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THE TIME FOR HEALING ISSUE



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SINGING KING'S PRAISES: **Opera singer KB Solomon performs the American classic 'The House I Live In' during the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 26th annual celebration at the SGI-USA World Culture Center Auditorium on Wilshire Boulevard on Monday morning.**

Gathering emphasizes legacy of MLK's message, teachings

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

WILSHIRE BLVD. The ceremony in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birth, held at the World Culture Center Auditorium here on Monday, became more than a remembrance — it was also a call to community involvement in light of the recent shootings in Tucson and the suicide of a local 14-year-old boy that has shaken many in Santa Monica.

Put on by The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Westside Coalition, the gathering was the 26th annual event and was subtitled, "Democracy is not a spectator sport; We must take action now!"

In embracing that message, speakers urged the audience of several hundred to respond to tragedy by taking responsibility to improve their communities. The event also featured musical performances and the announcement of the coalition's scholarship awards.

In her keynote address, Val Zavala, vice-president of news and public affairs at television station KCET Los Angeles, said the Tucson rampage should be an occasion for self reflection and community improvement.

She urged the audience not to quickly fall into normal patterns of behavior in the wake of the event, saying King would seek to draw a lasting lesson from the event.

"He was a man who did not shrink from soul searching, who was not afraid to ask hard questions or accept hard answers," said Zavala, who also anchors the weekly KCET news program "SoCal Connected." "[King] would want us to takes this seemingly senseless shooting and make some sense of it."

Echoing a call from many commentators in recent days, she said the shootings provide an occasion to make a forceful call for civility from elected leaders, media commentators and regular citizens.

Citing King's own words from more than 40 years ago, she said that would be the civil rights leader's message today: "We will have

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THE SCENE: **Several shell casings are marked by police following a possible gang-related shooting that took place Sunday night.**

Gunshots fired near cemetery

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PICO NEIGHBORHOOD Police are investigating a possible gang-related shooting that erupted here Sunday night following a brawl that involved 20 to 30 black and Hispanic men who gathered near Woodlawn Cemetery, an area known for gang activity.

SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler said several shots were fired but there were no victims at the scene when officers arrived shortly after 9:30 p.m. All that was left were shell casings.

The shooting took place in the 1800 block of 16th Street, home to two entrenched gangs, the Graveyard Crips and SM13. Police did not say if the shooting was gang-related.

No suspects have been arrested and no victims have come forward, Trisler said.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Santa Monica Police Department at (310) 458-8495.

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Gov. Brown digs deep to push aggressive budget

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Gov. Jerry Brown promised Californians plenty of pain in his budget plan for the coming year, and he was right.

He has proposed $12 billion in spending cuts, much of it coming from higher educa-

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Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011

'Tijuaneados Anonimos'
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 p.m.
"Tijuaneados Anonimos" is a documentary about a group of people who get together every week in Tijuana to share their experiences living with the unprecedented violence and chaos that affects their city. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the directors. This is the film's first screening in Los Angeles. For more information, call (310) 458-8681.

Improv for seniors
Senior Recreation Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 12:30 p.m.
Veteran improv instructor, Brian Hamill, will host a weekly comedy improv workshop for seniors. All seniors are welcome to take part in this free workshop. For more information about this free event call, (310) 458-8644.

Preventing osteoporosis
Whole Foods Venice
225 Lincoln Blvd., L.A., 6:30 p.m.
Dr. Stuart H. Garber will be speaking about osteoporosis, a silent disease with literally no warning signs. Over 10 million people in the United States already have osteoporosis. This condition, which is a thinning of the bones, is the most common bone disease.

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011

CD release party
Zanzibar
1301 Fifth St.
Brazilian singer-songwriter will perform as part of a release party for his forthcoming CD, "Total Unknown."
For information, call (310) 451-2221.

Talking books
Montana Avenue Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m.
This free event features a discussion of author Benjamin Black's latest work, "Christine Falls."
For more information, call (310) 458-8682.

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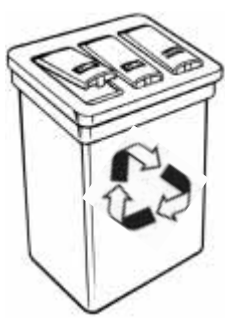
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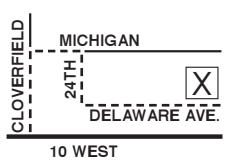


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Shop, blog, win

In an effort to get Santa Monicans to shop in their neighborhoods, the Buy Local Santa Monica Committee has launched the 3/50 Project Challenge that invites people to blog about their three favorite local, independently-owned business in exchange for a chance to win prizes.

To be eligible for a prize from one of the Buy Local partners, shoppers must commit to spending $50 over the course of one month at three businesses in town and then go to www.buylocalsantamonica.com/project350 and write about their experiences. A lucky blogger will be selected at random and awarded a prize.

The featured prize for January is a pair of tickets to an upcoming show at the Morgan-Wixson Theatre. The drawing will take place Jan. 31, at 5 p.m.

The buy local campaign is an initiative developed by local businesses and City Hall to encourage residents to shop in Santa Monica, helping to cut down on car trips while sustaining mom-and-pop shops. If 20 percent of Santa Monica's residents committed to spending $50 every month locally, it would pump over $9.6 million in the local economy, said Jennifer Taylor, a senior development analysts with City Hall's Economic Development Department.

"As we've found already, our Buy Local Santa Monica businesses are committed to purchasing from other local businesses and they invest in the Santa Monica community," Taylor said in a press release. "They support local charities, they donate proceeds to local schools, they provide staff to help with beach clean ups and they commit to employing SM residents."

The Santa Monica Daily Press is a founding member of Buy Local and is the official press partner. For more information, go to www.buylocalsantamonica.com.

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SMMUSD HDQTRS

Special meeting called

The school board will hold a special meeting this Thursday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m. at district headquarters (1651 16th St.) to discuss and agree on a timeline for the search of a new superintendent to replace Tim Cuneo, who is retiring in June.

The special meeting with search firm Leadership Associates is the first step in the hiring process. The school board is expected to set a series of meetings so community members can give input on the qualities they would like to see in a new superintendent.

For more information and to check out the agenda for the special meeting, go to www.smmusd.org or call (310) 450-8338.

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Cops bust three for burglary

Police arrested three men Sunday morning for allegedly trying to break into a guest house in the 2300 block of 21st Street.

SMPD Sgt. Jay Trisler said a resident saw the suspects and called police. Officers responded shortly after 4 a.m. and saw the suspects jump over a fence and into an adjacent alley. Officers pursued the suspects on foot and apprehended two. The third was found about an hour later hiding in another residence. Trisler said canine officers found the suspect in a downstairs bathroom.

In the alley, officers recovered several items, leading them to believe the suspects committed at least two burglaries, Trisler said.

Officers placed all three under arrest for burglary and possession of burglary tools. The suspects were identified as Brandon Joseph, 19, Tamarquis Burke, 18, and Brandon Kittler, 21; all from Los Angeles. Bail was set at $50,000. Burke was held on a probation violation, Trisler said.

"It all goes back to the residents," Trisler said. "They are our eyes and ears. This person called us, gave us the information and we were able to take the suspects into custody."

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TOO HOT

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Assisted by Engineer Matt Hill, Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) student Ragula Ziegler (center right) puts out a gas fire with a fire extinguisher during the disaster training class at the Santa Monica Fire Department training yard on Saturday. The free class teaches the community how to correctly handle any disaster situation with hands-on experience in a social environment.

Year ahead expected to be tough for state budgets

JUDY LIN & SHANNON MCCAFFREY
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO If 2011 is hinting at a national recovery, there is little sign of it in statehouses across the country.

States that already have raided their reserve funds, relied on borrowing or accounting gimmicks, and imposed deep cuts on schools, parks and public transit systems no longer can protect key services in the face of another round of multibillion dollar deficits.

As governors roll out their budget proposals and legislatures convene this month, they do so amid a sputtering economic recovery and predictions of slow growth for years to come. State and local governments face lackluster revenue projections, worries from Wall Street over looming debt and the end of federal stimulus spending.

In the first weeks of 2011, Republican and Democratic governors alike have begun detailing across-the-board pain for education, health care, transportation, public safety and other programs. Some say the year of reckoning for state and local governments is at hand, with calls for structural changes that could radically shift expectations of what services government provides.

Many believe the months ahead will be the most challenging in memory, with consequences for millions who depend on government funding.

"We need to send a message to the governor: We're real, and we depend on all these services," said Sergio Garibay, a 41-year-old Southern California resident who relies on state disability payments and recently protested deep cuts to Medi-Cal programs proposed by California Gov. Jerry Brown. "There are other alternatives to the budget. Why don't we tax the rich, these corporations?"

In releasing his budget proposal, Brown told

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Representing who?

Editor:

The City Council's vote to reject campaign finance disclosure left me scratching my head ("City Council rejects disclosure proposal after some debate," Jan. 13, page 1). Pam O'Connor claimed the effort had "political motivations" and came from factions that were "demonizing" her. According to your story, the request was made by neighborhood groups, the Santa Monica Democratic Club, and Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights. If residents, Democrats, and renters aren't O'Connor's constituency, who is?

Linda Neblett
Santa Monica

The Peter Principal lives on

Editor:

Well the Peter Principal is alive and well. John Deasy's complete failure as a superintendent of the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District will be now be repeated at LAUSD. I was tickled pink when he left here for Baltimore, but he didn't last there long, did he? This is the guy that refused to admit that there was a gang riot/fight at Santa Monica High School and downplayed the seriousness and importance of student safety back in 2005-06. He has bounced from school system to school system, chasing the six-figure salaries, as his reward for being completely unresponsive, ineffective and irresponsible.

