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Crosswalks that sting

SMPD conducts citywide crackdown on failure to yield to pedestrians

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SAN VICENTE BLVD Seated on his black and white motorcycle at the busy intersection of Fourth Street and San Vicente Boulevard Friday morning, Officer Rob Dawson gripped the handlebars tightly as he waited for drivers to speed passed him, failing to stop for pedestrians clad in workout wear.

He didn't have to wait long. Within a few seconds Dawson and his fellow traffic officers flipped on their emergency lights and sped off in pursuit of violators. Within the span of an hour, the officers wrote nearly a dozen tickets, a sobering reminder of how dangerous it can be to step out into the street, even if you are strolling across a marked crosswalk in broad daylight.

"We could do this all day long," Dawson said. "For some reason people just don't want to stop for pedestrians. ... It almost has to be a close call for someone to stop. Some just don't know the law. As soon as that pedestrian steps into the crosswalk, that intersection belongs to them."

While City Hall works hard to encourage people to get out of their cars and walk, spending millions to modify streets and sidewalks to make them more pedestrian friendly, Santa Monica has seen an increase in the number of auto accidents involving pedestrians, many of them elderly. Over half of injury accidents are auto versus pedestrian.



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FEELING CROSS: A Santa Monica police officer (left) speeds off to issue a citation to a driver who failed to yield for a pedestrian during a crosswalk sting operation on Friday morning.

To bring that number down, the SMPD conducted a citywide crosswalk sting, posting motorcycle officers like Dawson at busy intersections to catch drivers who failed to stop for a mixture of decoys and unsuspecting pedestrians out for their morning walks.

"The bottom line is this is a serious violation that is occurring," said Sgt. Larry Horn with the SMPD's Office of Special Enforcement/Traffic, who was overseeing the sting. "The public is constantly complaining about it. It is no doubt a serious problem and a lot of it is due to people just being impatient, while for others it is an honest mistake. Either way we are here to

raise awareness."

The citywide enforcement effort was the largest of its kind, involving seven intersections, eight decoys and 20 officers, including two from the Culver City Police Department. Officers were deployed around 9 a.m. and worked well into the afternoon. In all, 192 citations were issued for failing to yield, a handful of cars were impounded and some misdemeanor citations were issued, Horn said.

Those who were cited were suspected of breaking one of two laws — Sections 21950

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Ed board approves transfer

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SMMUSD HDQTRS While anger and frustration was palpable, it was sadness that parents of students at John Muir Elementary School seemed to express most during a recent school board meeting, because the principal that helped their children progress scholastically and, in some cases, socially is being transferred after five years of service.

Instead of leading John Muir in the fall, a school she helped earn a California Distinguished School designation, Martha Duran-Contreras has been tapped to strengthen instruction at all Title 1 schools, elected officials feeling that her talent at turning those schools around is extremely valuable and must be shared with other Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District campuses that need help. Title 1 schools are those that have the highest concentration of students living in poverty.

"Martha didn't have the opportunity to say good-bye to the children she cares about so much," said Marie Robinson, the parent of a child with Asperger's Syndrome who attends John Muir. "Martha helped my son tremendously. He really has opened up."

Another parent, Liane Sato, said Duran-Contreras served as a positive role model for her daughter.

"She was just super positive and very helpful," Sato said. "I feel that there was not time given for closure. We were notified after the fact."

Replacing Duran-Contreras at John Muir will be former Lincoln Middle School Principal Tristan Komlos, who has been heavily criticized by parents following the arrest of Thomas Beltran, a former English as a second language teacher who has been charged with multiple counts of child molestation. Parents voiced concerns with leadership at the school, pointing out that Komlos had taken two maternity leaves since her arrival in 2006.

The recent arrest of Beltran, a 30-year veteran educator in the district, for allegedly

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Fire, hazmat crews respond to chemical spill

BY CHRISTINA YOON
Special to the Daily Press

MONTANA AVENUE Santa Monica fire and hazardous materials crews, responding to complaints that people were having difficulty breathing, discovered a chemical waste spill behind a building on Montana Avenue on Thursday evening, according to Hazmat Specialist Capt. Mark Bridges.

Santa Monica Fire Department personnel arrived at 1119 Montana Ave. at around 5

p.m. on Thursday and found a five-gallon bucket of lacquer, thinners and solvents next to a dumpster in an alley. The bucket had been knocked over, and the fumes from the spill had entered the three businesses adjacent to the alley. The building was evacuated while specialists ventilated the businesses and tested the air inside.

The four people who complained of illness were evaluated on the scene, but none were taken to the hospital for further treatment.

Bridges said that the chemical waste was taken to the city's household hazardous waste facility at the City Yards. He recommended that all Santa Monica residents take their chemical waste products to the facility themselves to avoid this type of dangerous situation.

"A lot of people aren't aware and think that it's too expensive to take it there," he said.

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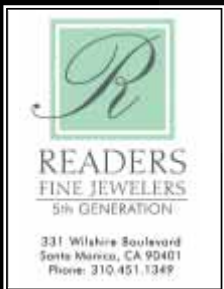
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Celebrating independence

2424 16th St., 5 p.m.

