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Memorial set for UCLA student killed in traffic accident

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief


DEL AGUILA

WESTWOOD When Melissa Del Aguila found out that she had been accepted to the school of her dreams, UCLA, she didn't just pick up the phone and call her parents. That wouldn't be enough for the adventurous and passionate young woman who wanted to attend the Westwood campus ever since she was a kid growing up in Rowland Heights in the San Gabriel Valley.

Instead of dialing, she hopped on a plane

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ACLU faults VA plan for homeless vets

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Civil rights lawyers criticized a plan adopted Wednesday by the Department of Veterans Affairs for a sprawling Los Angeles campus at the center of a lawsuit claiming the agency was failing to house homeless vets on the property as intended.

The West Los Angeles VA Medical Center master plan does not include any commitment to care for vets who need permanent homes after traumatic wartime experiences, said American Civil Liberties Union Foundation of Southern California attorney Mark Rosenbaum.

While the VA announced Tuesday that its plan would call for the renovation of three buildings for homeless vets, the actual document released a day later identified those buildings as only being candidates for potential renovation, Rosenbaum stressed.

"It is a direct slap in the face for tens of thousands of homeless vets," he said. "If you

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Food truck question labors on for council

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Tuesday night in front of the California Heritage Museum, a group of food trucks slung tacos and other eclectic fare to a crowd of hungry individuals and families that meandered up and down Main Street.

At that moment, less than a mile away, the Santa Monica City Council was engaged in discussion to determine the fate of the very event, specifically how City Hall plans to regulate what some see as a new and burgeoning industry, and others view as a threat to traditional brick and mortar establishments.

How, exactly, those regulations can be imposed becomes a complicated dance

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YAY!

Santa Monica High School held its annual graduation ceremony on Tuesday to the delight of many of its graduating seniors. (Above) One student takes the opportunity to show her enthusiasm before receiving her diploma. (Right) A group of Samohi students walk into the ceremony attended by family and friends.

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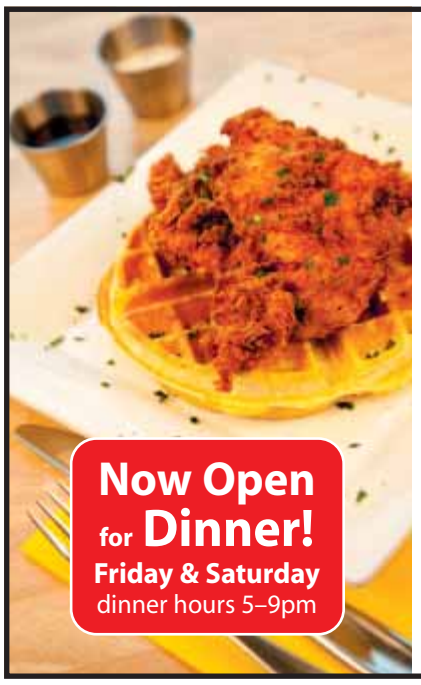
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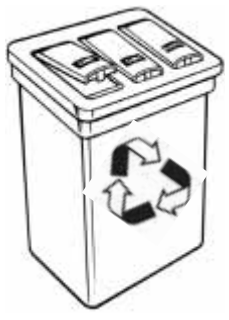


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Thursday, June 23, 2011

Time for wine
Bergamot Cafe
2525 Michigan Ave., 7 p.m.
Join wine expert Peter Kerr and special guest winemaker Ryan Leeman as they taste and discuss five different wines paired with the gourmet cuisine of Bergamot Cafe's culinary team. Learn about the wines, the winery, the Lodi wine region and the art of wine and food pairing. Cost: $59. For more information, call (310) 393-9994.

Culinary stars of California
The Broad Stage
1310 11th St.,
6:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
The Stars of California with The OCeanfront is an upscale food and wine event with a California travel-focus. Guests can mingle on the patio listening to groovy music by KCRW DJ Dan Wilcox and take part in a luxury silent auction to benefit four SoCal chapters of Make-A-Wish, Oceana, Special Olympics, and Lupus LA. For more information, call (818) 281-7416.

Current events
Fairview Public Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.
Jack Nordhaus moderates a discussion at the public library where attendees discuss current events. For more information, call (310)458-8681.

Friday, June 24, 2011

'A Memory of Two Mondays'
Ruskin Group Theatre
3000 Airport Ave., 8 p.m.
The Ruskin Group Theatre presents Arthur Miller's "A Memory of Two Mondays." During a time of 25 percent unemployment, Arthur Miller's play conjures the dreams of a young man yearning for a college education and a life beyond the hopelessness of the Great Depression. This play will run through July 25. For more information, visit ruskingrouptheatre.com.

'Locked and Loaded'
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 8 p.m.
"Locked and Loaded," Todd Susman's first published play, stars stage and screen personalities Paul Linke, Andrew Parks, Tarina Pouncy, Terasa Sciortino and Sandra Thigpen and is helmed by award-winning director Chris DeCarlo. For more information, visit santamonicaplayhouse.com. This is the play's final weekend.

Brand X Drive-In
Santa Monica Pier, 7:30 p.m.
The annual drive-in series comes to a close this Friday with a screening of "Surf's Up." The movie begins at 8:30 p.m., but Hawaiian themed booths and giveaways will be up and running an hour earlier. Beach chairs and blankets are welcome but chairs will also be available for rent. For more information, call (310)458-8901.

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CLUB SPORTS

Scoring goals for charity

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

AIRPORT PARK When Rolando Marchis saw images of tornados ripping through communities across the Midwest recently, he couldn't help but wonder what could be done to help the victims of such devastation.

Marchis went with what he knows and quickly organized a charity soccer match featuring his Santa Monica Sporting FC and went about the task of finding people to draw into the effort.

He made calls to friends in the Westside soccer community and found a taker in Nicky Holender, a regular on the local scene and trainer to some of the best players in the world. Marchis successfully convinced his friend and fellow soccer lover to take part and landed what appears to be the highlight of the charity game scheduled for Saturday at Airport Park.

Holender, quick to agree, told Marchis that he had a group of English Premiere League players coming to town to train and would work at convincing his clients to take the field for a good cause. He was able to talk them into it, but with one caveat: their names can't be used out of fear that their teams back in England would frown on their decisions due to insurance issues.

"[The EPL teams] don't like them playing on an artificial field," Holender said. "But, they will play a little bit, show their faces."

With their identities hushed, Marchis had a great way to market the event to the public and hopefully draw a decent crowd.

In addition to the commitment from the EPL players, Marchis went about trying to lineup other soccer stalwarts and called a list of friends associated with the U.S. National Team. He was ultimately able to secure former national player Joe Max Moore as a special guest for the event.

"We wanted to represent soccer positively," said Marchis, a longtime Santa Monica

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Summer on the promenade

Santa Monicans will have their pick of outings to choose from as the "DatingDowntown" and "Cinema on the Street" series will be launched in Downtown next month.

DatingDowntown has organized events for couples every Saturday of July and August. Activities range from romantic novel readings and wine tastings to active bike rides and yoga sessions.

Santa Monica hot spots like the Gourmandise School of Sweets & Savories and the John Casssese "Dance Doctor" Studio sponsor the date nights. Participation costs range from free events to $150 per couple. Registration for all events is available on www.BuyLocalMarket.com.

Single folks and families can look to Cinema on the Street for weekly movie screenings through the month of July. Classic favorites like "The Princess Bride" and "The Goonies" will screen on the Third Street Promenade on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Pianist Rick Friend will round off the month-long series with a special appearance on Friday, July 29, accompanying a silent movie screening.

SERLI POLATOGLU

SAMOHI

Pedroza takes job with other district

As the school year came to a close, Santa Monica High School Principal Dr. Hugo Pedroza served his final days as a Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District employee.

Pedroza recently accepted a position as assistant superintendent with the Lompoc Unified School District.

The reasons for his departure are currently unknown.

"I found him always willing to pitch in and make sure things went well," said Dr. Sally Chou, chief academic officer for SMMUSD. "I wish him all the best as he moves into a central office of administration. That will be a new challenge."

Chou said she felt Pedroza received excellent training during his time at Samohi. Pedroza served as principal for four and a half years.

The SMMUSD wished Pedroza luck in his new position in a Twitter post Wednesday.

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THE DEAL: **A lawsuit alleges that City Hall does not explain why disputed parking tickets are valid.**

Couple sues City Hall over parking ticket

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN What began as a typical dispute over a parking ticket has snowballed into a legal battle that could eventually involve dozens of drivers who challenged citations issued by the Santa Monica Police Department over the last two years.

Residents Harriet and Stanley Epstein have filed a lawsuit against City Hall claiming they were not properly notified as to why the parking citation they were challenging was ruled to be valid, something which is required under the California Vehicle Code.

Harriet Epstein was issued a parking ticket on Feb. 2, 2011 for allegedly parking at Reed Park and then leaving to run an errand. Parking there is for park patrons only. The fine was $64.