And now, like a bad penny, there's Ilene Straus, who single-handedly ruined the Lincoln Middle School structure, and then, like a malignancy, took her disastrous "house system" to Samohi. Again, I was tickled pink when she migrated to the Beverly Hills School District, but now she has been appointed by Jerry Brown to the state Board of Education.

It was no surprise that she was not his first choice, but why was she the final choice? And now she's going to be responsible for setting policy and accountability for all of the K-12 schools in California? This woman can barely set her watch.

As Wikipedia states: "In a hierarchy every employee tends to rise to his level of incompetence." Deasy and Straus' new positions are the perfect examples of this.

I am glad they are both gone from Santa Monica, but with our state and the LAUSD in such disarray, I am sure that any other selection, in both positions, would have been better.

Lori Emerson
Santa Monica



Your column here



Sarah Mosko, Ph.D. — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

BPA chemical look-alike potentially more risky

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HARD TO GET through 2010 without bumping into some scary information about the plastic ingredient bisphenol A, aka BPA, like the fact it leaches from polycarbonate baby bottles and sports bottles and metal food can linings into the contents or that it is widespread in the dye on thermal cash register receipts and is absorbed through human skin.

Adding to such anxieties about environmental toxins, Japanese researchers have recently honed in on a chemical very similar to BPA dubbed BPAF, or bisphenol AF, that might be even more dangerous than BPA. The "F" stands for fluorine, and the two substances are identical except for the substitution of six fluorine atoms in BPAF for six hydrogens in BPA.

In part, it was knowledge that certain properties of fluorine might intensify the molecule's reactivity that drew the researchers' attention to BPAF, as there are additional chemicals out there that resemble BPA too.

The risks of exposure to BPA stem from the fact that it is an endocrine disruptor that mimics the actions of the hormone estrogen. Over 200 laboratory studies have linked low-dose BPA exposure to a host of health effects including reduced sperm production and infertility, cardiovascular disease, diabetes and derailed development of the brain and prostate gland.

Natural hormones like estrogen act on specific receptors throughout the body in a lock and key fashion to either turn on or off genes that control a host of bodily functions like the development of sex characteristics and ovulation. Endocrine disrupting chemicals play havoc with normal physiology by either mimicking or blocking the action of natural hormones on their receptors.

In humans, there are multiple sub-types of the estrogen receptor, so the impact of environmental chemicals which mimic estrogen will vary depending on which subtypes they can lock onto.

Whereas BPA is known to bind selectively to the "gamma "estrogen receptor in the nucleus of cells where DNA is housed, the research reported by the Japanese researchers in the online April 28, 2010 issue of Environmental Health Perspectives indicated that BPAF delivers a double whammy in that it is many times more potent than BPA at two different receptor sub-types, behaving like estrogen at the "alpha" subtype but blocking estrogen's effect at the "beta" sub-type.

This double action of BPAF is worrisome because alpha and beta receptors are widespread in the body of both men and women: alpha receptors predominate in the uterus, liver, kidney and heart, whereas beta receptors are found primarily in the ovaries, prostate, lungs, gastrointestinal tract and bladder. BPAF could upset vital regulatory functions performed by estrogen within any of these organs.

Widespread human contamination with BPA is now well-documented, and sufficient evidence has accumulated in the last decade that low-dose exposure to BPA represents a significant health risk that Canada, the European Union and eight U.S. states (but not California) have banned BPA from various childcare products. BPAF, though, has not been studied for toxicity to humans or animals, nor does anyone know the extent to which humans are already exposed although it is assumed that far more BPA is being produced than BPAF.

However, a 2008 report from the U.S. government's National Toxicology Program notes that the fluorine in BPAF is likely to make it more persistent in the environment and also points to a study that found BPAF in the fat tissue of women, raising concerns it could be passed along to fetuses.

The same report informs that BPAF, like BPA, is used in polycarbonate plastics, epoxy resins and in components of equipment for processing food and pharmaceuticals. Other sources mention its use in electronic devices and optical fibers. Given that information about the use of BPAF in any specific product would be considered proprietary, the consumer has no way to identify items which might contain it.

As is true for nearly all of the estimated 84,000 chemicals in commerce today, BPA was unleashed on the public without prior health safety testing. Millions of research dollars have since been spent to uncover the threats to public health and wildlife from BPA exposure, and many more dollars will follow before the full story on BPA is known. Early signs suggest BPAF might follow the same course.

Both BPA and BPAF are timely examples of why a drastic overhaul of federal regulation governing chemical safety is sorely needed. The Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA), which sets national policy concerning regulation of chemicals, is seriously out-of-date and lacks the muscle to hold industry responsible for the health safety of the thousands of new chemicals that go into production each year. By effectively allowing industry to use the public as guinea pigs to test whether new chemicals pose any health risks, the federal government has shirked its fundamental responsibility to safeguard its citizenry.

California and the European Union have already taken legislative actions to embrace the "precautionary principle" which stipulates that chemicals need be proven safe before being let loose onto an unsuspecting public. The U.S. government should follow their lead.

Legislation was in fact introduced by Democrats into both houses of the U.S. Congress in 2010 which would shift the burden onto industry of demonstrating the safety of chemicals they employ and also increase the authority of the Environmental Protection Agency to place restrictions on substances deemed risky to the public.

What the conservative shift in Congress which emerged from the 2010 mid-term elections will mean for such efforts to modernize the TSCA remains to be seen.

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L.A. street toughs charged with food truck extortion

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Prosecutors have charged a pair of suspected Los Angeles gang members with extorting money from food truck vendors.

Investigators say 19-year-old Miguel Morales and 24-year-old Dainler Baquevano demanded $50 a week in "rent" from vendors operating food trucks in their south Los Angeles neighborhood. Those who refused to pay were threatened with violence.

The complaint includes allegations the offenses were committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang.

Morales and Baquevano each pleaded not guilty Thursday to six counts of attempted extortion and one count each of vandalism. Bail is set at $420,000 for Morales and $255,000 for Baquevano.

They return to court Jan. 26 for a preliminary hearing.

Eat rich, eat right for Chinese New Year

MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Have your luck and eat it, too.

That's the philosophy behind traditional Chinese New Year's dishes, which are loaded with symbolic meaning auguring prosperity for the coming year.

Want to live long? Eat long noodles — just be sure not to cut them.

Need a bit more in the bank? Serve fish, the Chinese name for which sounds like the word for surplus.

And don't forget dumplings, which also symbolize prosperity and are traditionally eaten late on the eve of the New Year.

The Year of the Rabbit starts with the big "reunion dinner" on New Year's Eve — Feb. 2 this year — a meal reserved for family and resonant with culinary customs.

Carolyn Jung, a San Francisco Bay food writer who blogs at www.foodgal.com, remembers sitting at the table as the youngest of her family, and only girl, helping her mom fold dumplings by hand and "waiting eagerly for her to pan fry them or boil them so that we could dig in."

Chinese New Year is celebrated in many parts of the world that have sizable populations of Chinese immigrants, and other Asian cultures have similar celebrations. With so many people involved, the customs aren't uniform, though the hope for a prosperous new year is a constant.

The festival lasts 15 days, with some days set aside for visiting and other rituals. It wraps up with a Lantern Festival on the final night.

For Patricia Tanumihardja, who grew up in Singapore and is of Chinese and Indonesian descent, the holiday means eating pineapple tarts, which can take different forms but generally call for a luscious pineapple jam stuffed into flaky pastry.

"Every year that was the one thing I wanted to eat," says Tanumihardja, author of "The Asian Grandmothers Cookbook."

This is the time when luxury ingredients such as shrimp or abalone shine and fish is served whole to symbolize plenty. Serving whole poultry also is a sign of family unity and Tanumihardja sometimes makes a whole braised duck for a holiday meal.

In Singapore, a raw fish salad is served in restaurants with the ingredients kept separate on a large plate or tray. Before they eat, diners stand and toss the salad as high as they can saying auspicious words like "Every year we'll have prosperity."

As a kid, Jung saw Chinese New Year as mostly about the food — and the red envelopes filled with crisp dollar bills that are handed out to children. She spent the money and kept the brightly decorated envelopes, keeping them neatly stowed away in a drawer.

As she grew up, the holiday became more about family. These days she often makes her mom's tomato beef chow mein, a blend of east and west cooking styles typical in Chinese-American kitchens.

"I remember so many times peeking over her shoulder as she crisped up the noodles in the pan," says Jung, who would sneak noodles right out of the pan until she was shooed away.

Jung's mother passed away some years ago, and a lot of her recipes are gone, "but this was one that I did get her to write down."

The recipe isn't strictly orthodox New Year's fare, but the noodles symbolize the traditional wish for long life.

And making a dish in memory of her mother fits Jung's grown-up perspective on the holiday.

"As I get older and the family gets larger with significant others and kids and people moving away, it's one of the holidays where we really make an effort to gather and to see each other and catch up."

And those red envelopes come in handy, too. These days she fills them with crisp bills of her own and gives them away to her nieces.

The Q Line

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On the rise?

City officials are considering raising fees on a number of recreational programs including youth sports and the Santa Monica Swim Center.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think an increase in fees is necessary in these tough economic times, or do you think City Hall should look elsewhere to shore up budget gaps?

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Forming a new business is a challenging and exciting process. Putting the time and effort into the formation process will help set the tone for a sustainable and prosperous business. Below is a brief list of some of the first steps you will need to take, from a legal perspective, in order to start off right.

