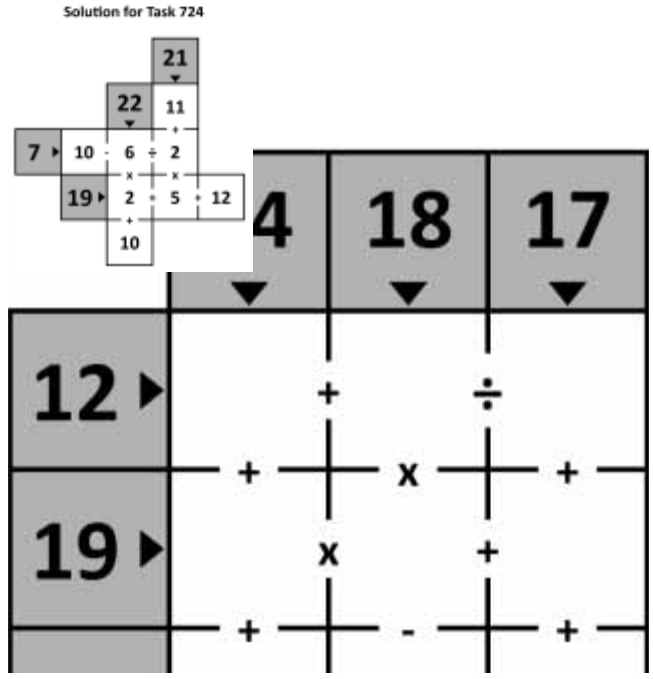
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Solution for Task 724



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ When News of the Weird reported in 2004 on Disney fanatic George Reiger of Bethlehem, Pa., he was in full glory, with a 5,000-piece collection of Disney character and movie memorabilia and some 2,000 tattoos covering almost all of his body. He said then that he had been married six times, but that each wife had left him, unable to compete with Disney for his affection. In November 2010, Reiger, now 56, opening up to The Philadelphia Inquirer, admitted that he had not been married at all and was in fact extremely lonely in his Disney obsession, but that he had finally found the love of a woman and wanted to end his fanaticism and remove the tattoos.

■ Robbery Modus Operandi: (1) Caroline Slusher, 32, and two associates were indicted in Willoughby, Ohio, in the November "armed" robbery of a BP gas station convenience store. After a clerk caught Slusher shoplifting, Slusher raised her arm menacingly and threatened to touch the clerk, claiming she was infected with the highly destructive bacteria MRSA. The clerk backed off, and the three fled. (2) Nakita Norman, 44, aided by two distracting associates, was captured on surveillance video stuffing two fur coats down the front of her pants, directly into the crotch area, and departing the Sword Furs store in Westlake, Ohio. Norman was arrested based on informants' tips.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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1998 The European Exchange Rate Mechanism freezes the values of the legacy currencies in the Eurozone, and establishes the value of the euro currency.

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