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Union rep raises yellow flag on layoffs

Replacing nurses with health clerks may violate labor law

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District may run into legal problems if it tries to lay off six nurses the Board of Education approved for pink slips in February, a labor union representative said.

The cuts would reduce the nursing staff to four. If the nurses are let go, the district has considered hiring "health clerks" or licensed vocational nurses, LVNs, to provide

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Santa Monica's population grows slightly since 2000

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN The number of people who can call Santa Monica home grew slightly over the last 10 years, from 84,084 to 89,735, representing a 6.7 percent increase, according to figures released Tuesday by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Of those residents, 77,156 are over the age of 18, according to the 2010 Census.

There are 11,716 Hispanic or Latino residents of any race. Of the residents who identified themselves as being of one race, 62,917 are white, 7,960 are Asian, 3,364 are black or African-American, 173 are American Indian/Alaska native, 116 are Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander and 316 as "some other race," according to the census. The number of Santa Monicans who identified themselves as being of two or more races was 3,174.

The census figures also indicated that there are 50,912 housing units in Santa Monica, 46,917 of which are occupied and

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WAVE OF THE FUTURE: **A shopper exits the Co-Opportunity grocery store on Broadway on Tuesday afternoon.**

Plastic bag ban takes effect

City Hall's enforcement won't begin until September

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Today marks the official start-date of Santa Monica's one-use bag ban, although enforcement will not begin until Sept. 1.

After that date, a 10-cent fee will be placed on each bag used.

The six-month grace period will allow retailers to use up the plastic and paper bags they already have in stock, and do research on the kinds of reusable bags they want to purchase, said Josephine Miller, an environmental programs analyst at City Hall.

"We wanted to give the retail community outreach and support, since all of retail is affected by this," she said.

In the meantime, City Hall will continue promoting reusable bags, both by partnering with veteran groups that make bags out of old military materials, and creating programs for people with too many bags to share the wealth with the community.

The bag-making program helps fulfill both a council directive that city staff provide funds for free bags as well as promoting green jobs, Miller said.

"[Vets are] making approximately 5,000 a month," she said.

Veterans involved with occupational therapy made three different styles of bag, including a knapsack, pouch and traditional handle bag.

Bag giveaway events are posted on the Office of Sustainability and the Environment website, as well as the number of bags given away.

To date, over 1,000 bags have been distributed in the community.

Come April, OSE will coordinate reusable bag drop-offs, for those community members that feel they have too many bags on their hands.

"If you have bags you're not using, share them with other people," Miller said.

The environmental community appreciates the symbolism of the date, but is really looking forward to September when the actual ban comes into effect, said Kirsten James, water quality director at Heal the Bay.

"Plastic bags are one of the most commonly found items during Heal the Bay

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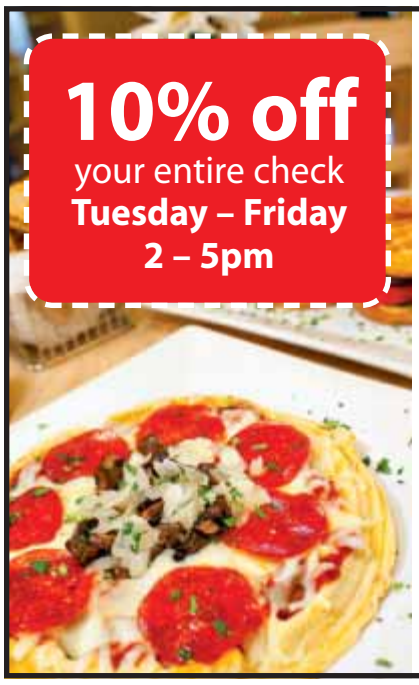
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Wednesday, March 9, 2011

Discussing books
Main Library
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Trained volunteers lead this free public book discussion on author Kathryn Stockett's "The Help," a finalist for Citywide Reads 2011. "The Help" is a fictional story of a young white woman in 1960s Jackson, Miss. who works together with a group of black maids to tell their stories in book form.

Green living
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Learn about environmental problems and what you can do to help solve them. The Green Living Workshop covers the following topics, one per week: water, energy, waste, chemicals, transportation, and shopping and food. Learn about the problems related to each of the above topics on a global, national and local scale. With the help of the Sustainable WorksBook, participants review and take action on 10 related solutions. For more information, call (310) 458-8716, ext. 4.

Free jazz
Casa Del Mar
1p10 Ocean Way, 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
The incomparable Barbara Morrison sings jazz and blues. This event is free and open to all. For more information, call (310) 581-5533. While you're there check out the "Gallery of Google" art exhibit by Ken Solomon. This exhibition includes, among others, a series of watercolors of Google Image search results. Solomon believes Google image search is today's contemporary encyclopedia. He creates an image by appropriating Google's appropriation of other people's images.

Thursday, March 10, 2011

Kickin' it with the father
Santa Monica College
Theater Arts Main Stage, 1900 Pico Blvd.
11:15 a.m.
Santa Monica College presents "Homies: A Bakery, A Restaurant and A Whole Lotta Hope," a free talk by Father Gregory Boyle, the priest known for his transformational work with young people in the East Los Angeles barrios. Boyle, who is also an acclaimed speaker and author of "Tattoos On the Heart," will talk about his work with young people through the Homeboy Industries and Home Girl Bakery. Boyle, a native Angeleno, has had a long and distinguished career in the Catholic Church, in teaching and in creating community-based programs to help young people and families, particularly in the barrio. Boyle's talk is sponsored by the SMC Associates, a nonprofit organization that funds speakers and special programs at the college, and the SMC English Department. For information, call (310) 434-4303.

Friday, March 11, 2011

Healthy seniors
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 10 a.m. —1 p.m.
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VALUABLE LESSONS

Ray Solano *news@smdp.com*

UCLA softball coach Julie Burney works with girls from the Santa Monica Fastpitch league on Monday at Clover Park. Burney won two national championships while a UCLA player.

Pet funeral industry makes gains, deals with sudden public demand

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Her 14-year-old dog Mico had lung cancer and Coleen A. Ellis knew she was taking her to the vet for the last time.

She watched as the vet started to put the terrier schnauzer's body in a garbage bag. "I couldn't just walk out of there with a leash and a collar," she said. Ellis took Mico's body home instead.

A local funeral home agreed to cremate Mico. But as she waited in the chapel, Ellis said she was told they couldn't turn on the lights because they were having a service for "a real death" down the hall. She vowed to make changes.

A year later, in 2004, Ellis opened what is believed to be the country's first stand-alone pet funeral home in Indianapolis. Today, there are over 750 pet funeral homes, pet crematories and pet cemeteries across the country — and a lot of human funeral homes have or are looking at ways to offer services when pets die.

Ellis sold her mortuary and now runs Two Hearts Pet Loss Center, which arranges memorial services and helps people grieve the loss of a pet.

In 2009, she helped start the Pet Loss Professionals Alliance as a committee of the International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association. As the industry grew, so did the alliance. It's holding its second annual conference this week in Las Vegas.

The group's goals are simple — set and maintain standards for services related to pet deaths, such as funerals, memorials, cremations and burials.

Poul H. Lemasters, an attorney and president of Lemasters Consulting in Cincinnati, has worked in the funeral industry for over 15 years and is licensed as a funeral director and embalmer in Ohio and West Virginia. When he talked about pet cremation liabilities at PLPA's inaugural meeting in San

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Redondo Beach experiences mass fish die-off

ROBERT JABLON
Associated Press

REDONDO BEACH An estimated 1 million fish turned up dead Tuesday in a Southern California marina, creating a floating feast for pelicans, gulls and other sea life and a stinky mess for harbor authorities.

Boaters awakened to find a carpet of small silvery fish surrounding their vessels, said Staci Gabrielli, marine coordinator for King Harbor Marina on the Los Angeles County coast. Authorities said there was also a 12- to 18-inch layer of dead fish on the bottom of the marina.

California Fish and Game officials said the fish were sardines that apparently depleted the water of oxygen and suffocated.

"All indications are it's a naturally occurring event," said Andrew Hughan, a Fish and Game spokesman at the scene.

The die-off was unusual but not unprecedented, he said.

"In the world of fishing this is an afternoon's catch," he noted.

