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No faith in the church

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Special to the Daily Press

VENICE The Blankenship Ballet Company of Venice has sued the 20th Church of Christ, Scientist for $1 million over a real estate dispute that may result in the company's expulsion, alleging that the church sold them for the proverbial 30 pieces of silver after lying about certain attributes of the space.

The Blankenship Ballet rented the church's old Sunday School room in 2006 and spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to revamp the building into a teaching and performance space. The company operated without incident for over a year until neighbors' noise complaints brought L.A. city officials to their door with an Order to Comply, shutting the company down, according to court records.

It was only then they discovered that the church did not have the appropriate city permits to operate as a dance facility or use an adjacent parking lot, two sticking points in lease negotiations.

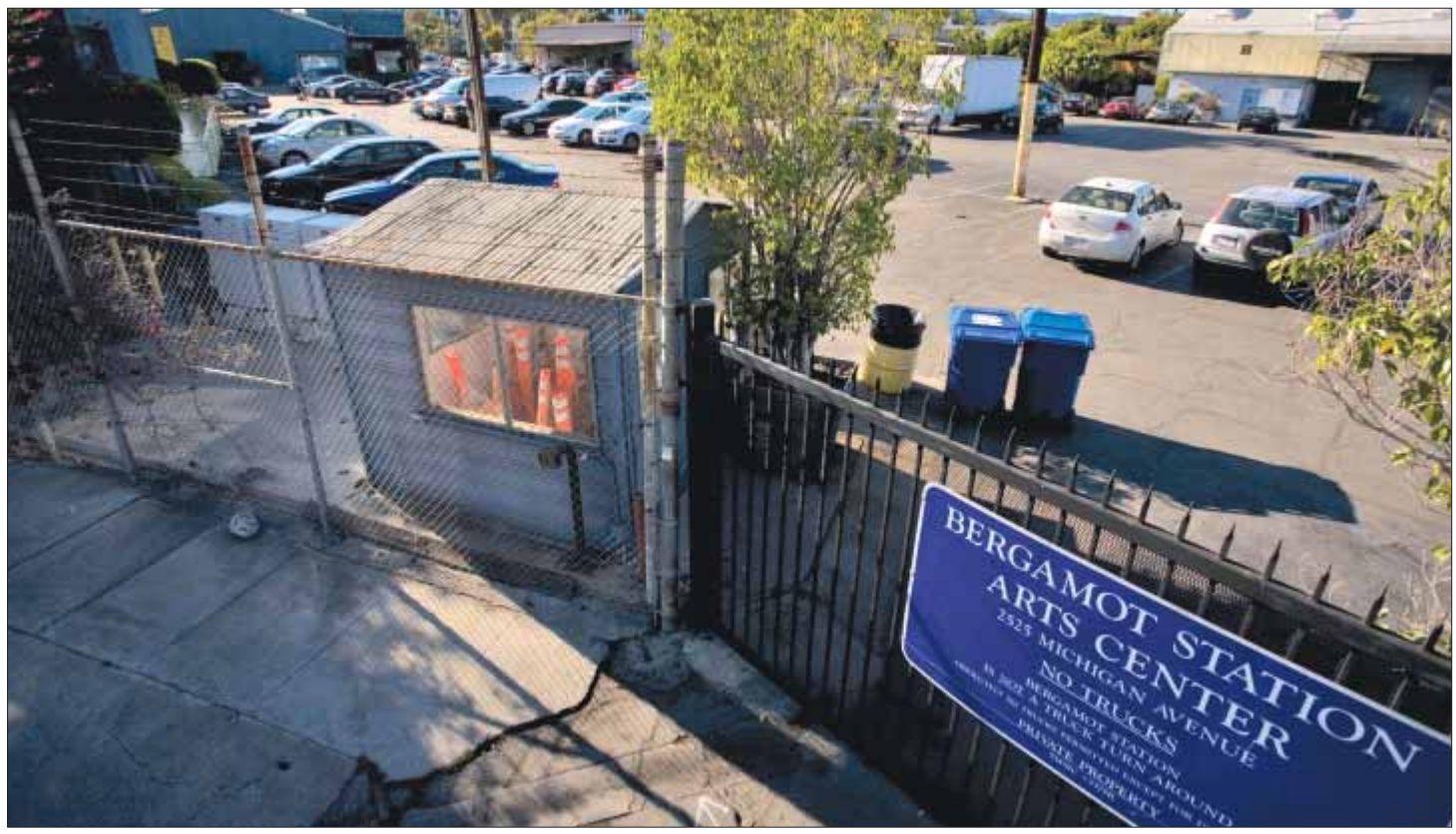
"If we'd known the parking lot was illegitimate, we wouldn't have done the deal," said Mark Blankenship, co-owner of the ballet company.

According to the complaint filed in Santa Monica Superior Court, the five board members of the church told Blankenship that the church had the permit to use the parking lot, the Conditional Use Permit and the Certificate of Occupancy. Assuming this to be correct, Blankenship and his wife applied for the police permit required to start performances. During the five-month process, they spent over $100,000 on improvements and repairs to the interior of the space, plus rent to the board members.

At no point during the permit process did city officials reveal that the other permits relating to the space were illegitimate, the plaintiff said.

L.A. Department of Building and Safety Inspector David Matson let them know in November of last year when he revealed to the Blankenships that their Certificate of Occupancy didn't include dance and related

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FOR NOW, OR FOREVER? **A former Red Line Trolley stop and water heater manufacturing facility, Bergamot Station has become a center for the arts in Southern California, but some are questioning whether or not it should be turned into a maintenance yard for the Exposition Light Rail line.**

From one destiny to another

With fears of an Expo maintenance yard, some wonder if Bergamot should go

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

MICHIGAN AVE. There's a row of old warehouses and hangars tucked away in the heart of the industrial district where transit officials recently considered locating a light rail maintenance yard, fulfilling a destiny placed upon it two decades ago.

