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THE GO DODGER BLUE ISSUE

Residents give City Hall good marks

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL In the two years since residents were interviewed about their perceptions of the city, little has changed.

Homelessness and congestion remain among the top challenges facing Santa Monica, while the lack of affordable housing and parking are still troublesome to many, according to a City Hall survey that identified the major issues in the city as stated by residents.

The biennial study, which will be presented to the City Council tonight, was conducted by Goodwin Simon Victoria Research, which interviewed 430 randomly-selected Santa Monicans during a one-week-period in January, asking they point out the biggest problems in Santa Monica and to rate their overall satisfaction with city services. The firm was hired for $30,000 to complete the survey.

Most of the interviews took place with residents on a landline, while the remainder were with cell phone users. About 30 interviews were with Latino residents.

Previously conducted in 2007, the survey is used to aid in city staff development and is frequently used by departments as a benchmark for improvement, Kate Vernez, the assistant to the city manager for government relations, said.

"The survey is a great consumer scorecard and an important management tool … to gives us in depth information as well as food for thought on resident opinions of key issues facing Santa Monica and opinions about our service delivery," Vernez said. "So far it's been very useful for us to respond to resident issues and to incorporate those opinions into our work program for the next year."

While traffic remained a top issue, the percentage of residents identifying it as such has leveled off — approximately 18 percent stated it was a major issue in 2002, jumping to 32 percent in 2007, the latter figure of which is the same as this year.

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SOMETHING'S MISSING: **Police are investigating the decapitation of the Virgin Mary statue at St. Monica Catholic Church as a hate crime.**

Virgin Mary statue found without head

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CALIFORNIA AVE. Santa Monica Police are investigating an alleged hate crime after officials with St. Monica Catholic Church discovered a statue of the Virgin Mary beheaded shortly before Easter services commenced.

A priest found the 55-year-old marble statue, which stands on the corner of Seventh Street and California Avenue, decapitated around 5:45 a.m. on Sunday, spotting the head on the ground just a few feet away. The top of the statue was covered with a white plastic bag before service began.

"Even though it was a sad event, it didn't take away from the joy of Easter and celebrating Christ's resurrection," Jason Farmer, the church spokesman, said. "The joy was still sustained and celebrated throughout the day."

Police have not identified any suspects.

"Anytime a church or school is targeted, we look at it as a possible hate crime," SMPD Lt. Darrell Lowe said. "In this case, since the vandalism was of a very important figure within the Catholic religion, we're classifying it and investigating it as a hate crime."

Authorities said they are not sure how the head was removed, but Farmer said that the top is not detachable.

The statue, which stands at about 5.5 feet tall and is mounted on a 3.5-foot-tall pedestal, was dedicated in 1954 in memory of Monsignor N. Conneally, who was the head of the church from 1923-1949.

The statue was vandalized in 2002 when

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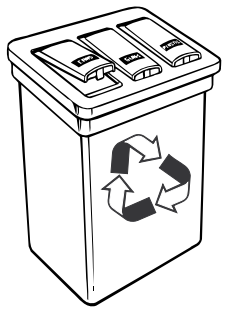
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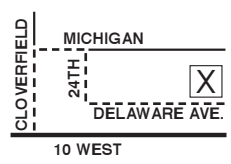


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WHAT'S UP WESTSIDE

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Poetry and verse
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third St., 10:30 a.m.
The Green Poets meet at Barnes & Noble to discuss original poetry and share personal favorites. The group is led by Santa Monica College's Emeritus School's William L. Robertson. All are welcome to the forum who wish to acquire a deeper understanding and love of poetry. Go to www.greenpoets.com for more information.

Adam Stern CD release party
Dakota Lounge
1026 Wilshire Blvd., 10 p.m.
Jacqueline Becker opens the night before Adam Stern's release party for "Dreamer Child," his newest album that represents a collection of sweet vocals and melodic guitar playing. Following up are artists John West and Matt Masih. Call (310) 393-8200 for more information.

Wednesday, April 15, 2009

Young artists unite
The Broad Stage, SMC
1900 Pico Blvd., 7:30
The Domingo-Thornton Young Artists Program at the L.A. Opera features young men and women at the beginning of their careers with the talent to acquire international stature. The program is recognized as one of the world's foremost training programs for emerging professional opera singers. Tickets range from $39 to $75. Call (310) 434-3412 for more information.

Spring Break family flicks
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 3 p.m.
For those still reveling in their Spring Break freedom but not sure how to waste their spare time, the Santa Monica Main Library is putting on family friendly movies to while away the hours. This week's selection is "Horton Hears a Who," a feature film inspired by Dr. Suess' whimsical tale. Call (310) 458-8600 for more information.

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Blues at Harvelle's
Harvelle's
1432 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
The oldest jazz and blues joint in Los Angeles will feature the bands The Luminous Movement and Free Will. Call (310) 395-1676 for more information.

Beer brawl
Royce Hall and participating theaters
Le Conte Ave. & Westwood Blvd., Westwood, 4:30 p.m.
"Beer Wars" shows the epic struggle between craft beer brewers and the homogenous beer giants that threaten to swamp smaller boats with their greater advertising and marketing ability. Come to celebrate and support the other kind of brew. Following the film, veteran actor Ben Stein will lead a panel of craft brewers and brew-followers to discuss the future of the industry. Call (310) 206-7540 for more information.

Bike night at the Hammer
Hammer Museum, UCLA
Le Conte Ave. & Westwood Blvd., Westwood, 7 p.m.
Get on your bicycle and head over to the Hammer for a night of bikes. Vegetarian food and a cash bar plus a musical performance accompanied by visual projections by band Telematique start the evening off. It ends with a screening of "Breaking Away," a 1979 love story with a small-town teen obsessed with the Italian cycling team. Call (310) 443-7000 for more information.

Last day for Japanese Film Festival
Laemmle's Monica 4-Plex
1332 2nd St., Call for showtimes
Thursday is the last day that the Japanese Film Festival will be running in Santa Monica before it moves east into Downtown Los Angeles. The final day will be filled with shorts and a feature film highlighting innovative Japanese filmmaking. General admission is $10. Showtimes vary. Call (310) 478-1041 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.

Downtown streets to be repaved

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL First it was Main Street, then came Fourth Street. Now the recent wave of road repavement projects will come to Downtown.

The City Council tonight is expected to allocate roughly $607,000 to resurface a set of streets in the Bayside District, including Fifth and Sixth streets from Colorado Avenue to Wilshire Boulevard, and Santa Monica Boulevard from Fifth Street to Lincoln Boulevard.

The project is part of an estimated $3 million spending package the council is set to approve.

Silvia Construction Inc. is slated to receive the contract for the project, which will be paid through mostly federal Surface Transportation Program funds — money set aside for maintenance and upgrade of local streets.