Nonetheless, the scale was impressive to locals at King Harbor, which shelters about 1,400 boats on south Santa Monica Bay.

"The fishermen say they've never seen anything this bad that wasn't red tide," Hughan said, referring to the natural blooms of toxic algae that can kill fish.

Hughan said water samples showed no oils or chemicals that could have contributed to the deaths. He said some of the fish were being shipped to a Fish and Game laboratory for study but the cause was likely to be uncomplicated.

The fish appeared to have come into the marina during the night and probably couldn't find their way out, he said.

"The simplest explanation is the fish got lost. ... They get confused easily," he said.

Hughan said there was no safety issue at all but "it's going to smell bad for quite a while."

Fire Department, Harbor Patrol and other city workers set to work scooping up fish in nets and buckets. A skip loader then carried them to big trash bins. Local officials initially estimated there were millions of fish, but Fish and Game roughly estimated about 1 million.

City officials estimated the cleanup would cost $100,000. Fire Chief Dan Madrigal said the fish would be taken to a landfill specializing in organic materials.

On the water, nature was tackling the problem in other ways.

"The seals are gorging themselves," Hughan said.

Large groups of other fish could be seen nibbling at the floating mats of dead creatures.

"The sea's going to recycle everything. It's the whole circle-of-life thing," Hughan said.

Although the Fish and Game authorities were focusing on the idea that the sardines simply got confused, other theories abounded.

Hughan noted that some fishermen reported waves were coming over the harbor breakwaters during the night. That washes bird excrement off the rocks and into the marina and can cause the water to be depleted of oxygen.

Gabrielli, the marina employee, said the fish appeared to have moved into the harbor to escape a red tide, then possibly became trapped due to high winds overnight.

Ed Parnell, a marine ecologist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography called Gabrielli's theory plausible, although generally he would expect that the wind would have mixed oxygen into the water. Parnell said these types of fish kills are more typically seen in the Gulf of Mexico or the Salton Sea, the enormous desert lake in southeastern California where millions of fish die with some regularity.

Brent Scheiwe, an official of Sea Lab, a Los Angeles Conservation Corps research program at Redondo, said the fish may have gotten trapped in the 30-foot deep marina while sheltering from rough seas overnight.

"They like to follow each other, so it only takes a few" to create a mass migration, he said.

"Over time they will find their way out, but if it's rough out there they probably stayed in shelter," he said.

Redondo Beach police Sgt. Phil Keenan said he believed a predator fish chased the sardines into the marina where their sheer numbers caused them to suffocate.

Raphael Kudela, a professor of ocean sciences at University of California, Santa Cruz, called it "unusual but not uncommon."

Kudela said sardines are not the brightest fish.

"They are that dumb actually," he said. "It's possible they were avoiding a red tide or a predator forced them into shallow water. They get into shallow water and then can't figure out how to get back out and you've got such a concentration in one small area they literally pull the oxygen down until they suffocate."

Carl Johnson, 59, and his wife, Marie, 57, came from nearby Torrance to see the fish calamity.

"We've had that stuff of the hundreds of birds dying in the Midwest and now this. ... You do think about life and death," he said.

"These fish were swimming freely yesterday," he said philosophically.

Marie Johnson added: "It's sad. It's really said."

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Improving special ed

Editor:

Once again, special education is under the spotlight due to the efforts of parents to improve the education of students with IEPs and to resign from committees that aren't doing that. Tim Cuneo called me to apologize for his "lapse in judgment" in discussing parents in the confidential memo he sent to the school board. He did it publicly at the last board meeting as well. I accept his apology.

My work will continue with our children, which includes the ones who are not learning. The children who go to school every day hoping it will be better than the day before. Day after day, the very fabric of who they are is chipped away. It leaks into their soul. They see their friends learning. They get their graded paper handed back to them from a fellow student who now knows their secret. They are stupid. That's what they think and often that is what they are called: stupid or lazy. (Hear Jonathan Mooney speak about this at the Spring Forum on March 26 at Lincoln Middle School).

They have a learning disability, not a disability that prevents them from learning. One that requires they be taught in a way they can understand. Each year, hundreds of thousands of students in this country graduate from high school at an elementary school reading and math level. This has been going on for years and years. Yet some continue to pretend that it's not the case. Many of these students (but not all) have IEPs. The rest reside in the achievement gap category. I live in Santa Monica and have seen hundreds of our students suffer through K-12 and I am in awe of their ability to continue to show up. As long as they do, so will I. They are our heroes.

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A poem for a cardinal

Editor:

This poem is dedicated to Cardinal Roger M. Mahoney with gratitude.

"One Will be Taken and One Will be Left"

They ask and they receive
Then the Giver gets taken
It is a mysterious road indeed
From Emmanuel to Emmaus
But I know it started with unconditional love
I know it ends with unconditional love

Colleen D. Byrnes
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The Taxman

Jon Coupal

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Tax-spend lobby pressuring businesses to support increases

GRABBING THEIR POM-POMS, THE LOS Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, has run out in front — again — cheerleading for a tax increase. Jerry Brown's plan for an increase in the sales, income and car tax is A-OK with them, just as it was two years ago when, with the support of Gov. Schwarzenegger, these taxes were placed on a special election ballot as Proposition 1A.

In 2009 the L.A. Chamber was joined by major business groups including the California Chamber of Commerce and CalTax. This may be happening again, but so far this year, most business organizations are still on the sidelines testing the political winds. Those who backed taxes last time are likely exercising caution due to the drubbing they received from voters who, two years ago, rejected new taxes by two-to-one, even after backers spent over $20 million to convince them to do otherwise. (Note that the National Federation of Independent Business California was the only statewide business group which took a principled stand with taxpayers back in 2009. It seems that small business owners actually understand that tax increases hurt the economy).

As business groups consider which side to take, they should be reminded of the risks of feeding the alligator.

The phrase "feeding the alligator" is a metaphor for the dangers of appeasement.

One may be able to buy temporary peace by feeding a threatening alligator, but the problem is that the alligator will, sooner or later, get hungry again. And because it was previously fed, it is now larger and more dangerous.

Regrettably, the California business community has often chosen to feed average taxpayers to the ever growing alligator of government when it comes to important political battles. Thirty-three years ago, California business interests were united in their opposition to Proposition 13 due to fear that, if homeowners received tax relief, the Legislature would try to make up the difference by raising levies on them. For short term protection for themselves, business was willing to feed homeowners to a ravenous tax predator.

This certainly explains the motivation of the Los Angeles Chamber. While backing the 2009 version of these massive tax increases, Gary Toebben, chief executive of the Chamber, summed it up this way, "We're concerned that if this doesn't pass, the Legislature will come back and pass taxes that are more targeted toward business." The Chamber's position today could be described as "ditto."

And make no mistake, business interests are being threatened by the tax-and-spend lobby.

To get business on board, Democrats are posing the threat of a split roll property tax if a June tax measure fails. Sen. Joe Simitian (a long opponent of Prop. 13 and the two-thirds vote requirement to increase taxes) is quoted as saying: "As I talk to business leaders, one of the points I've made to them as we ask for their support on this June ballot measure to continue this broad-based system of generating revenue is, if it fails, efforts for a split roll will be coming their way very quickly."

This illustrates that the tax raisers know how to apply pressure to the business community to get them to come around. Evidence that this approach may be working is shown in recent comments by Allan Zaremberg, California Chamber president, that a "comprehensive" budget solution would be good for the economy while reminding reporters that his group backed the 2009 tax increase measure.

This may be a signal to Republican lawmakers, who are considering jumping ship to the pro-tax side and helping to place Brown's tax increase on the June ballot, that the business community will provide cover. But there is a real danger in this. Businesses themselves might provide financial resources for an anti-taxpayer ballot measure but, as Prop 1A demonstrates, they don't have the votes. A coordinated opposition campaign from conservative Republicans, Tea Party activists and talk radio would, as it did in 2009, more than likely defeat such a plan. (It's no secret that the proposed tax increases are polling very poorly).

While it remains unknown how the majority of the business community will come down on Brown's tax proposal, tax-and-spend liberals seem to be making progress. Taxpayers must counter these threats by being clear that, if major business groups turn their backs on ordinary taxpayers yet again, it will not be ignored or forgotten. The assumption that taxpayers will automatically join in a coalition to stop business targeted tax increases in the future may prove to be false.