The only problem is the 9.5 acre piece of land known as Bergamot Station is today considered one of Southern California's premier art and cultural centers, housing more than 30 galleries and the Santa Monica Museum of Art.

The location of the maintenance yard for the Exposition Light Rail has been a contentious topic between residents of the Pico Neighborhood, who have long decried the "environmental injustice" of living near the I-10 Freeway and the City Yards, and transit officials who propose constructing a 24-hour maintenance facility in their neck of the woods.

While the Exposition Construction Authority has written off Bergamot as a possible location for the yard, opting instead for the Verizon site on Exposition Boulevard to the chagrin of nearby residents, the terms under which City Hall acquired the station in 1989 show it was intended to one day house such a facility.

The minutes from the City Council meeting on Aug. 22, 1989 state that elected officials authorized the $17.3 million purchase of Bergamot from the Southern Pacific Transportation Company "to be used as a rail car storage and light maintenance yard." The council also in the same meeting borrowed $6.9 million from the Los Angeles County Transportation Commission — which in 1993 merged with the Southern California Rapid Transit District to form the MTA — toward the purchase of the station.

Expo officials examined more than 40 sites from Downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica where the line is proposed to terminate, assessing properties such as Bergamot but opting against the station partly because of its identity as a cultural resource, said Monica Born, the project director for Expo Phase II. Bergamot is being proposed as one of the stops for the Expo line.

"Because it has a lot of art galleries and the Santa Monica Museum of Art, we thought it as a place where we shouldn't pursue and the city staff that we met with didn't disagree," Born said.

Born said she was unaware the station was acquired to one day have a light rail maintenance yard but knew it was purchased with transit funds.

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Wednesday, March 11, 2009

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Santa Monica Public Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
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It's a mystery
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come for a discussion of two books by Sharyn McCrumb: "Bimbos of the Death Sun" and "If Ever I Return, Pretty Peggy-O." The discussion is free and everyone is welcome. Call (310) 829-7081 for more information.

Kicking it with Kiwanis
Santa Monica YMCA
1332 Sixth St., noon — 1:30 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Kiwanis Club at their weekly luncheon with guest speakers. Call (310) 613-1249 for more information.

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717 Broadway Blvd., 11 a.m. — noon
Come every Thursday and laugh your socks off in this form of body-mind exercise for all ages and fitness levels. The class is led by Kim Selbert, certified laughter yoga leader. Admission is $10 per person. Call (310) 849-4642 for more information or visit www.kimselbert.com.

Preschool story time
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 11 a.m. — noon
Listen to stories for free specifically for kids ages three to five.

Pause: A contemplative worship gathering
First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St., 6 p.m. — 7 p.m.
The community is invited to this new worship experience at the First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica at the chapel. Quiet reflection, a retreat from the work-week, peace, meditation, prayer and song are all elements of the gathering. Call (310) 393-8258 for more information.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



Study: Belligerent chimpanzee proves animals make plans

BY MALIN RISING
Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM A canny chimpanzee who calmly collected a stash of rocks and then hurled them at zoo visitors in fits of rage has confirmed that apes can plan ahead just like humans, a Swedish study said Monday.

Santino the chimpanzee's anti-social behavior stunned both visitors and keepers at the Furuvik Zoo but fascinated researchers because it was so carefully prepared.

According to a report in the journal Current Biology, the 31-year-old alpha male started building his weapons cache in the morning before the zoo opened, collecting rocks and knocking out disks from concrete boulders inside his enclosure. He waited until around midday before he unleashed a "hailstorm" of rocks against visitors, the study said.

"These observations convincingly show that our fellow apes do consider the future in a very complex way," said the author of the report, Lund University Ph.D. student Mathias Osvath. "It implies that they have a highly developed consciousness, including lifelike mental simulations of potential events."

Osvath's findings were based on his own observations of Santino and interviews with three senior caretakers who had followed the chimpanzee's behavior for 10 years at the zoo in Furuvik, about 93 miles (150 kilometers) north of Stockholm.

Seemingly at ease with his position as leader of the group, Santino didn't attack the other chimpanzees, Osvath told The Associated Press. The attacks were only directed at humans viewing the apes across the moat surrounding the island compound where they were held.

However, he rarely hit visitors because of his poor aim, and no one was seriously injured in the cases when he did, Osvath said.

The observations confirmed the result of a staged laboratory experiment reported in 2006 by scientists at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig, Germany. In that case orangutans and bonobos were able to figure out which tool would work in an effort to retrieve grapes, and were able to remember to bring that tool along hours later.

"Every time you can combine experimental and observational data and you get a consistent result, that is very powerful," said an author of the 2006 study, Joseph Call. "This is an important observation."

Teaching grandpa the art of seduction

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN Valentine's Day has come and gone but that doesn't mean that falling in love is out of season. Local residents Marc Fienberg and his wife Eva Gordon have written and produced a film that offers love and hope for all generations.

"Play The Game" is a story of a young ladies man (Paul Campbell) who teaches all his dating tricks to his lonely, widowed grandfather, played by the always personable Andy Griffith, who is starting to test the waters again. The cast also includes Doris Roberts of "Everybody Loves Raymond" fame and Marla Sokoloff.

The story was inspired by Fienberg's true-life experiences. "Four years after my grandmother died, my 89-year-old grandfather came to me and said, 'help me get back in the dating world,'" Fienberg said. "At first I thought it was a little strange, a little weird, but it was also one of the most touching, endearing moments of my life and I thought, there has to be a story told about this."

The message of the movie is pretty clear — Stop playing games if you want to attract the woman or man of your dreams. And yet, Fienberg admits he stalked his wife for seven years, playing all sorts of games before he finally took the advice of his movie and laid it all on the line telling her, "None of this friends stuff. … I have feelings for you." They were engaged seven months later.

Fienberg and Gordon met while undergrads at Michigan University. Fienberg knew Gordon was to be his wife on their first date when she correctly guessed an obscure quote from "Midnight Run." What Fienberg didn't know was that Gordon had just seen the movie a few days prior.