The Epsteins, who are often critical of City Hall, said that under the California Vehicle Code, city officials and the hearing examiner hired to deal with those fighting a ticket are required to provide a written explanation as to why a citation is valid. The lawsuit claims City Hall issued a very generic form letter that included no explanation why Harriet Epstein's defense wasn't sufficient enough to get the ticket thrown out.

"Harriet's guilt is not the issue in this case," Stanley Epstein, a retired real estate attorney, said. "This issue is whether or not the city followed clear, unequivocal language of the statute. Without the city following state law, we have anarchy."

Included in the lawsuit, filed June 8, are ACS State & Local Solutions, Inc., a New York-based company contracted by City Hall to process parking tickets, and Sheri E. Ross, the hearing examiner hired by City Hall. The lawsuit was filed earlier this month in Los Angeles Superior Court.

The Epsteins are prepared to ask the court to make it a class action lawsuit to include all those who challenged citations on or before Jan. 1, 2009 when the vehicle code was amended to require explanations on why citations are ruled valid.

Last fiscal year, City Hall collected a little more than $12.9 million in parking citation revenue, according to Don Patterson, revenue operations manager for City Hall.

City officials said City Hall's policy is to not comment on pending litigation.

City officials did release a press release in May regarding changes to the parking system, including a reference to the Epstein's inquiry and that of others regarding parking citations. In the press release, city officials said they reviewed the level of information provided to those who are fighting their tickets and found that letters mailed out "provide the minimum information

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What a traitor

Editor:

Greg Foisie gets it all wrong, defending the indefensible ("Bring light to the truth," Letters to the Editor, June 20, page 4). Private Manning is not a whistle blower, as Mr. Foisie would like to have us believe. He is a coward and a traitor who gave away secrets vital to our country's defense to an enemy, and for that he should be taken out and shot. Indeed, Private Manning's criminal action is very likely responsible for many of those crosses Mr. Foisie's group displays during its protest.

Walter Greenberg
Santa Monica

Pee-pee policy

Editor:

This is in response to Andrew Berman's letter to the editor entitled "What's that smell?" published on June 17.

Mr. Berman is correct in complaining that "landmark disciple" Nina Fresco, who loves "old and ugly" buildings must be mistaking "the stale stench of urine for the aroma of nostalgia." Everyone knows that Santa Monica's population has the highest taste in architectural matters and they never urinate on new, pretty buildings.

For that reason we must begin the demolition and rebuilding of the Third Street Promenade as soon as possible. Our city planners should resolve to knock down any building that doesn't pass Berman's "Pee Smell" test. Just think of the beautiful Santa Monica we'll have once we've knocked it all down!

Don Solosan
Santa Monica

It's no different

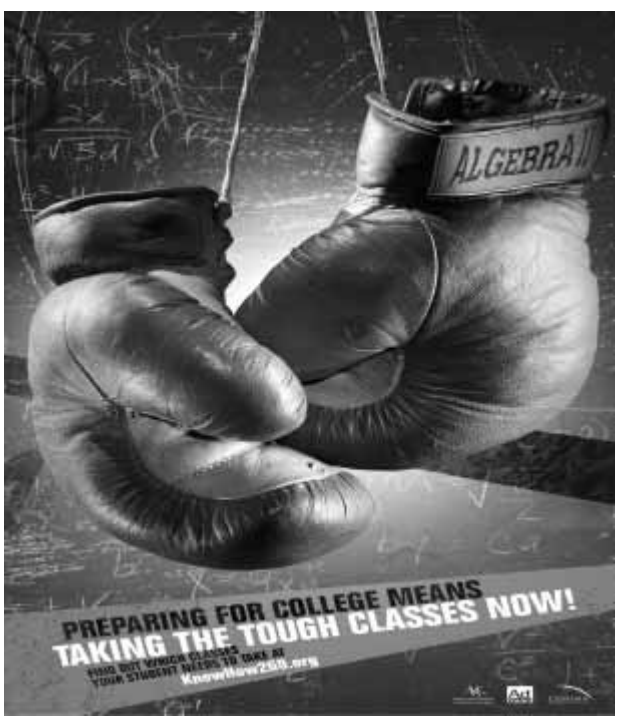
Editor:

Jack Neworth ("Wieners in the news," Laughing Matters, June 10) should do his research before talking about circumcision. The latest research shows circumcision removes the most sensitive part of the penis.

In fact, it is gynecological equivalent to the removal of the clitoral hood, which is illegal to do to an infant girl. Even the least intrusive forms of female circumcision are illegal. So why is it still legal to cut 20,000 nerves off your boy's penis?

No national medical association in the world supports routine infant male circumcision for health reasons. In fact, the Dutch Medical Association recently issued an excellent report backed by seven other national medical associations declaring male circumcision an infringement of a child's right to bodily integrity and debunking the myth that it is justified by health benefits or that it differs from all forms of female circumcision.

Marc E. Angeluci
Los Angeles



Your column here



Sarah van Gelder — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Our prison system is bankrupting us

IF THERE WAS ANY DOUBT ABOUT the broken state of our prison system, the news this week should put it to rest.

The Global Commission on Drug Policy, made up of former presidents and other luminaries from the United States and abroad, concludes that the Drug War is an expensive failure. The California prison system — which the U.S. Supreme Court declared to be in violation of the 8th Amendment due to overcrowding and neglect — has yet to develop a plan to bring it into compliance with the court order.

Less well publicized, but also disturbing, is a letter from Tom Lutz in which he resigns from his post as department chair at the University of California Riverside. Lutz warns that the state is dismantling in just a few years a world-class system of higher education. Funding has shifted dramatically from educating California's young to imprisoning them — not a way to build a strong country.

Meanwhile, massive state budget deficits are worsened by the expense of locking up more of our own citizens than any other country in the world.

Perhaps we're finally ready for a reassessment. What might a more effective and rational system look like?

As we researched the summer issue of YES!, "Beyond Prisons," we found a blossoming of creative alternatives to the punitive drug war and to the criminal justice system's expensive punishment ethic.

People behind bars for drug possession make up the greatest share of the massive uptick in the prison population. The experts we talked to, including a former police chief and a medical doctor who specializes in addiction, called for an end to the war on drugs. Instead of punishing drug addicts — many of whom are victims of trauma — treatment, needle exchanges, and safe housing lessen addiction, disease, and the crimes caused by drug use.

Most of the 2.3 million now in prison will eventually be released. Education and job training are proven ways to reduce the number who reoffend and return to prison. Ex-offenders and ex-addicts can be the best mentors of those released from prison; the Delancey Street Project, for example, offers peer support and job-skills training in businesses run by ex-inmates and addicts, and their success record is impressive.

Traditional approaches to crime hold special promise. In New Zealand, instead of locking up young offenders, a council made up of family, community members, and crime victims holds them accountable for their crimes, and then gives them an opportunity to make restitution and be reintegrated into the community. This approach, which borrows from the Maori people, has become the norm in New Zealand, reducing to almost zero the number of young people locked up in expensive and violent detention facilities.

This "restorative justice" approach is spreading. Studies show crime victims who are involved in victim-offender mediation processes are less likely to experience long-term post-traumatic stress.

INSTEAD OF PUNISHING DRUG ADDICTS — MANY OF WHOM ARE VICTIMS OF TRAUMA — TREATMENT, NEEDLE EXCHANGES, AND SAFE HOUSING LESSEN ADDICTION, DISEASE, AND THE CRIMES CAUSED BY DRUG USE.

The involvement of the broader community is key to the success of restorative approaches. A welding instructor who volunteers to instruct inmates, a Girl Scout leader who brings girls to visit their imprisoned mothers, or a garden club that helps inmates start prison gardens, all do their part to create vital links to the outside.

There are people we might agree should be locked up: psychopathic killers, rapists, and others who endanger their families or communities.

But most of those in prison are people with few resources who have committed nonviolent offenses — especially poor people, people of color, drug users, alcoholics, and the mentally challenged. Imprisoning millions of these people does not make us safer. But imprisoning 2.3 million people does deplete government coffers resulting in massive cuts in programs — like California's system of higher education — that have proven track records for reducing crime.

A smarter and more compassionate criminal justice system could not only save lives and restore communities especially hard hit by imprisonment, it could save us from fiscal meltdown.

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Lawmakers feeling financial pains for delaying budget

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO Few tears are being shed for California lawmakers.

The man who cuts the state's paychecks decided to enforce a law this week that all 120 members of the Legislature will not be paid their salaries until they balance the state's annual spending plan by closing its $9.6 billion budget deficit.

Democratic lawmakers say they followed the law by passing a budget last week and should not be penalized because Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed it.

They criticized the decision, saying the first use of a law some of them pushed for violated the separation of power between the executive branch and legislators. One lawmaker fretted about having to tell his family that they can't pay their bills.

At a time when the state is borrowing heavily, cutting programs and suffering from the lowest credit rating in the U.S., there was little sympathy for a legislature that most Californians don't think highly of, anyway.

"Their job is to get the budget passed so that the people who depend on them aren't screwed," said Dan Dougherty, 57, a Vietnam veteran in San Francisco. "These guys are making money and are representatives of the people.

