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THE IN THE SWING OF THINGS ISSUE

Police seize more than $1M in Ecstasy

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

LINCOLN BLVD About 40 pounds of Ecstasy were discovered stashed inside of a parked car here on Sunday after Santa Monica Police and federal agents busted a Northern California man believed to be trafficking drugs.

Ramandeep Singh Sandhu, 25, of Fremont, was booked by SMPD after authorities found about 51,000 tablets of MDMA — believed to be worth more than $1 million — inside of the suspect's backpack around 5:15 p.m. He has since been transferred to federal custody and charged with narcotics trafficking. He is believed to be a Canadian national.

"We know he has made frequent trips to Canada and we are trying to figure out what his nation of origin is," said SMPD Sgt. Robert Almada, who heads up the Vice Unit.

Upon receiving information, a team consisting of SMPD narcotics investigators, agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the El Monte Police Department, which happened to be in the area, spotted a suspicious person in a parked car near the intersection of Lincoln Boulevard and Broadway. A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of the hallucinogenic drug.

Investigators believe the suspect intend-

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Photo courtesy SMPD

BIG HAUL: **At least 40 pounds of Ecstasy were discovered by Santa Monica Police on Sunday.**

Despite setbacks, City Hall program to increase use of solar is paying off

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

NOMA Like many residents concerned about the cost of installing solar panels on their roofs, Ann Giagni wasn't sure the investment would be worth it. She was interested in solar and had been for years, but there was always that financial uncertainty.

That is until one afternoon last year when she visited the Farmers' Market at Virginia Avenue Park. There she met with representatives from Solar Santa Monica, a program created by City Hall in 2006 to help residents and businesses determine if solar is right for them.

After a free energy audit that significantly reduced her family's consumption of power, and some studying of rebates, Giagni took the plunge and couldn't be happier with the results, which include significant savings on her electric bill.

"The goal for our country is to get off foreign oil, and each house with solar reduces our need," said Giagni, who installed a 6.5 kilo-watt system for roughly $40,000. "That's another step toward our goal.

"I am very satisfied."

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YOU'RE OUT!

Morgan Genser *news@smdp.com*

Crossroads junior second baseman Andres Leyva (right) tries to turn a double play as Viewpoint High School's Tyler Sprague attempts to break it up on Tuesday at Clover Park. Crossroads won the game, 6-4, improving its record to 4-0 on the season.

Police warn about rise in auto thefts

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Facing an increase in auto burglaries just three months into the year, the Santa Monica Police Department is warning residents about keeping their vehicles safe from criminal activity.

"Our goal is to take this comprehensive approach and lower that number by not only beefing up patrol and adding resources dedicated to lowering the num-

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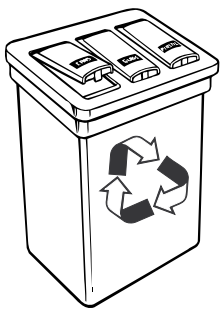
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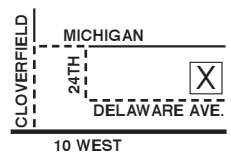


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First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St., 1 p.m. — 2 p.m.
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Thursday, March 19, 2009

Battle of the bands
Rusty's Surf Ranch
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Friday, March 20, 2009

'Into The Woods'
Lincoln Middle School Auditorium
1501 California Ave., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
An ambivalent Cinderella? A blood-thirsty Little Red Ridinghood? A witch who raps? They're all among the cockeyed characters in James Lapine's and Stephen Sondheim's fractured fairy tale. Tickets to this spring musical are $5 for students and $10 for adults. Call (310) 393-9227 for more information.

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FEELING IRISH

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Jeff Kelly (right) and David Grassian enjoy pints of beer on St. Patrick's Day at O'Brien's Pub on Tuesday morning.

Obama comes to L.A. amid troubled times

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD
AP Political Writer

LOS ANGELES California was a refuge for Richard Nixon, a ranch for Ronald Reagan, and a playground for Bill Clinton. But President Barack Obama's stopover here this week will be no vacation.

The state that is home to one in eight Americans has been ravaged by recession, a housing meltdown and double-digit unemployment. The public is seething over $165 million in post-bailout bonuses paid to executives at American International Group Inc. — an issue certain to overshadow the two-day visit.

His first appearance as president in a state that was a getaway for his predecessors could instead become a political test for Obama, whose administration has been trying to find its voice on the economy. His schedule includes a stop on Jay Leno's stage in Burbank after town hall-style meetings in Orange County on Wednesday and downtown Los Angeles on Thursday. With the furor over the AIG bonuses, "If he doesn't have some really good answers, this could be a nightmare. It's not going to be enough to say, 'I feel your anger and we are looking into it,'" said University of California, Berkeley, political scientist Bruce Cain. "There has to be some sort of decisive action."

Judy Chen-Lee, a laid-off job counselor for the city of Santa Ana, has a ticket for the Orange County event and hopes to press the president about getting people back to work

The economic stimulus money should be "dedicated to those most in need, who need jobs and retraining," she said. "The AIG situation is sad. There needs to be accountability."

Normally, a trip to the Democratic-leaning state would represent a welcome respite for a Democratic president. Clinton was here more than 70 times during his presidency, often to attend lavish political fundraisers with his golf clubs in tow.

Obama, who spent his early college years in California, won a 24-point victory here in November and his administration is thick with Californians.

National surveys show Obama remains personally popular, despite some unease over policy. But recent polls confirm the obvious — at a time of economic stress residents are anxious, frayed. California is at the center of the mortgage crisis, and the number of residents fleeing the nation's most populous state for elsewhere has been

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SM author knows how to prosper

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE
Special to the Daily Press

MAIN STREET To hear Santa Monica-based Michelle DeAngelis, author of "Get A Life That Doesn't Suck," tell you she once had a job that "sucked the life out of her" you'd never think it possible. DeAngelis is one of the most upbeat and good-natured folks around town.

The impetus for her book came from a combination of DeAngelis' personal experience and her longtime work in corporate America. She saw so many miserable people who hated their jobs and who were just slogging through each day, and knew there had to be a way out.

"Your work can be meaningful and fun and contribute to your happiness, not detract from it," DeAngelis said.

But notoriety didn't come easy. Her first book proposal focused on "joy and its accessibility. I got rejected all over town," DeAngelis said. Frustrated, she went to Cabo to unwind. While on the beach (pen and pad in hand) trying to think of a clever title a man approached and asked what her book was about. "I didn't want to tell this guy it's about 'finding joy' so I said, 'it's about getting a life that doesn't suck.'" Thus the title was born and the publisher finally jumped.

The book's gaining traction with folks in unexpected locales — a women's correctional facility in the Midwest wants to make it part of their curriculum. DeAngelis attributes it to the invaluable coping skills the book provides. "There are 10 life changing actions that when be incorporated on a regular basis reduce the number of problems encountered."

Platitudes and idiomatic expressions for living a happy life abound, but DeAngelis wanted to present a concrete system, based on cognitive behavioral therapy and meditation allowing people to practice and integrate these actions into their lives. "You choose your mood, you're not stuck with it," DeAngelis affirmed.

She got her start as a product manager in the banking business at a time when banks were deregulating and needed people who were good with understanding marketing

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A good idea, but ...

Editor:

Dick Orton's idea to have the Expo Line terminate at the beach parking lots is an excellent one. Those lots are less than full during the week and then plenty of people could park and ride.

Unfortunately, this idea will never happen for two reasons: First, check the ridership projections of the Expo Authority. The Expo Line's primary ridership is workers traveling daily to Santa Monica from other parts of the city.

Not the other way around.

Second, light rail is so slow that anyone who owns a car and use those park and ride lots would be making the choice to get to their destination more slowly than if they drove.

Steve Hymon, the rail reporter for the Los Angeles Times has talked about this problem on the Gold Line in Pasadena where he lives.

He tried various combinations of park and ride, bike and ride, and so forth and none came close to the speed of driving to his downtown office – even at the height of rush hour. That's why light rail ends up mostly attracting bus riders.