Live music, fireworks, exhibits, and food will all be available for free during the 4th of July celebration at the John Adams Middle School Field. This fun and lively celebration is presented by the city of Santa Monica. Parking is available in Santa Monica College structures located at 17th and Pico Boulevard. For more information, call (310) 434-3001.

Actors try to escape the stage

9070 Venice Blvd., Culver City, 8 p.m. & 10:30 p.m.

The Actor's Gang hits close to home in KLUB, a bizarre play where aspiring actor's become trapped in their play. Each of the 10 performers is dysfunctional in their own way, as audiences learn as they reveal their life stories to try and get off stage. Tickets for the 8 p.m. show are \$25 and the 10:30 p.m. show is \$15.

Laughing with good will

235 Hill St., 7 p.m. — 12 a.m.

Food, drinks, and a good cause for laughter will all be provided at the Church at Ocean Park. The event is presented by the L.A. Women's Shakespeare Company and The Dogsboddy, who are trying to raise money to get to London and Edinburgh. Tickets are \$20. For more information, contact Shae Kuehmann at (310) 923-3430.

Stroll into the past

1436 2nd St., 10 a.m. — 12 p.m.

A walking tour presented by the Santa Monica Conservancy reviews over 100 years of local history in just six blocks. Docents view city landmarks and share the story of Santa Monica's development from a frontier town to bustling metropolis. Tours are given every Saturday, at a cost of \$10 for the general public and \$5 for conservancy members. Reservations can be made by calling (310) 496-3146.

Sunday, June 29, 2008

Get it while it's fresh

Downtown Mar Vista, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.

Head out to lovely Mar Vista for the weekly Farmers' Market. Located at the corner of Grandview and Venice boulevards, the market includes fresh fruits and vegetables as well as some prepared foods.

The other Jerry's kids

1348 14th St., 7 p.m.

Cubensis brings the sights and sounds of a live Grateful Dead concert to 14 Below every Sunday. Cubensis is known for whipping its faithful crowd into a swirling psychedelic mass for three hours straight.

Workouts for teens

3026 Nebraska Ave., 3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.

Max offers two daily classes teaching teens how to exercise and eat properly in a cool and fun environment. They get to hang out afterwards in the wi-fi lounge, play Nintendo Wii, or simply surf the Internet. For information, call (310) 867-1650.

Art on the menu

1701 Ocean Park Blvd., 7 a.m. — 5 p.m.

Check out the work of artist and photographer Brian Asher at the Sunset Grill. The diverse collection of photographs and artwork are inspired by Asher's travels through five continents including adventures in the Amazon, Vietnam, Zimbabwe, Mexico, the Galapagos Islands and China. Over two dozen pieces will hang in the restaurant, for sale by the artist.

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.



CORRECTION The photo caption for "Proud moment" should have stated that the swearing in ceremony was held in the City Council Chamber at City Hall.



SHADOW OF THE PIER

The Bonedaddys were one of the bands that played the opening night of the 24th Annual Twilight Dance Series Thursday night. The concerts at the Santa Monica Pier give locals a chance to come together and celebrate the summer months and will conclude Aug. 28.

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Artist debuts playful, personal exhibit

BY CHRISTINA YOON
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN For years, painter Bibi Davidson absentmindedly doodled a red-haired character in books, notebooks and scraps of paper wherever she went. Years later, Davidson gave the character, who she affectionately named “My Girl,” a more distinguished home — a series of acrylic on canvas paintings created at the Santa Monica Fine Art Studios. The “My Girl” series is on display at the Thought Gallery in Hollywood until July 10. Davidson will hold an opening reception on Sunday night. The reception and the show are free and open to the public. The 26-piece series features the whimsical character posing with other redheaded friends and expressing her thoughts through bright red, yellow and blue text that floats above her head. In one part of the series, “My



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Girl” is saddened to find a good-bye note from her dog, a mischievous Chihuahua; in another, she prances about triumphantly in the nude. The character’s vibrant, rope-like hair mirrors the artist’s own style, which she has dyed red for the past 20 years. “I’ve always wanted hair like Raggedy Ann,” said Davidson, laughing.

“She represents me, but she looks like my youngest daughter,” she said about her character. “I’ve always been drawing her, even before my daughter was born.” The 59-year-old painter’s latest series is in many ways opposite to works she has done previously. She has focused in the past on highly detailed, accurate portraits using oil on small wood surfaces. She will display three of her older pieces at the Thought Gallery show, including a portrait of her husband Boaz Davidson, a film producer who works with Nu Image and Millennium Films. “My Girl’ is like a journey into childhood, and it’s a light journey with a wink and a smile,” Boaz said of the series. “It’s innocence and joy, as if you had a switch that could turn off reality.” He said that the series reflects the joie de vivre that his wife emanates.