For Gordon, she adored her boyfriend but was just starting college and really wanted to do her own thing nor did she have any idea that Fienberg was putting so much time into their relationship — trying to see her, finding ways to run into her, which ties into one theme of the movie, "planned spontaneity." When Gordon reconnected with Fienberg seven years later in Chicago, she realized he was the guy. He moved to Boston to be with her and the rest is history.

Prior to receiving his master's of business administration at Northwestern, he interviewed with, "a very small start up," with just 15 people. They were interested in bringing Fienberg on board when he graduated but instead of contacting the company upon receiving his degree, Fienberg decided to travel around the world, which is when he wrote the first version of "Play The Game." While he was finishing the script in Nepal, he said, "I read a little story about this company I had interviewed with months ago. … It's now called e-Bay."

Fienberg has no regrets. He and his wife have his pictures from his world travels on what they jokingly call a "multi-million dollar wall of photos."

The couple's daughter was six months old when they decided to quit their jobs and make the movie. "People thought we were passionate but stupid," Fienberg said.

People are always "passionate and stupid" until they have a hit, then they're called visionaries.

Fienberg started raising money while in Boston, closed on the funds once in Los Angeles and finished the film, which won the Audience Award at the Fort Lauderdale Film Festival and the Santa Fe Film Festival.

They sent the script to Griffith because Fienberg's grandfather was a huge "Matlock" fan. Fienberg thought if they could get "Matlock" for his grandfather, the film would come together, and it did. The film opens mid-March.

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Children bounce on O2 MAX's Bosu Balls during the Third Annual Unity Resource Festival at Virginia Avenue Park on Sunday. The fair was presented by the City of Santa Monica, Santa Monica College and the Santa Monica Bay Area Human Relations Council. This year's festival theme was 'Promoting a Strong and Sustainable Community' and featured information on city, business and nonprofit agencies that strengthen the community with supportive resources.

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Going to far

Editor:

Re: Article on use of Taser

According to California law, a parent can do no more to discipline their child than "reasonable and age-appropriate spanking to the buttocks."

Yet, police are authorized to use what has amounted to deadly force upon children. As stated in your March 3, 2009 article "Use of Taser on SoCal boy being investigated," 334 people died in recent years after being Tasered, according to Amnesty International. And, undoubtedly the overwhelming majority of the deceased were adults. I suspect zapping children would, at a minimum, be equally devastating.

Perhaps it is best that there be no use of Tasers on youngsters whatsoever. Then again, the families and friends of the 334 deceased might have preferred a more inclusive ban.

RM Konca
Santa Monica

What a waste

Editor:

Your front page article reports that local police are searching the Internet to find prostitutes, and then arranging sting operations to arrest them on misdemeanor charges ("Cops using Internet to bust prostitutes," Feb. 28-March 1, page 1). This is a waste of time and money, as well as ill-conceived social policy.

There are at least two better policy approaches. One is legalization; the other is to arrest the "Johns" instead.

Legalization is the harm-reduction approach. If the prostitutes are not under age, not under any coercion, and not soliciting in public, the argument is that there seems to be little societal interest in prosecuting the activity.

Conversely, if private, paid, consensual sex between adults were to be made legal, the police would be free to go after the exploitation of under-age victims, coercive or abusive situations (in particular, victims of sex trafficking who are trapped by their status and their "crimes"), and public nuisance solicitation. Several European countries follow this principle.

The second approach, to arrest the Johns and not the prostitutes, is the policy in some Scandinavian countries. Prostitutes are seen as the victims under this view, vulnerable as a result of a history of drug use, abuse or other factors. (Laws against buying or selling transplantable organs in this country are similarly designed to protect the vulnerable.)

The Scandinavian approach seems a little paternalistic for American society, but both alternatives point up the misguided approach in Santa Monica today. Until the laws change, the police should show discretion and focus their efforts on real crimes.

Jonathan D. Kaufelt
Santa Monica

In agreement

Editor:

Thank you so much for your editorial ("No place for a home," Feb. 20, page 4). I agree, wholeheartedly, that "enough is enough." To me, it seems discriminatory against those who live where they can afford to live, and sometimes struggle to pay their way in this failing economy, to designate property to be used for homeless shelter in very "pricey" areas such as Ocean Avenue.

I agree that such a deal "sets a bad example," and encourages homeless people who would benefit from it to do nothing to "get their lives back on track by finding a job and paying their own bills when they can get a nice apartment for free or at a significantly-reduced rate." I also agree that if one wants to live by the ocean, one has to work for it. Santa Monica is known for being a "home for the homeless," and before you know it, they might be the only ones "who can afford" to live here.

Julia Reeves
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

The pain will go away

THE "FOR LEASE" SIGNS ARE GOING UP with greater regularity each day. The "For Sale" signs are getting dusty, all over town. Businesses are closing. Deflation is happening all across the board, that process whereby prices drop in order to get something going.

In my building, there has been a suite available for over four months now. In the 10 years that we have been practicing family law in our building, the longest that I can recall a space remaining vacant is two months. We are located on Pico Boulevard, across from the Speakeasy Bar. We are the only office complex on either side of the street for two blocks, each way. It's a great location, and clean building.

As I speak to other business owners, the gnawing sound of "digging in for the long haul" is getting louder in their voices. Across the city we are seeing more and more clearance sales, going out of business signs and people are cutting back in ways that they never would have last year. Just this past Sunday Circuit City closed all their stores permanently.

I spoke to a mortgage broker last week who hasn't closed a deal in over six months. My contractor clients are all scrambling to get some work, any work, just to have some cash flow.

I'm seeing many more clients who are looking to lower their child support payments because they just don't have the money anymore; they've lost their jobs, or they work on commission, or their hours are being cut back. It's heartbreaking.

I have many clients who are coming to me seeking advice on their marital situations. They want to get divorced, but don't have the means to do so. What used to allow people to get out of a marriage quickly was the fact that they could sell the house, payoff the joint debt, and move on with their lives.