About 11 percent will be covered by locally-matched funds.

Work will include cold-milling, rubberized asphalt overlay, restriping, and sidewalk, curb and gutter removal and reconstruction.

ENSURING PAYROLL COMPLIANCE

In preparation for a series of affordable housing developments that are expected to break ground starting next month, the council is expected to bring in a firm that

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BALANCING ACT

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A crowd gathers at the Santa Monica beach Sunday to watch body balancing by [bottom to top] Brad Meyers, Alicia Armstrong and Ahmad Saleh. 'I'm an air traffic controller, Brad is an accountant and Ahmad is in IT,' Armstrong said. 'We're all nerds so this is a great way to get outside, exercise and have fun with our friends.'

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

SM BAY
Water warning

The Coast Guard warned boaters Sunday to remember that the ocean is still cold enough to cause hypothermia, despite occasional warm, summer-like days.

"Even though the weather is warmer, the water is still extremely cold," said Anthony Turner, a spokesperson for the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary. "With water temps still very cold, hypothermia occurs very quickly."

Water at an automated buoy in Santa Monica Bay was measured at 57 degrees over the weekend, and even the sheltered coves of Avalon at Santa Catalina Island average in the high 50s in April, according to oceanographers.

Hypothermia occurs when the body's core temperature falls to 95 degrees or cooler, affecting the brain, heart, lungs and other vital organs. Even a mild case can affect physical and mental functioning, and a severe case can cause loss of consciousness and even death.

Cold water is especially dangerous, Turner said, because loss of body heat occurs 25 times faster in cold water than in cold air.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary urged the public to wear life jackets at all times when out on the water and offers more safe boating tips at www.uscgboating.org. DAILY PRESS

DOWNTOWN
Get around

Bayside District Corp., the management company for Downtown, including the Third Street Promenade, released a new visitor's guide on Monday called the BayINsider.

"This guide is the best I have seen yet," said Bayside Executive Director Kathleen Rawson. "We have put a lot of work into making the BayINsider highly practical, informative, yet entertaining."

The 9-by-8-inch guide, which folds into a brochure-size piece that fits into a jacket or pant pocket, features Downtown businesses as well as highlights products and services. In addition to being easier to carry, the BayINsider has a larger walking map, a full business directory, product placements and a calendar of events.

"This new user-friendly guide will be appreciated by tourists and locals alike," Bayside Board member and Marketing Committee member Barbara Bryan said. "This is a piece that provides information about the great things our community has to offer to people who are already in the area."

The BayINsider is the result of a new partnership between Bayside and publisher Striker Media Group, Inc. It is being distributed to more locations than ever before: 50,000 in local newspaper racks,

Los Angeles regional hotels, welcome centers throughout the region and local information centers like the Santa Monica Convention & Visitors Bureau, City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown police substation.

In existence since 1984, Bayside is a public-private management company that works in partnership with City Hall on issues impacting the area, including keeping the area economically viable and environmentally sustainable. For more information, please visit www.downtownsm.com. DP

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CARB on carbon

Editor:

As part of the state's fight against global warming (AB 32), the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is working to establish a new low-carbon-fuel standard for gasoline and diesel. It is fair to say the whole world is watching.

The plan to reduce the carbon intensity of transportation fuels by 10 percent by 2020 could become a model for the federal government's plans for a similar nationwide standard and for other governments as well.

It is the most complicated and comprehensive reformulation of fuels in our state's history and it's critical for California drivers, consumers and our economy that we get it right.

The petroleum industry is using its expertise to work with the state to achieve the goals of AB 32 and the low-carbon-fuel standard. But, the challenges should not be underestimated.

For example, there is no technology or fuel formulation currently available that can remove carbon from petroleum-based fuels. There are alternative fuels that have lower carbon intensities than petroleum-based fuels. But, they face many challenges before they will be available for large scale commercial use.

Critical questions about reliability and supply must be answered before moving forward. Only after resolving these questions can we begin to determine the cost to consumers.

The state is on a fast track, with CARB scheduled to adopt a preliminary standard April 23 and finalize it in December.

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You can't cover it all

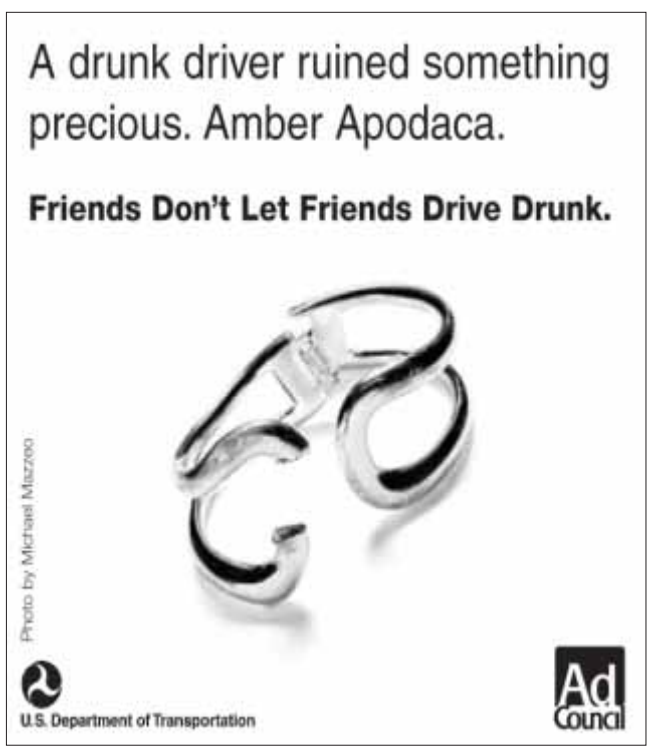
Editor:

Excuse me, but Don Watkins' column ("Anti-smoking paternalism is a cancer on American liberty," page 5, March 12) did not ignore the debate on "secondhand smoke." He wrote: "[Smoking's] a voluntary activity that every individual is free to abstain from (including by avoiding restaurants and other private establishments that permit smoking)."

There are many facets to the "secondhand smoke" issue that was created by the anti-smoker crusaders. It's impossible to fully cover them all at once in a limited space. Sometimes the science is covered. And sometimes – as Mr. Watkin's did with his space – the private property/free will aspect is covered.

The "whoops" is on you.

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter

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Giving praise to Mother Earth

OUR HOME EARTH IS AN EXTRAORDINARY planet. The diversity and abundance of life is breathtaking.

About 4.5 billion years ago a planet roughly the size of Mars collided with Earth. Seventy percent of Earth's crust was thrown into outer-space, eventually coalescing to form the Moon.

The remaining 30 percent of the original crust and its continental plates were able to move more easily. This played a crucial role in the process of evolution.