Alex Benn
Santa Monica/West L.A.

An open letter to Arnold

Editor:

Dear Gov. Schwarzenegger,

As we approach Earth Day 2009, it is appropriate and timely to now write this letter to you. After all, you are a champion of fighting global warming, and you would no doubt want your children to inherit a more environmentally friendly Earth.

Over the past 25 years thousands of residents living around Santa Monica Airport have undergone a most egregious environmental assault.

Their fresh ocean breezes have been transformed into a most foul-smelling and a potentially very toxic mix.

Parents worry about letting their children play outdoors, and often have to close the doors and windows to stop the odors from entering their homes. It is only fair to assume that you, as a private jet user of Santa Monica Airport, are not aware of the magnitude of this critical situation.

As governor, who also has the added benefit of tremendous celebrity status, you certainly can influence public awareness about this unconscionable environmental injustice, as well as champion legislative action to stop it.

Twenty-five years ago there were about 1,000 jet operations at Santa Monica Airport and residents were concerned then, mostly about the noise. Today jet traffic has grown to about 18,000 operations.

One need only to visit the airport's surrounding neighborhoods to understand the extent of the increase in air pollution as well as noise pollution residents have had shoved down their ears, noses, and throats.

A 1989 Department of Transportation/Federal Aviation Administration memo ... warns of a Critical Jet Blast Area; stating, "Since prolonged exposure to jet fumes is dangerous to the health of personnel working on the system... Therefore, no jet aircraft shall be permitted to park or hold within 300 feet of the ILS equipment... ." I ask why, since 1989, residents living closer than 300 feet from the jet blast have fallen under the radar with regard to the risk from jet fumes to their health?

Governor, now that you are aware of the deleterious effect that jet engine exhaust has on human health, I am confident that you will choose not to use Santa Monica Airport when traveling by private jet to and from Sacramento.

You can certainly set an example for others to follow. Please, help make it possible for the children to play outdoors again by terminating your use of Santa Monica Airport.

Martin Rubin
Director, Concerned Residents Against Airport Pollution



Word in Edgewise

Kenny Mack — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Where power resides

HENRY KISSINGER SAID POWER IS THE ultimate aphrodisiac. He would know. After all, he dated Candice Bergen and Marlo Thomas and the only thing sexy about him was his job title.

America is a capitalist country governed by a representative democracy and right now, American capitalism and American democracy are in a tug-of-war over where power will be centered — with nothing less than the global economy hanging in the balance. On one side is capitalism, profit motive, and the power of money. On the other side is what my eight grade social studies teacher called "demos kratos," community, and the power of the people. The arena for this battle is today's House capital markets subcommittee hearing where Edward Liddy, the CEO of AIG, is testifying about $450 million in annual bonuses his company is paying out after having been saved from bankruptcy by the American taxpayer.

Liddy is in a no-win situation. He wasn't in charge when the decision to pay these bonuses was made. He's just the guy who was named to take over once we bought control of AIG under our previous president. His job is to give honest answers to tough questions that our elected representatives have to ask now that the U.S. government has basically taken AIG's title as the largest insurance company in the world with an investment of $180 billion in bailout money.

Committee members should resist the temptation to waste time detailing their personal feelings and get to the nuts and bolts of these bonus payments. Because when they do, and when the American taxpayer learns the full story, there will be plenty of outrage to go around. As upset as people are at the idea that AIG would be paying bonuses at all, just wait until it becomes known exactly who is getting this $450 million and exactly where they are. These people are in AIG's Financial Products Unit. The FPU, run by former junk-bond peddler and Michael Milken associate Joseph Cassano, was the department that basically invented the credit default swap (an insurance policy on mortgage-backed securities) and the market for their derivatives. Under Cassano's direction, these people cooked up a scam to charge fees for using AIG's stellar credit rating to add value to investments (like MBS's) traded by its clients — but without setting aside nearly enough capital to off-set the risk.

When the housing market crashed and those securities went bad, AIG had to pay up and lost its credit rating in the process. Contractual obligations due to that change in credit rating then required billions more in payments and, because AIG didn't have and couldn't borrow the cash, we bailed them out. So it was this exact department that traded so much debt that the global market in CDS's has grown to an estimated $62 trillion, but they had no idea what they would do if it all went wrong. And these are the people being paid $220 million in bonuses for 2008, $165 million of which went out last Friday. Not to fan the flames of fury or anything, but of the 400 or so people in the FPU, about 375 work out of the London office. So we're talking about hundreds of millions of American taxpayer dollars being paid to people who don't even live in America.

From the capitalism side, they'll say the contracts to pay these bonuses were in place before the bail-out and they have to be honored because a contract is a contract. They'll say these people are essential for "unwinding" existing CDS's and derivatives so the department can be sold off at the maximum price. They'll also say we're talking about "retention bonuses" designed to keep these people from going somewhere else.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHOULD RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO WASTE TIME DETAILING THEIR PERSONAL FEELINGS AND GET TO THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF THESE BONUS PAYMENTS. BECAUSE WHEN THEY DO, AND WHEN THE AMERICAN TAXPAYER LEARNS THE FULL STORY, THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF OUTRAGE TO GO AROUND.

But a contract wasn't a contract when the United Auto Workers had to re-structure their agreements with Ford, GM, and Chrysler before any automaker bailout could happen. It also doesn't make much sense to think the people who didn't see (or didn't want to see) the problem coming are the only ones who can fix it. And I wouldn't worry too much about them leaving. Where are they going to go? Jobs are scarce in the economy these people helped create — especially in the financial sector — and there is no more "toxic asset" than a resume with "American International Group, Financial Products Unit" on it.

Joe Cassano did pretty well for himself during his eight-year tenure as he buried us all in $60 trillion in bad paper. He made $300 million and as recently as 2007 said he couldn't see AIG "losing one dollar in any (CDS) transactions." Clearly he hasn't learned a thing since his junk-bond adventures in the '80s and it seems Wall Street hasn't learned anything from the Great Depression in the '30s.

So the question of who should have the power in this new global economy is easy to answer. Power should rest in the hands of those who learn the lessons of history, not those who seem destined to repeat it.

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Going Postal

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Electric cars are revolting

THE MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009 EDITION of the Santa Monica Daily Press had two wonderfully juxtaposed environmental pieces from columnist Bill Bauer's "My Write" and "Earth Talk" (ET) by the editors of E Magazine. Bill's insightful piece on the boneheaded shenanigans of the City Council over the proposed light rail system down Colorado Avenue was, as usual, the most erudite smackdown of the local nanny-state class that I've ever read. Personally, I think the council was probably frightened that Jerry Rubin was going to chain himself yet again to a diseased tree on Olympic Boulevard in protest and wanted to avoid the bad publicity.

I lived and worked in mass-transit happy Japan for a number of years. Rapid transit was, and still is, the backbone of my traveling mien, so I've always wondered when America was going to step up on the evolutionary transportation ladder. Local enviro-liberalistas, however, are great on the "talk" about the beneficial efficacies of mass transit but "walk" off the end of the platform because only "words matter."

The ET article, however, phoned home on the alleged viability and affordability of the mass use of PHEV's (Plug in Hybrid Electric Vehicles) while citing self serving facts from the polluted PR cesspool of the National Resource Defense Council (NRDC). Let's not forget that the NRDC deliberately created the alar-on-apples-causes-cancer hoax in 1989 in order to fluff their financial bottom line while costing hard working American farmers over $250 million in lost revenues. Trusting NRDC factoids is like trusting Hannibal Lecter in your kitchen.

ET cited the cost effectiveness of PHEV's to parlay the mythological impact of man-made green house gases on the environment. It claimed that the U.S. has more than enough power, from our existing electrical utility infrastructure, to handle any additional electrical output for PHEVs. But then the ET article further cites that our current infrastructure can only supply 75 percent of our "current small vehicle fleet." This implies our public sector fleet while ignoring the energy availability to privately owned vehicles. Naturally, their article demurs on the impact of what approximately 204 million additional privately owned PHEVs in the U.S. would have on the allegedly "adequate" U.S. power grid.