"They need to do their jobs and get together," he said. "Republicans and Democrats need to come to a middle ground."

State controller John Chiang's decision holds at least the potential to end budget shenanigans and return a measure of fiscal respect to a state that is the world's eighth-largest economy.

Chiang determined that lawmakers failed to meet Proposition 25, an initiative approved by voters last year that is aimed at getting the Legislature to approve balanced budgets by their constitutional deadline of June 15.

The measure lowered the budget vote threshold from two-thirds to a simple majority. As an incentive for voters, Prop 25's authors added a provision that halts pay and expenses for lawmakers should they fail to meet the budget deadline.

When Democratic lawmakers passed a budget this month, Gov. Jerry Brown vetoed it. Chiang reviewed the package, finding that it did not meet the requirements for a balanced budget. He said portions were "miscalculated, miscounted or unfinished."

Chiang said it committed the state to $89.8 billion in spending but provided $87.9 billion in revenues, leaving a hole of $1.85 billion.

"Part of the reason the budget didn't balance is that they were engaged in some of the past practices that worked in earlier years but that do not work today under the new reality," he said.

Brown said he reluctantly vetoed the package because it perpetuated the state's history for budget gimmickry by borrowing billions and making questionable legal maneuvers.

In years past, deadlines meant little to lawmakers.

The budget for the current fiscal year was signed last October, a record 100 days after the start of the fiscal year. Just five budgets since 1991 have been passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor before July 1.

The reality of going without a paycheck hit some lawmakers hard.

"I halted a fulfilling private sector career path to enter public service," lamented Assemblyman Mike Gatto, D-Los Angeles. "I now have to explain to my wife and daughter that we won't be able to pay the bills because a politician chose to grandstand at our expense."

Gatto is one of many who rely on the job as a primary source of income.

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures based in Denver, the full-time California Legislature is the highest paid in the nation. Many legislatures serve part-time.

With lawmakers forfeiting their salary and daily expense pay, taxpayers are saving $48,603.50 a day.

For legislators earning $95,291 a year, the loss of salary works out to $261 each day. For leaders of the Senate and Assembly who make $109,584, that works out to $300 each day. Most lawmakers also lose out on a $142 per diem for travel and living expenses.

State lawmakers also won't get retroactive pay.

In the past, their pay would stop once the new fiscal year began without a new budget, but they were able to recover their salaries when one ultimately passed. Although budget delays happen nearly every year, only nine times in the past 30 years has the budget stalemate dragged on so long that lawmakers missed at least a month's worth of pay.

Now under Prop 25, they never get the money back.

The leader of the state Senate warned that Chiang's decision could violate the state's separation of power between the legislative and executive branches of government. Lawmakers could sue.

The Q Line

Off the hook?

The Planning Commission last week absolved Saint John's Health Center of building a promised parking structure. With the commission's approval, the matter will go before the City Council for a final decision.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the City Council should force Saint John's to build the structure, or should the commission's decision stand?

Contact **qline@smdp.com** before **Friday at 5 p.m.** and we'll print your answers in the weekend edition of the Daily Press. You can also call **(310) 458-7737 ext. 102.**





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Pet estate planning made simple

SUE MANNING
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES You don't have to be Leona Helmsley to want the best for your pet after you die. She'd left her dog Trouble $12 million when she passed away in 2007. A judge cut the award to $2 million and awarded some of the money to her grandchildren, but the Maltese still lived a life of luxury until his death in December. The dog's passing was just announced this month by the Helmsley trust.

Pet estate planning has grown since Helmsley's will made headlines. Today there are retirement homes for pets all across the country, and at least 45 states allow for pet trusts. A pet trust is an agreement that specifies how an owner wants a pet to be cared for, including details on who will be responsible for the animal and how the care will be paid for.

There are also attorneys who specialize in pet trusts, along with how-to books like "Who Will Care When You're Not There?" by tax attorneys Robert E. Kass and Elizabeth A. Carrie, "Fat Cats and Lucky Dogs" by law professor Gerry W. Beyer and estate planner Barry Seltzer, and "Petriarch: The Complete Guide to Financial and Legal Planning for a Pet's Continued Care" by animal attorney Rachel Hirschfeld.

Hirschfeld wrote a pet protection agreement that is legally binding and can be found online for as little as $39. Companies like Trusted Pet Partners, founded by attorney Chris Jones of Santa Barbara, offer a simple online pet trust for $289. Other online resources include a free planning guide from the Humane Society of the United States called "Providing for Your Pet's Future Without You" at www.humanesociety.org/petsinwills.

Exactly how many pets are abandoned after their owners die is unknown, says Richard Avanzino, former president of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, but his best guess is 2 percent of surrendered animals, or 150,000 dogs and cats a year. A study from the late 1990s published in the Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science found 1 percent of dogs and 1.5 percent of cats coming into 12 animal shelters had been surrendered because of owner death.

In 1979, Avanzino went to court to prevent the euthanization of a dog whose owner, Mary Murphy, had committed suicide. Murphy left a will instructing that her 11-year-old dog Sido be euthanized.

"She didn't think anybody else could take care of her in the same pampered, loving way," said Avanzino.

A judge ruled disposal of personal property does not extend to killing a living creature.

"People from the grave cannot dictate the demise of their beloved pets just because they are not around to take care of them," Avanzino said.

Murphy's case prompted the San Francisco SPCA to set up one of the nation's first sanctuaries for pets who outlive their owners.

A few veterinary schools offer estate planning options like lifetime care for pets and placement in a home. The Stevenson Companion Animal Life-Care Center, established by the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, offers a place for pets to live in addition to veterinary care. The Stevenson Center in College Station, Texas, currently houses 20 cats, 15 dogs and a llama, said Ellie Greenbaum, assistant to the director. They also have 377 animals from 20 states registered as potential residents. The fee for lifetime care is between $50,000 and $100,000 per pet, with any leftover funds donated to the center or the college.

But lifetime pet care arrangements don't always cost that much. Blue Bell Foundation For Cats in Laguna Beach, Calif., charges $6,500 for lifetime care for cats. The organization was founded by Bertha Gray Yergat, who wanted to ensure care after her death for the 200 cats she'd rescued. Yergat left about $1 million in assets, said Susan Hamil, chairwoman (and original member) of the foundation's board of directors. The organization now houses 50 cats.

One big problem is making sure trusts are written so that the pets and funds can be turned over quickly to the designated caregiver or facility. "The need when you pass away is immediate," Hamil said.

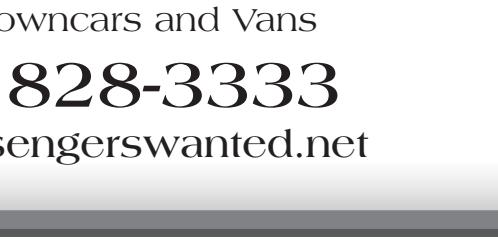
Most people will choose a friend or relative to take their pets.

"Much like an adoption, the goal is to make sure it will be a good match," said Kim Saunders, vice president of shelter outreach for Petfinder.com, an online pet adoption database. "You may love your best friend or family member, but they may not be a dog person." So some people designate an agency to find a new home for the pet.

Some owners leave money to whomever they're entrusting their pet to as a way of making sure the animal does not become a financial burden. Unfortunately, sometimes when large sums are involved, Avanzino said, "greed gets in the way."

In one case, Avanzino said, a cat was to be cared for by a maid and butler who were to get free room and board as long as the cat was alive. "The first time we saw the cat, we estimated it was 8 years old. Four years later, the cat was about 4 and the next time, the cat they brought in and said was the same cat, was estimated to be about 1 year old," he said.

In another case, the owner of a German shepherd left relatives the use of an entire estate as long as the dog lived. "They kept it alive almost two years on life support. The dog was totally incapable of moving," Avanzino said.

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ROLLING ALONG: **Disney's 'Cars 2' spreads the green movement gospel.**

'Cars 2' fuels ongoing energy debate with green themes

DAVID GERMAIN
AP Movie Writer

LOS ANGELES Even the animated world of Lightning McQueen and Mater the tow truck is testing new energy sources to replace fossil fuels.

Pixar Animation mastermind John Lasseter says the company has no environmental agenda, but with "Cars 2," the blockbuster outfit does tap into today's eco-mindedness with a plot driven by oil vs. a cleaner alternative.

Debuting in U.S. theaters Friday, "Cars 2" sends race car Lightning McQueen (voiced by Owen Wilson) on a World Grand Prix circuit whose organizer fuels the vehicles with a green alternative called Allinol, prompting the bad guys to try to discredit the new power supply that threatens traditional gasoline.

That lands Lightning's goofy, lovable pal Mater (Larry the Cable Guy) in the middle of a spy caper as two British secret agent cars (Michael Caine and Emily Mortimer) seek to uncover who's behind the plot.

For director Lasseter, the idea developed the same way as other aspects of the film franchise that began with 2006's "Cars," as he and his Pixar pit crew looked for ways to "car-ify" our world into one inhabited by talking automobiles.