If the business community is serious about doing what is best for California, it should be united with taxpayers in forcing government to live within its means. After all, it's a very large alligator.

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A good man is hard to find

MY HUSBAND ISN'T A STEREOTYPICAL guy's guy.

Unlike some men, Rick doesn't personally change the oil in our car. In fact, he never personally notices when anything's even wrong with the car (although I suspect if black smoke were pouring out from under the hood or if the car itself disappeared, it might dawn on him eventually that something is amiss).

While he's spent the past two to three years assembling various pieces of Pottery Barn furniture for our home, Rick's not especially handy, either (but to be fair, given the fact that the instructions have all been in French, or written in English by someone who only speaks French, he hasn't fared all that badly).

And most of the things he fixes around the house end up needing to get fixed from his fixes. Pretty much everything he touches costs us money.

Other than being a sports fanatic, Rick is really more Richie Cunningham than Fonzie, more Bob Denver than Bob Vila. Which is why it surprised me when he expressed interest in getting a grill, which we bought last weekend.

Even though there were only 90 minutes after we got home from the store before we were due to go to a movie, he started taking the grill parts out of the box immediately.

"I just want to see what's in here," he said.

He spread the pieces out in front of the house and then spent an hour or so organizing them into micro-piles. Then he gathered his tools and dove in headfirst. While I walked to the car to leave for the movie he still had a screwdriver in hand, determined to piece together as much of his new prized possession as possible before I drove away without him.

The next morning he was up at 7 and back outside immediately. In his pajamas and slippers, with a pot of coffee by his side, he stayed with the grill for a good five hours before it stood on its own, the first flames licking the air as sweetly as the smell of honeysuckle on a warm summer night.

He spent most of the rest of the day staring at the grill with deep pride and admiration, inspecting it from every angle, pointing out its best features — again — whenever he could get me to go outside (apparently all of its features are its best, so narrowing the list down to just a few proved to be challenging). Our neighbors (the men, anyway) stopped over one by one to pat Rick on the back and congratulate him on a grill well done (ahem).

He fired it up early in the evening for an inaugural meal of steak and shrimp. With every bite during dinner he explained his meat-marinating process, the spices used on the shrimp and how often the steaks and skewers were rotated to achieve pink perfection. The man who has a solid history of boiling mac and cheese beyond recognition had turned into a Cordon Bleu valedictorian within hours.

After dinner he voluntarily washed the dishes. I watched in awe as my husband — the same one who regularly jams the food-stuck All-Clad copper-core pots and pans in the dishwasher without giving them a rinse or a second thought — washed, scrubbed and polished by hand his LSU grill set and then gently nestled the tools back into their stainless-steel briefcase.

Two nights later he was back at the grill, delicately slicing the skin off the salmon so it could be cooked on both sides. He peeled back the husks on the corn ears to remove their silky strands and then wrapped them up again so they, too, could experience the 360-degree love on the three-burner goddess. The next meal plan was for hot dogs (not every night will be gourmet, he explained), to be boiled in a pot on the side burner and then split down the middle and grilled flat to realize the classic all-American dinner. Organic vegetarian chili, also cooked on the side burner, served with shredded Colby and Monterey Jack cheese, would be an optional side dish.

Then he channel-surfed his way over to Giada De Laurentiis, Bobby Flay, Paula Deen and the rest of the Food Network gang as they displayed their grilling chops (ahem, again) in South Beach, Fla. Rick took mental notes on the pork tenderloin with spicy chile-coconut tomato salad and Hawaiian beef teriyaki.

"Which do you want me to make tomorrow night? How about Sunday night? I can make the teriyaki next week, if that works for you."

He might not be able to rebuild a carburetor or caulk a shower, but he also doesn't spit, gamble, drink excessively (much), cuss (much) or watch hockey (thank God). And he came with me to see the "Sex and the City" movie last night and even offered to take me for a pre-show cosmopolitan (God bless him). Who needs a guy's guy when you have one who's just happy to grill?

More at www.meredithcarroll.com.

This column appeared in a previous edition of the Daily Press.

The Q Line

An early night

Downtown residents last week succeeded, at least temporarily, to block Santa Monica Place from extending the hours people could purchase alcohol on the mall's dining deck.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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California Supreme Court grapples with defining pimp

PAUL ELIAS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO When is someone a pimp?

The California Supreme Court grappled with that question Tuesday in the case of a man who was convicted of pandering in Los Angeles after he tried to recruit an undercover police officer to work as a prostitute for him.

His lawyer urged the high court during oral arguments to toss out the conviction, arguing that only pimps who recruit innocent victims — rather than working prostitutes or someone posing as a prostitute — can be guilty of pandering.

The case of Jomo Zambia boils down to defining the phrase in California law that makes it a crime for anyone who "induces, persuades or encourages another person to become a prostitute."

Zambia was arrested in 2007 and sentenced to four years in prison. He's been paroled but wants his conviction erased.

His lawyer Vanessa Place argued that Zambia should have been charged with a lesser crime, such as attempting to pander or solicitation of a prostitute.

She said people can't be convicted of pandering when they attempt to persuade a working prostitute to change management.

"You can't become what you already are," Place argued.

California Deputy Attorney General Rama Maline countered that the law was meant to imprison any would-be pimp regardless of the target's status as a prostitute or innocent victim.

The Supreme Court appeared divided on the issue. Justices Marvin Baxter, Ming Chin and Patricia Bamattre-Manoukian seemed ready to side with the state.

Bamattre-Manoukian, an appellate court judge temporarily filling in because of the retirement of Carlos Moreno, said the law could be read as making Zambia's action illegal because the person was "becoming a prostitute for him for the first time."

Justice Joyce Kennard , however, said Zambia made a compelling argument.

"When one is already a prostitute, one can't be encouraged to be a prostitute," Kennard said. "That seems to be a common-sense interpretation."

The court will rule within 90 days.

'Men' co-star Taylor defends Sheen

MICHAEL CIDONI
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES While CBS is keeping mum about Charlie Sheen, one of his co-stars has been speaking out and sharing kind words about the embattled actor.

"Two and a Half Men" star Holland Taylor defended the actor she has worked with since the show began in 2003.

"Charlie was cordial and polite with all of his cast mates and crew, sometimes even courtly — and always witty," Taylor said Tuesday in an e-mail to The Associated Press. "We watched movies at his house occasionally — warm evenings with interesting, spirited conversation. This is the guy I know.

"In this very sad and complicated time, I really have no comment," she continued, "beyond valuing my own history with Charlie, and my abiding affection for him."

Sheen was fired from the hit CBS show Monday. Holland is the first person connected to the show to publicly share thoughts on Sheen since his dismissal.



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Mar 15	JV/V	St. Bernard	St. Bernard	3/3:15pm
BOYS GOLF				
Mar 9	V	Cathedral	Penmar	2pm
Mar 10	V	Don Bosco	Whitter Narrows	3pm
Mar 14	V	CSHM	CSHM	3pm
COED TRACK				
Mar 9	V	St. Paul	St. Paul	3:15pm

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NURSES
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basic health services on some campuses.

At this point, the district doesn't have a health clerk or LVN position, said Harry Keiley, chief of the Santa Monica-Malibu Classroom Teachers Association.

Creating those positions, and giving them some of the responsibilities usually reserved for the union-represented nurses, could violate labor agreements.

"An argument would be that any work that the LVNs or health clerks are doing is the work that nurses do," Keiley said. "Currently, nurses have a very comprehensive job description."

The district vows to work closely with the union to clarify the issue, said Superintendent Tim Cuneo, although he doesn't believe there's a discrepancy.

"We wouldn't have classified employees doing nurses' jobs," Cuneo said. "The health clerk job description is a very different position. We'll work closely with our unions so that there's clarity."

Nurses have a responsibility to evaluate student health, teach good health practices and provide basic health services to students, among a long list of other responsibilities.

They must also have an educational background of a master's degree or higher in nursing, public health or another closely related field, according to the district's job description.