Not so much now. With home values below what the mortgages are, people are facing the very harsh realities that they have to work their way out of the debt they've acquired over the course of their marriage. Mostly I hear from the men, they are the ones who have to relocate, and are realizing that they can't. They don't have the means to set up an apartment, and continue to pay the mortgage.

For those of us on the frontlines of this economic tragi-comedy, we are seeing the pain spread across the city. There is no group of people who are not being effected by the losses in jobs. The ripple effects of the slowdown are being felt in all quarters, from my dry cleaners to the grocery store manager I spoke with who is being inundated with job requests.

I have a client who is being hounded by his first wife for more child support, and he's trying to plan the divorce from the second wife, all the while asking me, what happens if he gets laid off and can't pay either of them.

The sad answer is that nothing really happens, other than the child support piles up, but if he doesn't have the money no judge in her right mind is going to put him in jail. His response to me was, "well, at least in jail I'd be guaranteed three hots and a cot!" I suppose gallows humor is a natural response to the times we are living in.

I HAVE A CLIENT WHO IS BEING HOUNDED BY HIS FIRST WIFE FOR MORE CHILD SUPPORT, AND HE'S TRYING TO PLAN THE DIVORCE FROM THE SECOND WIFE, ALL THE WHILE ASKING ME, WHAT HAPPENS IF HE GETS LAID OFF AND CAN'T PAY EITHER OF THEM.

On the other hand there is a silver lining for some couples. Tough times are forcing people to stick together in ways they never had to before. It may make them pull together and act married, the way they promised they would be. It might foster the togetherness that easy money and short term fixes prevent.

I know this will pass. I know we will get back to being a vibrant economy. It may be next quarter, it may be next year. All things pass, and this is just one more thing that needs to be survived.

I'm reminded of my mother a great deal these days. As a product of the Great Depression she tended to be a tough old bird. I recall one time I was in some emotional pain over my latest romantic downturn, and I asked her when does the pain go away. Her pithy response is just as useful today in light of our current troubles, as it was to my teen angst then.

"Eventually."

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Bursting the Car Bubble

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Chinatown from the DASH-eye view

WHILE IN DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES one Thursday, I had three hours free between the training sessions I was presenting and decided to take the DASH bus and discover more of the area, all in a quest to use public transit more and ditch my car.

Immediately outside the Hall of Justice on Temple Street near Spring, I boarded the DASH B line to Chinatown and paid the 25 cent fare. With the freedom of having no specific destination or parking spot to look for, I was giddy to be a tourist in my own town.

Most of the riders were L.A. city and county employees with dangling I.D. badges, who seemed to be headed for lunch destinations. Across from me sat an older tourist couple who repeatedly checked a map so they'd not miss the stop at the Chinese Cultural Center.

We trundled by the historic Union Station and Olvera Street and continued north on Spring Street and by Philippe's, L.A.'s famous "Home of the French Dip Sandwich."

In my lifetime, this area has always been pretty dingy with remnants of an era when this was the center of Los Angeles business activity. A pile of old tires sat in a vacant lot and next to it is the grimy L.A. Recycling Center with a huge black contraption that looks like it's been there since the industrial revolution and requires the shoveling of huge quantities of coal to make it operate. Yet now there are definite signs of gentrification.

I came upon the Home Boy Bakery and the Home Girl Café in their gleaming new orange, yellow and chrome building at the corners of Alameda and Bruno Streets. I've known of Homeboy Industries, a commendable organization that assists at-risk and formerly gang-involved youth through training and job placement, but I didn't know about their restaurant. So I jumped off the bus to go there for lunch

I was impressed by the atmosphere of this well-designed restaurant/bakery — as slick as any eatery in L.A. The walls, painted alternately in turquoise, blue and yellow, featured Chicano art worthy of Cheech Marin's collection.

The staff was all polite young men and women, some wearing black T-shirts proclaiming "Jobs not Jails" or "Nothing stops a bullet like a job."

The menu features "Latina flavors with a contemporary twist." I enjoyed my meal while gazing at the view of Mt. Wilson in the distance and the activity of Chinatown Metro station across the street.

After lunch, I crossed the street and wandered into some Chinese shopping arcades. The sheer quantity of merchandise in these funny little mom and pop shops is amazing — household items such colored plastic tubs by the thousands; ceramic and plastic dishes and tea cups in Chinese motifs; vases, lanterns and leafy bamboo stalks; piles of knock-off purses and racks of women's shoes in the teeniest sizes. There are also more exotic shops that sell Chinese weaponry, beads and joss paper used in Chinese New Year celebrations.

I observed that Chinese ladies often carry glum-colored plain or plaid umbrellas to protect themselves from the sun. I decided that if I were empress of Chinatown, I'd pronounce that all female residents would fend off vitamin D with those pretty painted Chinese parasols that are available in every local souvenir shop. Surely this edict would help to cheer-up some of the rough spots in these neighborhoods.

Again I boarded the B DASH. We passed the Grand Union Stone Co. where huge garden statues lined the sidewalk. There stood mirthful Buddhas and fierce Chinese lions and dragons with bulging eyes. I was stunned by the stone, four-foot tall "lucky kitty" waving its paw and smiling. Never would I have thought that this cat, which sits in the window of most Asian businesses for good luck, could reach the same dramatic statuary proportions as its majestic lion and dragon compatriots.

As we passed by the Old Chinatown Plaza with the carved sign "Chinatown" on its overhead arch, I noted that this area has changed little since it was built in 1938. I was now surrounded by more traditional Chinese architecture than when I visited the now über modern Shanghai and Beijing last year.

The bus wove its way back to the Civic Center, and I got off across the street from where I had started.

It's a big world out there and you can see an interesting chunk of it in downtown L.A. in just a couple of hours. Just remember to get there by the bus.