In a universe of cars, "What would a bad guy do?" Lasseter wondered.

"With 'An Inconvenient Truth' and alternative fuels and all the things going on, I kept thinking, well, in their world, it could be neat to have sort of big oil vs. alternative fuel," Lasseter said. "It makes logical sense for a world where cars are alive."

Based in environmentally conscious Northern California, Disney-owned Pixar has flirted with energy and ecological themes before.

The 2008 sci-fi smash "WALL-E" was a wildly inventive cosmic romance between two adorable robots. Yet it also was a cautionary tale about pollution as plucky but rickety WALL-E, the last robot on Earth, toils to clean up the mess we've made of the planet after humans have fled to the stars.

The 2001 buddy comedy "Monsters, Inc." had a realm of scary beasts mired in an energy crisis until they switch to a more benign fuel source — the laughter of children, rather than the screams of terror they once used to power their world.

Even last year's "Toy Story 3" carried a nice salvage theme. After the toys have a terrifying brush with a waste-dump incinerator once their owner outgrows them, they end up recycled into a new home with a new kid.

Such angles are byproducts of Pixar's story process, though, not a green crusade.

"We don't make message movies," Lasseter said. "We weave things in that are going on, that you're familiar with in the world, and kind of bring it into our stories."

"It really is all about, OK, how can we go about telling the most interesting story possible?" said "Cars 2" producer Denise Ream. "But hey, if people come away with the sense of we need to treat the Earth better, I think that's great, because I'm all for it."

Along with returning stars Wilson and Larry the Cable Guy, the "Cars 2" vocal cast includes John Turturro, Vanessa Redgrave, Tony Shalhoub and Bonnie Hunt.

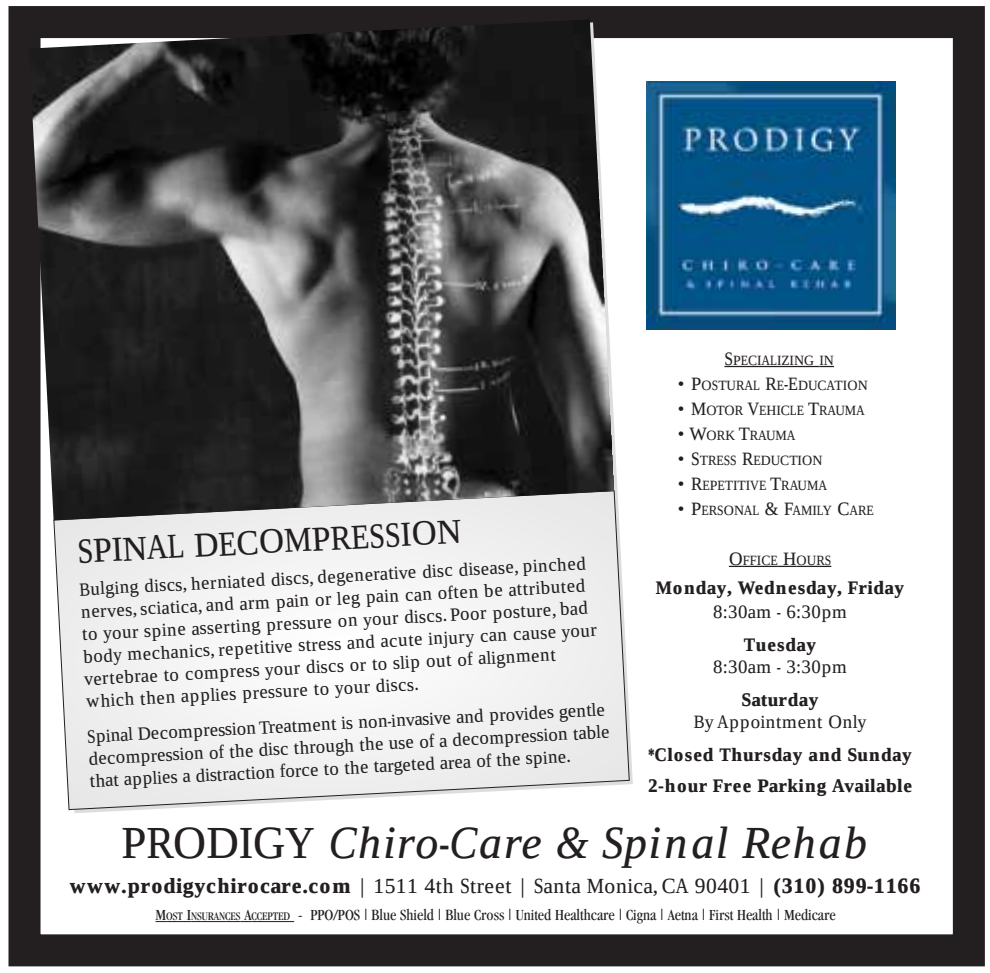
Eddie Izzard also joins the cast, providing the voice of ex-oil baron Miles Axelrod, once a gas-guzzler who has converted himself into an electric vehicle and now pushes the clean-fuel alternative lifestyle.

Wilson agreed that the main thrust was to tell a fun story. But he said it doesn't hurt if some environmental consciousness-raising comes along for the ride.

"I remember in the '70s, the gas lines. We're still dealing with a lot of those problems, so anything that can sort of get the message out in an entertaining way, that we need to be looking for some solutions to some of these problems, I think is good," Wilson said. "Because the way we're doing it now obviously isn't working, which is why you see Detroit and all these big companies shifting focus now to more efficient cars."

Larry the Cable Guy said it probably was inevitable that Lasseter and his story team would weave an energy theme into "Cars 2."

"He looks for who would be the villain in a world of cars, and I think that's just how he picks that. Obviously, it would be a battle of the fuels, because everybody needs that to go," he said. "I don't think John makes these movies to be political."







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YUM: **A patron visits a food truck at the Heritage Museum.**

TRUCKS
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around state and local laws, which mostly hinges on where the truck is parked.

While cities have the ability to impose parking restrictions on roads, those mandates have to apply equally to all vehicles unless there's a public safety concern.

Otherwise, the state holds ultimate authority over what is or is not allowed on roads, and there is little in the way of specifics about food trucks.

The reason, said Matt Geller, CEO of the SoCal Mobile Food Vendors' Association, is that the every day driver needs the confidence that when they cross over from Los Angeles into Santa Monica, the rules of the road will be substantially the same.

"It would be confusing for citizens of California if everywhere they went they had a different regulatory framework," Geller said.

On private property, conversely, City Hall has a great deal more sway, which is why — since August 2010 — the California Heritage Museum has held a temporary permit from City Hall to allow food trucks to operate on its lot.

The museum charges $100 per month to allow the trucks to stay there on Tuesdays, and in turn patrons flock to Main Street to get an inexpensive taste of Southern California street culture.

So far, in the eyes of patrons and many council members, the California Heritage Museum experiment has yielded impressive results.

Mayor Pro Tempore Gleam Davis noted that the lot had not only created a Farmers Market-esque feel, it provided inexpensive food options for families looking for a little nightlife and a meal out.

"I'd rather have them at the food trucks than McDonald's or Taco Bell," she joked.

According to a staff survey, the reactions to the food truck night by Main Street businesses have been mixed, but mostly negative. Of the 25 businesses included, 40 percent didn't want the event to continue.

That percentage was even higher amongst restaurants, at 63 percent.

Still, there's no consensus amongst business owners over whether or not they want the food truck night to continue, according to a letter by Gary Gordon, executive director of the Main Street Business Improvement Association.

Some of the objections have to do with reported decrease of restaurant business on Tuesday nights, and some have to do with the inequity of the "unlevel playing field," referring to the lower overhead costs of food trucks over regular restaurants, Gordon wrote.

Another major problem for businesses is parking, which they think is taken up by the food truck patrons.

However, the MSBIA Board has not taken a formal position for or against the trucks, Gordon said.

Neither did the City Council, which concentrated its attention on dealing with problems like areas where the presence of food trucks has gummed up the works on sidewalks and streets.

"The experiment at the Heritage Museum has been successful by and large," said Mayor Richard Bloom. "I remain concerned about some of the uses elsewhere in the city."

Most complaints that came to the council focused on the Downtown, where trucks park for long periods of time in violation of parking regulations and serve food to people waiting in lines on sidewalks, causing backup.

Bloom said he'd even seen trucks vending out of the back end, directly into the street.

"That's something we simply should not allow," Bloom said.

Another safety, and annoyance, consideration was the proclivity of food trucks to gravitate toward bars, especially around 2 a.m. when the establishments close down.

Those still around for last call tend to keep the party rolling, congregating around the trucks for a bite to eat.

That problem could be solved by just switching the no-parking from 3 a.m. to 2 a.m., but in the meantime, controlling the crowd on Main Street takes four officers and a sergeant, according to a police department representative.

The trick with creating new regulations on the food truck industry is to make sure that policies don't come with unintended consequences.

One complaint by the business community was that trucks parked in front of shops block the stores from view, which decreases foot traffic.

If the council crafted a rule prohibiting that, noted Councilmember Kevin McKeown, it could also apply to delivery trucks or postal carriers.