Neither the description for the health clerk nor the LVN position have been finalized by the board, which will hear the matter again at a future meeting with the intention to wrap the matter up by April, said board member Ralph Mechur.

Mechur voted against the resolution to approve pink slips for the nursing positions as well as six teaching positions at the board's Feb. 17 meeting.

"I didn't see a need to move so quickly," Mechur said.

A court case working its way through California's legal system dealing with whether or not one must be a nurse to provide insulin to a diabetic student might turn the decision on its head, Mechur said.

"These are issues we face in difficult times," he said. "Accepting these budgetary constraints and convincing that similar services can be done by less-trained people, I don't know if we should convince ourselves of that."

The union does not support laying off any of the current staff of nurses, although its members both recognize budgetary constraints and want to ensure that the district staffs the largest number of health care providers possible.

Even the excuse of budget problems is overblown, Keiley said, pointing to the $18 million reserves held by the school district.

"The uncertainty is there looking forward relative to whether we'll be able to get a ballot initiative," he said, referencing two tax extensions Gov. Jerry Brown is proposing to help pay for public schools. "It's not as dire and bleak as some may espouse."

At the same time, health care needs of SMMUSD students have risen in the last few years, according to data gathered at the school sites, Keiley said.

Part of the problem stems from children not getting basic health care anywhere else but campus, a trend demonstrated in rising obesity and other ailments.

"The health of our children is paramount to their success as students," Keiley said. "Some of our children have great medical care through doctors and family, and we know there are others not getting even basic check ups."

That long-term goal may or may not require keeping nurses after the current batch leaves the system.

"Attrition could play a part in this," Keiley acknowledged. "That is a softer landing, and one road toward the ultimate finish line of more adults [LVNs instead of nurses] providing maximum health care services to children."

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beach and creek cleanups," James said. "They get to the beach and they're a blight on both the beach and urban communities. They also impact marine life."

Marine animals get tangled up in the bags, or eat them, which makes a big impact, James said.

Heal the Bay was behind the push for the ordinance in Santa Monica, as well as a sponsor for Assemblywoman Julia Brownley's failed attempt to get legislation statewide.

"It's been a really long time," James said. "We've been advocating for bag bans for about five years now, and we've been with Santa Monica through the whole process, which has been quite lengthy."

The business community hasn't shown any hostility toward the ban, said Brian Chase, director of government affairs with the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce.

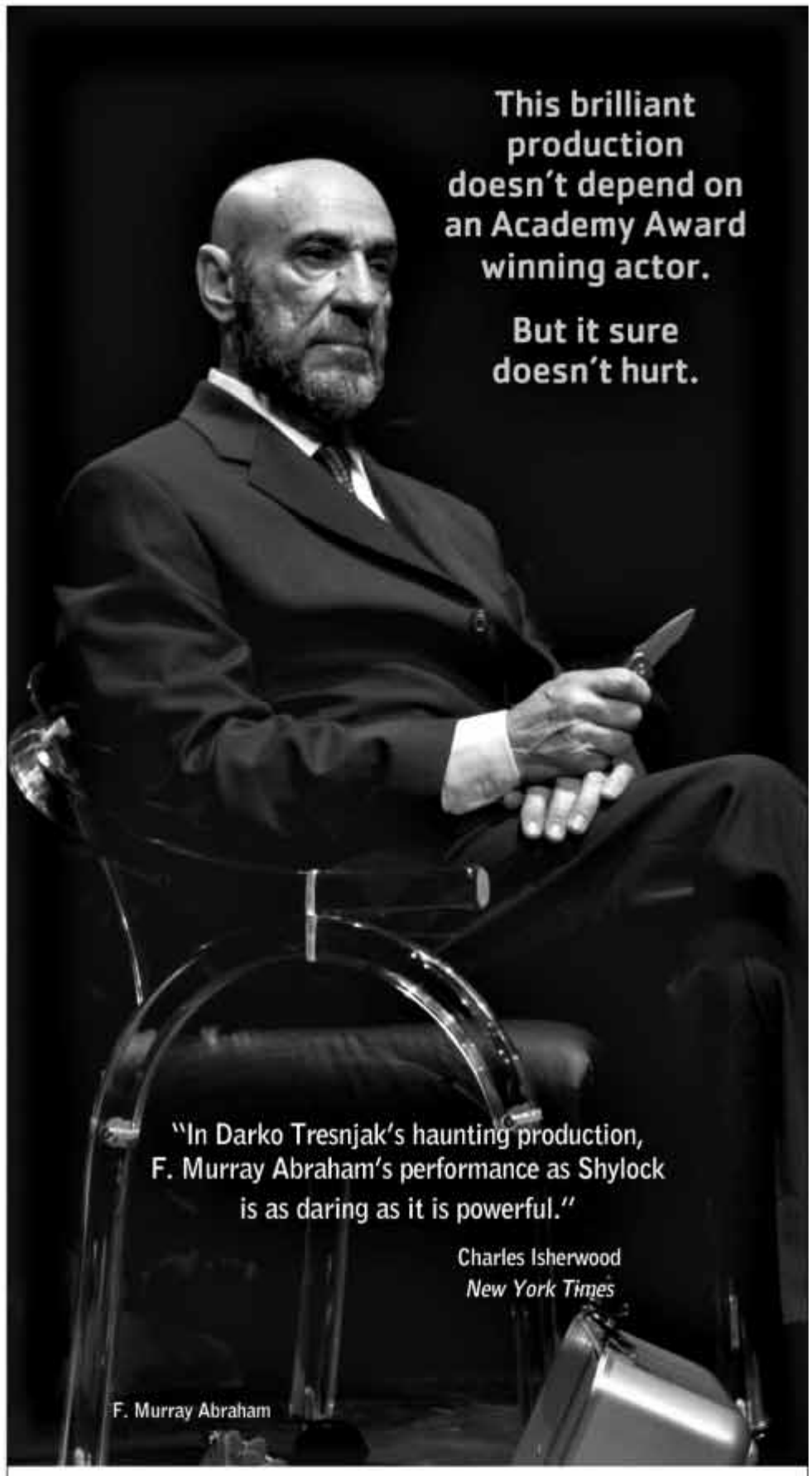
"Our environmental affairs committee has put the proposed single use ban on the agenda each month," Chase said. "There's always been a sense of optimism."

The hospitality industry hasn't voiced any concern about the ban, Chase said.

"In that same vein, it's important to keep in mind that our environmentally-friendly image is something that's attractive as well," he said. "A lot of people come because it's a forward-thinking community."