(Note: There are seven DASH lines that reach most corners of downtown Los Angeles. Three of the lines run on weekends. To learn more, go to: www.ladottransit.com/dash/)

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The Q Line

Does the House System have a home?

There is talk in the school district that the House System at Santa Monica High School may be done away with to save money. Parents recently pleaded with the Board of Education to keep a system they called important to the development of their children.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Should the district retain the House System or is it time for house cleaning?

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From humble beginnings to cultural center

FROM **BERGAMOT** PAGE 1

The question remains, should Bergamot be moved to make way for a maintenance yard, sparing residents from further impacts, or is it too valuable to Santa Monica to disrupt?

Dating back to 1875, Bergamot was once a stop for the Red Line trolley that ran from Los Angeles to the Santa Monica Pier. After the trolley cars ceased in 1953, the station began housing several industrial uses, from a celery-packing operation to an ice-making plant and later a water heater manufacturer.

The Bergamot station Web site states that City Hall purchased the once-abandoned property "with plans for it to once again serve as an eventual transit stop, this time for a proposed light rail line running from Los Angeles to Santa Monica."

Forced to postpone those dreams, City Hall approached Wayne Blank, the co-owner of Shoshana Wayne Gallery, about turning the station into an artistic resource. Bergamot reopened in its current incarnation on Sept. 17, 1994.

SEEING POTENTIAL

Blank, an art dealer, wanted to expand his operation and thought a vacant building at Bergamot would be a suitable home. The only thing was City Hall wouldn't lease him the building. City officials said he had to take the whole property, Blank said.

On top of that, the lease would only be month to month, a condition set forth by City Hall because the property was purchased with transit funds, requiring any interim use be such that rail-related purposes could be introduced readily.

"It was a big risk, but we did it," Blank said.

In 2004 the rent Blank had to pay City Hall was $42,350 a month. The lease includes a "right to terminate" notice of one year, according to a city staff report.

The chances of that notice being issued are slim, Blank said, because Bergamot's position in the art world has changed dramatically.

Now it is hard for those familiar with Bergamot to imagine Santa Monica without it.

"Bergamot Station has become a center for the arts for not only Santa Monica, but for the Westside," Blank said. "It is definitely a cultural jewel for Santa Monica."

It is estimated that 700,000 people visit Bergamot every year.

"It's a gathering place," Blank said. "It has become an internationally-recognized cultural hub."

Blank always knew there was a possibility of Bergamot being turned into a maintenance yard. After all, it is located near the city's Waste Transfer Station and the I-10 Freeway, not the most desirable piece of real estate for housing development. It's future seemed set. Either it was to be a rail yard or an art center.

To ensure Bergamot's future, Blank purchased land surrounding it. Blank and his wife also own the building which houses SMMOA.

His vision for the area is to expand on Bergamot by creating a light rail station there and a 150-room hotel that would be moderately priced. This would breathe life into the area, which is home to large commercial buildings and old factories.

"This would support a lot of businesses along Olympic Boulevard," Blank said. "Bergamot has a huge economic impact on all the businesses. We have visitors who eat at all the restaurants and [the galleries] pay business license taxes that helps the city to support services."

Some Bergamot tenants expressed excitement for having the rail line come to the station in a few years. Some were less enthused about the idea of being booted out or sharing the space with a maintenance yard.

"If Bergamot Station were to be turned into a light rail yard, (that) would be absolutely devastating for the arts on the Westside of Los Angeles," Richard Heller, who owns Richard Heller Gallery, said. "I am absolutely against such a move."

Samuel Freeman, who owns Samuel Freeman Gallery, said he believes that redesignating the station for maintenance use would be "a shame."

"We'll find a new home," he said. "We're like moths, we'll find a new crevice."

Residents in the Pico Neighborhood said they agree that a location other than Verizon and Bergamot should be seriously explored, recognizing the important role that Bergamot has grown to fill in the cultural life of the city.

But if it came down to either sites, many residents in the impacted area around Exposition Boulevard and Stewart Street concur that a maintenance yard would better left further away from homes.

"To take a proposed new community and build it at the expense of an existing beautiful community that includes very low-income people, Latino, African-American families … Japanese-American residents who have been here since their return from internment camps and destroy that community with very loud noises day and night just seems inappropriate," said Michael Tarbet, who lives about a block away from the Verizon site.

Tarbet added that residents would prefer placing the maintenance yard in Los Angeles but believes the composition of votes on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority board, which only has one representative from Santa Monica — Mayor Pro Tem Pam O'Connor — would not work in their favor.

He said that a compromise could be to locate the maintenance facility underneath Bergamot Station or move the galleries to either the Verizon site or Santa Monica Airport where there is a growing artist community.

Mayor Ken Genser said he hopes an alternate site can be found that spares both the Pico Neighborhood and Bergamot. He believes more studies need to be done to see if a compromise can be made or if the maintenance yard could be located under ground.

"It's not a simple question of this site verses that site," said Genser, who was a council member when Bergamot was purchased. "I think there are still too many questions. We need to study our options."

Genser admits that Blank turned Begamot "into something nobody expected it to be."

ALL FOR NAUGHT

Bergamot may not even be right for the maintenance yard given its size.

During a council meeting last week, Expo officials presented a graphic in which they superimposed the yard's proposed configuration at the Verizon site onto an image of Bergamot, showing there would be additional property impacts beyond the station, requiring that the parcel to the east and part of the City Yards be acquired.

To ensure Bergamot's future, Blank purchased land surrounding it. Blank and his wife also own the building which houses SMMOA.

The facility would be used to wash and maintain cars and test horns. Any possible impacts will be mitigated through measures that could include a sound wall, Born said. The proposed site had to meet several requirements, including being located on land that is about six to 10 acres and adjacent to the main line, provide enough parking for employees, ideally in an industrial area away from homes and have a reasonable shape that could accommodate the tracks.

Many residents who spoke against the maintenance facility called the proposal "environmental injustice." They also raised concerns about how it would impact businesses located nearby, such as IMAX, or the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, which signed a long-term lease to be located at the Lantana complex.