CREATE YOUR BUSINESS PLAN

The first step in creating your new business is often to compile all of your ideas and goals into one comprehensive business plan. Your plan is a unique roadmap that will help guide you in forming and running your company during those first critical years. Sections that you may want to include are: the business purpose, marketing plan, an analysis of the competition, operating procedures, employment needs, insurance needs, financial data including a balance sheet, proforma income projection, and a three-year operating budget, and copies of all documents that you create during the start-up phase such as your licenses, articles of incorporation, and bylaws.

DEVELOP POLICIES

The beginning stage of any organization is a critical time to develop policies that the organization will utilize in its decision making process. Policies should include: conflict of interest, employment, director and officer compensation, ideological or social entrepreneurial values, organizational ownership and management.

INCORPORATE

The first step in this process is deciding upon a name for the business and performing a name availability search to ensure that the name is not already in use in the location where you will be operating. Secondly, the business will need to determine what type of entity to form – whether it's a corporation, LLC, PC, LLP, L3C, Benefit Corporation, sole proprietorship or partnership. Choosing the type of entity will depend upon the purpose of the organization and the tax and legal status of its owners and stakeholders. Once the entity type is chosen, the next step is to draft, ratify and file the appropriate documents with state and local agencies and draft either Bylaws or an Operating Agreement.

PROTECT YOUR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

In a competitive world, it is important to assess whether it is necessary to protect your brand and products with trademarks, copyrights or patents. It is also important to ensure that your new business does not infringe upon other companies protected rights.

ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LAWS

Finally, your new business will need to ensure that it is in compliance with all applicable laws including: employment, wage and hour laws, licensing requirements, zoning regulations, tax reporting and withholding laws.

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Tiger mom's memoir meets ferocious roar

BY LEANNE ITALIE
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A new memoir of bad-ass parenting, Chinese style, from a self-proclaimed tiger mother has unleashed a ferocious roar.

Fallout was swift for Yale law professor Amy Chua after she published a stark essay in The Wall Street Journal describing the harsh words and heavy handed methods she used with her two teen daughters.

Her "Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother" shot to No. 6 in the Amazon sales rankings Tuesday, the day it was released, likely fueled by angry buzz over the weekend column and a headline Chua had nothing to do with: "Why Chinese Mothers are Superior."

Adult offspring of Asian and Asian American immigrants are weighing in on Chua's provocative description of Eastern-style parenting: No sleepovers or playdates. Grueling rote academics. Hours of piano and violin practice. Slurs like "lazy" and "garbage," and threats to burn stuffed animals when things don't go mom's way.

Some see truth and a borderline abuser. Others see dangerous stereotype with the potential to feed China haters and xenophobes. Still others publicly thanked their moms online for similar, though less extreme, methods.

Few had read the book themselves, missing out on more facetious nuances and details on Chua's journey to a softer approach with Sophia, 18, and Louisa, nicknamed Lulu and about to celebrate her 15th birthday with — gasp — a sleepover party.

"It's been tough on my kids," Chua said Wednesday. "They want to speak out over the thing that has hurt me the most, when people say, 'Oh, doesn't that kind of strict parenting produce meek robots?' My daughters could not be further from meek robots. They're confident, funny, kind, generous, with very big personalities, and they're always calling my bluff."

Chua, 48 and the daughter of Filipino immigrants of Chinese descent, insists her tone in the book is self-deprecating. It's a point she considers lost in the blogosphere, including heat from moms employing current Western philosophies she doesn't consider better or worse, but more lax and undisciplined.

"My first reaction was, 'Is this a joke?' I kept waiting for the punch line," said Frances Kai-Hwa Wang, 44, a second-generation Chinese American and mother of four in Ann Arbor, Mich. She had parents with high expectations but none of Chua's histrionics. "Her methods are so crude. The humiliations and the shaming. The kids will hear that voice in their heads for the rest of their lives."

Christine Lu's memories of her tiger mom growing up in Los Angeles are laden with sorrow. Mom's ramrod tactics failed on her ("life at home used to be horrible") but they worked on her older sister. She hit 28 and spiraled into a depression that led to her suicide after the startup where she worked fizzled.

"She graduated from Harvard with an MBA. That was the first time she had ever experienced failure," said the 34-year-old Lu, who was born in Taiwan and moved to LA with her parents and three siblings at age 2.

She stopped short of blaming her mom, adding: "It's the culture. Amy is a product of the culture, too."

It's a book of extreme parenting, for sure, a memoir and not a how-to manual, Chua cautions. Her parenting choices were conscious and reflect her upbringing: No TV, no pets, no computer games, no grades under A, no parts in school plays, no complaints about not having parts in school plays, no choice of extracurricular activities, nothing less than top spots in any school class except gym and drama, no musical instruments except piano or violin.

When Lulu had trouble with a tricky piece of music, Chua denied her bathroom breaks and threatened to ship off her dollhouse to the Salvation Army, piece by piece, until she got it right — which she did with pride, mom at her side.

When she pushed back at age 13, rejecting the violin, mom allowed for tennis instead, keeping a keen eye on her game.

Betty Ming Liu, 54, grew up in New York City's Chinatown, the oldest of two girls of Chinese immigrants with high expectations and abusive tactics.

"This is a topic so close to my heart," she said. "It's frightening to see that Amy Chua is still doing it. She's young. She's educated. She's American born. She's not an immigrant and for her to perpetuate this ... is frightening."

As a young adult, Chua said she rebelled in her own way. She married a white, American Orthodox Jew after hearing from her dad: "'You'll marry a non-Chinese over my dead body.' Now my dad and my husband are the best of friends."

Liu and Chua alike acknowledge that the tiger mom parenting approach isn't uniquely Chinese, "but we've perfected it," Liu said. "I got straight Ds in college. That was my only power over my father."

Growing up in California's Marin County, Tony Hsieh's parents forced him to play four instruments. He'd sometimes cheat on practices by recording previous turns at the piano or violin and playing them back while his parents slept. Practice exams for the SAT began in middle school.

Hsieh graduated from Harvard in 1995, co-founded an Internet ad network sold to Microsoft and is now CEO of the online shoe retailer Zappos. He published a memoir of his road to success, "Delivering Happiness," last year. What he didn't do was become was a doctor, a top prize to his parents.

"For myself personally, I think I would have benefited from a less strict parenting style, because a big part of being an entrepreneur is about being creative, thinking outside the box, defying conventional wisdom, taking risks, which runs counter to the values of many Asian parents," he said.

Shay Fan, 26, in San Francisco, didn't rip up sheets of music like one of Chua's girls, but she once protested piano by playing with her feet and paid for it with a fierce spanking.

"I understand her motives," she said of Chua. "Is there a limit to what parents should do? Absolutely. Chua's method of parenting worked for her children, lucky for her, but you have to take things by a case by case basis. ... Overall, I'm glad that my mom taught me to be diligent and introspective."

And Wendy Lin, 55, who remembers yelling and screaming over her perceived laziness as a child, appreciates Chua's resolve to dive into the trenches with her kids.

"She was with them every inch of the way. I thought that was really touching," said Lin, who is parenting her 15-year-old son more gently in Great Neck, N.Y. "A lot of mothers would just shout from the next room."

STATE BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Baby daughter dies while parents fought

Los Angeles County Sheriff's deputies are looking for a 20-year-old man who allegedly killed his baby daughter during a fight with his wife.

Capt. Mike Parker says the 10-month-old girl died Saturday after suffering unspecified "blunt force trauma."

Jose Deras fled following the confrontation with his wife at their home in the South Gate area.

Investigators believe he is driving a black Nissan Sentra four-door with the California license 6FYB170.

Parker is asking anyone with information as to Deras' whereabouts to call Sheriff's detectives.

AP

SAN JOSE

Police: Vanished woman's brother slays suspect

An architect accused in the death of a woman he met at a bar a decade ago was killed by her older brother, who gunned him down at a San Jose coffee shop before killing himself, police said.

San Jose police Sgt. Jason Dwyer said Wayne Sanchez, 52, followed Maurice Nasmeh, 46, into a Peet's Coffee and Tea and shot him dead Saturday night.

As police arrived at the scene, Sanchez walked into the parking lot and shot himself, Dwyer said. The two had initially met at a nearby restaurant, where police say Sanchez accused Nasmeh of killing his sister, Jeanine Harms.

Investigators don't know whether the two ran into each other by chance, Dwyer said.

Nasmeh spent 2 years in jail on charges that he killed Harms, 42, a technology company purchasing manager who disappeared in July 2001.

A judge dismissed the charges in 2007 after crime lab problems led prosecutors to concede they weren't ready to try the case. At the time, prosecutors still blamed Nasmeh for Harms' disappearance.

Nasmeh met Harms at a bar while she was on a date with another man. After partying together on the night of July 27, 2001, Nasmeh and Harms returned to her apartment, police said.

Investigators believe Nasmeh was the last person to see Harms alive. Her body has never been found, but authorities presume she is dead.

Police found carpet fibers in Nasmeh's car from a yarn project Harms had been working on. The same fibers were found on a rug that authorities believe was used to dispose of the corpse. The rug surfaced in 2003 when a woman turned it in after seeing news reports about its importance to the case.

Delays in testing the carpet fibers forced prosecutors to drop their initial case.

Nasmeh's attorney, Daniel Jensen, continued to proclaim his client's innocence after his death.

"Justice didn't get done here. Instead, we got two more victims, and we still have a killer out there walking free," Jensen told the San Francisco Chronicle.

AP

BROWN

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tion and services for the poor, disabled and elderly. And he wants to ask voters in a special election to extend increases in the sales, income and vehicle taxes.

Republicans and anti-tax groups already are dismissing Brown's plan to extend the tax hikes for another five years to pay for a host of programs, drawing a line in the sand just weeks into Brown's term.