Is it an inconvenient truth that, over the last eight summers in California, we have had frequent and varied news reports over rolling blackouts and brownouts because California's aging utility infrastructure can't handle the increased power consumption from simple air conditioning needs?

My apologies for belaboring the visibly obvious.

And if the posturing planetary enviro-dorks at ET and the NRDC believe that pimping the hot, sexy photo of Tesla Motors' all electric sports coupe will win the hearts and minds of NRDC trustee-poseurs like Laurie David, Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert Redford then its Obamanomical base price of $109,000 (with a $50,000 up front reserve fee) will surely meet the fiscal considerations of any restaurant waitress slinging green ham and eggs on Main Street. Affordable? Hmmm.

If the Tesla roadster is the pinnacle of pandered environmental correctness, then my question to the editors of E Magazine and the NRDC is, how many of these hot rods do you currently possess in your corporate fleet? When a carbon Sasquatch like a Laurie David or an Al Gore changes shoe sizes, please let me know.

I usually take the two block walk to the Sunday morning Farmers' Market at Ocean Park and Main. I like to walk down along the parking lots behind the shops on Main Street. Without a Tesla insight, there is a smattering of Obama-mobiles (the Prius) yet there are a significantly greater number of Ford/GM/Lexus/Infinity/Beemer/Mercedes SUV "global warmers" in the lot while their Patagonia attired owners pick over the heirloom tomatoes and goat cheese at the market. Sorry, but it looks like the enviro-choir isn't singing from the same automotive hymnal to me. Didn't these folks get the memo? Maybe DiCaprio can chain himself to the axle of his yoga teacher's Hummer in protest and sign some autographs before he charters another private jet to Cannes.

Is Earth Talk's fair and equal suggestive solution to automotive pollution meant to spread the energy wealth around to only 75 percent of the working class while the Princes of Populism and their hacks and lackeys can continue to roll in first class comfort?

Or is this just another lane change we've all been waiting in traffic for?

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The Q Line

Backing Bobby

City Councilman Bobby Shriver has recently said he is mulling a run for state attorney general next year.

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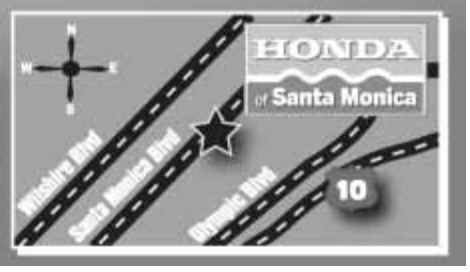

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Resident spent $1,500 on repairs following break-in

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ber of auto burglaries, but also educating the community to protect themselves from becoming victims," said SMPD Sgt. Renaldi Thruston, the community relations and crime prevention coordinator.

The department reports an increase in auto thefts this year after seeing incidents drop by 26 percent in 2008.

Thruston said the department is planning on examining which sections of the city are being targeted the most and directing resources to those areas. The Neighborhood Resource Officers, which were established under the department's new community policing model, are also expected to dispense information to residents on crime prevention.

"It's a full campaign involving everyone from the community to the police department," Thruston said.

The rise in auto burglaries reflects a current national trend, police said.

The department advises residents to keep their valuables out of view in their vehicle, instead storing items in the trunk before arriving at a location where someone might be watching.

Authorities also said that car windows and doors must be locked at all times, even if the driver is away from the vehicle for a short period.

"An open door or window allows a thief a quick and quiet way to steal your property," a SMPD public bulletin stated. "When the window is only slightly open, it also makes the thief's job easier."

Vehicles with Global Positioning System devices, airbags and stereos are also more likely to be hit.

Thruston said that airbags are desirable targets because some body shops will go to the "black market" to purchase them instead of paying the going rate.

Police also advise residents to park in well-lit areas where the vehicle is easily visible and be wary of suspicious individuals who are wandering around and looking into cars.

One of the most recent victims was Jeanne Dodson, a Wilshire-Montana resident who was notified by a neighbor about three weeks ago that someone had broken into her car.

"It was right when we had those torrential downpours," Dodson, who is also the chairwoman of the Wilshire-Montana Neighborhood Coalition, said. "They broke my windows and it was pouring down rain."

She spent approximately $1,500 to repair damages to the vehicle, which entailed replacing the broken windows, and fixing locks that were ripped out of the car and trunk. Dodson said she believes a crowbar was used. Nothing was stolen from her car, which was already empty.

Dodson said she was following much of the rules suggested by the police department.

"I hope I don't get victimized twice," she said.

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Massive solar energy projects in the pipeline

FROM SOLAR PAGE 1

Giagni is one of 34 homeowners and five businesses that joined the "smart grid" in 2008, increasing the solar capacity of Santa Monica by 226kW of clean and renewable power for a total of over 1,000 kW. Thanks in large part to Solar Santa Monica, solar systems are now generating enough power each day to serve 400 homes.

While that's a far cry from being energy independent, a goal set by the City Council for 2020 (Santa Monicans use an average of 150 mega-watts daily), Solar Santa Monica is well ahead of its 1.5MW, three-year goal, according to a report on the program that has yet to be released.

"I really have to applaud the city of Santa Monica for what they've done, and the good news is, more cities are following their lead," said Scott Gordon, director of sales for HelioPower, one of Solar Santa Monica's preferred contractors.

That said, Solar Santa Monica is not without problems. In the beginning, there were complaints of false leads and a permit process that was cumbersome and costly, causing some contractors to pause. Many of the issues stemmed from uncertainty about solar and relative inexperience by city staff when it came to approving projects. Regulations on the books were outdated and needed to be revised for things to move smoothly.

"The program has helped my business … but it would be more effective if [Solar Santa Monica staff] had more power to implement change," said Mark Smith of Solar Forward, a vocal critic of the permit process who believes City Hall should have made improvements in planning before launching Solar Santa Monica. "You can't accomplish your goals if you have a bottleneck."

Over the last two years, new guidelines have been established, inspectors brought up to speed and a new culture has emerged in the planning department to address years of complaints about the permit and plan check process, said Eileen Fogarty, director of planning.

"It takes time," Fogarty said of the changes she has instituted. "First we looked at those out in the field and how to create better consistency and predictability [with inspections] … so we don't have a variation in responses, which is one of the biggest issues we heard. Now we are focusing on better ways to give service right at the counter."

While the process isn't perfect, contractors said they have noticed a difference and are pleased.

Now, the only obstacle standing in the way of continued success seems to be the economy, with Solar Santa Monica staff forced to cut back their budget, the results of which are not yet known.

"We want the program to be sustainable and for that to happen we need to find a way to be more cost manageable," said Susan Munves, who manages Solar Santa Monica.

Munves' staff is small, relying heavily on an independent consultant, EcoMotion, which has experts on the ground meeting with residents and business owners to assess needs. City Hall pays EcoMotion $490,000 a year for its services, a figure that will be significantly reduced.

"We know budgets are tight," said Ted Flanigan of EcoMotion. "The main thing is maintaining our presence in Santa Monica."

Flanigan said EcoMotion, because of budget constraints, is focusing on larger projects, such as multi-family dwellings and large businesses.

STEP BY STEP

The process begins when someone interested in solar energy contacts Solar Santa Monica for an energy audit. Experts conduct the audit and find ways to save, such as replacing old appliances with more energy-efficient models. Once the audit is complete, Solar Santa Monica determines if solar is cost effective.

If a resident or business owners decides to move forward, they are provided a list of preferred contractors who have been vetted by city staff and guarantee set prices for each size of solar system. Contractors are able to offer systems at a discount because they are not having to do the original assessments of the home or business, nor do they have to spend time finding customers.

"By having the city's stamp of approval, it gives us credibility," said Herb Mendelsohn of PermaCity Corp., a preferred contractor that has worked on 10 residential projects and three commercial through Solar Santa Monica.