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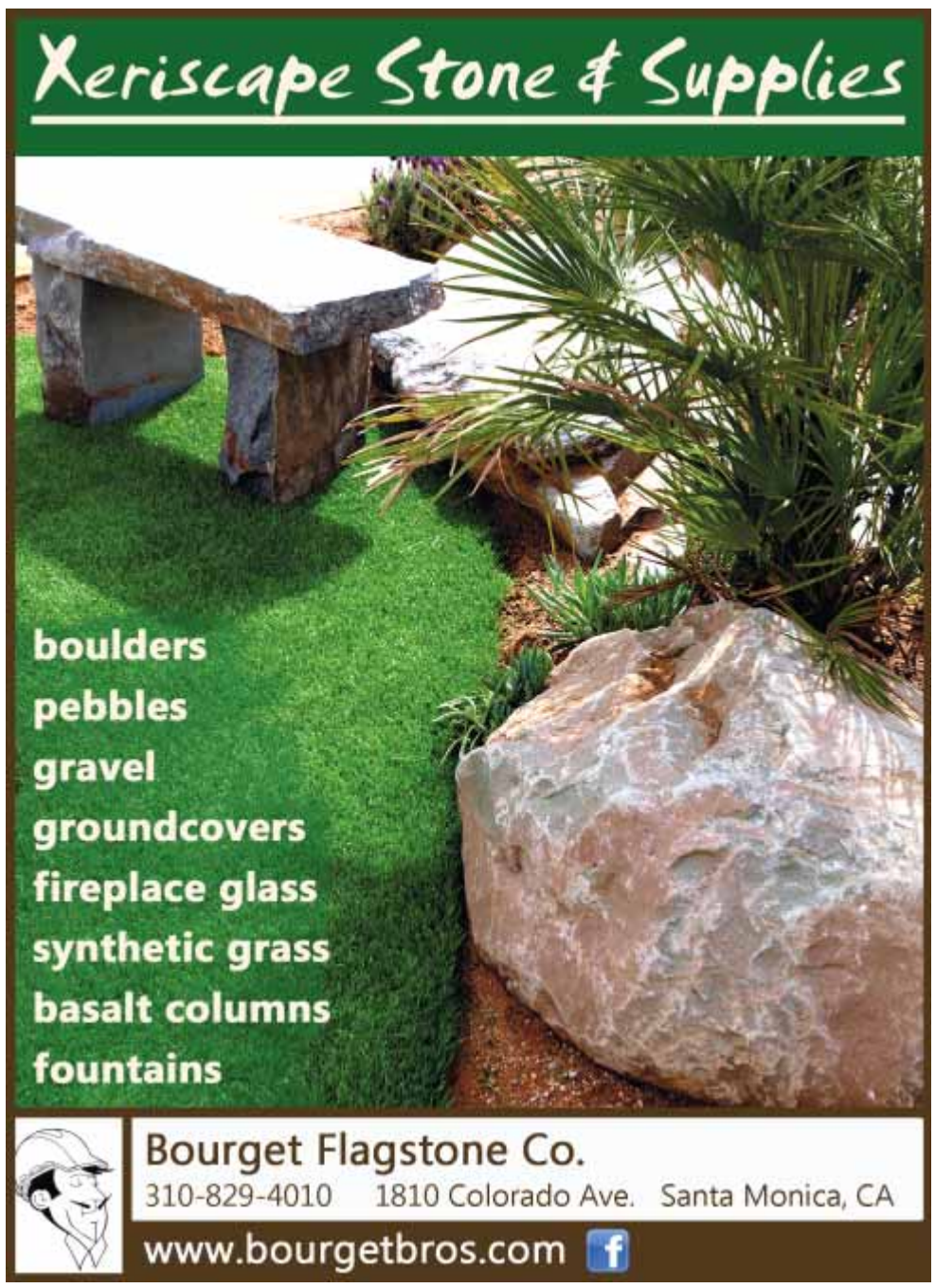
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Training future journalists

Students at Juan Cabrillo Elementary School are experiencing first-hand the demands and rewards of publishing a newspaper during Newspaper in Education Week (March 7-11).

Students participating in Juan Cabrillo's Newspaper Club write and publish the school paper, The Cabrillo Breeze. While the primary purpose of the club is to learn the basics of journalism, the opportunities for learning are endless, said Steve Posey, fifth grade teacher and director of the club.

Newspapers expose students to a wide range of subjects and afford opportunities in teaching, both in core and enrichment topics, Posey said.

By learning to write stories, conduct interviews, edit, and take photographs, students develop their communication, technology, creativity, and interpersonal skills. Deadlines teach responsibility and accountability.

"The students enjoy the process," said school principal Barry Yates, "and experience the thrill of seeing their hard work in published form for a real audience — the school community."

Reporters so far have covered Student Council elections, fence construction, an artist who recently visited the campus, and have penned editorials on the pros and cons of Silly Bandz. The latest edition was published late February for the school's recent Kindergarten Round-Up.

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SAMOHI

Jazz band crushes the competition

Over the weekend the Santa Monica High School jazz big band and combo swept the top awards at the 43rd annual Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival, the largest high school jazz festival in the world.

Under the direction of Tom Whaley, the students won first place in the highest division, Division 1 Big Band and Division 1 Jazz Combo. In addition, two students were chosen as the top soloists from the entire festival. Jake Noveck (guitar) was awarded the first place prize in the big band portion, and Steven Gordon (piano) received second place. Gordon placed first in the soloist category for jazz combo and Noveck placed second in the jazz combo soloist category.

In addition, Eli Brown was awarded the "Outstanding Musicianship" award for his incredible work as the lead trumpet player.

Samohi was also given four 50 percent scholarships to the five-week summer jazz program due to the dominant performance of the band and combo at the festival. Samohi received more scholarships than any other band in attendance, parents said.

Three hundred bands, comprised of 3,000 students from all over the country, performed in front of judges from the Berklee College of Music in six divisions determined by size of school. Samohi competed in the highest and most competitive class of schools with enrollment of 1,500 or more students. Samohi placed above the best bands in the country, including past winners and top bands from New York, Massachusetts and other parts of the country.

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CENSUS

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3,995 of which are vacant.

In December, the Census Bureau released state population figures indicating that the population of California grew from 33.9 million residents in 2000 to 37.3 million in 2010. Though California's 10 percent growth rate makes it the 20th fastest-growing state in the country, it remains the most populous state.

More detailed demographic characteristics were not made available by presstime. To learn more about Santa Monica's data, go to www.census.org and search for the American FactFinder page.

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Antonio, he drew an audience of 200. More than twice that number has signed up to attend his session at this week's PLPA conference.

Consumers need more than a handshake from pet morticians, he explained. They need transparency, including a standard cremation authorization form spelling out services, methods, choices and cost. The PLPA will vote on a proposed form during their convention.

"On the human side, the biggest issue out there is always wrongful cremation. On the pet side, it's not wrongful cremations, but whether cremations are being done at all," Lemasters said. There have been animal dumping cases in Arizona, Virginia and Tennessee, where pets were stored instead of cremated, then taken to a landfill or dump and dropped off, he said.

He said Illinois is the frontrunner on laws governing disposition of deceased pets and pet funerals.

Ninety percent of pet owners choose cremation rather than burial for their pets, he said. But while cremation has been offered for a long time, many other types of legal issues related to the deaths of pets — and even the deaths of owners who are survived by their pets — are now getting more attention. Pets are named in wills, they receive trusts, they are part of prenuptial agreements. In a few states, laws are being rewritten to treat pets as more than personal property, Lemasters said.

California has a new law that says if your animal is killed maliciously, you can claim certain types of damages, Lemasters said.

In Florida, a dog died while under a veterinarian's care and was cremated before an autopsy could be conducted. The family was awarded more than $10,000 in punitive damages.

Nevada enacted a law allowing pet-owners emotional damages from the death of a pet in certain circumstances up to $5,000. But pet owners can also sue for vet bills and funeral costs, Lemasters said. "The fact they are starting to recognize funeral costs for a pet, that's pretty unbelievable."

Memorial services are sometimes held for working dogs, too, whose deaths may affect not just the animal's owner or handler, but an entire agency, business or community. When a police dog named Bo was killed in May 2007, Ellis was asked to help arrange a memorial service.

Bo had been with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department for about four years when a burglar "turned around with a gun and shot Bo a couple of times. Bo went back to his handler and died in his arms," Lt. Benny Diggs said.

Bo's service was attended by about 150 people from the police department and the community. "I really believe it helps," Diggs said. "When you are a policeman, especially a K-9 handler, that dog becomes your partner."

The 30-minute service was respectful, but didn't go overboard, he added. "We keep it in perspective. We are losing soldiers daily in Afghanistan and Iraq and police officers are dying throughout the United States every week. We never want to take away from their service or what they are doing for the community," he said.

As pets play bigger roles in people's lives, it makes sense they will be treated more like family when they die, and that includes holding the types of funeral services that at one time were held only for people, said veterinarian Jane Shaw.





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Census: U.S. population growth shifts toward west

HOPE YEN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON America's population center is edging away from the Midwest, pulled by Hispanic growth in the Southwest, according to census figures. The historic shift is changing the nation's politics and even the traditional notion of the country's heartland — long the symbol of mainstream American beliefs and culture.

The West is now home to the four fastest-growing states — Nevada, Arizona, Utah and Idaho — and has surpassed the Midwest in population, according to 2010 figures. California and Texas added to the southwestern population tilt, making up more than one-fourth of the nation's total gains since 2000.

When the Census Bureau announces a new mean center of population next month, geographers believe it will be placed in or around Texas County, Mo., southwest of the present location in Phelps County, Mo. That would put it on a path to leave the region by midcentury.

"The geography is clearly shifting, with the West beginning to emerge as America's new heartland," said Robert Lang, a sociology professor at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas who regularly crunches data to determine the nation's center. "It's a pace-setting region that is dominant in population growth but also as a swing point in American politics."