But after spending most of his life in politics, the Democratic governor is unlikely to cede his proposal to the hyper partisanship that permeates the Capitol.

Instead, Brown will try to marshal all the skills he has amassed over a lifetime in politics to sell his plan, but he will have to do so quickly.

To put the tax measure before voters in a June special election, the Legislature will need to act by the end of March. That will be a tall order for an institution that typically runs well past the July 1 start of the fiscal year before enacting a budget. Last year, it set a record by going 100 days without a spending plan.

First, Brown must convince Democrats that slashing billions of dollars to social services and higher education is a fair trade for the opportunity to put an extension of the tax hikes enacted two years ago on the ballot. Then, and likely much more difficult, he will need to win over two-thirds of the state Legislature, including some Republicans, to get a measure on the ballot.

While Democrats have strong majorities, two GOP votes in the Assembly and three in the Senate are needed to meet the two-thirds vote threshold for enacting tax increases and placing measures on the ballot. Republican legislative leaders in both houses have pledged to block Brown's efforts.

Brown already has launched the kind of sales pitch that most lawmakers did not see during seven years of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's administration. The former Republican governor was criticized for ignoring most lawmakers in favor of private meetings with a select few to negotiate deals on major issues.

Last week, Brown met with the Republican and Democratic caucuses in each house, and later made an impromptu stop at a state Board of Education meeting.

The Legislature is a much different institution then when Brown was last governor, from 1975 to 1983, before voters imposed term limits. Most politicians stay for a relatively short time and have their eye on another office.

There are 120 different egos and agendas, said Steve Merksamer, a Republican attorney and former chief of staff to Gov. George Deukmejian.

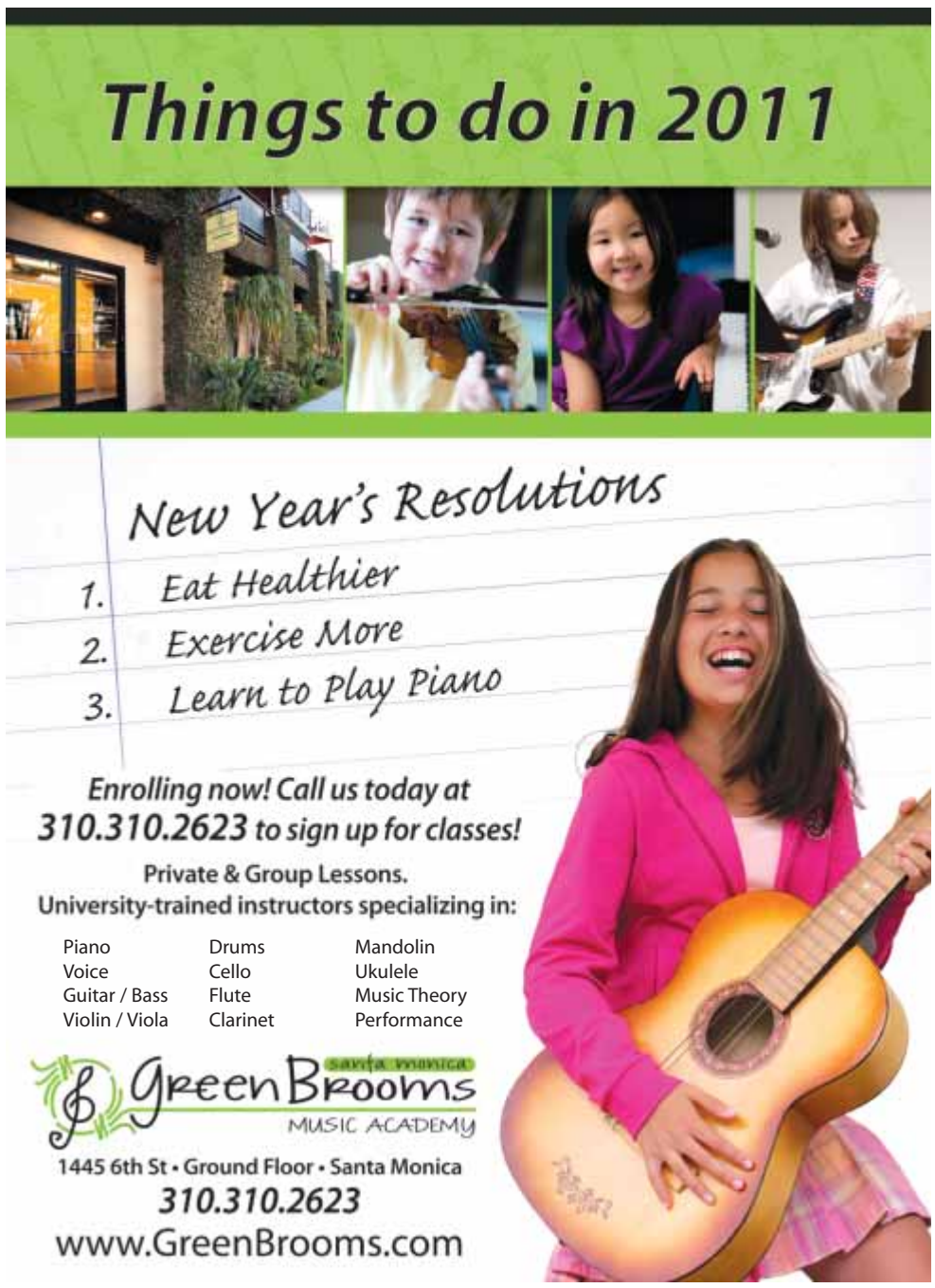
"Having said that, I think Jerry Brown is extraordinarily skilled at working, sort of, the legislative process. He was born to this," he said. "He's done it already, and he's been doing this his entire life."

Brown is appealing to interest groups, business leaders and politicians to step away from their entrenched interests, and already has displayed some prowess at winning hearts.

One of his first meetings after being sworn in as governor this month was held with a bipartisan group of officials from the California State Association of Counties, where supervisors also noticed the change in tone. Brown came to the association's office, rather than summoning those officials to his Capitol office, Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan noted.









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to repent in this generation, not merely for the vitriolic words and actions of bad people, but for the appalling silence of good people."

She also urged the audience to take a more active role in a broader political sense, citing threats to the environment and equality in America.

"Our persistent suicidal habits are destroying the very habitat that nurtures us," she said. "The unregulated capitalist forces are delivering vast amounts of wealth into the hands of the few, many of whom are unconcerned with the common good."

In brief remarks before a musical performance by her students, Leila Steinberg, who founded the organization Alternative Intervention Models, said King's message of community involvement is also highly relevant in the wake of the suicide on Friday of Santa Monica High School freshman Matthew Mezza, who took his life by jumping off of the Sheraton Delfina hotel's 10th floor.

"When you see someone suffering, you have to use your voice," she said. "You have to speak up and take that risk."

"HE WAS A MAN WHO DID NOT SHRINK FROM SOUL SEARCHING, WHO WAS NOT AFRAID TO ASK HARD QUESTIONS OR ACCEPT HARD ANSWERS."

Val Zavala,
vice-president of news and public affairs at television station KCET Los Angeles

The Westside Coalition's 2011 scholarship award winners also gave brief speeches. The winners were: Iliana Gonzalez and Raymundo Reyes, both of Santa Monica College, and Tamura Davis, of St. Monica Catholic High School.

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BUDGET
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California lawmakers "the year ahead will demand courage and sacrifice" as the state faces a deficit projected to hit $25.4 billion over the next 18 months. His proposal combines spending cuts to Medi-Cal, in-home services for the elderly and higher education with a five-year extension of income, sales and vehicle taxes.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo proposed eliminating 20 percent of state agencies by combining duties, such as merging the Insurance Department, Banking Department and the Consumer Protection Board into the Department of Financial Regulation. It's part of "radical reform" to pull his state out of its fiscal crisis. And Gov. Chris Christie in New Jersey skipped a $3.1 billion payment to the state's pension system in a push to cut benefits for public workers, while proposing higher employee contributions and a boost in the retirement age from 62 to 65.

In Illinois, lawmakers voted for a dramatic 66 percent hike in personal income tax, from 3 percent to 5 percent, in a bid to resolve a $15 billion deficit, which amounts to more than half of the state's entire general fund. The tax increase will be coupled with strict 2 percent limits on spending growth.

"It's important for their state government not to be a fiscal basket case," Gov. Pat Quinn in defending the major tax hike.

And on and on it goes:

— In oil-rich Texas, where education and social service spending is relatively low and Republican Gov. Rick Perry has railed against government spending, hard times are looming. The shortfall is projected to be between $15 billion and $27 billion over the coming two-year budget cycle.

— In South Carolina, outgoing Gov. Mark Sanford has proposed a spending plan that would end funding for museum and arts programs, slash college funding and give many state employees a 5 percent pay cut.

— In Georgia, deep cuts appear to await the state's popular HOPE scholarship program that provides public college tuition to students who earn good grades. Rising tuition and enrollment have outpaced the lottery revenues that fund the program and Gov. Nathan Deal has not proposed any additional state money to bail it out.

Even as tax revenue in many states shows signs of a rebound, states are expected to collect 6.5 percent less than they did in 2008, according to the National Association of State Budget Officers.

And any revenue gains could be more

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than offset by the expected loss of federal stimulus money. Most of the $814 billion stimulus program was designed to help states provide essential services and give a boost to the economy, but will start to run out this summer. A new round of stimulus funding is unlikely with Republicans controlling one house of Congress. Top GOP lawmakers say they will try to provide states with relief by reducing mandated programs, not by giving them more money.