In addition, that collision knocked the Earth's perpendicular axis onto a tilt that is roughly 23 degrees. This created varying day lengths and restricted the freezer-effect of the higher latitudes to the poles. It also enabled wet and dry seasons and lessened the extent of the world's deserts. The tilt is responsible for the mass seasonal animal migrations.

Earth's distance of about 93 million miles from the sun appears to be the optimal distance to support life.

Ninety percent of the world's fresh water takes place from evaporation off the ocean — the majority of that occurs around the equator in warm tropical oceans. The remaining 10 percent comes from lakes, rivers and water released by plants.

The location of mountains has a profound effect on where that ocean moisture falls.

Tropical rainforests occupy only three percent of Earth's land mass yet they brim with astounding diversity. Two hundred different species of trees live in a hectare or 2.2 acres of the Amazon jungle.

The Amazon River carries almost one-fifth of the world's flowing freshwater — equal to that of the next 10 biggest rivers combined. It has over 3,300 fish species, more than the entire Atlantic.

The most common pollinators in the Amazon are bees. Orchid bees travel up to 12 miles each day, searching for food, collecting and pollinating.

Moving north or south of the equator, the zones of subtropical grasslands are bathed in warm sun but the amount of moisture is significantly reduced. There are distinct wet and dry seasons. Grasses, the most widespread land-plant, replace trees.

Grasslands or savannahs support an amazing high number of large animals. These are some of the most efficient ecosystems on the planet.

Grasslands range from Africa to the high steppes of the Tibetan plateau to the tall-grass pampas of South America to the prairies of North America to the frozen tundra in the Arctic.

They support 1.5 million wildebeests along East Africa's Serengeti, 2 million gazelles on Mongolia's steppes and almost 3 million caribou in North America's tundra. They feed thousands of predators like lions, hyenas, wolves and eagles.

Sandwiched between the tropics of Cancer and Capricorn lie Earth's deserts. From outer-space, astronauts can clearly see the dark red colors of Australia's Great Sandy Desert and the remarkable different patterns of the giant Namib sand dunes.

Deserts cover about 19.3 million square miles — over one third of Earth's land mass and they are growing.

ORCHID BEES TRAVEL UP TO 12 MILES EACH DAY, SEARCHING FOR FOOD, COLLECTING AND POLLINATING.

About halfway between the tropics and poles are the temperate forests of oaks, beeches, maples, birch and aspens. Broad leaves are very efficient at trapping sunlight, but not tolerant of freezing. So these forests are deciduous and display brilliant leaf colors in the fall.

From Northern California to Alaska, the world's largest temperate rainforests are conifers. The tallest trees on the face of the Earth are redwoods towering over 379 feet or the equivalent of a 38-story skyscraper. Cathedral-like Sitka spruce, western hemlocks, western red cedars and Douglas-firs thrive in lush rainforests with hundreds of millions of salmon, eagles, wolves, black bears and giant grizzlies.

Valdivian coastal rainforests of Chile and Argentina are home to the second largest temperate rainforests. There the alerce or Patagonia cypress can live for over 3,500 years. Monkey-puzzle trees thrive high in the Chilean Andes virtually unchanged since they evolved a couple hundred million years ago.

The largest contiguous forests are the boreal or taiga — Earth's emerald crown. One third of all the trees in the world are found here. European aspen is the most widespread tree species on the globe and deciduous Siberian larch can withstand minus 65 degrees.

Earth's two poles are deep freezers. The Antarctic has an average elevation of 7,546 feet with an average winter temperature of minus 65 degrees. Only lichens and two flowering plants live there. The emperor penguin is the only animal that stays throughout the winter.

The Arctic is a low-lying basin of frozen sea ice, in the winter it is covered by 5 million square miles of ice. It is home to 40 different species of mammals and 90 flowering plants.

Planet Earth is awesome.

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What's the Point?

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Hide the cigarettes, pass the pot instead

I'M A SMOKER. WELL, I USED TO BE. I grew up in a household where my father and brother each smoked three packs a day of cigarettes. I grew up hating the smell, the dirt from the ashes, and the fact that my clothes smelled.

My godmother was a fierce smoker, and so were her sister and brother, and her daughter. This was the late '60s and early '70s, everyone around me smoked but my mother.

I swore as a young man that I wouldn't smoke. That lasted right up until it was Casablanca night in college, freshman year. I can remember the night as clearly as if it happened yesterday.

I'm East Coast educated, and everybody had overcoats and hats. So of course, when you're going to see the quintessential Humphrey Bogart movie, you have to don the entire look. And who could possibly look like Humphrey Bogart, wearing a fedora and overcoat without a cigarette — a Lucky Strike, specifically?

There I was, in the hallway as we gathered, my best friend shook a pack of Luckys just so, in that seasoned smoker way, to get just one or two cigarettes to pop out, and he said to me, "Come on, you gotta [sic] have one." And that's it.

I was off and running on a two-pack-a-day habit for the next 10 years. I love smoking. I wish I could have just one, every now and then.

But I can't. I'm a smoker. If I have one, I'll have a carton by the end of the week. My law partner can have just one. I hate him for that.

It's an addiction, and a mighty hard one to quit. It took me many tries to finally quit. I like to say that I just woke up one morning and I was done, which is true for the final time I quit. But there were many "This is my last cigarette" and "I'm never smoking agains."

I'd like to blame my family for all for the years I spent smoking. But to be honest, I made the decision to smoke. I'm the one who chose to put a Lucky Strike in my mouth and suck deep.

Cigarettes are legal to buy, and to possess, but not smoke publicly in Santa Monica.

On Nov. 23, 2006, the outdoor smoking ban went into effect in Santa Monica. I find it ironic that this is the same city that decided marijuana possession for personal use in a resident's home should be the lowest enforcement priority of the police department. As a city we are more concerned with our ability to toke a joint, than to smoke a butt.

Tobacco farming is a multi-billion dollar, global enterprise. It provides incomes for thousands of people and plays a major historical role in our nation. Globally it contributes to most world economies.

Marijuana is a multi-billion dollar, global enterprise. It provides incomes for thousands and contributes to many world economies. Marijuana doesn't appear to have the same addictive properties.

The intelligent voters recognize that pot is just like drinking. Some like it, some don't. Some outgrow its use, some don't. Most pot smokers will eat a bag of Doritos, two pints of ice cream and go to sleep. It seems to me that most of us who have tried pot outgrow it. Its illegality is irrelevant to its use by most people.

Drinking is a legal drug and most people don't abuse alcohol. Some people drink every day, others once a year.

Some potheads smoke every day, others, once a year.

Drunk driving causes far more accidents than people who are high on pot.