The last time the U.S. center fell outside the Midwest was 1850, in the eastern territory now known as West Virginia. Its later move to the Midwest bolstered the region as the nation's cultural heartland in the 20th century, central to U.S. farming and Rust Belt manufacturing sites.

In the 1960s, "Will it play in Peoria?" was a common phrase that coincided with the U.S. center's location in Illinois. It was a measure of whether a politician or consumer product could appeal to mainstream Americans with traits associated with Midwesterners, such as stability and caution.

But over the last decade, the Phoenix suburb of Peoria, Ariz., soared past its namesake Peoria, Ill., in population size. Democrat Barack Obama in 2008 successfully made the Republican-leaning Mountain West a key component to winning elections, with Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico now considered swing states.

With Arizona on track to surpass Ohio in electoral votes by midcentury, based on projected growth, issues important to the West, such as Arizona's sharp debate over immigration, gain in political significance.

The Census Bureau calculates the mean U.S. center every 10 years based on its national head count. The center represents the middle point of the nation's population distribution — the geographic point at which the country would balance if each of its 308.7 million residents weighed the same.

The latest 2010 figures show a loss of House seats for states including Missouri and some of those east of it, primarily in the Midwest's declining Rust Belt. Eight of the 12 pickups in House seats occur in states west of Missouri, with Florida (with 2 new seats), Georgia and South Carolina in the Southeast being the exceptions.

The fastest U.S. growth is occurring in the Mountain West, which includes Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. As California's growth slows, many of the Mountain state arrivals are Hispanic immigrants seeking jobs and affordable family living. Hispanics tend to lean Democratic when voting.

Among census findings:

• In Arizona, which gains a House seat, Hispanics accounted for roughly half of the state's population increase since 2000, according to census estimates. Arizona has picked up at least one House seat every decade since 1950; its total seats could outnumber Ohio's as early as 2040 — so long as anti-immigration sentiment and recent mortgage foreclosures don't curtail its long-term growth.

• In seven of the eight Mountain states, Hispanics accounted for nearly 50 percent or more of the population gains among children under 18. Montana, which had a population loss of children, was the exception.

• The Western U.S. grew 13.8 percent from 2000 to 71.9 million people, surpassing the Midwest as the second most populous region. The Midwest rose 3.9 percent and the Northeast gained 3.2 percent. The West's growth rate is nearly equal to the South's, which rose 14.3 percent to 114.6 million on the Sun Belt strength of Texas and Florida.

• California, which failed to add a House seat for the first time in its history, would have lost population if it weren't for growth among Hispanics and other minorities, according to 2010 figures released Tuesday. Los Angeles posted a gain over the past decade of just under 100,000 people, its smallest numerical growth since 1890-1900, as many of its Hispanic residents moved elsewhere. The state, the nation's largest with 37.3 million, continues to grow primarily from immigration and births.

"Instead of serving as the migration magnet of the West, California has become the anchor for an expanding Western region," said William Frey, a demographer at Brookings Institution who reviewed the census numbers. "The old phrase, 'Go West, young man' has now turned to 'Eastward ho' for California's young residents, recent immigrants and retirees as they spill into neighboring states. It may never again gain another congressional seat."

Historically, the first center of population in 1790 resided in Kent County, Md., 23 miles east of Baltimore, the fulcrum between Pennsylvania and New York in the North and slave states in the South. It moved west through West Virginia amid the rise of steamboat travel and development of the nation's first railroads in the 1820s.

The U.S. center stayed put in Indiana from 1890-1940, largely stalled by a wave of European immigrants to the Northeast and then the Great Depression. It made big strides in Illinois in the 1950s as California boomed and Alaska and Hawaii gained statehood, before taking on a southwesterly path.

Missouri has been at the U.S. center since 1980.

State officials are tentatively planning for a commemorative marker in Texas County or its vicinity. Texas County boasts 26,000 residents, with whites making up 92 percent of the population, compared with roughly 65 percent for the country. Blacks make up 3.3 percent and Hispanics 1.6 percent.

"I think it's appropriate that people in the county get some recognition," said Brad Gentry, 48, of Houston, Mo., who publishes the weekly paper in Texas County. "It's primarily agriculture, and we have a lot of retirees. Despite a high rate of poverty, people are resilient and make things work — even if they are pretty disillusioned by the political process that has bogged down Washington."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Injured NorCal teen eager to wear pitchers helmet

JANIE MCCAULEY
AP Baseball Writer

SCOTTS VALLEY Gunnar Sandberg pulled Easton-Bell's prototype of a protective pitcher helmet over his high school baseball cap and immediately deemed it comfortable. His father thinks it looks cool, too.

The Sandbergs now plan to work on convincing others of the importance of such headgear for safety.

"I think any excuse not to wear it is a weak excuse," said Bjorn Sandberg, Gunnar's dad.

This Friday marks the one-year anniversary since Gunnar Sandberg sustained a life-threatening brain injury while pitching in a scrimmage for Marin Catholic High School. He got hit by a line drive traveling at 130 mph.

Doctors removed a part of Sandberg's skull to relieve brain swelling. He slowly recovered in a San Francisco rehabilitation facility after initially being placed in a medically induced coma.

The 17-year-old Sandberg is back on the field for his senior season, playing designated hitter and first base. That's because he has a torn right labrum in his throwing shoulder that likely will require surgery. It happened sliding headfirst into second base during a December winter league game.

Easton-Bell Sports spent most of the past year developing a lightweight, padded product to keep pitchers' heads safe — and it's a far cry from those bulky batting helmets worn by hitters.

The sporting equipment company unveiled its prototype Monday with the hope these helmets will be worn on fields across the country beginning as soon as this fall, from the Little League level to high schools. Sandberg, who has been sporting a foam soccer-style headband for protection to satisfy doctors' orders for getting back on the field, said he will wear Easton-Bell's helmet even when playing first base.

"Finally, we got something," Sandberg said before the formal announcement at Easton-Bell's "The Dome" center, where the company houses its helmet research and technology division. "I'm really going to push around our local area for everyone to wear this. Wouldn't you rather wear this than be in the hospital for two months?"

The helmet weighs about 5? ounces, combining components of other products: the stretchy strap of ski goggles, an absorbent mesh liner like those inside a football helmet and the hard, energy-absorbent plastic similar to that used for bike helmets.

While Easton-Bell CEO Paul Harrington can't yet provide a price for the pitcher helmet, he insists that revenue from his project was never the priority or motivation — but rather filling a need.

"One injury's too many," said Harrington, who believes Major League Baseball could be

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

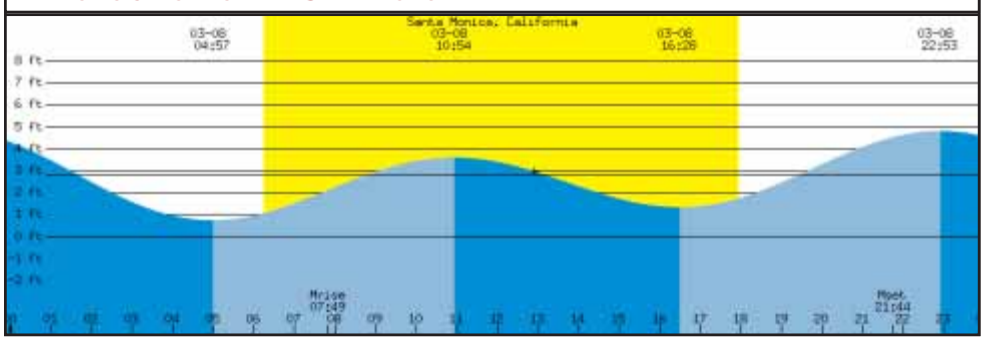
Swell Forecast

Looks rather small as well.

Long Range Synopsis

We could see wind swell increase to chest high around west facing breaks, but sloppy and storm driven.