Those interested in solar are not obligated to work with a preferred contractor.

Mendelsohn did say that getting permits still takes longer than in other municipalities, but Santa Monica is not the most difficult city to work with and notices the process is moving faster. All permit fees are waived for solar projects as a way to encourage solar.

"It would be nice if permits were expedited, and it is a longer process than we would like, but it hasn't been overly cumbersome," Mendelsohn said.

FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

The proof is in the projects already lined up for 2009. According to a report by EcoMotion, there are 2.3 MW of solar projects in the pipeline, including a 241kW system at Santa Monica College, an 80 kW system at Santa Monica Place, a 400 kW system at Red Bull and 1,000kW at projects at public school sites.

While the sluggish economy may be putting a damper on things, new legislation and faith in the Obama administration may help to keep consumers encouraged.

Tax credits have been extended and Solar Santa Monica is working on a bill that would create "feed-in tariff" which energy companies would pay to consumers for electricity fed back into the electricity grid from a renewable source like solar.

Another bill AB 811, approved in the summer of 2008, allows cities to offer loans to residents for efficiency and solar upgrades, with repayment being received through property taxes. City staff is working on a proposal that could go into effect later this year.

The momentum around solar is translating into more jobs, said Gordon, who is reviewing resumes for an expanded sales staff.

"We're one of the bright spots in the economy," Gordon said. "People may not be buying cars, but they are buying solar."

While Solar Santa Monica has not been as lucrative as Gordon thought it would be when HelioPower signed up, he feels it has helped his company's reputation and reach, all while moving solar forward.

"Solar Santa Monica's reputation is impressive," he said. "Could it improve? Of Course, but the great thing is [Solar Santa Monica staff] are very open to feedback and I think they've responded."

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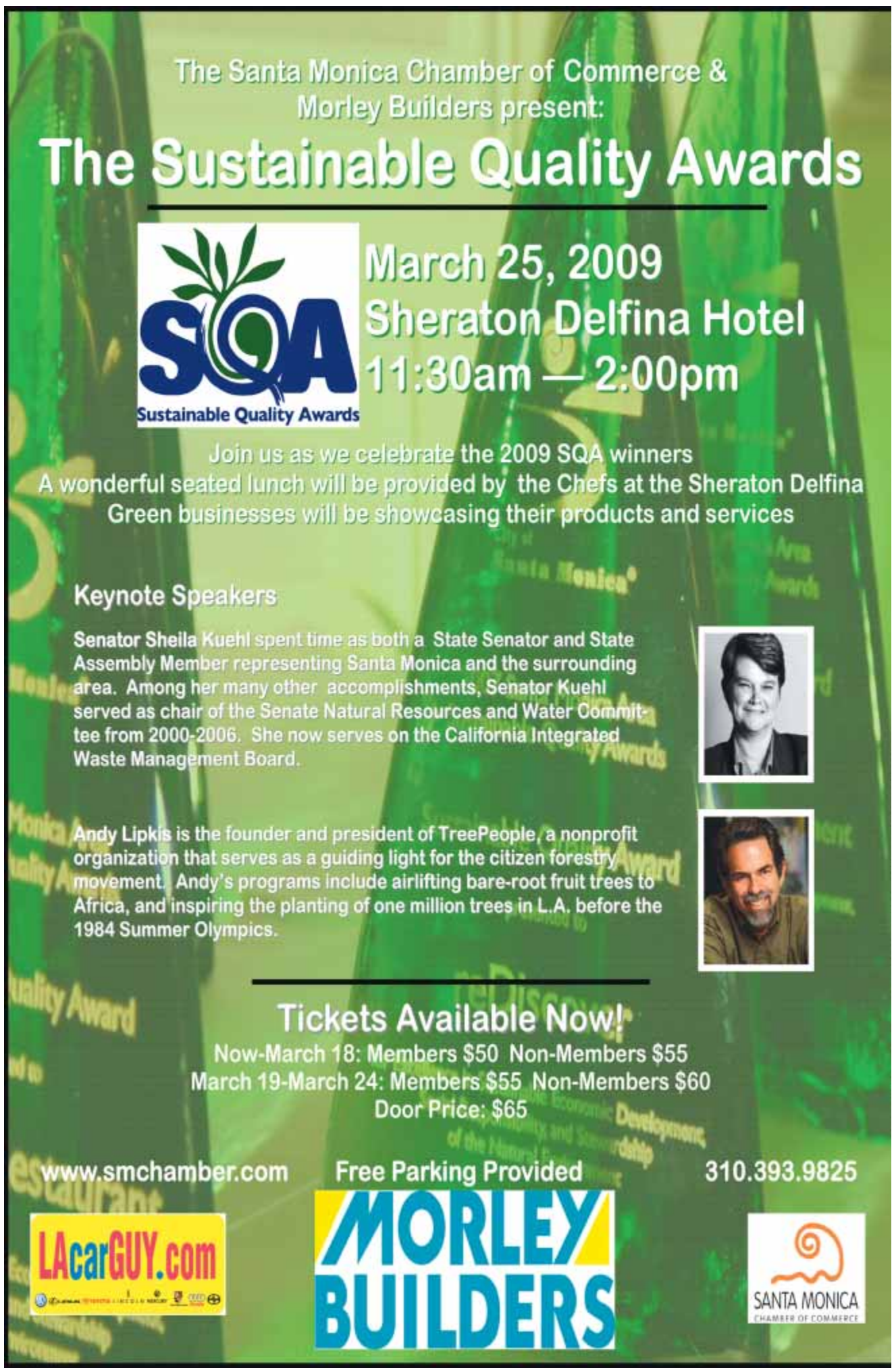
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Author promotes new self-help book

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Obama to visit Leno

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rising.

The state will be a key to any national recovery — California on its own is the world's eighth-largest economy. Obama's green jobs agenda is similar to ideas being pushed in California.

His stop on Leno's couch will mark the first time a sitting president has hit the late-night comedy circuit. Leno is known for banter and laughs, not grilling politicians, so it will give Obama a deferential platform to talk about the economy. The show has about 5 million viewers — a Main Street audience mostly beyond the Beltway.

The message on the economy has appeared to shift. During the fall campaign, Obama relentlessly criticized his Republican opponent, Sen. John McCain, for declaring, "The fundamentals of our economy are strong."

But last weekend, a White House adviser said the economy is fundamentally sound despite the temporary "mess." Just a week ago, White House Office of Management and Budget director Peter Orszag declared that "fundamentally, the economy is weak." Days later, Obama told reporters he was confident in the economy.

How much Obama — or any president — can do during an economic slowdown is always in question.

"The economy everywhere is in big trouble, and these are problems that started long before he came into office," said Christopher Thornberg of Beacon Economics in Los Angeles. "Obama doesn't walk on water. He can't wave a magic wand and fix all that."

When Ronald Reagan occupied the White House, his first trip on Air Force One trip was to California for a weekend at his ranch in the Santa Ynez mountains. When Nixon was in office, his seaside home in San Clemente became known as the Western White House, a hideaway during a turbulent presidency.

Obama is popular in reliably Democratic Hollywood, and money from the entertainment industry helped finance the richest campaign in presidential history. When asked if Obama planned to meet with any celebrities on his visit, White House spokesman Nick Shapiro declined comment.

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Bust nets drugs

FROM **BUST** PAGE 1

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"(Sandhu) is looking at significant time," Almada said.

According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse, methylenedioxymethamphetamine is a psychoactive drug that produces feelings of euphoria and emotional warmth while causing "distortions in time perception." Use of the drug can lead to depression, anxiety and confusion.

The arrest last weekend was the most recent in a series of drug busts that the department has been involved in over the past year.

The department assisted in a two-year investigation that led to the October 2008 arrest of seven people allegedly linked to a drug trafficking ring in which Ecstasy and marijuana were shipped to the United States and cocaine to Canada. A Santa Monica resident was among the suspects arrested.