"As we look at these things, we want to make sure we don't single them out uniquely as though they're a problem for just being food trucks," McKeown said.

Councilmembers directed staff to come back to them with potential regulations, particularly surrounding curfews and permitting processes for off-street sites.

Geller, who has been working food truck issues since he helped found the mobile vendors' association in 2010, said he would be happy to help discuss policies he's seen work in other cities with councilmembers or city staff.

He would not, however, reveal his cards to the public.

"They're trying to come up with solutions, and they shouldn't be under pressure from people to implement the things I suggest," Geller said Wednesday.

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DEL AGUILA
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and flew to her family's home in Racine, Wis. to deliver the good news in person.

"She came around 7 a.m. and just knocked on each of our doors and said, 'Surprise, I got in to UCLA!'" said her younger sister, Stephanie Del Aguila, 21. "It was a dream come true for her, and it meant a lot for our family."

Del Aguila, who studied political science at UCLA, walked across the graduation stage with her fellow classmates earlier this month. Her next mission in life was to attend law school. She was planning to spend her summer at New York University.

But around 2:20 a.m. Saturday, after celebrating with friends, Del Aguila, 24, was struck and killed by a taxi driver while trying to hail a cab in the 2400 block of Wilshire Boulevard near Douglas Park, police said.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the driver of a Bell Cab was heading westbound in the number one lane of Wilshire when Del Aguila was seen by witnesses darting into traffic from the north sidewalk. She was struck by the oncoming taxi. She was transported to a nearby hospital in critical condition. She later succumbed to her injuries, said SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis.

According to several witnesses, Del Aguila was last seen at Q's Billiards on Wilshire Boulevard in West Los Angeles, a popular UCLA hangout, around 1 a.m. Del Aguila had no mode of transportation and investigators with the Santa Monica Police Department are trying to determine how she made her way into Santa Monica.

Investigators are asking anyone who may have seen the accident to contact them at (310) 458-8954 or (310) 458-8950. Del Aguila was described by police as a female Hispanic, 4 feet 10, 95 pounds with long, straight brown hair, brown eyes, wearing a light floral colored blouse, dark blue "skinny" jeans and white, high-heeled shoes at the time of the accident.

Michael Calin, the general manager of Bell Cab, said he was "shocked" when he heard about the accident and sends his condolences to Del Aguila's family and friends. Calin said the driver involved in "not handling it OK at all," and has been suspended pending the outcome of the investigation.

Police said the driver was not under the influence of alcohol or drugs at the time of the accident. He submitted to a blood test, the results of which were not available Wednesday.

"This is truly tragic," Calin said.

A memorial for Del Aguila is planned for today at 5 p.m. at 10954 Roebling Ave. near the UCLA campus. Members of her sorority, Pi Beta Phi, are hosting.

"She was a very ambitious girl," Stephanie Del Aguila said of her sister. "She was a very caring person. She would talk to just about anyone, and build strong relationships with people. She was very passionate about politics, her dogs and her friends."

One of her closest friends was Eric De Santos. The two met while working at a Verizon Wireless store five years ago and dated for a short time. They remained close, Del Aguila providing words of encouragement during De Santos' darkest hour when he was laid off and struggling to make ends meet.

"She was always there to support me," he said. "She would tell me, 'Don't worry, Eric, you are going to get through this,' She was right. She was so right. Everything turned for me."

De Santos said Del Aguila loved art, music and dancing, being around people and was a loyal Democrat who supported President Obama's campaign and the rights of women.

"She could get fiery at times," when talking about politics, De Santos said. "She was such a smart person."

And motivated. De Santos said she worked and attended junior college so that she could one day transfer to UCLA. He admired that drive, calling her a "schoolaholic," who had little time for other endeavors, like painting, which she dabbled in.

De Santos remembers talking with her the day before she died. She was looking forward to spending time with her friends from school, soaking in the social scene that she rarely had time for.

"Her last week ... literally would have been her happiest to be alive," he said. "She was graduating, she was on good terms with her sorority and was looking forward to the next challenge.

"The last time I saw her I remember telling her that she was my best friend. I told her I loved her and I left."

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SUIT
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required by law."

That said, city officials wanted to improve customer service and have since begun providing more details in the letters, city officials said. Those who recently appealed a parking citation and would like additional details on why the citation was upheld during the appeals process, can e-mail their request with the citation number to parking.office@smgov.net.

The Epsteins claim city officials were notified of the change in the vehicle code by ACS but never made changes until the Epsteins raised the issue.

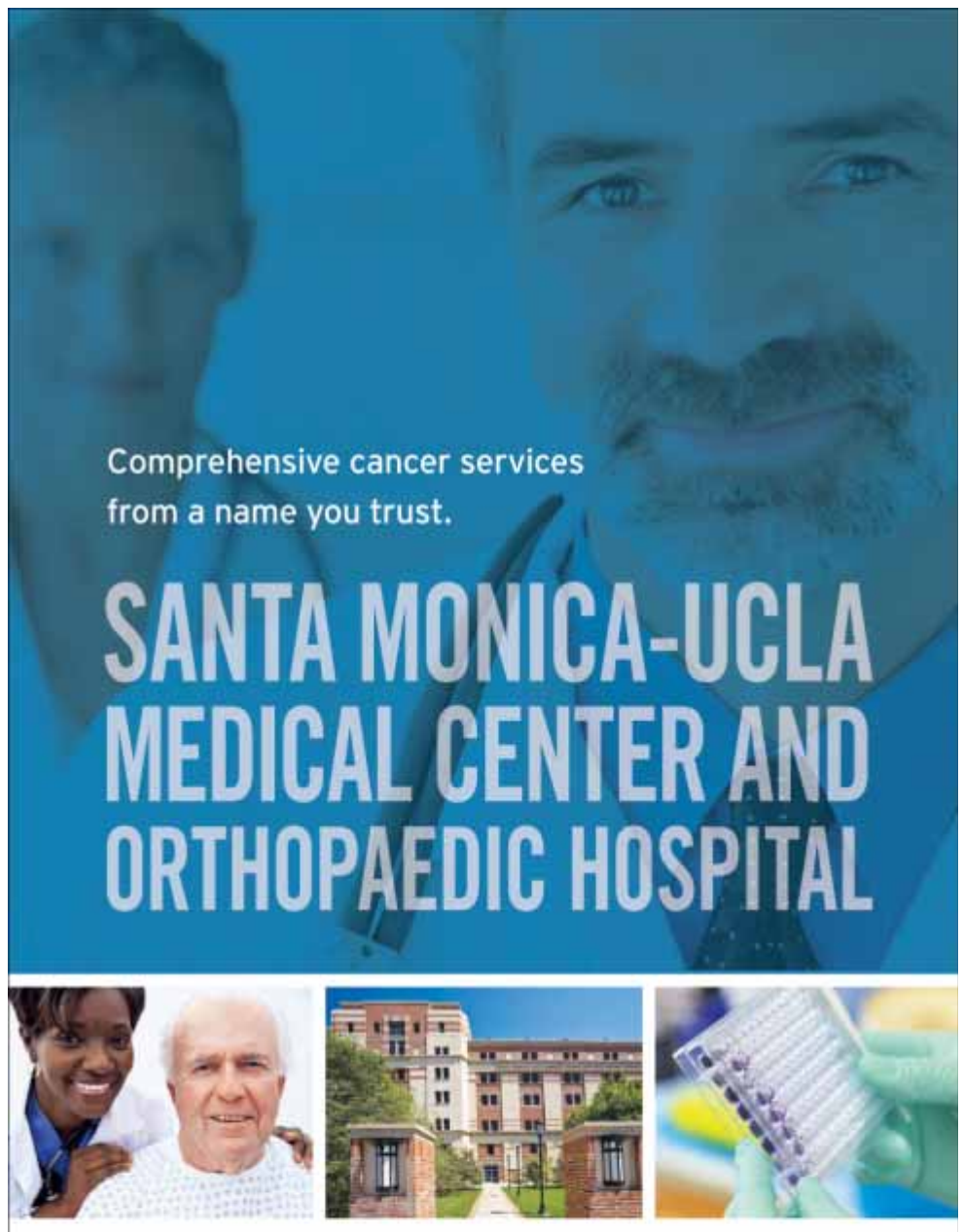
"It seems to be clear on its face that the city has not been complying with the vehicle code section …," said Eric Benink, the Epstein's attorney. "I'd be upset about it if I put in the time and effort explaining the reason why I didn't think the citation was valid and then get a boilerplate response."

Benink said City Hall was served with the lawsuit last week. The suit calls for City Hall to provide all those who have fought a ticket and lost a detailed explanation as to why the violation was ruled to be valid, and to allow those people to have a new administrative hearing if the time for that hearing has expired.

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SOCCER
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"WE ARE EXCITED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT SUCH AN EXCITING EVENT FOR THE SANTA MONICA SOCCER COMMUNITY,"

Mike Hawkins,
Vice president of SM Sporting FC

resident whose father introduced AYSO soccer to the city. "We thought, 'how can we be a good example for the community' and decided that a charity game was the best idea."