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 **March 3, 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 -- 11
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / 28
- Number of (C.D.F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 12 / 12

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alins creeks.	A+	A+
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	A+
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	D
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.	F	B
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	C	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	A
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A	A
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	F	A
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	A+
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	A+
Surfrider Beach (branch location)- daily.	D	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	A
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	C	A+
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	C
Pena Creek at Los Tunos County Beach.	A+	A+
Topanga Canyon.	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	C	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	A+
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	A+

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	A+
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	F	D
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	F	B
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	C	B
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	C	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	B
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	B
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	A
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	A+
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	C
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	A+
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	B
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	F	D
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+	A
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	A+
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	A+
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	A

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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BASEBALL

FROM PAGE 11

interested in the product down the road. "For Gunnar to be here today, standing here trying this on, is truly an inspirational story."

Stephen D. Keener, the president and CEO of Little League Baseball and Softball who has a son pitching in college, said he will support Easton-Bell's product and push for its widespread use. One day, Keener hopes, pitchers will pull on their protective helmets the way players grab for their bats or gloves.

"This type of product needs to be introduced at the youngest levels of youth baseball," Keener said. "That's not going to happen overnight. It's going to take some time. ... What we're talking about is saving kids' lives. These injuries are rare. When they do happen, they are very traumatic, catastrophic."

Sandberg's frightening accident sparked the Marin County Athletic League to ban metal bats and require its 10 teams to use wooden bats. The league is using wood bats again this season.

In addition, college baseball and California high schools are using new, safer metal bats this season.

While the bats play closer to their wooden counterparts minus the weight and mass, they also are designed to decrease the exit speeds of the ball off the bat. The average speed had been considered 93 mph, but many hits were coming off at rates of 100-103 mph and making for dangerous situations in which players had little or no time to react or protect themselves.

California high schools already went to these bats, while the rest of the country has another year to use the older, lightweight composite models.

Marie Ishida, the executive director of the California Interscholastic Federation and also in attendance Monday, said her organization recommended some type of protective equipment for defensive players. She expects the pitcher helmet to be readily available in a year or two.

"I would suspect within a five-year period we're going to see safety equipment mandated," she said.

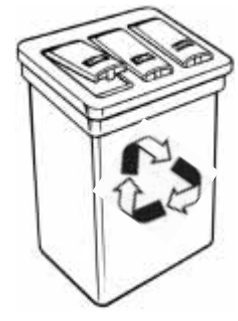
University of San Francisco pitcher Matt Hiserman, like Sandberg, survived a life-threatening skull fracture last February when he was hit with a line drive during an intrasquad game. He returned to the mound only a couple of months later.

Both pitchers were lucky. They each were struck above and just behind their right ear. Had the ball hit them an inch or so further forward toward their face, they might not be here today.

While Sandberg still has trouble with his short-term memory and a hard time concentrating at school, he is set to graduate this spring. Then, he plans to attend College of Marin, where he hopes to play baseball.

"Gunnar's skull fracture was exactly in the shape of a baseball," his mother, Lisa, said. "Had it hit him in the temple, he would have been dead."

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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The Princess of Montpensier (NR) 2hr 19min
7:30pm
Discussion following with director Bertrand Tavernier and actor Gaspard Ulliel.

Call theater for information.

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

Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:40pm, 7:05pm

True Grit (PG-13) 1hr 50min
2:05pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:25pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:10pm

I Am Number Four (PG-13) 1hr 44min
1:50pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

Unknown (PG-13) 1hr 49min
4:25pm, 9:50pm

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

Gnomeo & Juliet 3D (PG) 1hr 24min
12:05pm, 2:25pm, 4:45pm, 7:10pm, 9:30pm

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
1:00pm, 3:45pm, 6:30pm, 9:15pm

Just Go With It (PG-13) 1hr 50min
12:45pm, 3:30pm, 6:15pm, 9:10pm

Adjustment Bureau (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:45am, 2:25pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Hall Pass (R) 1hr 38min
11:10am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 10:05pm

Black Swan (R) 1hr 50min
12:55pm, 3:30pm, 10:15pm

Justin Bieber Never Say Never 3D (G) 1hr 45min
11:00am, 4:25pm, 9:45pm

Justin Bieber Never Say Never: The Director's Fan Cut 3D (G) 1hr 55min
1:45pm, 7:05pm

Carmen in 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 55min
6:30pm

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

King's Speech (R) 1 hour 58 min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:10pm

Cedar Rapids (R) 1hr 26min
1:00pm, 3:10pm, 5:20pm, 7:50pm, 10:10pm

Phil Ochs: There But for Fortune (NR) 1hr 36min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Last Lions (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:15pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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

Take Me Home Tonight (R) 1hr 54min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:35pm, 10:10pm

Rango (PG) 1hr 47min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Beastly (PG-13) 1hr 35min
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Drive Angry 3D (R) 1hr 44min
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Fighter (R) 1hr 54min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:55pm

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Speak your mind, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Curb expenditures. If a boss seems to be changing his or her ideas, go along. Be open to innovative thinking when brainstorming. Your strong drive emerges. Act on a situation rather than sit on it. Tonight: Speak your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is important when dealing with a friend or loved one. He or she listens and appreciates your feedback. Meetings also could be significant. Others will tend to be responsive and are direct with their thoughts. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Honor your thoughts, and, for the moment, keep your opinions to yourself. Your ability to see beyond the obvious or to know what drives others is a gift. Don't let others know just how much you know or see. Tonight: Do quiet work.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what looks like a priority. You know what you want, which is the first step in achieving a goal. Don't hesitate to reach out to others to get their opinions. You might discover how very off you are as a result. Regroup. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Keep a high profile. Adapt to a new concept or technology. Your ability to deal with changes becomes a high priority. The unexpected could hit from out of nowhere. Honor what is occurring and remain responsive when dealing with someone who is presenting a new perspective or a different view. Tonight: Read between the lines.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Note a tendency to want to work with a partner and to try different things. Extremes and surprises mark plans, ideas and get-togethers. You might hear a totally different view from one person to the next. Tonight: Togetherness works.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you to a new level of understanding with a close associate, partner, friend or loved one. See what makes a situation work, then decide if this effort is worth it. You know much more than you originally thought possible. Tonight: Keep what another person shares hush-hush.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to others with the full knowledge of what needs to occur. You know much more than you realize about a work or health matter. As you start to register that fact, you might close down some. Be a good listener. Tonight: So many offers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ A nice, even pace pulls you out of the doldrums. Reflection and conversation point to a new way of approaching a financial matter. Unexpected developments could pave the path to greater creativity in a few days. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Allow your creativity to flourish. Take advantage of a volatile conversation and brainstorm. Play with a child and imagine what it might be like to be this person. Unanticipated insights head your way as a result. Know what you want. Tonight: Don't overthink an issue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Speak your mind within the constraints of a family situation. A risk that might be easy for you could be a nightmare for another person. Others could become more emotional. Tonight: How you view an expenditure could change with a little research.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Ask; double-check facts. Your ability to hit a home run depends on excellent planning and attention to detail. What you think is enough could end up otherwise. Open up discussions about money and possibilities. Tonight: Catch up on news with a friend.

Happy birthday

This year, become more conscious of your daily environment. There are many ways of saying the same thing -- some more effective than others. You will want to learn more productive and dynamic ways of responding. Surprises keep this year interesting. A neighbor or sibling will play an even more important role in your life. If you are single, you could meet up with someone quite different and interesting. Sometimes you surprise others with your multifaceted personality. If you are attached, as a couple, you could manifest a closer connection with deeper, more grounded communication. TAURUS brings out your personality.