Yet we spend millions of tax dollars each year to regulate alcohol use, and in trying to eradicate pot use. We have laws against driving under the influence.

Billions of dollars are spent by the liquor industry to get us to drink, and billions more are spent annually to get us to limit our drinking.

The voters see a reality that the politicians don't. They see that pot use is a minor issue, and the politicians see tobacco as a major issue. We need a rational policy on marijuana.

It should be sold and taxed. Even if it doesn't add significantly to our income, it would reduce our enforcement costs, and that alone justifies a policy change.

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The Q Line

Taxing issue

As if times weren't hard enough, the county sales tax recently increased making big purchases all the more difficult while putting more pressure on families looking to save money.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Will the sales tax increase cause you to think twice when it comes to making big-ticket purchases?

Call (310) 285-8106 before Friday at 5 p.m. and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. Please limit responses to a minute or less.


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The Quackers

Phyllis Chavez
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The Ark de Triomphe

Editor's Note: The Quackers are three awesome ducks from the canals of Venice who are on a mission to educate the community about the dangers of global warming and the importance of practicing sustainability, all while surfing the most gnarly waves possible.

SURFING MALIBU PIER AND HIKING

Malibu Creek State Park had been my brothers' only topics of conversation for weeks. In a huddle, like two generals readying for a military operation, they mapped and planned the event for hours. This was highly unusual behavior for both of them.

The strategy was as follows: At exactly 0648 hours we would be on the beach greeting the sun. We would surf until 1055 hours, stopping for lunch at 1100 hours. Then, at precisely 1200 hours, we would deploy for the hike. I felt like saluting.

The unusual behavior did not stop there. The noise of sawing and hammering filled our garage. If I happened by, all activity would cease. When I asked what was up, the answer was the old "Oh, nothing song" sung in unison.

The days marched by in double time. Finally on the beach, we watched as pale yellow tendrils of light streaked the indigo sky. The sun hit the water's surface revealing wedging, 3-to-5 foot A-frames, with offshore winds. We were stoked! Paddling out we caught our first wave. Rusty dropped in and took off to the left while Richard and I shared the break to the right. It was like that all morning, perfection.

At 1200 hundred hours, with our bellies full, we headed out. Picking up the hiking trail off of Pacific Coast Highway, we rambled along past towering oaks and grand sycamores that lined the stream side trail. Rusty and Richard took turns shouldering a large, curiously wrapped package as we trekked toward Rock Pool.

Rock Pool was an oasis after the long, dusty hike. I shrugged off my backpack and cannon balled in. I waited for Richard and Rusty to do the same. Instead, they immediately started scouting around.

Rusty hooted with delight when he found a small pool full of tadpoles. They both cheered when Richard found a pair of California newts and Black-bellied salamanders. Spotting two Pacific tree frogs and several endangered California red-legged frogs, they exploded into a fist bumping frenzy followed by a victory dance. I continued to enjoy the water until Richard yelled, "We found them all," and started ripping the paper off that oddly wrapped package. It was a large boat with several compartments for storage. Something seemed to come over him as he filled a compartment with water and hurriedly scooped in some tadpoles. Frantically, almost in a panic, Rusty collected the newts and salamanders. I knew something had to be done when I saw them knocking each other over as they scrambled after frogs. I yelled, "Stop." That broke the spell.

The story unfolded after I convinced my brothers to release everything back. The boat was an ark, an amphibian ark. It was designed to rescue and protect our seriously declining amphibian population against any further damage from habitat loss, global warming and pollution. Richard told me that one-third of all amphibians, not just the colorful rainforest species, were being threatened and that 2,000 to 3,000 could go extinct in our lifetime. The last time we experienced an extinction crisis like this all the dinosaurs died out. How could he let that happen to the amphibians?

Rusty was concerned because amphibians sit in the middle of the food web. Without them an unwanted cascade of effects would occur in our ecosystems. They were both amazed to find that amphibians carry secrets to biomedicine. Scientists have found anti-microbial substances in the skin of certain frogs that stopped HIV infection. These virus-blocking substances could be lost forever, along with those yet to be discovered. Searching for a plan, Richard had come across the Amphibian Ark Program. It was one piece of a larger amphibian conservation plan. It fueled his imagination and the idea for the ark was born.

I understood and supported their intentions but didn't see how this plan could work. Where would they send the ark once it was full?

After a lengthy conference, we decided that for now, protecting our treasures in place might be the best solution. We would organize an information campaign to help people better understand the irreplaceable value of amphibians. With a new plan in development, Richard and I felt free to enjoy a long paddle around Rock Pool. However, overly influenced by late night TV, Rusty felt compelled to utter a piercing Tarzan yell, swung across the pool on a vine and dive in with a huge water displacing splash. Sputtering, he came back to the surface laughing and said, "OK, who is the best, me or Johnny Weissmuller?"

Note: The real Amphibian Ark was born to collect critically endangered species from the wild to protect and breed them in zoos, aquariums and in some cases on-site in the wild. For more information, go to www.aza.org or www.amphibianark.org.

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Toyota's jobless pin hopes on motor city recovery

YURI KAGEYAMA
Associated Press Writer

TOYOTA, Japan The optimistically named "hello work" unemployment office here is jam-packed with anxious faces these days as the city named after Japan's top automaker bids goodbye to the boom times.

The lines of jobless are testament to the human costs of a global slump that's dragging Toyota Motor Corp. — the mainstay employer for the city and surrounding region — into its first annual loss in nearly 60 years.

Many job seekers aren't thinking about leaving Toyota city just yet as prospects for finding work elsewhere in a recession-struck Japan are even more dismal. They're also pinning hopes on Toyota, the world's No. 1 automaker, recovering to drive the city's prosperity again — unlike Detroit, the U.S. auto capital, which has been blighted by a decades-long decline.

Up until now, the area's sprawling network of parts-makers had been notorious for chronic labor shortages as global consumers snatched up Prius hybrids and Lexus luxury cars.

Toyota city's branch of "hello work," government offices that provide job-referral services and help with applications for unemployment benefits nationwide, isn't used to big crowds. No wonder its officials look harried.

"We've never seen anything like it in decades. The need for jobs has ballooned in such a short period," said Masami Kawajiri, a "hello work" manager rattling off words in near-panic.

People looking for jobs have nearly tripled to more than 2,600 a month from about 1,000 the same month the previous year, and the numbers were growing in recent weeks.

Job openings have shriveled to about a third of last year's levels, leaving only scarce offerings in the service sector, such as restaurants and homes for the elderly.

Global economic woes are trickling down as everyday pain to the very people who had flocked to Toyota, a city with a population of about 400,000, in search of lucrative work — not only from Japan's remote rural areas but also from as far away as Peru and Brazil.