"With the I-10 Freeway going on one side and the Lantana project expanded … some people are tired, others are angry," said Robin Roy, who lives on Delaware Avenue. "Santa Monica should be ashamed of treating the neighborhood with long-standing families so callously.

"Although we are not families living on Montana, we deserve to be respected and we vote."

O'Connor, who sits on the Expo board along with county supervisors, L.A. councilmembers and a representative from Culver City, said she has not had discussions with her colleagues about the maintenance yard. Expo staff is still working on an environmental impact report and will present findings at a later date.

She is opposed to relocating Bergamot, saying that it is what makes the Expo line relevant for that area. Along with the Water Garden and the Yahoo Center, Bergamot helps make the neighborhood what it is, which is a true destination.

"With anything, we have to look at the pluses and minuses," she said. "We always strive for the least impact and be the best neighbor possible. But often, impacts cannot be avoided."

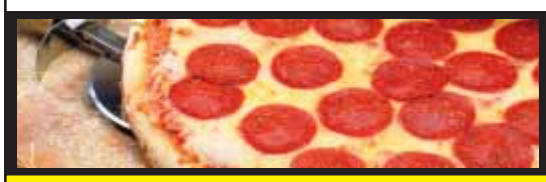
Many of her colleagues on the board have had to deal with impacts from other projects and O'Connor doesn't believe they will gladly accept a rail yard in their districts.

"Frankly, you have people who will say, 'Fine, if you don't want to build light rail, then stop it in Culver City and give us the money,'" O'Connor said. "With transit, you want to have stops at destinations. With Bergamot, the destination is already there."

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Permit problems ground ballet company

FROM **BALLET** PAGE 1

activities. Until the Certificate of Occupancy was changed, the ballet company was on hiatus.

At this point, the church agreed to take half of the usual monthly rent because the ballet company wasn't bringing in income, Blankenship said in the complaint.

However, the church's board was of no help. Rather than change the Certificate of Occupancy, the church went back on the half-rent agreement and insisted that they pay the full amount retroactively or get out, Blankenship said.

In order to save their business, the Blankenships filed for an injunction in February and sued the church for damages.

"It may not be serious to the church, to flick us off like a flea, but it's serious to us," Blankenship said.

Representatives from the church could not be reached for comment.

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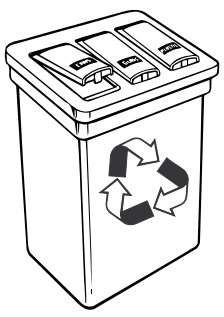
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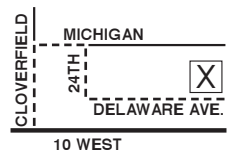


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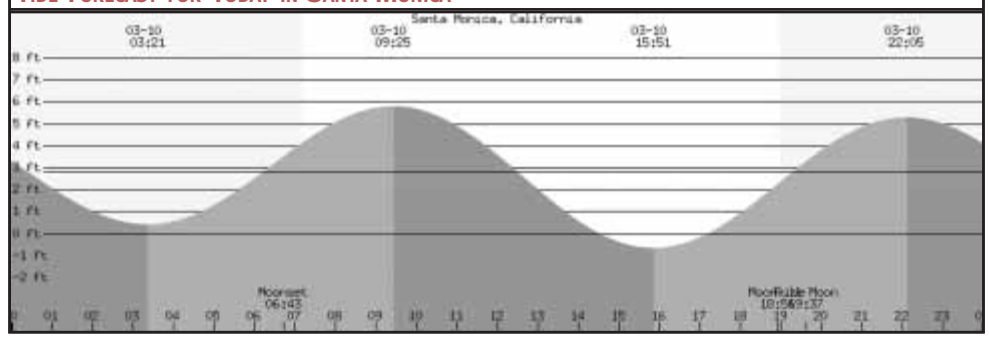
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We should see a slight increase in the NW wind swell, perhaps waist to at times chest high at west facing breaks, but much smaller at south facing spots as this wind swell would be angled from at least 320 degrees.

Long Range Synopsis

Wednesday the 11th into Thursday the 12th we should see a light combo of WestPac NW and Southern Hemi SW swells.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 16
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 42 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / 42

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	C
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	A+
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Arlos 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+	F
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	C
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A	F
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A	F
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	F
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	F
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A+	F
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	F	F
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	A+	F
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	B	F
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	F
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A	C
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	B
Tuna Canyon	A+	A+
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	F	F
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	D	F
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A+	C
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	F

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	F
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	D
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	A+	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	D	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+	D
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	A+	F
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain	A+	F
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain	A+	A
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south	A+	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	A	D
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain	A+	C
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty)	A+	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	F
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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
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1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (PG-13) 1hr 36min
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The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
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Frost/Nixon (R) 2hrs 02min
1:20, 4:10, 7:05, 9:50

Coraline (PG) 1hr 40min
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:25

The Pink Panther 2 (PG) 1hr 32min
2:45, 5:15

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min
1:30, 4:15, 7:20, 9:55

Friday the 13th (2009) (R) 1hr 35min
7:45, 10:05

Fired Up (PG-13) 1hr 30min
2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30

Jonas Brothers: The 3D Concert Experience (G) 1hr 16min
1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

Gran Torino (R) 1hr 56min
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Slumdog Millionare (R) 2hr 1min
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The Class (Entre les murs) (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Gomorrah (Gomorra) (NR) 2hrs 17min
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Taken (PG-13) 1hr 33min
12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:50