"States came into this recession with relatively large rainy day funds. Now that states have done the accounting gimmicks and the relatively easier stuff, each year gets harder and harder because those one-time things are gone," said Nicholas Johnson, director of the state fiscal project at the Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, a think tank in Washington, D.C.

Despite lower tax revenue since the recession began, the level of service expected from state and local governments remains, often creating a disconnect between public perception and the reality of the fiscal crisis confronting elected officials.

Public schools face rising enrollments, more people are seeking government health care because they have lost jobs or their employers have dropped coverage, and millions of those thrown out of work are receiving unemployment checks.

One possible solution is revising tax structures, even with an anti-tax mood persisting across much of the nation.

In Georgia, some lawmakers are considering a 4 percent state sales tax on groceries and boosting the tax on cigarettes as part of an overhaul of the state's outdated tax code. The increases would be paired with reductions in the personal and corporate income taxes.

But any proposal for tax increases will run into opposition from Republicans, who were swept into office in large numbers last fall on a message of reducing the size and reach of government.

Republicans picked up 690 state legislative seats Nov. 2 — the largest shift since 1966, according to data compiled by the national legislative group. The GOP now controls both chambers of the state legislature as well as the governorship in 21 states.

"When you've got an unemployment rate at 10 percent, I don't think that's a good time for us to tell Georgians that we need more of their money," Georgia House Speaker David Ralston said. "I'm going to resist that again this year."

As states struggle to balance their books, Wall Street is watching rising debt burdens, although analysts so far have not sounded many alarms. Federal law does not allow states to file for bankruptcy protection, but states can default on their debt if their financial condition worsens considerably.

That move is extremely rare. Arkansas was the last state to default on its debt payments, a move it took during the Great Depression. Moody's predicts that no state government will default on its debt in 2011.

Moody's Managing Director, Naomi Richman, said states generally borrow for long-term infrastructure projects. They don't usually borrow to pay debt and fund operating budgets. Those that have, including California, Illinois and Arizona, already have been penalized with low credit ratings, which increases their borrowing costs.

It's possible, however, that more cash-strapped cities and counties could seek bailouts from states, as Harrisburg sought help from the commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

"I think you're more likely to see it cascade up, rather than down," said Steve Malanga, a senior fellow at the Manhattan Institute, during a discussion about state budgets at George Mason University.

Kail Padgitt, an economist with the nonpartisan, nonprofit Tax Foundation, said the states with the greatest concerns about their fiscal health are those with costly public employee pensions that are underfunded.

Many public pension systems use overly optimistic rates of return and do not provide a true, long-term cost to taxpayers. Padgitt cited a recent study by the Pew Center on the States that found states face a $1 trillion funding shortfall in public-sector retirement benefits, but said that likely underestimate the problem.

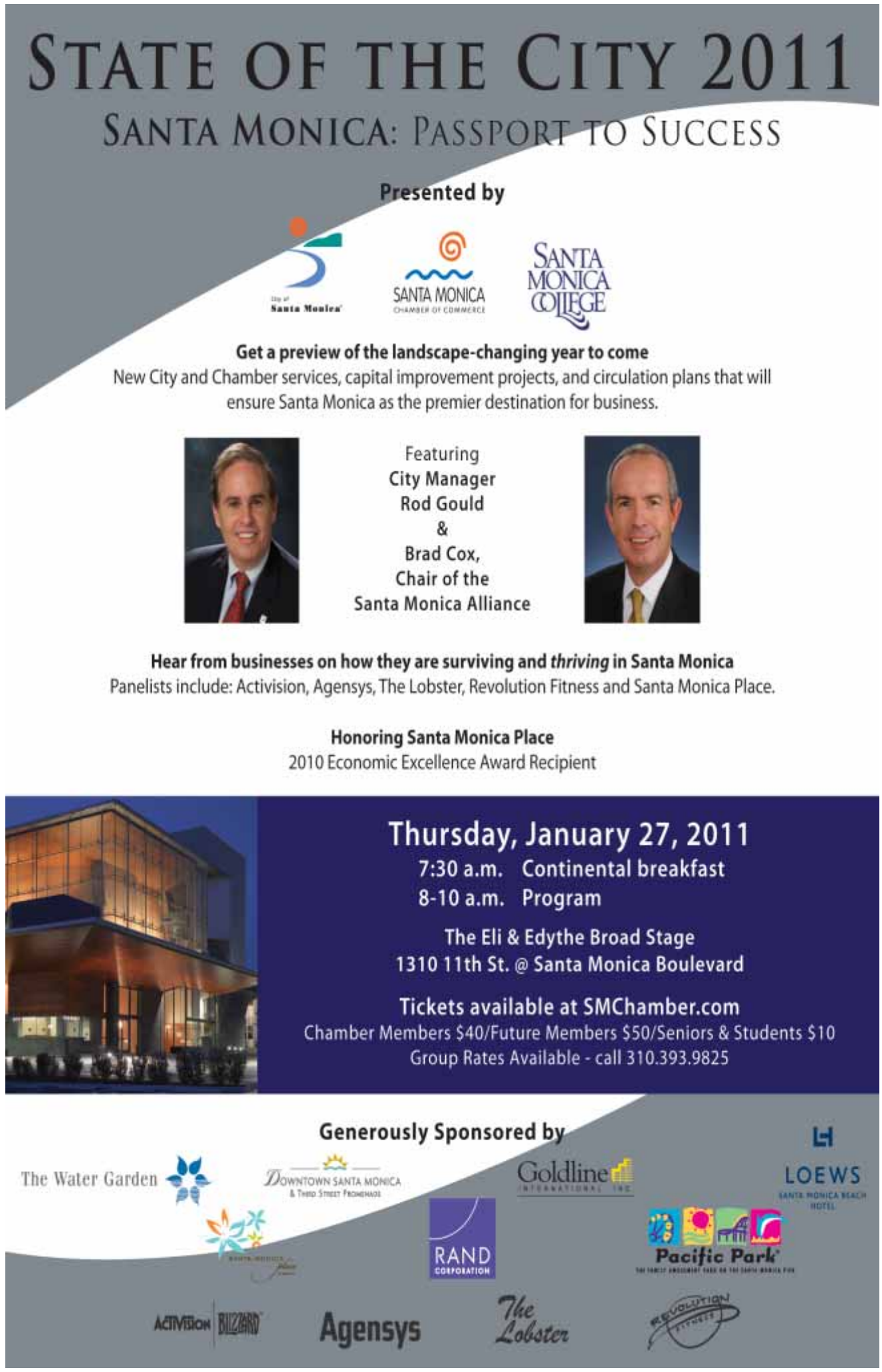
"The long-term outlook is quite bad," Padgitt said unless states begin to make pension reforms.

Matt Hanson, 50, a civil engineer who has worked for California's transportation department for 22 years, said he understands that public pension systems could use adjustments but he believes pensions are fundamentally sound. For example, he said he's open to contributing more to cover retiree health care costs, which have been rising.

"If there's some shared pain that has to be felt than I want it to be constructive," Hanson said. "There's a difference between going out for a run and feeling pain right after — at least you'll be in better shape in the long run, rather than hitting your hand with a hammer. Pain for pain's sake doesn't make a lot of sense."