The game itself will serve two purposes. First, it would have to be a fundraiser for tornado victims, but secondly, also serve as a platform to promote Santa Monica Sporting FC, an all-star team of sorts made up from the more than 2,000 players who take part in the Santa Monica Adult Soccer League.

"We are excited to have the opportunity to present such an exciting event for the Santa Monica soccer community," said Mike Hawkins, vice president of SM Sporting FC. "Not only will it be an honor for our players to play with and against some of the game's great players, current and past, but we look forward to bringing the Santa Monica community together to benefit the people affected by the recent devastation in the Midwest by the tornadoes."

While there is no fundraising goal set, Marchis said he hopes to donate the game's proceeds to the Red Cross.

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want to imagine a document that says 'We don't care about you and we're turning our back to you,' this is that document."

VA spokesman Joshua Taylor said the renovations were termed as "potential" because they require approval from Congress.

"Our process is complete in terms of proposing the plan and making the recommendation to Congress," he said. "The ball is now in their court."

He said $20 million had already been allocated for one of the three buildings and that construction could begin in December if Congress approves the master plan before then, although the other two will require an additional appropriation.

Taylor said the VA was committed to completing all the projects identified in the master plan, which has been in the works for months and also includes outpatient clinics and research facilities.

The three renovations "will create long-term therapeutic and supporting housing programs at the West Los Angeles campus focusing on the most chronically homeless and disabled veterans," said Taylor, who could not comment on the lawsuit.

Homeless veterans claimed in the federal lawsuit filed June 8 that the VA had misused the 387-acre plot of land, which was donated by private owners in 1888 to house veterans. It accused the department of breach of fiduciary duty for leasing much of the property to private entities instead of using it for veterans housing.

The suit, brought by the ACLU along with Santa Monica City Councilman Bobby Shriver among others, sought an injunction forcing the department to use the property for the housing and care of wounded vets, among other demands.

There were 7,000 homeless veterans in the Los Angeles area in 2010, about 10 percent of the country's total population of 71,609 homeless vets, according to the VA's most recent tally.

Four plaintiffs who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder and other ailments were named as plaintiffs in the case, which sought class-action status. It named VA Secretary Eric Shinseki and VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System director Donna M. Beiter as defendants.

The lawsuit said the land was used to permanently house veterans until the 1960s and 1970s, when the VA stopped accepting new residents and allowed buildings that had provided permanent housing to fall into disrepair or be used for other purposes.

There are currently 70 beds for veterans needing long-term residential care in an on-campus Salvation Army facility, according to the VA.

Some 110 acres of the campus have been leased to private users, including a car rental company for vehicle storage, a hotel for laundry facilities, and an energy company for an oil well, the suit claimed.

The VA listed the maintenance of its land use and lease agreements as among its 10 guiding principles in the master plan released Wednesday.

Beiter said in a statement that revenue from those lease agreements would "continue to be used to enhance the patient-centered care environment for veterans."

The plan also said that the agency's priorities were the construction of an acute care center, a research building and a nursing home, along with seismic work on buildings at high risk of earthquake damage.

ACLU lawyer David Sapp noted that the homeless-care facilities were not listed among the VA's priority projects and that the plan included scant details about the potential renovations.

"They seem to be saying, 'Were waiting on Congress to sign off on a plan that doesn't have a timeline or a funding stream or any therapeutic models,'" he said.



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Cigarettes to get graphic new warning labels

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AP Tobacco Writer

RICHMOND, Va. Rotting teeth and gums. Diseased lungs. A sewn-up corpse of a smoker. Cigarette smoke coming out of the tracheotomy hole in a man's neck.

Cigarette packs in the U.S. will have to carry these macabre images in nine new warning labels that are part of a campaign by the Food and Drug Administration to use fear and disgust to discourage Americans from lighting up.

The labels, announced on Tuesday, represent the biggest change in cigarette packs in the U.S. in 25 years.

At a time when the drop in the nation's smoking rate has come to a standstill, the government is hoping the in-your-face labels will go further than the current surgeon general warnings toward curbing tobacco use, which is responsible for about 443,000 deaths a year in the U.S.

"These labels are frank, honest and powerful depictions of the health risks of smoking," Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in a statement.

The FDA estimates the labels will cut the number of smokers by 213,000 in 2013, with smaller additional reductions through 2031.

Other countries such as Canada and Uruguay have used graphic, even grisly, warnings for years, and various studies suggest they spur people to quit. But exactly how effective they are is a matter of debate, since the warnings are usually accompanied by other government efforts to stamp out smoking.

"I think it's a great deterrent for kids," said Kristen Polland, 24, of Prattville, Ala. "If you start there, you have won half of the battle."

Rhonda Vanover, 43, of Cincinnati, on the other hand, said: "No one is going to stop me __ unless they make it illegal. Cigarettes get me through the day. They are part of my life."

The labels also include images of a smoker wearing an oxygen mask and a mother and baby with smoke swirling nearby. Some images are not graphic at all; one shows a man wearing an "I Quit" T-shirt.

The warnings will take up the entire top half — both front and back — of a pack of cigarettes. They must also appear in advertisements and constitute 20 percent of each ad. Cigarette makers will have to run all nine labels on a rotating basis. They have until the fall of 2012 to comply.

The legality of the new labels is already being challenged in a federal lawsuit bought by some of the major tobacco companies, which argue that the warnings will relegate the brand name to the bottom half of the cigarette package, making it difficult or impossible to see.

A spokesman for Richmond-based Altria Group Inc., parent company of the nation's largest cigarette maker, Philip Morris USA, said the company was looking at the final labels and had no further comment. Altria Group is not a party in the federal lawsuit.

A pack-a-day smoker would see the graphic warnings more than 7,000 times per year.

American Cancer Society CEO John R. Seffrin said the labels have the potential to "encourage adults to give up their deadly addiction to cigarettes and deter children from starting in the first place."

The introduction of graphic warning labels was required in a 2009 law that, for the first time, gave the federal government authority to regulate tobacco. Tuesday's announcement follows reviews of scientific literature, public comments and results from an FDA-contracted study of 36 labels proposed last November.

The U.S. first mandated the use of warning labels stating, "Cigarettes may be hazardous to your health" in 1965. The current warning labels — put on cigarette packs in the mid-1980s — say more explicitly that smoking can cause lung cancer, heart disease and other illnesses. But the warnings contain no pictures; they consist only of text in a small box.

The share of Americans who smoke has fallen dramatically since 1970, from nearly 40 percent to about 20 percent. But the rate has stalled since about 2004, with about 46 million adults in the U.S. smoking cigarettes. It's unclear why it hasn't budged, but some experts have cited tobacco company discount coupons on cigarettes and lack of funding for programs to discourage smoking or to help smokers quit.

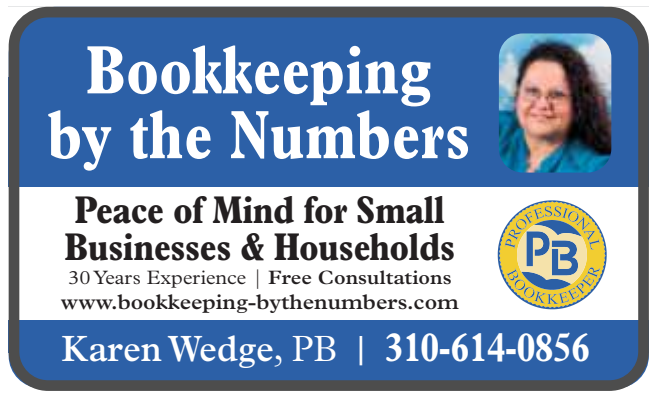
In recent years, more than 30 countries or jurisdictions have introduced labels similar to those created by the FDA. The World Health Organization said in a survey done in countries with graphic labels that a majority of smokers noticed the warnings and more than 25 percent said the warnings led them to consider quitting.