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



MYSTERY PHOTO

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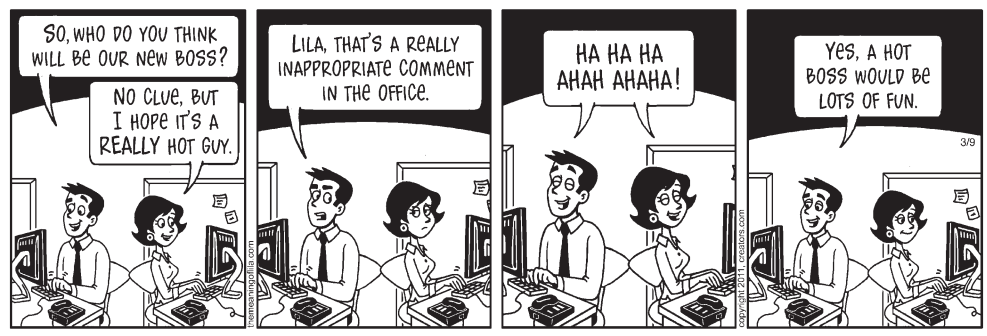
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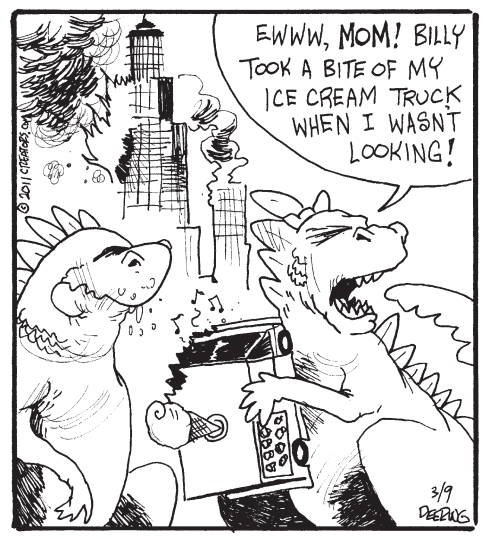
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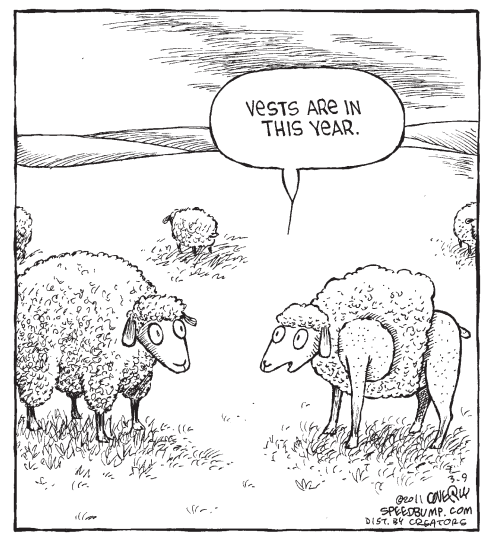
Strange Brew

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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

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

1 Dance music
6 Tibetan monk
10 Mermaid's home
11 Kind of eclipse
12 Edgy
13 Boredom
14 Dueling weapon
15 Asian temple
16 Outfit
17 "Ice Age" sloth
18 "You betcha!"
19 Sellers of pricey tickets
22 Painter Paul
23 Crew need
26 Surgery tools
29 Pull along
32 Even score
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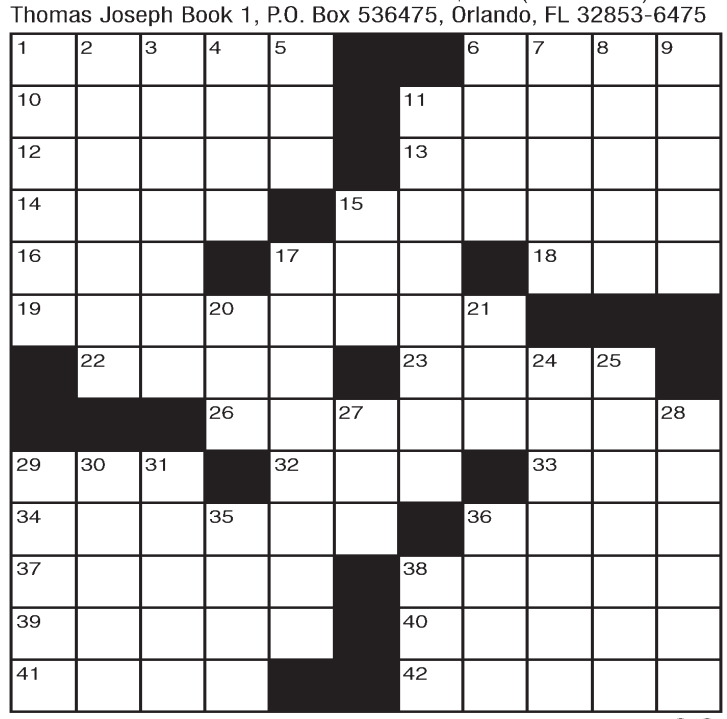
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1 Grandparents, often
2 Chipping tool
3 Mali neighbor
4 Lawyer's job
5 Early hour
6 Breathing need
7 Pester
8 "All in the Family" spinoff
9 Verdi pieces
11 Star's part
15 Slapstick weapon
17 Ghosts
20 French article
21 Easy victim
24 Sailing event
25 Goof-off
27 Help out
28 Asparagus units
29 Lukewarm
30 Rust, essentially
31 Uses a sponge
35 Job for a plumber
36 Solemn act
38 Blubber

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ U.S. News & World Report magazine, and the National Council on Teacher Quality, announced plans recently to issue grades (A, B, C, D and F) on how well each of the U.S.'s 1,000-plus teachers' colleges develop future educators, but the teachers of teachers appear to be sharply opposed to the very idea of being issued "grades." The project's supporters cited school principals' complaints about the quality of teachers applying for jobs, but the teachers' college representatives criticized the project's measurement criteria as overly simplistic.

■ Police were out in force in September as schools opened in Toronto, writing 25 school-zone speeding tickets in the first two hours. One of the 25 was issued to the driver of a school bus, caught speeding through a school zone trying to avoid being late at a pickup point farther down the road.

■ Paul Mason, 50, an ex-letter-carrier in Ipswich, England, told reporters in January he would file a lawsuit against Britain's National Health Service for negligence -- because it allowed him to "grow" in recent years to a weight of nearly 900 pounds. Mason said he "begged" for NHS's help in 1996 when he weighed 420, but was merely told to "ride your bike more." Last year, he was finally allowed gastric surgery, which reduced him to his current 518. At his heaviest, Mason estimates he was consuming 20,000 calories a day.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1500 The fleet of Pedro Alvares Cabral leaves Lisbon for the Indies. The fleet will discover Brazil which lies within boundaries granted to Portugal in the Treaty of Tordesillas.

1796 Napoléon Bonaparte marries his first wife, Joséphine de Beauharnais.

1811 Paraguayan forces defeat Manuel Belgrano at the Battle of Tacuarí.

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1. Whimsical;
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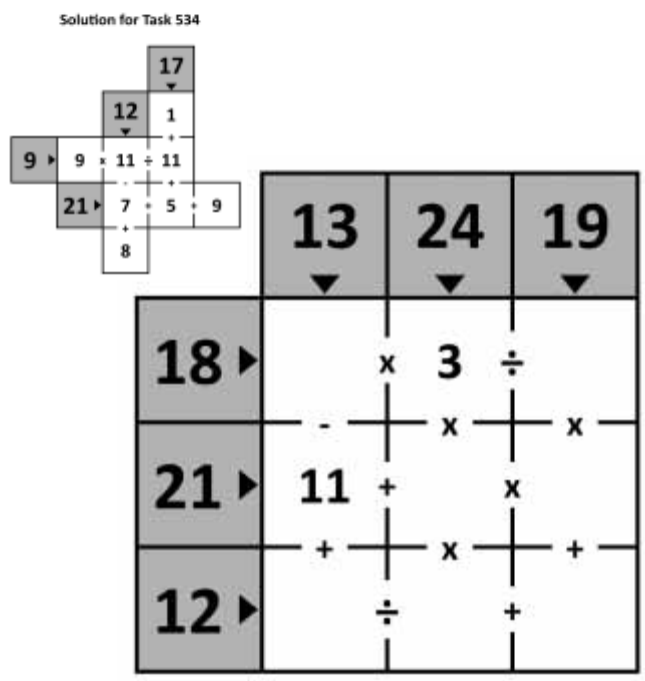
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand 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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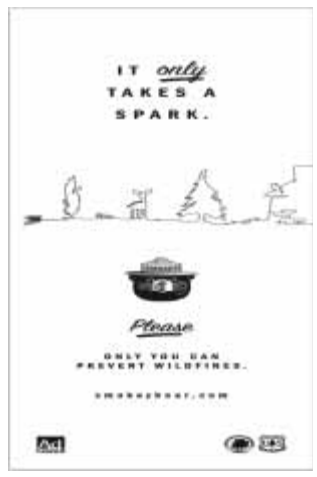
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