He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13) 2hrs 09min
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The International (R) 1hr 58min
1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) 1hr 43min
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Don't get in the way, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ If you're feeling out of sorts, an open conversation will make a big difference. You might feel drained by certain elements in your daily life. Might it be time to let go of these debilitating elements? Tonight: Head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might not be able to communicate your intentions. Perhaps listening to each individual's verbalization can help you communicate with them. The unexpected touches a relationship or friendship. Tonight: Fun and games.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Listen to what is being said by a family member, even if you are uncomfortable. Rethink a problem that revolves around a partner. If you come from authenticity, you will see your way through. Togetherness could be challenged by tension. Tonight: Let someone else dominate.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Speak to others; also listen with the same intensity. If you are uncomfortable with a situation, trust that you might not be the only one. Compassion and endurance go a long way. Tonight: Discussions take an interesting twist.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Know when to trim your budget. Timing could be critical. Don't follow every other person's suggestion; make decisions that confirm your uniqueness or specialness. Avoid a power play. Tonight: Go with a partner's ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your energy remains admirable, and you could be challenged by someone. Obviously, this person, at this moment in time, wants something different. Don't take this mental stance personally, but only as a passage. Tonight: Go with the flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Continue to back off and handle a problem by yourself. You could be tired or drained by a situation, and not responding at the level you would like. Fatigue might be playing a role. Tonight: Early to bed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Others have similar aims and goals. You might need to make a small adjustment. A friend, however, could be heavy or difficult. Take news with a grain of salt. Supporters and friends stand behind you. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Know that you must take a stand, no matter how difficult this act might be. Someone pulls you in one direction, while another person heads in another direction. You might ask what is best to do. Don't respond to pressure. Listen to yourself. Tonight: Could be late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Look past the obvious. If you do, you might not need to play the same role in situations. In fact, detaching could make the present turmoil much calmer than in the past. You might feel much better than you have in a long while. Tonight: Relax to a good piece of music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Dealing with partners might not be as easy as you would like. You could be overwhelmed by what is happening in your personal or financial life. Don't be. Just know that you are in a phase. Tonight: Togetherness works.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Continue to defer, and you'll get the results you desire. How you deal with someone could change dramatically. Loosen up and relax with the ebb and flow of the tides, even if you think you are looking at a tsunami. Tonight: Don't try to stop someone who is headstrong.

Happy birthday

This year, you make waves wherever you go. Pull back more and decide what is suitable for you ultimately. Think before you react. Much that might not be functional in your life could leave, allowing space for new. Often, you will be juggling different interests. If you are single, you will relate more intensely and directly. A person who enters your life this year might not be as emotionally available as you might like. If you are attached, the two of you need to agree to disagree. Learn to respect your sweetie's opinion, even if you don't agree. VIRGO can often challenge you, as you have the same issues but a different approach.

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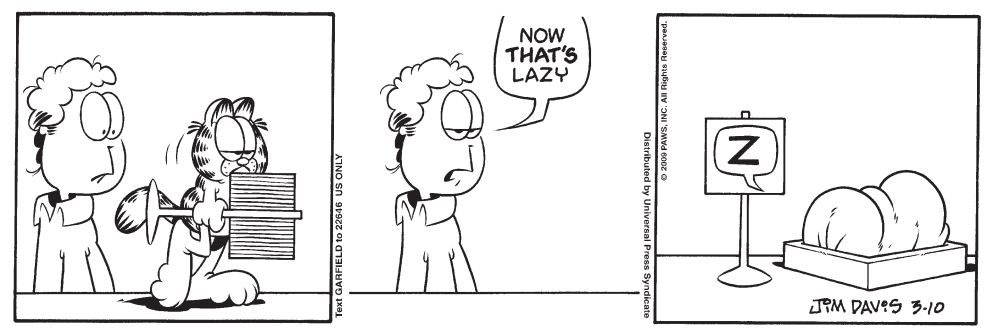
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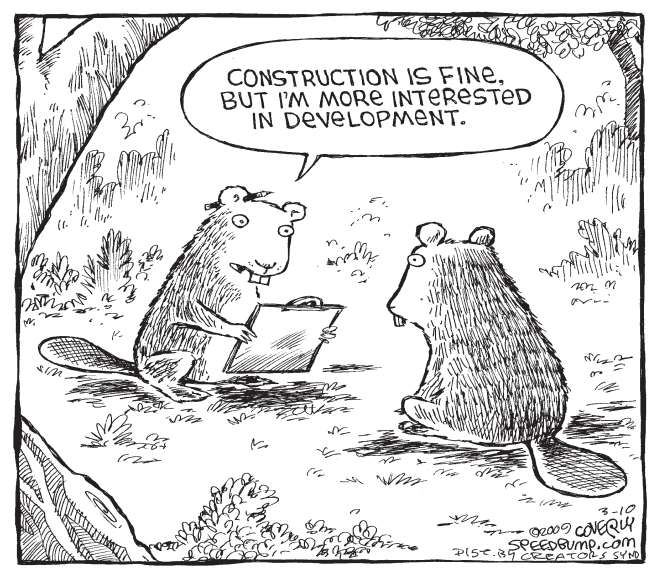
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work.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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 "— Magnolias" (Julia Roberts film)
6 Collide
11 As — (generally)
12 Joust need
13 Julia Roberts film
15 Jargon suffix
16 Rocker Nugent
17 Sick
18 Tries hard
20 Moon lander, for short
21 Got together
22 "— Lisa Smile" (Julia Roberts film)
23 Multiplied by
26 Seth of "Superbad"
27 "— Brockovich" (Julia Roberts film)
28 Way off
29 French denial
30 Yielded
34 "The — Bully" (Julia Roberts film)
35 Santa —, California
36 Keats poem
37 Julia Roberts film
40 Goodie
41 Canvas holder
42 Clothes lines
43 Luges

DOWN

1 Bank fixtures
2 Have faith in
3 Swiss mathematician
4 Building wing
5 Southpaws
6 Oafs
7 Sprinted
8 Slide rule reading
9 Triangle type
10 Writer Lillian
14 Monthly bill
19 Prayer ender
22 Extra amount
23 Lease signers
24 Smelter's need
25 Summer drink
26 Wreaks havoc on
28 Helsinki native
30 Paces
31 Sound
32 Did nothing
33 Carter and Gwyn
38 Scot's topper
39 Actor Linden