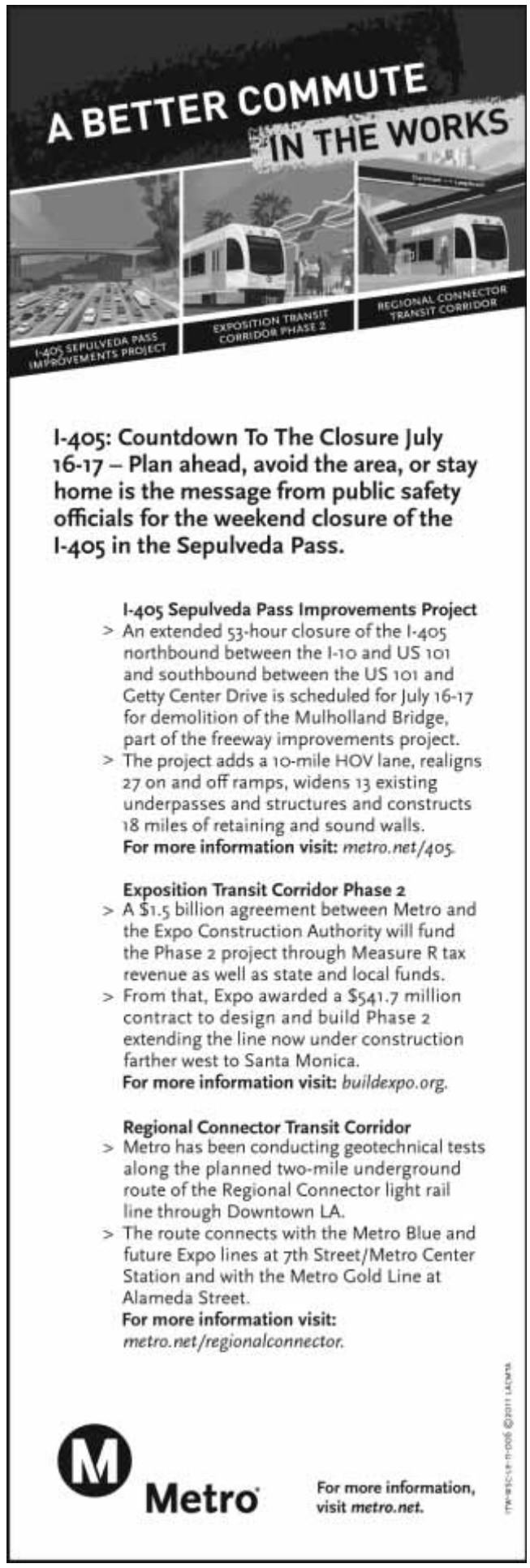
In 2000, Canada introduced blunt warning labels that included images of a pregnant woman smoking, a child and parent puffing away, and a drooping cigarette to illustrate the risk of impotence from smoking. Since then, the county's smoking rate has declined from about 26 percent to about 20 percent. How much the warnings contributed is unclear because the country took other steps to reduce smoking.

David Hammond, a health behavior researcher at the University of Waterloo in Canada, who worked with the firm designing the labels for the FDA, said that while the images are graphic, they are necessary.

"This isn't about doing what's pleasant for people," he said.













Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 61°

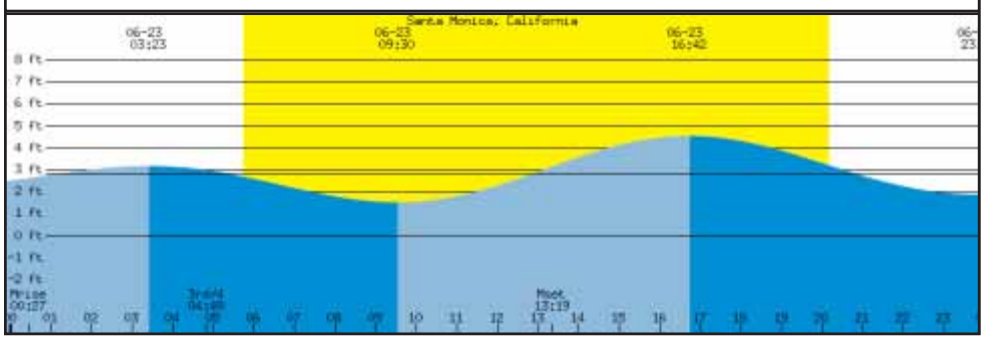
Swell Forecast

Standout south facing breaks, mostly in OC, can expect some chest high sets from time to time.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see size increase to chest high at south facing breaks. It looks like we'll see some NW wind swell too, for chest max sets at west facing spots.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **June 6, 2011**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 5
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 28 / 8
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 0

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

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

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

LEGEND

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

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

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MLB

Dodgers' winning streak ends in 7-5 loss to Tigers

BETH HARRIS
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES The Dodgers hadn't allowed a home run in seven consecutive games. They served up four to the Detroit Tigers on Wednesday, tying a season high.

los Angeles' 7-5 loss ended its three-game winning streak. The Dodgers haven't won four in a row all season.

Los Angeles was trying to complete its first series sweep of the season and first interleague series sweep since 2006 against the Angels.

But Ted Lilly (5-7) struggled for the second straight start.

The left-hander gave up six hits and a season-high six runs in 4 2-3 innings, struck out a season-best eight and walked one. The three homers he allowed tied both his personal and club season high.

"Today was one of those days where I was behind in the count more than usual, so when you're pitching from behind like that, the hitters are more comfortable and they can shrink the zone a little bit. That makes my room for error a lot less," Lilly said. "I need to get better."

Lilly gave up five earned runs and eight hits in a 7-3 loss to Houston last Friday.

Despite all the homers, the Dodgers were in the game until the last out.

Defensive replacement Austin Jackson made an over-the-shoulder catch on Dioner Navarro's bases-loaded drive to end the game.

"I thought it was going to go over his head, for sure. I saw it on the replay, and he got a great jump on it," Navarro said. "He's extremely fast, and he got to that ball like nothing."

Navarro struck out with the bases loaded to end the fifth, mirroring the Dodgers' problems in bases-loaded situations this season.

"I know we left some runners out there, but you've got to get them on to be able to leave them," manager Don Mattingly said. "We gave ourselves some chances, and that's what we're looking for."

Casper Wells opened the game with one of four home runs by Detroit. Miguel Cabrera and Magglio Ordonez also homered. So did Don Kelly, who connected as a pinch-hitter for Ordonez in the eighth inning.

"There were quite a few occasions where I thought I needed to make a better pitch," Lilly said. "The pitch to Magglio Ordonez was not a very good pitch in that situation. You take that one back and the game's different. I could do that a lot. I have to look at myself in the mirror."

Mattingly saw Lilly's problems as nothing more than missing his spots.

"Teddy can't really afford to do that. He's not a guy who's going to overpower anybody," the first-year manager said. "He's got to change speeds and hit locations. If he can miss spots, he can get in trouble."

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Cape Fear (NR) 1hr 45min
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7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
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Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
12:00pm, 3:10pm, 6:20pm, 9:30pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
11:35am, 2:45pm, 6:10pm, 9:25pm

Submarine (NR) 1hr 37min
12:05pm, 2:30pm, 5:00pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 1hr 35min
11:00am, 1:40pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:35pm

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

Cars 2 in Disney Digital 3D (G) 1hr 53min
12:01am

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
12:05pm, 2:35pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Green Lantern 3D (PG-13) 1hr 45min
10:40am, 1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:10pm

X-Men: First Class (PG-13) 2hrs 11min
12:50pm, 4:05pm, 7:10pm, 10:25pm

Super 8 (PG-13) 1hr 52min
10:30am, 11:10am, 1:10pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:50pm, 7:45pm, 9:40pm, 10:35pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
12:55pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm

Bridesmaids (R) 2hrs 05min
10:45pm

Kung Fu Panda 2 3D (PG-13) 1hr 31min
10:30am, 1:00pm, 3:30pm, 6:00pm, 8:30pm

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

Tree of Life (PG-13) 2hrs 18min
1:10pm, 4:10pm, 7:15pm, 10:15pm

Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us? (NR) 1hr 23min
1:50pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:20pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 2:00pm, 3:20pm, 4:30pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm,10:15pm

Macbeth Encore From the Royal Opera House
7:30pm

AMC Criterion 6
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Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG) 1hr 31min
12:15pm, 2:35pm

Green Lantern (PG-13) 1hr 45min
12:10pm, 3:15pm, 6:15pm, 9:15pm

Hangover Part II (R) 1hr 42min
7:20pm, 9:30pm

Beginners (R) 1hr 44min
11:35am, 2:10pm, 4:55pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

Bad Teacher (R) 1hr 29min
12:00am

Mr. Popper's Penguins (PG) 1hr 35min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Art of Getting By (PG-13) 1hr 23min
11:10am, 1:25pm, 3:35pm, 5:45pm, 8:05pm, 10:15pm

Judy Moody and the Not Bummer Summer (PG) 1hr 31min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm

Cave of Forgotten Dreams 3D (G) 1hr 30min
4:50pm, 9:55pm

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

Start the weekend early, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Realize that sometimes even you need a bit of tension to get you going. Your fiery actions move you to a new level. Pressure continues to build to complete a project or deal with an older person. Try not to worm your way out. Tonight: Complete rather than begin.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ In between the obvious, there lies a space that is vague in your mind, especially regarding an important situation. What is clear is that you cannot change it without a different perspective. Detach and talk to someone whose advice you admire. Tonight: Take some needed personal time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for new ideas, especially when dealing with others. They are a tremendous resource when utilized. Your style and approach could be very different if you relax. What might feel right today could be otherwise later. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Assume responsibility if you care about a situation or project. No one knows exactly what's in your mind; therefore, follow-through is close to impossible. Realize we all have limits. You are no different. Tonight: As late as need be or desired.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You might be playing with the possibility of a change of plans. A sudden event might end the possibility and push you in yet another direction. Don't get entrenched in "shoulds" or "coulds." You are being called upon to approach a matter far differently. Tonight: Start the weekend early -- if you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with someone directly. The two of you work better together than as individuals when handling certain key matters. Friction seems to dissipate. Tonight: Be a team.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Usually, you are the source of putting together plans and making arrangements. Events throw you in a new role, as others decide what to do and when. There could be an innate dragging of your heels. Do you feel as if you are losing control? Tonight: Get past a resistance, if you want to live your life well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Creativity mounts as you plunge into an unpredictable matter that impacts your daily life. It is clear resisting change won't work. Fatigue could prevent you from seeing the issue clearly. Tonight: Dive into a project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Check out the costs of an investment with care. How it looks today might not be realistic. Taking risks always is exciting and keeps your adrenaline pumping. Just make sure you can handle an unexpected twist or turn. Tonight: Avoid negativity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to anchor in. Check out a new possibility with care. Know that the unexpected could hit even in the best of plans. Your ability to flex will be tested. Clearly, you cannot count on the status quo remaining the same. Tonight: Home is where your heart is.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Keeping the conversation moving might cause an unexpected twist or turn. What is clear is that you alone can control yourself. Your reaction to another person might not be grounded. You might wonder who he or she reminds you of. Tonight: Hang out with your pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You have a lot to offer, yet you could cause yourself a problem when you try to manage a difficult situation involving key people and finances. It is clear that something has to give. You might be able to determine where to let go. Tonight: Pay bills, too.