But Toyota may avoid the serious social woes that besieged the American "motor city" of Detroit, starting in the 1970s.

So far, the job cuts at Toyota Motor Corp. are coming for those hired on temporary contracts, and the core employees hired under Japan's longtime system of "lifetime employment" have been spared.

Toyota has not resorted to layoffs, although it has reduced temporary workers at its Japan plants to 3,000 workers recently from as many as 9,000 in March last year.

Jonathan Cutler, associate professor of sociology at Wesleyan University, says Detroit saw the exodus of production to global markets over a timeframe of decades, partly because of hopes that General Motors Corp.'s profits would grow, and thereby slow, if not stop, the hemorrhaging of Detroit jobs. But Motown's renaissance never came, he said.

The main difference in Toyota city is that long-term employment practices are not being threatened.

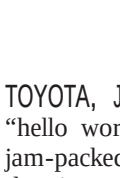
"This crisis will not instigate the death of the city of Toyota," said Cutler. "Toyota will not be abandoned to die alone as was Detroit."

The streets of Toyota are still bustling with shoppers, engineers on-the-go and happy couples dining out.

Shuttered storefronts and abandoned streets associated with urban decay commonplace in other Japanese towns — as well as Detroit, Toyota's official "sister city" — are nowhere to be seen.

Like other jobseekers, Enrique Kamisaki, 58, a Peruvian of Japanese ancestry and a 16-year veteran at a Toyota group parts-maker, is hopeful he will be rehired, once the recovery comes.

"After all these years, it seems heartless to be treated like this," he said in careful Japanese, and suddenly kicked his foot in the air to illustrate his plight.



Ask George

George Valverde

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Checking up on teen drivers

Q: MY SON'S FRIEND JUST GOT HIS driver license and has offered to give my son a ride to school since we live nearby. Both boys are 17 and tell me it's legally OK, but I suspect they may be bending the rules. What's the real deal?

A: Your parental instincts are correct. Your son's friend has been issued a provisional driver license and if he wants to transport your son, he needs to be accompanied and supervised by a licensed parent, guardian or other licensed driver 25 years of age or older for the first 12 months after he received his license.

Q: My mother is in her 70s and insists on driving herself everywhere she goes! Twice, when I've been in the car with her, I've had to remind her to put her seat belt on. Does the DMV have some sort of test she can take to see if she is still OK to drive?

A: Most definitely. Visit the DMV Web site (www.dmv.ca.gov) and click on the "Seniors" tab located near the top of the homepage. There you will find a Senior Driver Self-Assessment Test that you can take with your mother.

Q: I really want to become an organ donor the next time I renew my driver license but I heard that it might be costly to my family. Is this true?

A: Absolutely not! Costs related to organ and/or tissue donations will be covered by the organ and tissue donor program, so you will not be responsible for any aspect of the donation process. However, medical care up to the point of donation and funeral costs remain the responsibility of a relative or persons in charge of the estate.

To learn more and to sign up online to be an organ and tissue donor in California go to: www.dmv.ca.gov/about/donateLife/donateLife.htm.

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City Hall to request state funding for new park

FROM CONSENT PAGE 3

will make sure construction workers hired for the projects are paid an established prevailing wage.

Comprehensive Housing Services Inc. and AmeriNational Community Services Inc. are slated to receive a combined $250,000 contract to monitor compliance for various developments and parking structures funded by City Hall.

Local, state and federal laws require that construction workers hired for projects funded by taxpayer money be paid a prevailing wage. Penalties for noncompliance includes fines and the possibility of City Hall shelling out the difference in the payroll.

"To mitigate these risks on affordable housing and redevelopment-related projects, the city has hired firms that specialize in prevailing wage monitoring for at least 10 years," the city staff report said.

Approximately 11 affordable housing projects are expected to undergo construction, including improvements to Mountain View Mobile Home Park, and nine apartment buildings that will be rehabbed by nonprofit developers. A series of construction projects are also slated to begin for the parking garages, including the renovation of the two structures adjacent to Santa Monica Place.

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AT THE CEMETERY

ValleyCrest Landscape Maintenance, which has been providing upkeep for the grounds at Woodlawn Cemetery since 2007, is expected to see its contract continue for another six month.

The extension, which will cost City Hall about another $225,000, will include a 4.6 percent living wage increase that was inadvertently left out of the contract when it was previously adjusted.

Under the revised terms, the contract will expire in June. City Hall does have the option of renewing annually for up to four years.

GOING DIGITAL

A contract with PC Imaging, which has been converting paper property records into digital formats, is slated to increase by $75,000 because of a higher than expected scanning volume this fiscal year.

The company was hired in February 2006 to scan, index and import all permit and planning documents predating July 2007. Its contract was then expanded for another three years beginning in October 2007 to continue scanning documents on an ongoing basis.

At the time the contract was extended, city staff said it was difficult to estimate the scope of the project.

A city staff report said that it has become apparent that additional funding is needed to cover the cost of scanning the remaining archived records and new documents that the Planning and Community Development Department continues to receive in hard copy.

MAINTAINING BIG BLUE BUS

The council is expected to approve two spending items designed to keep the Big Blue Bus fleet in running shape.

United Transmission Exchange is slated to receive a $630,000 contract to remanufacture and install the bus transmissions. The contract is good for three years and comes with three, one-year renewal options.

"The remanufacturing of transmissions for transit coaches is necessary as a normal part of wear and tear of a bus," the city staff report said.

The Allison brand transmissions are used in 135 of the 197 buses with the public transit agency.

Carlos Guzman Inc. is also expected to receive a $1.2 million contract to provide body repair and paint service to the buses. The one-year contract comes with three, one-year renewal options.

MOVING FORWARD WITH NEW PARK

City Hall is planning on seeking state grants to help pay for the new Palisades Garden Walk in the Civic Center area.

The council is expected to pass a resolution that would authorize the city manager to submit a grant application to the California Department of Housing and Community Development, asking for about $15.5 million that would help cover the design, site preparation and construction of the 6-acre park, which will be located off Main Street.

If City Hall receives the grant, it will be responsible for funding the remainder of the project cost. The project is estimated at about $20.8 million.

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SM police investigating decapitation as hate crime

FROM **STATUE** PAGE 1

both hands were taken off. The perpetrator was never caught, Farmer said.

The statue will be repaired and restored, Farmer said. A cost estimate was not available at presstime.

"The church considers it to be sad and there are certainly questions about why this was done," Farmer said. "But our sadness is brief, especially in the celebration of Easter.

He said the church considers the incident as a challenge to be more welcoming and caring to those who are struggling or hurting in the community.

"What has happened to the statue is an invitation for us to live out a deeper, more profound love for others," he said.

Anyone with information is urged to contacted the SMPD at (310) 458-8419.