The SMPD last July also arrested a man believed to have smuggled Ecstasy into the country from Canada in exchange for caches of cocaine.

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L.A. Cardinal testifies in abuse case

BY GARANCE BURKE
Associated Press Writer

FRESNO Cardinal Roger Mahony of Los Angeles made a rare court appearance Tuesday to testify that he knew nothing of sexual abuse two brothers claim they suffered years ago at the hands of a priest in rural central California.

Mahony, who heads the nation's largest Roman Catholic archdiocese, served as a high-level administrator for the Fresno diocese during some of the 14 years George and Howard Santillan say they were molested by Monsignor Anthony Herdegen in Wasco, a small farming town near Bakersfield.

It's the second time Mahony has ever taken the witness stand to answer questions before jurors in cases tied to the clergy sex abuse scandal that has shaken the U.S. church.

Wearing his formal clergy collar, the cardinal testified that he never heard during his 16 years at the Fresno diocese that Herdegen was massaging and molesting boys in his bedroom, nor did he hear of any other alleged sexual crimes.

"I don't recall any case of any allegation of sexual abuse of a child by a priest so I don't know how it might have been handled because I never heard of it," Mahony told jurors in Fresno County Superior Court. "Early on, any kind of problem like this to my recollection was looked at as a spiritual failure, that there was a lack of spiritual fortitude and therefore it was treated with a spiritual remedy. We became aware that that wasn't appropriate."

The Santillan brothers sued the Fresno diocese in 2003, claiming negligence by officials who they say should have known about the alleged abuse.

The Rev. Jesse Avila, a spokesman for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno, said he could not comment on the ongoing trial, but said the diocese has faced about a dozen cases claiming abuse by clergy in the last 70 years. Defense attorneys also declined comment.

The brothers claim Herdegen sexually abused them from 1959 through 1973 while he served as a priest at St. John's Catholic Church, their hometown parish in Wasco. Their attorney, Jeff Anderson, said Herdegen's housekeeper let the boys into the priest's rectory bedroom and knew they were alone with him.

In that period, Mahony directed the Fresno diocese's charities and social services and served as its chief archivist. Anderson said the cardinal supervised Herdegen and had access to secret files in which church higher-ups kept note of potential abuses and other sensitive or damaging information.

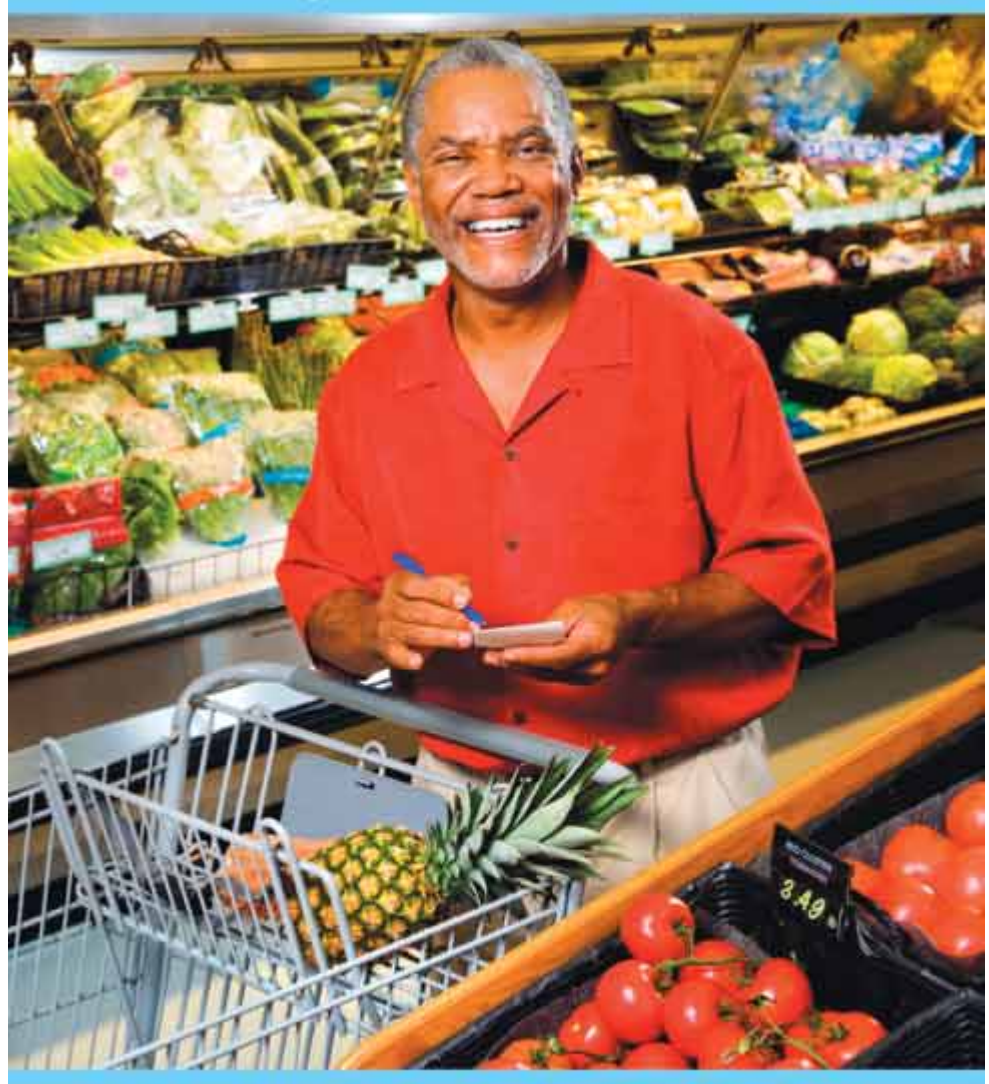
The brothers filed their lawsuit during a one-year window that voided the statute of limitations on old abuse claims in California.

A trial court initially dismissed their suit, ruling that there was no evidence that the diocese knew of abuse by Herdegen. But last May, a three-judge panel of the 2nd District Court of Appeals ruled that Mahony's deposition testimony showed church officials either knew or should have known that Herdegen was a potential predator.

The civil trial takes place against the backdrop of a reported grand jury investigation of the actions of the cardinal and other Los Angeles archdiocese officials over their handling of alleged clergy child molestation cases.

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Demand soars for 'fast acting' diet pill



WORKS FAST: Apatrim™ is causing a buzz among dieters since they don't have to change their lifestyle and it starts working on their appetite just minutes after taking it.*[1]

By M.J. MOORE
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Thousands of callers clogged an Ohio company's phone lines trying to get this breakthrough diet pill.

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And people that have used this weight loss supplement are singing its praises.

"All I did was take it about 30 minutes before I was going to eat and I didn't feel hungry. It really works great for me," said Erica Leventhal.[2]

Researchers believe that Apatrim can suppress appetite which can mean fewer calories are being consumed; this can lead to weight loss.* Consumers should keep in mind that there's no substitute for proper diet and exercise when it comes to losing weight. Meaningful weight loss requires consuming fewer calories than the body burns.

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All of this positive feedback makes it easy to understand why there is so much excitement and optimism surrounding this weight loss supplement.

CLINICAL RESULTS

The U.S. clinical study was conducted in Los Angeles under the direction of Dr. Ronald M. Lawrence,[3] M.D., Ph.D. a former clinical professor at the University of California's Los Angeles School of Medicine.

The study included healthy, overweight individuals between the ages of 31 and 73. Their caloric intake and level of exercise was not disclosed.

The participants were instructed not to change the food they were eating and not to add any exercise; in other words, no changes to their daily routine. They were told to take Apatrim 30 minutes before lunch and dinner.

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Public now facing 48-hour cut off; clinical trial shows participants lost weight without adding exercise or diets

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"Even though we weren't able to take all of the initial calls from people trying to get Apatrim we're ready now," said Geis.