S	T	A	B	S	■	S	N	A	P	■
T	A	G	U	P	■	W	I	N	E	S
A	M	I	S	H	■	E	X	T	R	A
K	E	N	■	E	N	D	■	I	C	I
E	D	G	A	R	B	E	R	G	E	N
■	■	■	T	E	A	■	A	U	N	T
C	A	S	A	S	■	S	T	A	T	S
O	V	A	L	■	A	P	E	■	■	■
P	O	L	L	Y	B	E	R	G	E	N
P	I	T	■	E	E	L	■	A	L	I
E	D	I	T	S	■	U	R	B	A	N
R	E	N	E	E	■	N	O	L	T	E
■	D	E	N	S	■	K	N	E	E	S

Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	■	6	7	8	9	10
11					■	12				
13					14					
15			■	16			■	17		
18			19				■	20		
■	■	■	21			■	22			
23	24	25			■	26				
27				■	28			■	■	■
29			■	30				31	32	33
34			■	35			■	36		
37			38				39			
40					■	41				
42					■	43				

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DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 3 8 7
EVENING: 8 1 6

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ People With Too Much Money: At Tokyo's first fish auction of 2009 in January, the upscale Kyubey restaurant and the more moderate Itamae Sushi dining chain jointly purchased a single, 280-pound bluefin tuna for the equivalent of about $104,000. Kyubey said it would cut its half into slivers priced at about $22 each, while the popular Itamae planned to offer tinier, more affordable slivers.

■ In Hong Kong, according to a February Wall Street Journal report, when a feng shui master speaks on the economy, investors listen closely (especially in view of the mess quantitative analysis has made of things). Alion Yeo, an expert on the Chinese system of beliefs in stars, geography and the location of objects, and whose popular finance seminars attract high-end investors, told a group of about 170 recently that 2009 would be dismal because the U.S. economy is now in the hands of a president and a secretary of the Treasury who were both born in a Year of the Ox (1961), of which 2009 is another (and which has already started frighteningly with both a solar eclipse and a lunar eclipse).

■ Some laid-off workers may be desperate to exhibit their work skills at any available job, but February news reports highlighted two government bureaucrats who draw $250,000 a year between them yet have been prevented from doing a stitch of work for, in one case, six years, and in the other, 18 months. Randall Hinton is nominally the chief of investigations for the New York State Insurance Fund but was ostracized by his supervisors in 2002 and has taken home his $93,000 a year for zero work ever since. U.S. Labor Department official Bob Whitmore earns $150,000 but has had no work to do since July 2007 due to a clash with his supervisors.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1848 the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, which ended the Mexican-American War.

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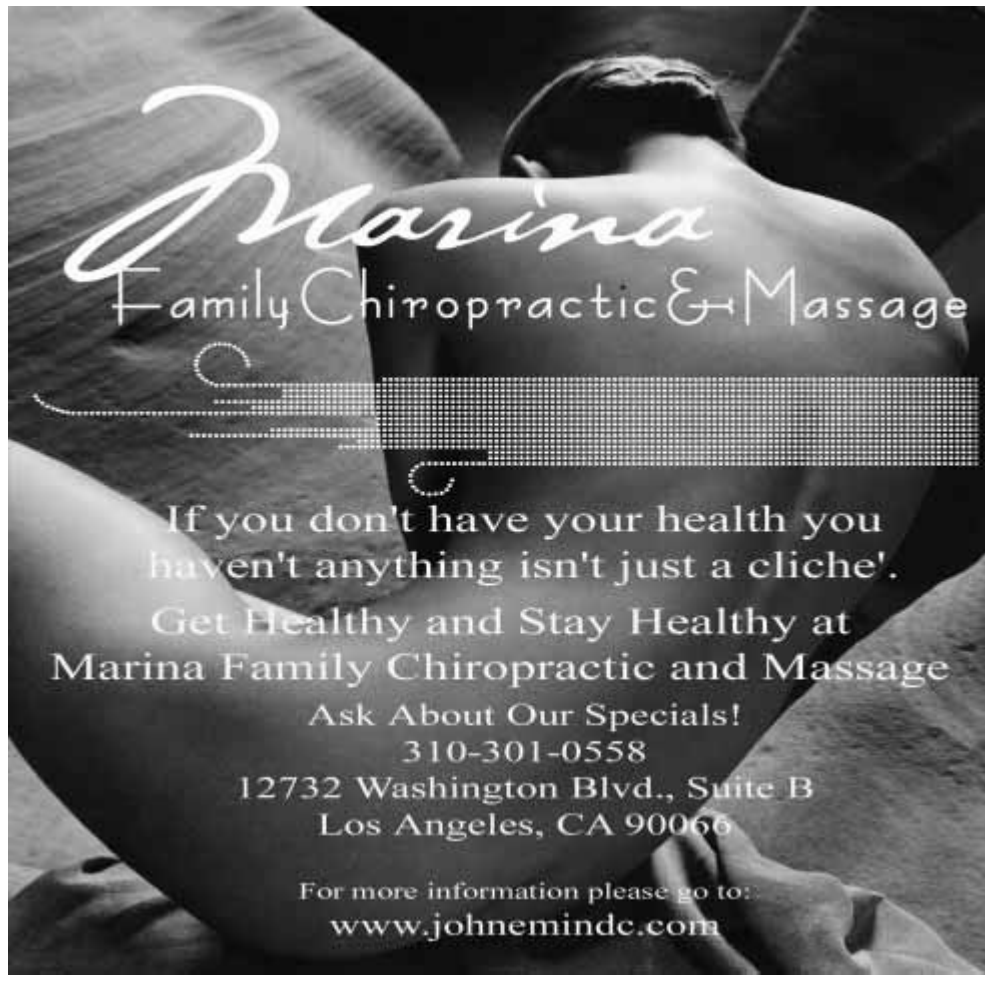
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