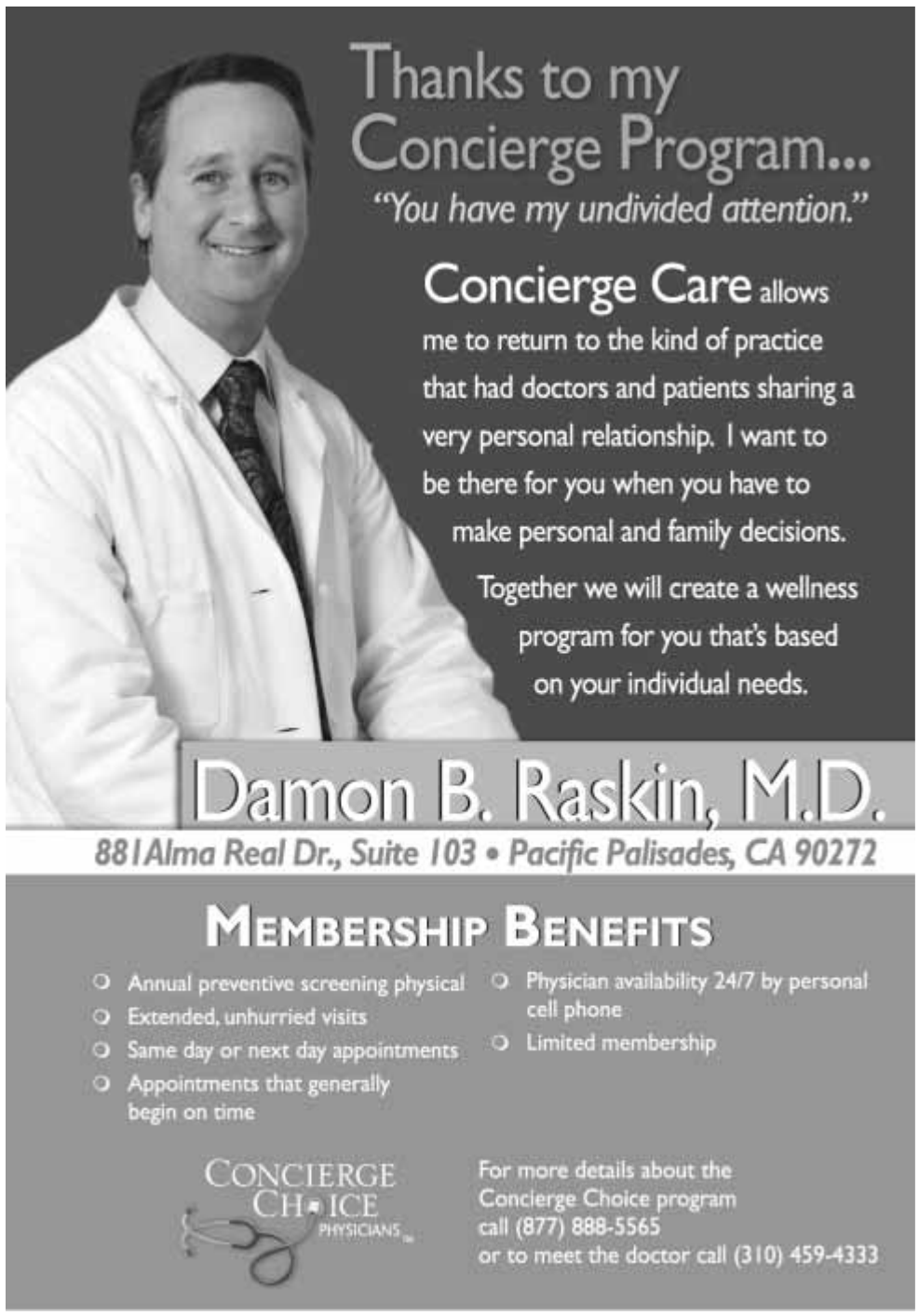












New hope for hepatitis C

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AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON There's new hope for an overlooked epidemic: Two powerful drugs are nearing the market that promise to help cure many more people of liver-attacking hepatitis C — even though most who have the simmering infection don't know it yet.

Surprisingly, two-thirds of hepatitis C sufferers are thought to be baby boomers who've harbored since their younger, perhaps wilder, years a virus that can take two or three decades to do its damage.

What could be a treatment revolution is spurring the government to consider if it's time to start screening aging baby boomers for hepatitis C, just like they get various cancer checks.

"We're entering a whole new era of therapy," says Dr. John Ward, hepatitis chief at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "We really want to begin that clarion call for action for this population who's at risk."

Today's two-drug treatment for hepatitis C cures only about 40 percent of people with the most common variety of the virus, and causes some grueling side effects. Now major studies show that adding a new drug —either Vertex Pharmaceuticals' telaprevir or Merck & Co.'s boceprevir — can boost those cure rates as high as 75 percent. And they allow some people to cut treatment time in half, to six months, thus lessening how long they must deal with those side effects.

If the Food and Drug Administration approves the drugs — a decision widely expected this summer — they would be the first that work by directly targeting the hepatitis C virus. Specialists draw comparisons to the early 1990s when potent combination therapies emerged to treat AIDS. Many recently diagnosed patients are postponing therapy to await these new drug cocktails in hopes of a better chance at a faster cure, says Dr. Paul Pockros, hepatology chief at the Scripps Clinic in La Jolla, Calif., who helped test telaprevir.

However, the bigger impact could come if more people get tested for hepatitis C, a blood-borne virus. It's often stigmatized as a risk only to people who inject illegal drugs. But the virus could have begun festering from a blood transfusion before 1992, when testing of the blood supply began.

Lapses in infection control in health facilities still occasionally expose people today. So could even a one-time experiment with drugs way back in college, something doctors are reluctant to ask a now middle-aged, button-downed patient to reveal, says Ward.

"It cuts across every segment of society," adds Dr. Arun Sanyal of Virginia Commonwealth University, past president of the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases. "I can tell you our hepatitis C treatment clinic is a great social equalizer."

About 3.2 million Americans, and 170 million people worldwide, have chronic hepatitis C. In the U.S., new infections have dropped dramatically — although the disease's toll is rising as people infected decades earlier reach ages where their livers start showing damage. Hepatitis C already is a leading cause of liver transplants, and it kills about 12,000 U.S. patients a year, a number expected to triple within 20 years.

Most people find out they're infected like Brian Graham of Briarcliff Manor, N.Y., during a routine check-up that spotted elevated liver enzymes. He'd never heard of hepatitis C and had no obvious risk factors. But tests showed the virus had begun to scar his liver. So over the last decade he tried three rounds of traditional treatments, with increasingly tough side effects, to no avail.

"I didn't want to die of liver disease or cancer or suffer the prospect of having to tee up for a liver transplant. Scary stuff," says Graham, now 56.

Enter the new drugs. They work by blocking an enzyme named protease that's key for the virus to reproduce. But they must be taken together with standard medications — ribavirin pills plus injections of interferon-alpha — that are thought to boost the immune system.

According to studies presented at a recent medical meeting, 67 percent to 75 percent of patients given treatment including either boceprevir or telaprevir, respectively, had what doctors call a cure. That's defined as no sign of the hepatitis C virus six months after their last dose. Importantly, only about a quarter of black patients are helped by standard therapy but adding one of the new drugs more than doubled their cure rates.

People getting their first-ever treatment did best, but the studies also found improvements in hard-to-treat patients like Graham.

"The fourth time did the trick," says Graham, who volunteered for an early telaprevir study and says he's been hepatitis-free for three years.

The new drugs do add side effects to the flulike symptoms and other complaints of existing treatment. Telaprevir's main risk is a rash that is sometimes severe, and boceprevir's is anemia.

"The future looks very bright beyond telaprevir and boceprevir," notes Dr. Fred Poordad of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, who has studied both drugs and consults for several companies. He points to additional drugs in earlier-stage testing that promise to target more types of hepatitis C and perhaps eventually allow for pill-only, interferon-free treatment.

Manufacturers haven't said how much the new drugs will add to the price of treatment that already can cost $30,000, albeit far cheaper than a liver transplant.

A stickier issue: Not everyone suffers serious liver damage and it's hard to predict who will, raising questions about exactly who needs treatment even as drug companies help push for more screening."

That's a concern, acknowledges Jeff Levi of the nonprofit Trust for America's Health, also a screening proponent. But when to treat is a doctor-patient decision, and "anyone with chronic infection you do want to be monitoring so you can intervene at the right moment," he adds.

Plus, people with hepatitis C should avoid alcohol and consider other liver-protection steps — and know how to avoid infecting others, he stresses.

Stay tuned: The CDC has begun a study at four hospitals — in New York, Detroit, Houston and Birmingham, Ala. — to see if a one-time hepatitis C test for baby boomers makes sense. Among the boomers, black men in their 50s are at particular risk. CDC plans new guidelines next year.

Meanwhile, "start that conversation" at a routine doctor's visit by asking about hepatitis C risks and testing, Ward advises boomers.

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON The gunman accused of trying to assassinate Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords and killing six others, Jared Lee Loughner, was not on any government watch list that might have warned someone not to sell him a gun or caused police to investigate his unstable behavior.

It turns out there is not a list in the United States for people like Loughner.

The same goes for Joseph Stack, who flew his plane into an IRS office in Austin, Texas, last February. Stack left behind a 3,000-word, rambling screed about his problems with the U.S. tax code.

Less than a month later, John Patrick Bedell shot two Pentagon guards. He left behind anti-government writings and cited conspiracy theories involving the U.S. military.

Richard Poplawski, too, left an online trail of racist rants and paranoid thoughts about President Barack Obama imposing a gun ban before he allegedly shot and killed three police officers in the Pittsburgh area in April 2009.

In the past two years, there have been at least six incidents in which disgruntled Americans, acting alone, have taken violent action into their own hands. In many of the cases, signs of government distrust and paranoia wouldn't have been enough to justify law enforcement intervention.

Loughner's case includes cryptic messages left on a MySpace page, bizarre behavior in college classes and YouTube videos with anti-government rhetoric. Yet it wasn't enough to put him on the radar screen of authorities as a possible violent person.

"This is a very difficult individual to find, to detect, minus any kind of mental evaluation or criminal violence he committed or suspicious activity that somebody reported that was in the system," said Mike Downing, deputy chief of the Los Angeles Police Department who oversees counterterrorism and special operations.

The six who died were among 19 people shot Jan. 8 outside a Tucson grocery store, where Giffords was meeting with constituents. Investigators were looking into whether the 22-year-old Loughner was part of an online anti-government organization, American Renaissance. But participation in such groups and likeminded beliefs are not crimes.

"Law enforcement can't just jump in there and monitor all these groups just based on the message they're sending," said Don Borelli, a former assistant special agent in charge of the FBI's New York joint terrorism task force.

There are scores of domestic groups with members who oppose paying taxes, disagree with the government and voice their opinions eagerly. But their rights are protected by the First Amendment, and opposing taxes alone is not enough to trigger an investigation.

"These guys kind of fly below the radar until they decide to act, which makes it a challenge for law enforcement," said Borelli, who is now a senior vice president with the Soufan Group, an international firm that consults on security issues.

Neighbors described Loughner as someone who kept to himself and walked his dog. Some of his friends said they were surprised when he expressed an interest in guns.

King's legacy praised after Arizona shootings

ERRIN HAINES
Associated Press

ATLANTA The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy as a preacher of peace and tolerance was lauded Monday as Americans marked his memorial day just over a week after the shootings in Arizona that killed 6 people and seriously wounded a congresswoman.

Attorney General Eric Holder, speaking at King's former church in Atlanta, praised him as "our nation's greatest drum major of peace" and said the Jan. 8 bloodshed was a call to recommit to King's values of nonviolence, tolerance, compassion and justice.

"Last week a senseless rampage in Tucson reminded us that more than 40 years after Dr. King's own tragic death, our struggle to eradicate violence and to promote peace goes on," Holder said.

President Barack Obama, in Washington, said part of King's legacy was about service and urged Americans to get out into their communities — a step he suggested would have special meaning following the shootings.