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1. Primary study based on 26 participants over a 4-week period. Participants were directed not to add any exercise or change eating habits. Participants level of caloric intake and exercise were not measured or disclosed. 2. Individual results may vary. 3. Dr. Ronald Lawrence, M.D., PhD., conducted the clinical trial and is not affiliated with PatentHEALTH nor endorsing Apatrim. 4. Available in select store locations.

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Drug stores load up with powerful joint pill

Sales skyrocketing; news of its amazing results spread across the U.S.

By G.W. Napier
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - Consumers can't seem to get enough of it and drug stores are selling it as fast as they can get it.

"Unbelievable, that's all I can say," said Matthew Woods, Director of Business Development for PatentHEALTH the company that developed the breakthrough joint supplement.

Woods was referring to the fact that in just one day a drug store chain sold 2,000 bottles of the powerful joint health supplement called Trigosamine®.

"We've already shipped over 500,000 bottles of Trigosamine and sales just keep growing, it's been crazy," said Woods.

Scientists have developed this amazing oral tablet that doesn't require a prescription and is taken only once a day.

It's so impressive that one key ingredient has the ability to retain fluid up to 1000 times its own weight; this helps increase lubrication for the joints allowing them to move with ease.*

Trigosamine's key ingredient is Hyaluronate also called HA-13 which is the building block of "natural joint fluid," medically known as synovial fluid.

This joint fluid reduces friction in the joints allowing for effortless motion. It not only lubricates the joints, but it also acts as a comfortable shock absorber.

"As we age, the body's natural production of this fluid declines and this can force the bones in our joints to grind together which can result in nagging discomfort," said Dr. Joseph Dietz[1].

"Using Trigosamine is like taking a can of oil and applying it directly to your joints," said Dr. Dietz*.

Trigosamine combines HA-13 with the essential blend of glucosamine and chondroitin which have been clinically shown to help build healthy cartilage in the joints allowing for increased flexibility and range of motion.*

A clinical study conducted by the United States government found that glucosamine and chondroitin, similar to those found in Trigosamine, had a 79.2% effective rate for those with moderate to severe joint discomfort.[2]*

But it's the results that make this joint supplement so impressive.

"We get messages from consumers all the time telling us how great Trigosamine works for them," said Woods.

"Everybody wants it," added Woods.

"CVS/pharmacy was one of the first ones to order Trigosamine and they've loaded up their shelves. We've received reports that show they have some inventory left," said Woods.

"And to make it easier for people who can't find Trigosamine or don't want to go to the store, we've set up a National Order Hotline so they can have it delivered directly to their home," said Woods.

"We'll be offering a direct delivery discount for the next 72 hours, and consumers should know they can't get this discount at drug stores," he added.

Otherwise those living in the local area that miss the deadline won't be able get the discount. They'll have to go to their local drug store to try and get Trigosamine and may be hard pressed to find it. ■

Or, visit us online at:
www.trigosamine.com



■ **HEALTHY JOINTS:** X-rays reveal joints that have the proper amounts of synovial fluid to lubricate the joints. HA-13, one of Trigosamine's key ingredients is a component of synovial fluid.



■ **ALMOST GONE:** Sales of the joint pill Trigosamine are soaring which could lead to out of stocks as shown in this photo illustration. Consumers unable to find it can call **1-800-924-2109** and have it shipped directly to their homes.

Local Readers Discount Deadline

You may be able to find Trigosamine at **CVS/pharmacy** since they have received shipments. If you want Trigosamine shipped directly to your home and would like the local readers discount, call the National Order Hotline listed below before the **72 hour deadline** expires. Otherwise you'll have to get Trigosamine at the drug store and may run the risk of not being able to find it.

Begin Calling at 8:00AM TODAY 1-800-924-2109
Approval Code: TG5711
Discount Ends in 72 hours

1. Dr. Joseph Dietz, PhD currently conducts full time research for PatentHEALTH, LLC. as Director of Health Science, Research Development.
2. Statements herein are based upon published public information and do not imply affiliation, sponsorship or endorsement of Trigosamine by the United States Government.

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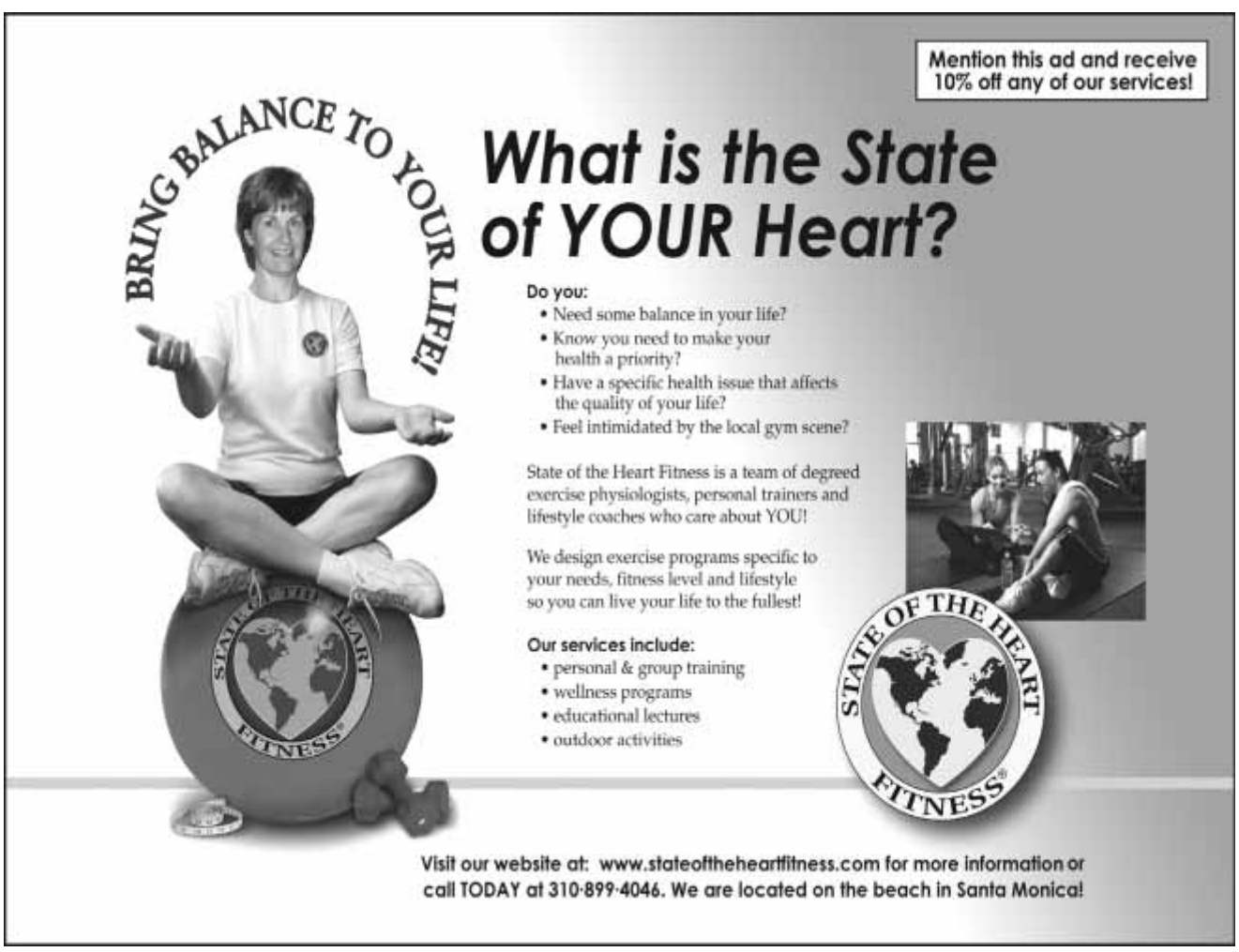
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ANALYSIS

Health care fix could be costly

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Guaranteeing health insurance for all Americans may cost about $1.5 trillion over the next decade, health experts say. That's more than double the $634 billion 'down payment' President Barack Obama set aside for health reform in his budget, raising the prospect of sticker shock at a time of record federal spending.