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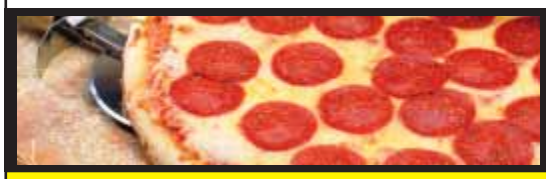
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Homelessness, traffic remain top concerns

FROM **SURVEY** PAGE 1

The number of residents identifying homelessness as a serious issue has also gradually decreased from 45 percent in 2002 to 31 percent this year.

One category where an increase was seen was in growth and development, which approximately 13 percent of residents identified as a serious problem, as opposed to 9 percent in 2007.

The survey also found economic issues becoming an increasing concern for residents. While only 1 percent of residents in 2005 said that creating new jobs in the city was important, approximately 11 percent stated so this year. Approximately 4 percent also said that the city budget crisis and cutbacks in services were a concern.

Residents generally were favorable about the quality of city services, giving the highest ratings to the Santa Monica Public Library, Santa Monica Fire Department and emergency 911, trash and recycling collection, tree trimming, senior services and sports and recreation. High marks were also given to arts and culture and environmentalism.

City Hall's response to homelessness — including its enforcement of anti-panhandling and overnight camping laws — and traffic were given a lower score.

Approximately 44 percent of respondents said they have given money to panhandlers.

About seven out of 10 residents said they feel they have an opportunity to voice concerns to City Hall, a statistic that Vernez attributes to the various workshops held for the Land Use and Circulation Element and other projects.

"I think it's our good practice of involving the community across the board in services and programs," she said.

The survey has already been presented to the department and division heads within City Hall. City staff will also be briefed on the results.

"We basically want to make sure the findings are distributed broadly throughout the organization so that we really get that good feedback on the report card from our residents into programs that we provide," she said.

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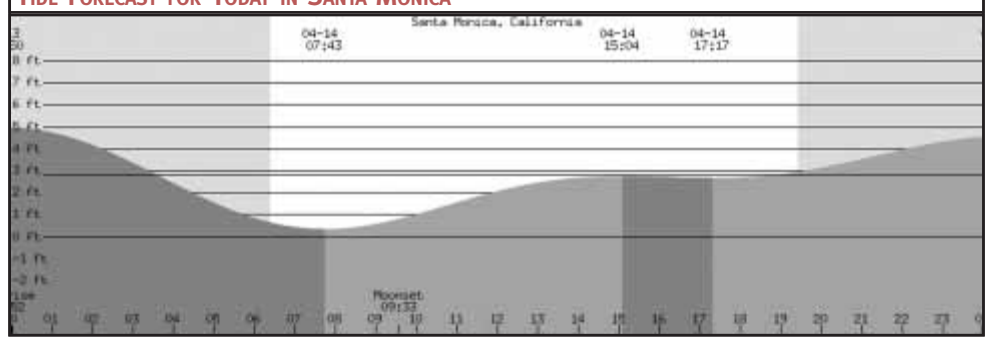
Swell Forecast (6-9 FT)

Tuesday the 14th this southerly swell should continue with similar size (chest high at most south facing breaks with some head high set waves at standouts).

Long Range Synopsis

Wednesday the 15th the southern hemi is expected to back off slightly as the lagging periods (14 seconds) arrive. Chest high max around most all south facing breaks seems like a reasonable expectation.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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

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

LEGEND

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

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Call theater for information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Dragonball: Evolution (PG) 1hr 25min
1:10, 3:20, 5:35, 7:45, 9:55

Fast & Furious (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:00, 3:30, 6:15, 9:00

The Mysteries of Pittsburgh (R) 1hr 35min
1:45, 4:20, 7:00, 9:35

Sunshine Cleaning (R) 1hr 42min
12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
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Duplicity (PG-13)
1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 9:50

Hannah Montana: The Movie (G) 1hr 42min
2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Observe and Report (R) 1hr 46min
12:40, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:20

Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) 1hr 34min
12:20, 2:40, 5:15, 7:55, 10:20

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
RealD 3D
2:40, 4:50, 7:20, 9:40

Fast & Furious (PG-13) 1hr 46min
Closed Captions and Descriptive Video
1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

Fast & Furious (PG-13) 1hr 46min
2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30

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

Shall We Kiss? (NR) 1hr 57min
1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Sin Nombre (R) 1hr 36min
1:45, 4:10, 10:00

How To Be (Se) 1hr 23min

April 14: Japanese Film Festival:
11:00 a.m.

A Long Walk (NR) 2hr 16min
6:30

Sex Is No Laughing Matter (NR) 2hr 17min
9:30

Submissions Features (NR) 2hr
1:00

Vengeance Is Mine (NR) 2hr 20min
3:30

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

I Love You, Man (R) 1hr 50min
11:10 a.m., 12:10, 1:40, 2:40, 4:10, 5:10, 6:40, 7:40, 9:10, 10:10

Knowing (PG-13)
1:10, 4:20, 7:10, 10:20

Shall We Kiss? (NR) 1hr 57min
1:30, 4:20, 7:20, 10:00

Watchmen (R) 2hrs 43min
1:20, 5:00, 8:30

The Haunting in Connecticut (PG-13) 1hr 32min
12:00, 2:30, 4:50, 7:30, 9:50

Monsters vs. Aliens 3D (PG) 1hr 34min
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11:00 a.m., 1:30, 4:00, 6:30, 9:00

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Pisces, don't fall for it

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take in new vistas mentally. Through reframing, you see life much differently. Empower yourself by accepting responsibility within a relationship and/or a financial decision. Tonight: Continue to bloom.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Though you might be ready to work intensely on an issue with a key individual, he or she might not be. Here lies the frustration. Tap into a creative person who serves as a resource. Tonight: Try a casual and light chat over dinner.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Often you don't know when to say enough. You keep trying, despite hitting obstacle upon obstacle. Ask yourself if this behavior is determination or something else. Wherever you are, you beam, drawing in many. Use this magic to your highest good. Tonight: Do only what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might have a long list of errands. Someone piles work on you. Understanding just what is possible helps you say no. Others often demand a lot from you because of your innate abilities. Tonight: How about a night to relax?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Investigate. You will notice that a creative approach might be best. Understanding your limitations might be the first step. Try seeing events and people differently. Your logic might not work; be sensitive to alternatives. Tonight: Paint the town red.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Question a basic premise. Perhaps it has limited you. Open the door by experimenting with a different type of thought. Somehow you could create a more ideal daily life, if you just work with what you have. Tonight: At home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Speak your mind, and get past a self-imposed limitation. Nothing has to be the way you think it is. Much changes quite rapidly. Understanding the possibilities and then acting on the one you want can happen. Tonight: Hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Curb a tendency to think in terms of "mine." Possessiveness is unbecoming, no matter what the situation. Creativity comes from hanging with associates and opening up the many different doors. Tonight: Be budget-conscious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Strong-willed as you are, you could eliminate an opportunity. Follow your intuition, and work on greater sensitivity. A family member proves his or her loyalty once more. Tonight: All smiles.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★ Honor that quiet voice in your mind. Are you wondering what to do about a hot situation? Honesty and directness become allies. Make sure you don't have a harsh or demanding tone in your voice. Tonight: Sharing with pals over munchies or on the phone.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your abilities to move forward and try different attitudes emerge. Friends often help you see more. As a sign that values friendship, you count on these people a lot. Still, ultimately you need to take responsibility for what is happening in your life. Tonight: Where crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Others often successfully push you into the limelight and into handling responsibilities. Though you might be most capable, understand there is a time to say enough. You might be overwhelmed by everything that is on your plate. Tonight: Don't allow another's charm to manipulate you.