Happy birthday

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

This year, venture out on a new path, though it might feel conflict-ridden. Somehow, you always come out smelling like roses. Your friends and associates support you. Keep your long-term goals in mind, and you will experience success. You will want to let go of situations that don't work, especially professionally. Ask yourself what you want there. If you are attached, the two of you have much to adapt to, but you will do it if you keep the big picture in mind. If you are single, you will meet someone through a friend, or a friendship could become more. ARIES pushes you hard.



MYSTERY PHOTO

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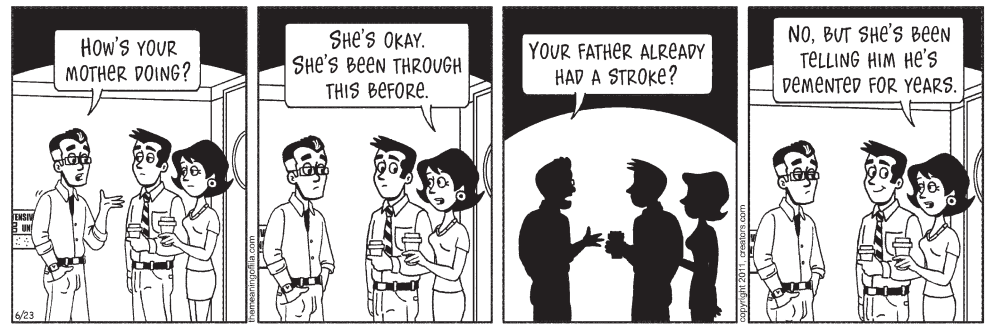
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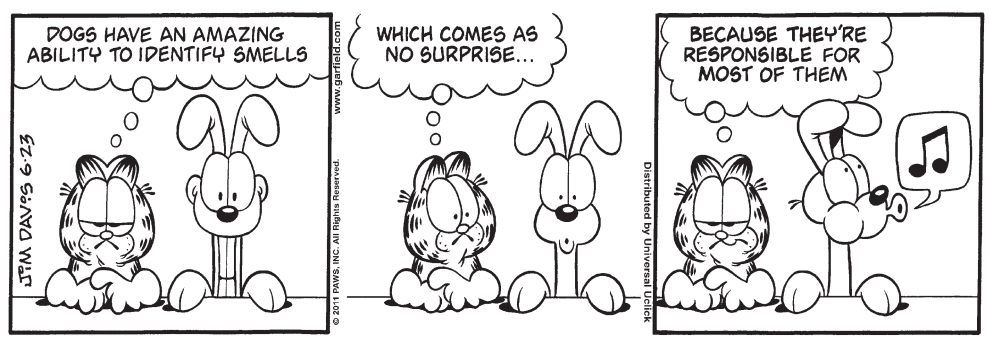
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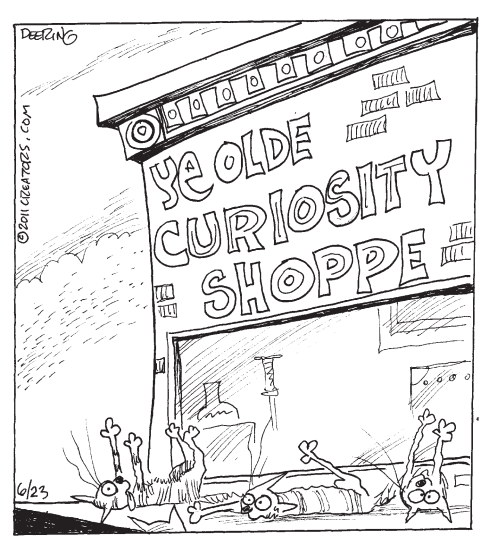
Garfield

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Strange Brew

By John Deering



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By Dave Coverly



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

		9	4		5	8		
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King Features Syndicate

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

9	5	2	3	7	4	6	8	1
8	1	3	9	5	6	4	7	2
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1 Got into
5 Stable mothers
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12 Fight site
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14 Ronald's wife
15 Hydro-carbon suffix
16 One batting result
18 One batting result
20 Curly colleague
21 Goes bad
23 Twisty turn
24 Vamp Theda
26 Otherwise
28 Fellow
29 Erté's art
31 Sport-drink suffix
32 One batting result
36 One batting result
39 Curly-haired cat
40 Love, to Luigi
41 Impetus
43 Red Square name
44 Passover feast
45 Tipped
46 Yard divisions

DOWN

1 Cardiff setting
2 Muscat man
3 Turn red, maybe
4 Big head
5 Lots of
6 Medina man
7 Gives a new handle
8 Surround
9 "Eight Men Out" director
11 Empty the hold
17 Permit
19 Watchdog sound
22 Stop-watch divisions
24 Sign of trouble
25 Showy flower
27 Singer Reed
28 Hawaiian thanks
30 College email address end
33 Aisle walker
34 Embankment
35 Wield
37 The Emerald Isle
38 Split
42 Game caller

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Yesterday's answer

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6-23

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MEGA MILLIONS: 11 24 25 31 46
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SUPER LOTTO PLUS: 4 20 36 45 47
Meganumber: 20
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FANTASY 5: 17 24 28 30 33

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 3 9 1
EVENING: 3 1 4

DAILY DERBY:
1st: 10 Solid Gold
2nd: 12 Lucky Charms
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■ Good Jobs: (1) Prison Guard ("the greatest entry-level job in California," according to an April Wall Street Journal report highlighting its benefits over a typical job resulting from a Harvard University education). Starting pay is comparable; loans are not necessary (since the guard "academy" actually pays the student); and vacation time is more generous (seven weeks, five paid). One downside: The prison system is more selective (Harvard accepts 6.2 percent of applicants versus the guard service's fewer-than-1 percent of 120,000 applicants). (2) California taxpayers were also astonished to learn in May that several beach communities (led by Newport Beach) pay some lifeguards more than $100,000 annually in salary and benefits. (Generally, those are for long-time and supervisory jobs; ordinary "summer job" lifeguards typically make $16 to $22 an hour.)

■ Cat Failing to Know Its Role: In Cleveland, Texas (near Houston), a man had to be airlifted to an emergency trauma unit after losing a fight with a house cat. He was even armed with a knife as he took on the beast, but somehow the attacking cat caused him to lose his balance and fall on the blade.

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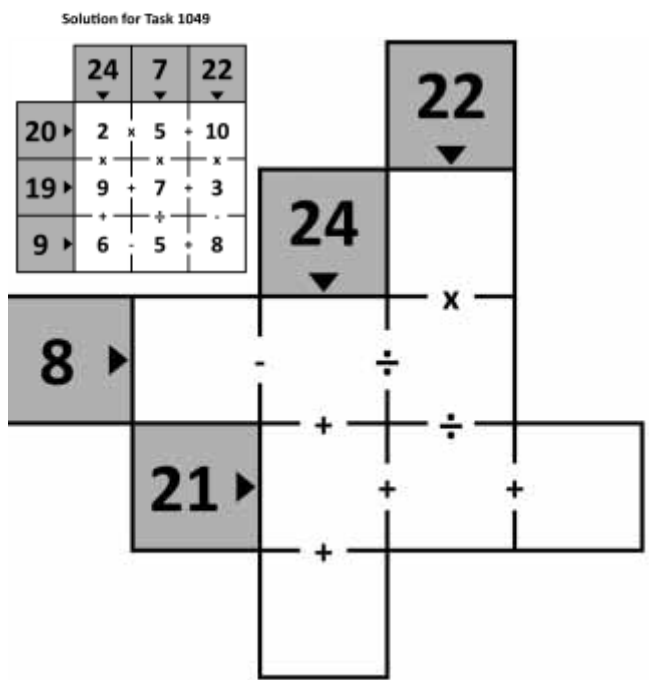
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