Administration officials have pointedly avoided providing a ballpark estimate, saying it depends on details to be worked out with Congress.

"It's impossible to put a price tag on the plan before even the basics have been finalized," said White House spokesman Reid Cherlin. "Here's what we do know: The reserve fund in the president's budget is fully paid for and provides a substantial down payment on the cost of reforming our health care system."

Still, the potential runaway costs are raising concerns among Republicans and some Democrats as Congress prepares to draft next year's budget. The U.S. spends $2.4 trillion a year on health care, more than any other advanced country. And some experts estimate that a third or more of that goes for tests and procedures that provide little or no benefit.

"We shouldn't just be throwing more money on top of the present system, because the present system is so wasteful," said Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire, the ranking Republican on the Budget Committee.

The health care plan Obama offered as a candidate would have cost nearly $1.2 trillion over ten years, according to a detailed estimate last fall by the Lewin Group, a leading consulting and policy analysis firm. The campaign plan would not have covered all the uninsured, as most Democrats in Congress want to do. But it is a starting point for lawmakers.

John Sheils, a senior vice president of the Lewin Group, said about $1.5 trillion to $1.7 trillion would be a credible estimate for a plan that commits the nation to covering all its citizens. That would amount to around 4 percent of projected health care costs over the next 10 years, he added.

The cost of covering the uninsured is "a difficult hurdle to get over," Sheils said in an interview.

"I don't know where the rest of the money is going to come from," he added.

Some of the leading advocates of coverage for all are using cost estimates of around $1.5 trillion.

"Honestly...we can't do it for the $634 billion the president put in the reserve fund," John Rother, public policy director for AARP told an insurance industry meeting in Washington last week.

"In all likelihood, it will be over $1 trillion," he added, citing his own estimate of $1.5 trillion.

Economist Len Nichols, who heads the health policy project at the New America Foundation, said he calculates that guaranteeing coverage will cost $125 billion to $150 billion a year, when fully phased in.

Nichols said the Obama administration is not being "cagy" but "strategic" in refusing to be pinned down on an estimate. Taxpayers will get a better idea when congressional committees try to draft legislation later this year. "Until that gets revealed by the Congress, it would be highly premature for the president to assert that sort of number," Nichols said.

White House budget director Peter Orszag told the House Budget Committee earlier this month that the president's $634 billion fund is "likely to be the majority of the cost." Roughly half of the money would come from spending cuts, and the other half from tax increases.

But whether the $634 billion represents 50 percent, 60 percent, or 70 percent of the cost "will depend on the details of whatever is finally done...as we move through the legislative process," Orszag added.

The overall cost matters because the expansion of health coverage is meant to be a permanent reform. That means future generations will have to bear the cost.

"We are dealing with huge numbers," said David Walker, a former U.S. comptroller general and now head of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, a group that promotes fiscal responsibility. "We need to have a much better sense of what we are talking about doing, and whether or not it's affordable and sustainable over time."

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City of Santa Monica

UPDATE OF THE ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN SANTA MONICA AND ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITY'S PLAN FOR HOMELESS SERVICES

The City Council of the City of Santa Monica will hold a public hearing pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.69.030 to receive public comment on the Annual Review of the City's Plan for Homeless Services for FY 2007-08, receive a progress update on implementation of year one of the City's Action Plan to Address Homelessness and consider updates to the Action Plan. The City's Plan for Homeless Services for FY2007-08 reports on the performance of the homeless service system. Updates to the Action Plan build on current Plan elements and year one accomplishments. Copies of the Annual Review of the City's Plan for Homeless Services for FY 2007-08 and updates to the Action Plan for Addressing Homelessness in Santa Monica are now available to the public on the web at smgov.net, or you may contact the Human Services Division, 1685 Main Street, Room 212, Santa Monica, CA 90401, telephone (310) 458-8701; TDD (310) 458-8696.

The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2009
at 5:45 p.m. in the City Council Chambers
located at 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica

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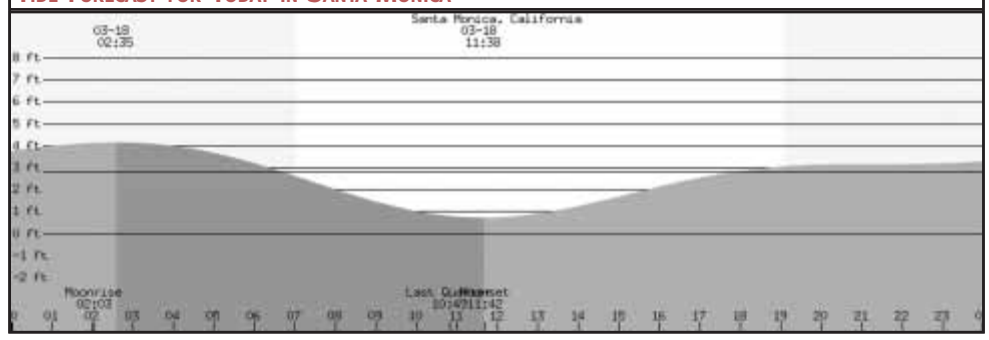
Swell Forecast (3-4 FT)

The south swell should back off to waist to chest high max around south facing breaks. The Gulf NW should fill in more, but coming in from mostly 310-320 degrees, not many breaks are likely to see any action.

Long Range Synopsis

Thursday the 19th this southern hemi should fade further to waist+. The Gulf NW is likely to fade to waist to chest around west facing spots able to work its steep, 320-degree angle.

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 four weeks up to the ending date of **March 10, 2009**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 13
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 35 / 5
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 11 / 40

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

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	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 Don Blocker County Beach	A+	F
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	C	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	A	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	B	F
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	C	F
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	F	F
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain	D	F
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms)	A+	F
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	D	B
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	D	F
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	F
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower	B	B
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth	D	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
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant	A	F
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain	A+	F

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
ns -- no sample taken

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(323) 466-FILM

Bound for Glory (PG) 2hrs 27min
7:30

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Milk (R) 2hrs 08min
1:00, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00

Fuel (NR) 1hr 55min
1:35, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45

The Reader (R) 2hrs 02min
1:15, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30

Fired Up (PG-13) 1hr 30min
2:15, 5:00, 7:30, 9:55

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Coraline 3d (PG) 1hr 40min
1:50, 4:15, 7:00, 9:30

Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG) 1hr 52min
2:20, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50

Gran Torino (R) 1hr 56min
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:50

The Last House on the Left (R) 1hr 49min
1:55, 4:30, 7:05, 9:45

Miss March (R) 1hr 30min
2:15, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

Race to Witch Mountain
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

Slumdog Millionare (R) 2hr 1min
1:30, 4:20, 7:10, 10:00

The Class (Entre les murs) (PG-13) 2hrs 08min
1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

Gomorrah (Gomorra) (NR) 2hrs 17min
1:40, 4:50, 8:00

Shermans Way (NR) 1hr 37min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

Cherry Blossoms (NR) 2hr 4 min
11a.m.

Man on Wire (PG-13) 1hr 34min
11 a.m.