Happy birthday

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

You break the mold this year. You want to blaze a new trail, and that is exactly what you will do. You walk through areas that are so new, you might feel like a child. Knowing when to act will also be key. Sometimes your sense of timing is off. As an Aries, you tend to be impulsive. If you are single, perhaps your new experience could be one of commitment. Allow someone quite unique into your life. Ultimately, you will grow from the experience. If you are attached, understand the different currents that impact your bond. Choose not to allow them to become riptides. Agree to disagree. SAGITTARIUS challenges your mind.

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



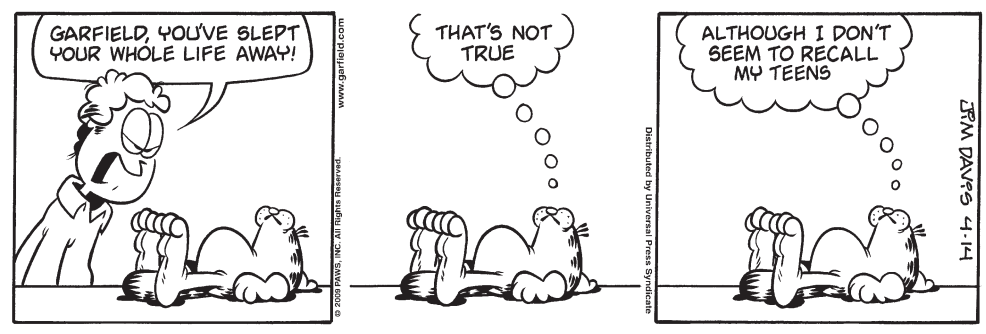
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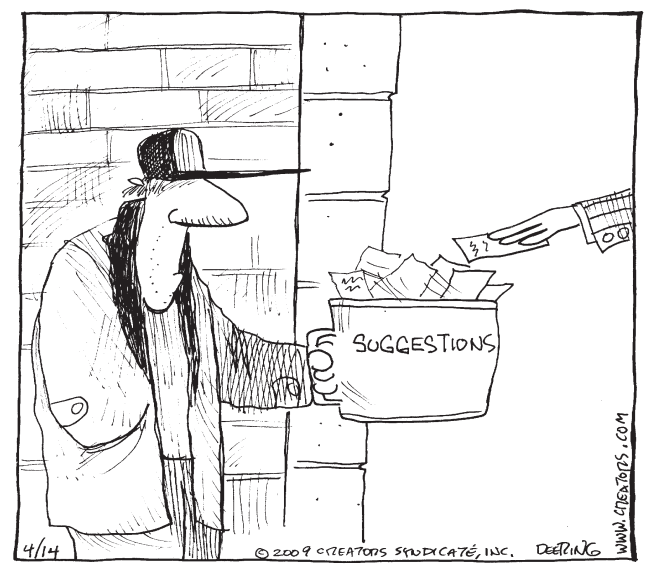
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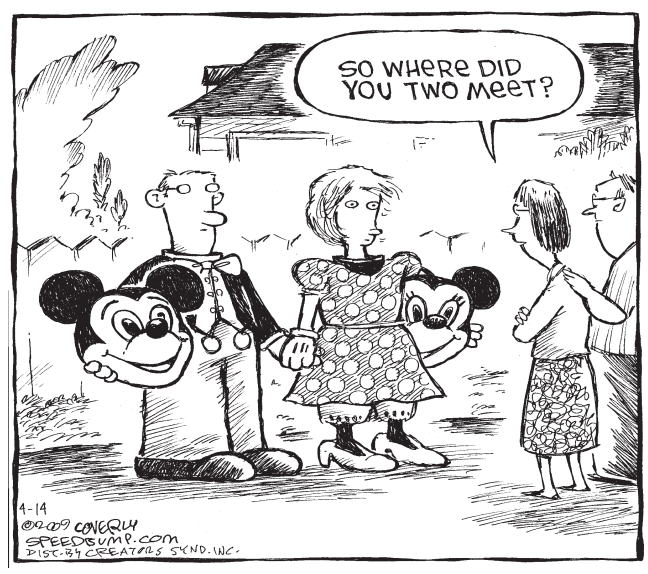
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Difficulty Level ★★

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

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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.

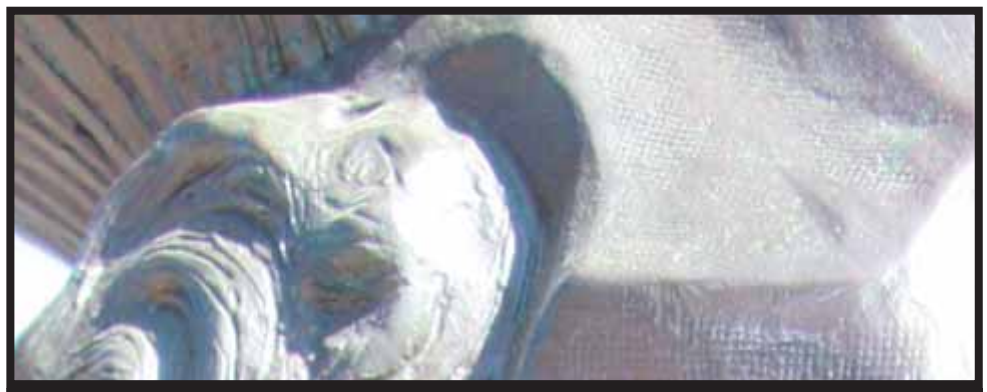
SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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

ACROSS

1 Street edge
5 Bring close to boiling
10 Dizzying designs
12 Asian peninsula
13 "Free Ride" musician
15 Pester
16 Objective
17 Coffee dispenser
18 Boat backs
20 Region
21 Draw out
22 Physique
23 "Keen!"
25 Free from fat
28 Fragrant wood
31 Jealousy's kin
32 Staggered
34 One in the hand
35 Nap site
36 Much of N. Amer.
37 "Hot Stuff" singer
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41 Comics unit
42 Must have
43 Zilch