"After a painful week where so many of us were focused on the tragedy, it's good for us to remind ourselves of what this country is all about," he told reporters as he and first lady Michelle Obama took part in a painting project at a school on Capitol Hill.

National and local politicians joined members of the King family at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta to mark what would have been the civil rights icon's 82nd birthday. Members of the King family also laid a wreath at the tombs of King and his widow, Coretta Scott King, on the 25th anniversary of the federal holiday established to honor the 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner.

Rep. John Lewis of Georgia, who worked with King during the civil rights movement, issued a renewed call for Americans to unite in peace and love as King preached during his lifetime.

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Who: Both members and prospective members welcome
Cost: $10 for members, $25 for prospective members

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Santa Monica



Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

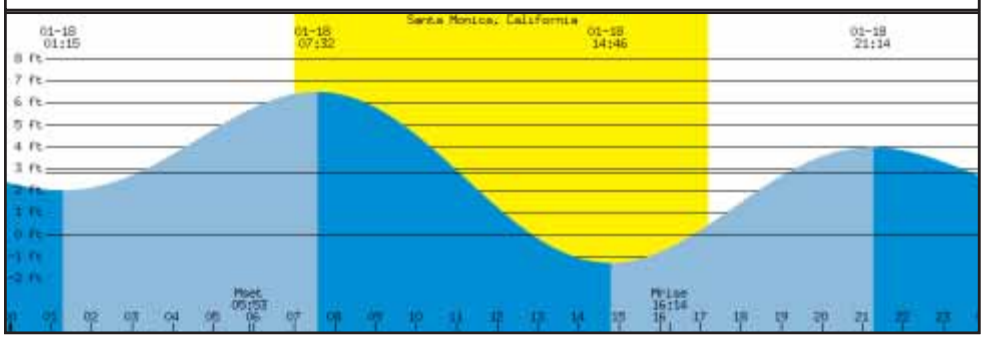
Swell Forecast

Looks slightly smaller, perhaps waist to chest.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see the next WNW swell come ashore, bringing west facing breaks into surf running 1-3' overhead, possibly bigger at times at standouts.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **January 12, 2011**

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

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 -- 20
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / 11
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / 32

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, SIMA, Carlson Family Foundation, Inc.

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	F
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	C
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alina creeks.	A+	A
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	A
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	F
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+	F
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	F
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	C
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	C
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	B
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	ns	A
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	D
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	B	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	B
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	D	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	A
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	C
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	F

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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

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

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MLB

Fuentes signs with Oakland

BY JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

OAKLAND The Oakland Athletics have made another move to boost their bullpen, agreeing to terms with free-agent lefty reliever Brian Fuentes on a two-year contract, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on Sunday night.

Fuentes still must pass a physical before he signs. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no formal announcement had been made.

The 35-year-old Fuentes, who grew up in the Central Valley town of Merced, was 4-1 with 24 saves and a 2.81 ERA in 48 appearances and 48 innings with the Los Angeles Angels and Minnesota Twins in 2010. It's unclear what role he will have considering Oakland has used 2009 AL Rookie of the Year Andrew Bailey in the closer role, though he has battled injuries.

He will become the second bullpen addition for the A's in a matter of days. Oakland agreed to terms with free-agent right-handed reliever Grant Balfour on an $8.1 million, two-year deal Friday. Balfour also still must take a physical.

On Saturday, the A's agreed to terms with righty submariner Brad Ziegler on a $1.25 million, one-year contract to salary arbitration.

With right-hander Rich Harden returning to the A's and likely to pitch out of the bullpen after years of injury troubles, Oakland suddenly has a deep bullpen to back its standout rotation.

The A's led the American League in ERA (3.56) and shutouts (17) while holding opponents to a .245 batting average in 2010, when they remained in the playoff chase until late September before finishing second in the AL West to the eventual AL champion Texas Rangers.

The most memorable pitching highlight was left-hander Dallas Braden's perfect game against Tampa Bay on May 9, the first by an A's pitcher since Hall of Famer Catfish Hunter did it in 1968.



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Thursday, January 13 | 5 – 6pm | At the Chamber Office
Free entrance for all – RSVP preferred

Business@Sunset Mixer

With over 120 members in attendance each month, this is the perfect opportunity to food, drinks & networking on the beautiful Santa Monica Place Dining Deck! Hosted by La Sandia & ZENGO restaurants with the PeBL Committee (Professionals Emerging as Business Leaders)
Wednesday, January 19 | 5:30 – 7:30pm | La Sandia & ZENGO
Member Presale $10 | Member at the Door $15 | Future Members $25

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(310) 458-6232

Somewhere (R) 1hr 38min
12:05pm, 2:30pm, 4:55pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

True Grit (PG-13)
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:00pm

Dilemma (PG-13)
1:15pm, 4:00pm, 6:35pm, 9:15pm

Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 52min
4:10pm, 9:20pm

Gulliver's Travels 3D (PG)
1:55pm, 7:00pm

AMC Santa Monica 7
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Little Fockers (PG-13)
11:10am, 1:50pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (NR) 2hrs 07min
12:40pm, 3:40pm, 6:45pm, 9:45pm

True Grit (PG-13)
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Dilemma (PG-13)
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Green Hornet 3D (NR)
11:15am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:15pm

Country Strong (PG-13) 1hr 52min
1:15pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 9:55pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
11:05am, 1:55pm, 4:35pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:30pm, 9:50pm

Casino Jack (R) 1hr 48min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Inside Job (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third Street Promenade
(310) 395-1599

Blue Valentine (NC-17) 2hrs 00min
12:00pm, 2:40pm, 4:05pm, 5:25pm, 7:00pm, 8:15pm, 9:45pm

Tangled in Disney Digital 3D (PG) 1hr 40min
12:00pm, 2:25pm, 4:50pm, 7:15pm

Season of the Witch (PG-13) 1hr 38min
2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Green Hornet 3D (NR)
12:15pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm, 10:00pm

Yogi Bear (PG) 1hr 22min
1:45pm

Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
1:35pm, 4:25pm, 7:05pm, 9:55pm

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

Call it a night, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Pressure starts feeling like the norm. A boss makes demands that really cannot be met at this point. Brainstorm away, and you'll find solutions that could appeal to both parties. Do not stay longer at work than need be. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Keep stretching past an original plan or concept. You might need more feedback in order to get past a self-imposed restriction. You are in the process of liberating your thinking, which could impact many different areas. Tonight: Dodge a problem person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Do you feel pressured? Is it of your own design or a realistic problem? Be careful in your dealings with others. Someone might be far more manipulative than you realize. Keep your eyes wide open! Tonight: If hitting a wall, back off or jump over; stop walking into it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your best efforts could get thwarted. You have hit a major road block, be it a person, several people or a structure in the system. When this type of event occurs, back off. Use this blockage to take a break or to change plans. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Assuming a low-key role with others remains the smart action. Use extra time well, doing research or going off to do what you want. Pressure builds around people and crowds. Imagine having time just for you. Tonight: Secretive work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ One person makes a demand that puts you in a position of disappointing others. You might be juggling far more than any one person can handle. Understanding will evolve, and solutions appear if you do not act but detach. Trust your mind. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You handle the lion's share of responsibility at home and at work. You might feel most uncomfortable with what is on your plate. Do not react, but consider letting go of one responsibility or consolidating, if possible. Tonight: Choose a stressbuster.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Just as you seem to be on cruise control, a boomerang lands in your path. You make an adjustment, internalizing and acting on the implications of the boomerang. Once more on cruise control, another boomerang lands on your path, and once more ... Such is your day. Tonight: Hang out on the computer!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Restructure your finances so they work for you, not someone else. If you look at a money situation openly and without bias, you might understand where someone is coming from, whether or not you choose that path. Focus on the long term. Do not sell yourself out. Tonight: Accept an offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ If you see a lot of flak around you, hold up the mirror. Is it possible that you are being demanding, controlling and/or caustic? Yes, you. If involved in a power play, the only way to win is not to play. Let others play out their stuff without you. Tonight: What you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ It might be easier to revamp your thinking than demanding that others change, which is unlikely to happen. Maintain your schedule, even if working through an issue. Relax by doing errands, working and distracting yourself. Tonight: Go for a walk, or find another stressbuster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your creative drive points to a special path, one which others might balk at and back off from. You understand the implications but decide the risk is probably worth it. Do not allow others' manipulations to impact you. Tonight: Go where spontaneity dominates.