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

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
12:50, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10

The International (R) 1hr 58min
1:10, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20

Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13) 1hr 43min
11:50 a.m., 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10:00

Watchmen (R) 2hrs 43min
1:30, 5:00, 8:30

Watchmen, Digital projection (R) 2hrs 43min
12:00, 3:30, 7:00, 10:30

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ARIES (March 20-April 19)
★★★ Find experts who can look at the situation with a clear mind. A meeting provides many differing views and thoughts. Think about a getaway or a retreat — soon! You would be surprised by what you see when you come back. A change of scenery does wonders. Tonight: Working late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your ability to listen to key individuals flatters them but also is helpful. Listen to what is not being said as well — here lie clues to what is going on. Withdraw. You will see more as you ascertain information. Tonight: Relax to a movie or music.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Work with one other person directly. Others have a lot to say but don't have the right words. Pressure builds to handle an important project, so much so that you might stay late. You might do best leaving work early and working at an off hour. Tonight: An important talk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Complete as much as you can on an existing project rather than begin a new one. Tomorrow is another day. Creativity surges when discussing an issue with individuals. An associate expresses unusual creativity and ideas. Think positively. Tonight: Relax and visit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity surges, and you clear out a lot of work this morning. Don't initiate new beginnings, but rather stay centered on your priorities. Discussions later in the afternoon probably will need to be done over. Tonight: Put your feet up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might opt to work quickly or close your door and do some maintenance on your computer or another feature of your life. Investigate others' ideas, but don't make any decisions until tomorrow. Tonight: Fun times are here.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Clear your desk and make needed calls early on. Brainstorm with an associate midday. Later today you discover the power of multiple thoughts and ideas. Sit on ideas rather than decide or eliminate them. Tonight: Happy at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ How you might see a situation could change dramatically, especially if it impacts you. Know when to say you have had enough and pull back. Your creativity flourishes to an unprecedented level later on, and you might find an unusual solution. Tonight: Hang out with a pal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Dive into the office or into a project as if there is no tomorrow. You seem to sense what people are about to say before the words spill out. Honor this intuitive side right now. Lie low in the afternoon and complete paperwork or a project. Tonight: Treat yourself on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ If you can stay home or do some research today, do just that. Interpersonal relationships could be difficult and informative. Be aware of your limits. Think positively, but postpone as much as possible until tomorrow. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Refuse to be waylaid, and stand up for what you feel is important. You will be able to zero in on a major concern or desire. Focus on goals from the first moment you wake up. Don't allow anyone to stop you. Tonight: Be mysterious.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Accept responsibility. Work through a problem with strength and energy. Others won't fight your leadership too much. Be open to possibilities, and don't negate a suggestion. Cruise through the p.m. without starting anything new. Tonight: Where people are.

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★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

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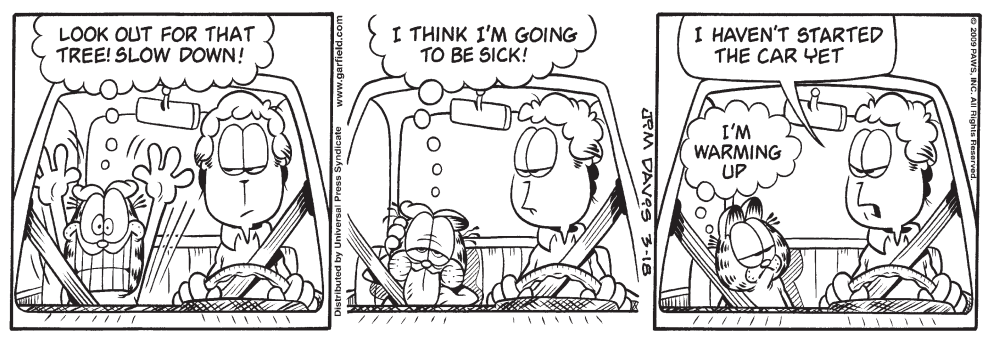
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Difficulty Level ★★★

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		4	1	5	2	9		

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

Rachel Dardashti *news@smdp.com*

OK, we knew this one was difficult and since no one has figured it out, we might as well move on. The answer: the 'liquor' sign at the market on Main Street near Ocean Park.

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5 Wine spot
11 Lotion additive
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15 Bunny move
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42 Ormandy or O'Neill
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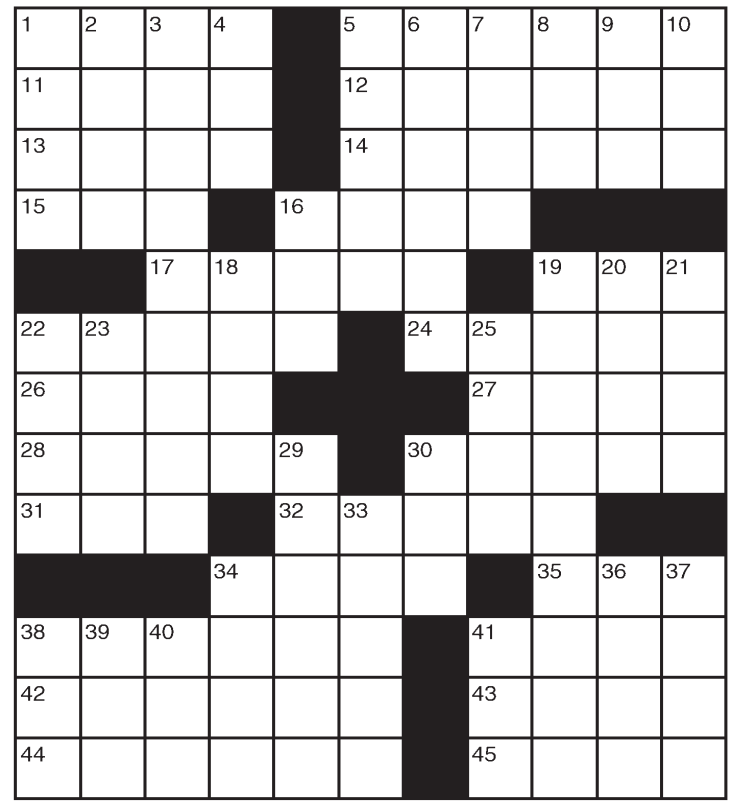
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16 Gal of song
18 Ineffectual
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20 Capital on a fjord
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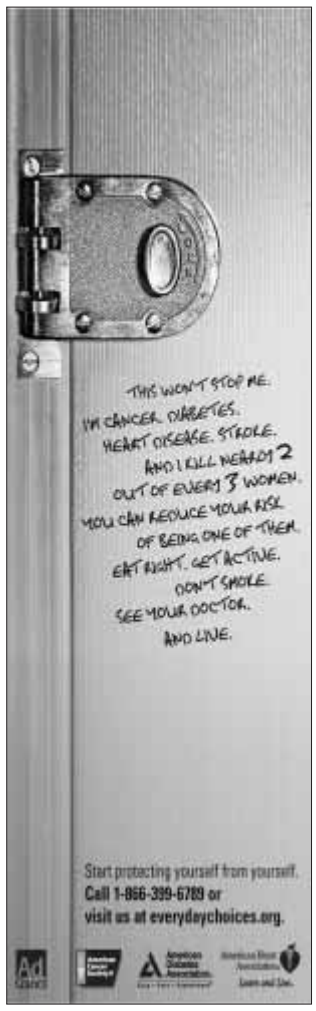
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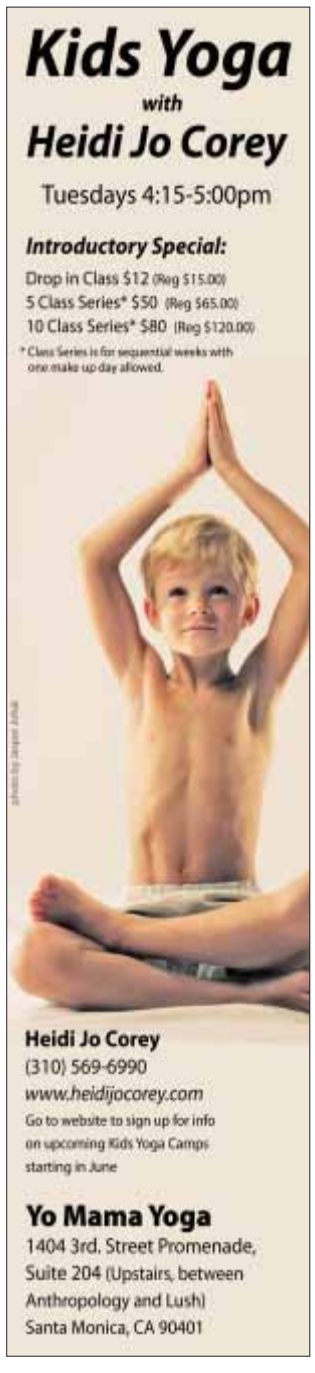
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