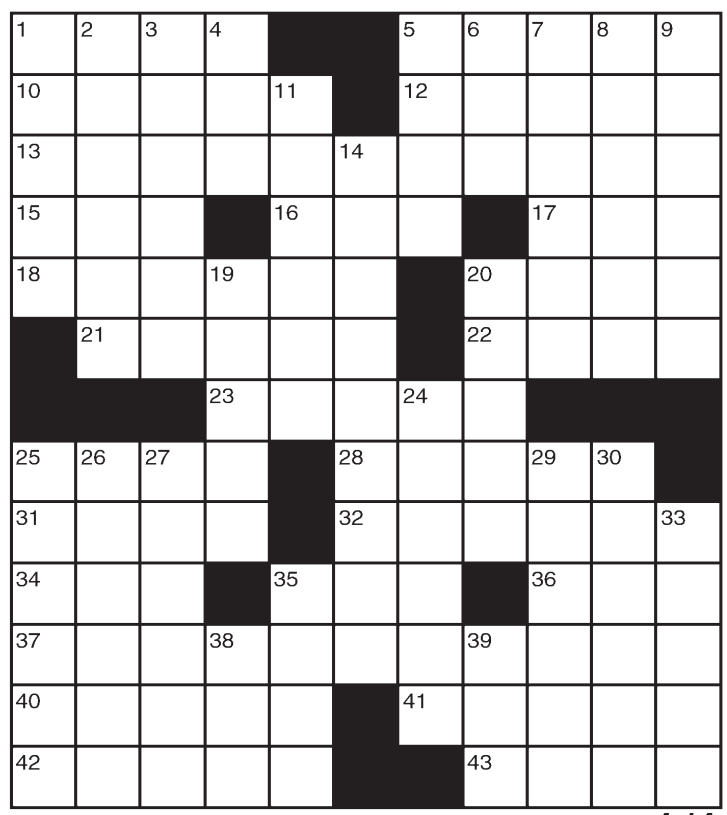
DOWN

1 Brothers behind "Fargo"
2 News recap
3 In tatters
4 Lingerie item
5 Milk choice
6 Take in
7 Music's Toscanini
8 Acted the lecher
9 "A Tale of Two Cities" hero
11 Daze
14 Jokers
19 Watery
20 Home
24 Prepared to drive
25 Sluggish
26 Make unreadable
27 Get satisfaction for
29 Female grad
30 Plant anew
33 "Little Rascals" girl
35 Deep voice
38 Homer's neighbor
39 Fellow

I	V	A	N	■	U	N	C	A	P	■
P	A	R	E	■	N	E	U	T	E	R
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Undignified Deaths:** (1) A motorist survived a crash on Feb. 4 near Los Banos, Calif., though his car fell down a 200-foot cliff. After he climbed back to the highway and sought help, he was accidentally hit and killed by another driver. (2) A 60-year-old man, celebrating his retirement from a transportation company in Ritto, Japan, in December, was killed when three co-workers tossed him playfully into the air and then apparently miscommunicated as to who would catch him.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1759 German-born English composer George Frideric Handel died in London at age 74.

1775 the first American society for the abolition of slavery was formed in Philadelphia.

1865 President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. (Lincoln died the following morning.)

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1909 Armenians in Adana Province in the Ottoman Empire became targets of violence during an uprising by counterrevolutionaries seeking to restore Sultan Abdul Hamid II to power; the number of Armenians killed has been put at up to 30,000.

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1989 former winery worker Ramon Salcido went on a rampage in Sonoma County, Calif., killing seven people, including his wife and two of his daughters; he is currently on death row.

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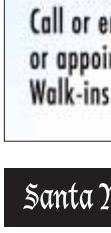
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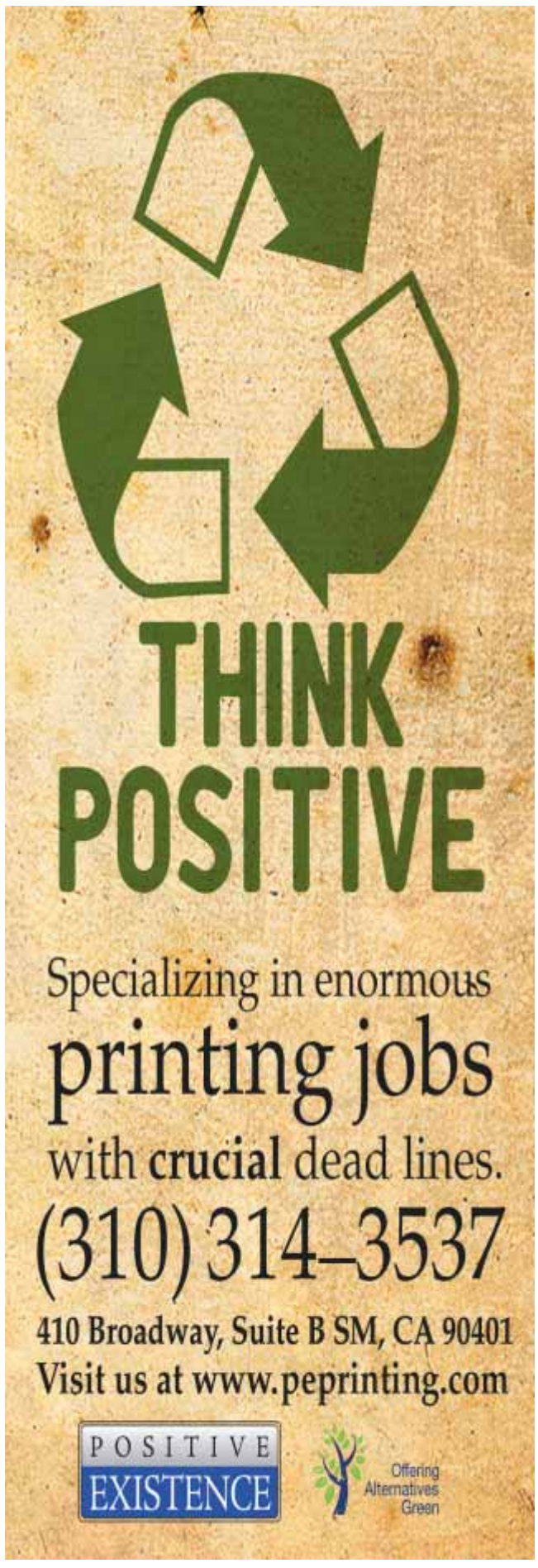
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