Happy birthday

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

This year you open up to many new concepts. How this process begins will be your call. If you honor your inner voice, your life will flow. If single, meeting people is easy. Developing a relationship is another issue. Look to summer 2011 for an exciting romantic opportunity. If attached, walk away from fighting. Learn to respect your differences. Drop controlling behavior. CANCER has the same issues as you. Their approach is different.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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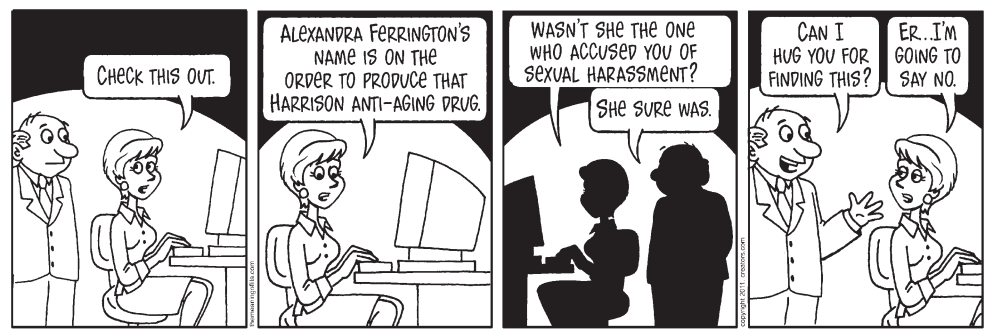
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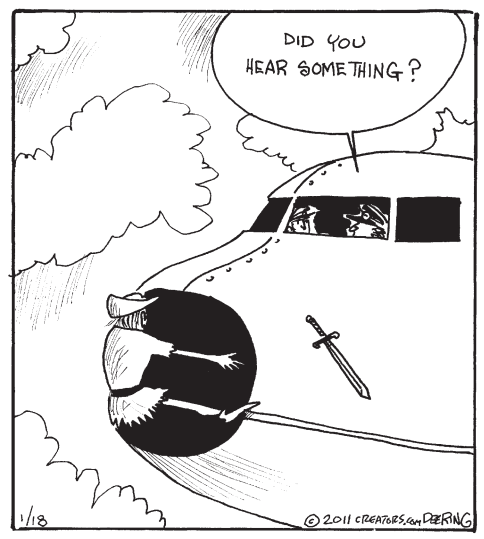
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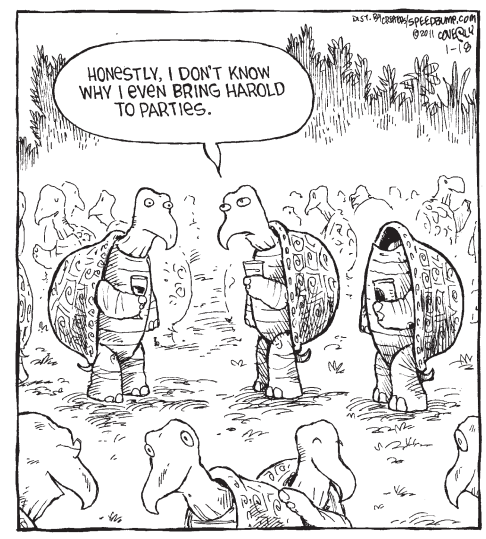
Strange Brew

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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Lobster part
5 Idaho capital
10 Juliet's love
12 Mom's sisters
13 "Thanks!"
15 Singer Tormé
16 — de cologne
17 Lawyers' org.
18 Mass leader
20 Louver piece
21 Chip dip
22 Singer Seeger
23 Joust need
25 Mosquito attack
28 Let fall loosely
31 Shortly, in poems
32 Summer TV
34 Pitcher Maglie
35 Stage prompt
36 Biol. or chem.
37 "My thoughts exactly!"
40 Lebanon tree
41 "The March King"
42 Composer Joplin
43 Phone-button letters

DOWN

1 Make wavy
2 Solitary sorts
3 Hilary Swank movie
4 Petite
5 Singer Erykah
6 Ump's cry
7 Take a breath
8 Take a — (try)
9 Fancy home
11 Black Sea city
14 Rude thing to do
19 TV's De-Generes
20 Harpoon
24 Faiths
25 Essentials
26 Shortly
27 Ohio city
29 Workout exercise
30 Put in a box
33 Lute's cousin
35 Bud of "Harold and Maude"
38 Mouse chaser
39 In addition

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Yesterday's answer

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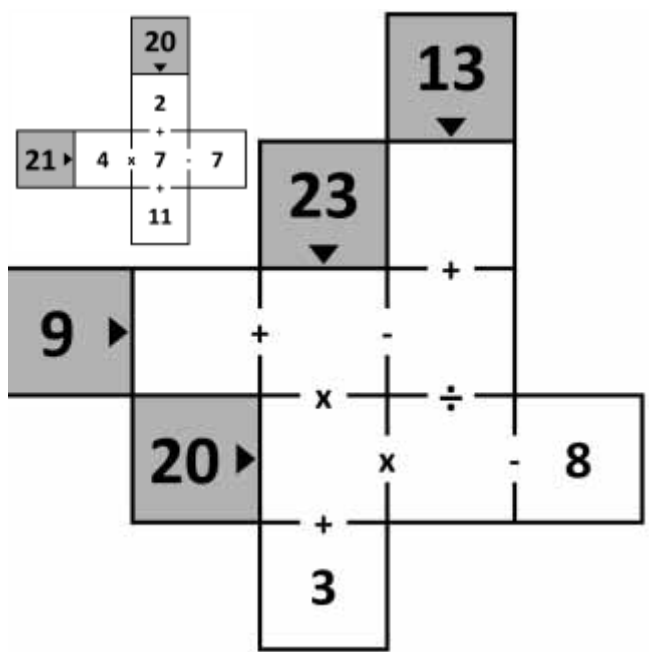
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
- You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
- The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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

4, 5, 7, 7, 11, 12

Solution for Task 227



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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In October, borrowing from the U.S. Air Guitar Championship (which honors self-made guitar "heroes" playing wild rock 'n' roll as if they were holding real guitars), the second annual Air Sex Championship was held in the Music Hall in Brooklyn, N.Y., and eventually won by Lady C. (whose performance could not easily be described). Each contestant (solo only) had two minutes to cover "all the bases": "meeting, seduction, foreplay, intercourse, and, if successful, afterglow," and exposing body parts was not allowed.

■ Questionable Judgments: (1) The New Jersey Government Record Council ruled in December that the town of Somerset had overcharged Tom Coulter in 2008 by $4.04 on the $5 it collected for a compact disc of a council meeting and must issue a refund. The town estimates that it spent about $17,000 fighting Coulter's appeals (and paying his attorney's fees). (2) Brandi Jo Winkelman, 17, was charged in September in Juneau, Wis., with violating the state's child abuse law after a schoolyard fight and risks a maximum of six years in prison. Authorities charged Winkelman even though her "victim" was a classmate older than Winkelman.

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1919 Ignacy Jan Paderewski becomes Prime Minister of the newly independent Poland.

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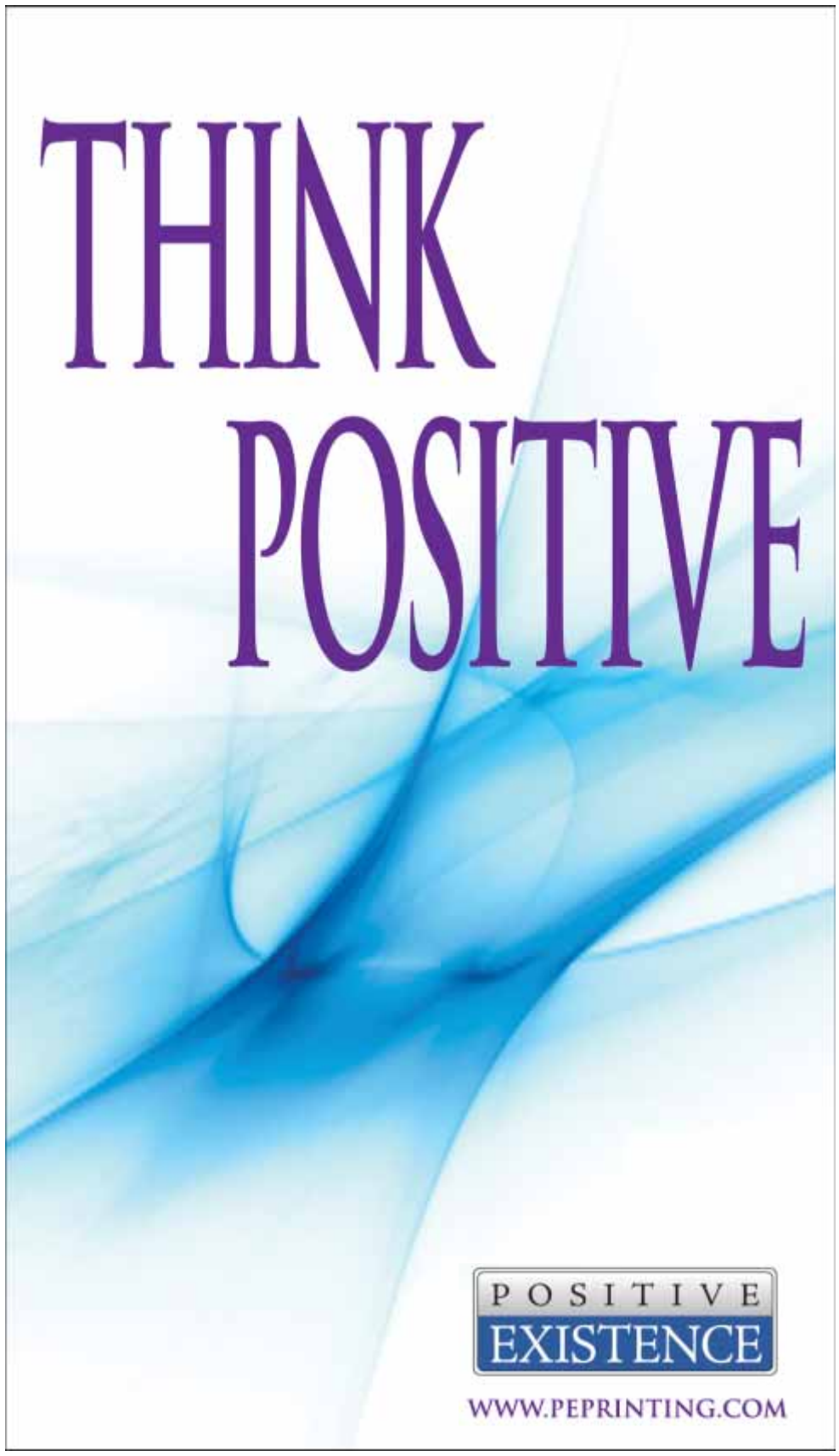
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