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Cyclists play the waiting game at SM intersections

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Santa Monica resident Barbara Filet waited, waited and waited, watching the cars zoom by, her frustration level rising, stuck at an intersection where the light just wouldn’t turn green. Deciding she couldn’t wait any longer, Filet jumped off her bike, pushed the pedestrian walk button where Fourth Street and the Civic Center Parking Garage meet, cruising out just as the light turned green. “I resented having to do that,” Filet said during a recent interview. “I feel really invisible to the city.” “I feel like I’m not respected for (bike) transportation even though I should be thanked and congratulated for getting around in a manner that is good for the environment.” Her thoughts reflect the sentiments of many cyclists who rely on two wheelers for commuting throughout the city, equally frustrated when the situation arises that they’re the only vehicle stuck at an intersection, the light just refusing to change. The issue falls on the metal loop embedded into the road, used to magnetically detect a motorist stopped at an intersection, triggering a sensor that causes a traffic light to eventually change. In many cities, the loop can’t detect bicycles, leaving cyclists stranded when they’re the lone vehicle at an intersection. At least one intersection loop in Santa Monica — the Santa Monica Pier exit at Ocean and Colorado avenues — was recently readjusted to detect bicycles. More changes could be in store as City Hall recently received grant funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to conduct a bike technology demonstration project. The \$279,000 grant, which will cover a three-year period, will allow City Hall to analyze various bicycle protection measures, such as detection loops, and determine which would be appropriate for areas like Santa Monica and the Westside. Bike protection measures can range from a dedicated push button to trigger a signal change, to a camera that would be mounted to detect cyclists, according to Beth Rolandson, a senior transportation planner with City Hall. “It works well when coordinated with some

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Bad move, board

Editor:

To the Santa Monica-Malibu School Board:
Shame on you, shame on you, shame on you. I am a very upset grandparent of a pupil at John Muir Elementary School. I am appalled by your decision and unprofessional comportment in view of your current "mess" (for lack of a better term) in your school district.

First of all I want you to realize what a gem you currently have as principal at John Muir School. Mrs. [Martha] Duran-Contreras has displayed such enormous dedication to the school community. She is approachable, caring, professional, knows her students by name just to highlight some of her attributes. One such example of the "little things" she does is that she writes a personal comment on each and every one of the children's report cards. How many principals do you have that do these things? I am sure not many. It was so cruel and unprofessional for you to advise her that someone else was going to be sitting in her chair. Is it the standard operating procedure to do so via the [newspaper]?

Having said all this, I am confused as to why you would want to place a person such as Tristan Kolmos, an inexperienced, inept principal with no elementary school experience, whose staff was literally caught with their "pants down" to John Muir. My suggestion would be to reassign her to a special assignment or simply ask her to do the right thing and resign. My guess is that you are trying to avoid civil lawsuits, but I can assure you, those are coming. Another mind-boggling concept is why you would assign her as principal where the accused child molester's wife is a teacher. Truly this must be a conflict of interest. I only hope that Ms. Kolmos is able to provide a safe environment to the students at John Muir and she is able to work with a diverse multi-cultural community that requires and expects, and rightly so, a caring, dedicated principal, which Ms. Kolmos has proven not to be.

The only thing I am going to say about Tom Beltran is that someone knew and just swept it under the rug, another fine example of your administration. This morning I attempted to contact the superintendent's office only to be transferred from one office to another, no one seems to know who is in charge. I am aware that [Superintendent] Dianne Talarico moved on, good for her, that way she doesn't have to face the music. So, who is accountable? Not Mike Matthews, not Sally Chou I'm sure would be your response.

Dianne is still on the payroll with tax payers' money, so today, she is still accountable. Where can she be reached to respond to her lack of professionalism? ... And you the board, have perpetuated and agreed to this most unjust and unwarranted staff move. To put Mrs. Duran-Contreras who has only had glowing reviews, through such stress to clean up and take the heat for everyone else's incompetence is beyond doubt a sad commentary on your board and administration. Again I say, shame on you.

Christine Jones
Temple City, Calif.



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Crossing the border for gas pump relief

HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, WE'RE used to hearing about people crossing the border between the United States and Mexico for economic reasons. But there's a whole new thing going on. Some of the border crossers I'm talking about are breaking the law, but they're willing to risk it. They're not doing it for better jobs or a better education. They're doing it for cheaper gas. And they're crossing from the United States to Mexico. It's a surprising turn of events, and I haven't even gotten to the sex part yet.

More and more Americans are crossing the border into Mexico to fill up their tanks at a recent cost of about \$2.66 a gallon. It might not sound like enough of a savings to be worth the trip, but what if you owned a fleet of trucks? How would you feel about border crossers then?

Don't be surprised if someday soon a Mexican official, or a commentator named Luiz Dobbs or something like that, decries the Americans who cross the border in search of less expensive gas. Some of them may be breaking the law because of the taxes they are avoiding. They are the "new illegals." I can just hear the outraged voices saying that these Americans are "taking gas away from Mexico's legal residents."

The high price of gas in the United States is obviously changing the way many of us live and act. People are driving less so they don't go to faraway stores as much as they used to. Big gas-guzzlers are gathering grime in auto lots. Many businesses are suffering, so they've come up with creative ways to survive the "gas crunch." Chrysler offers potential new owners of some of their cars a guarantee of paying \$2.99 a gallon of gas to travel up to 12,000 miles a year for the next three years. I don't know if you'll be able to pay less if the price of gas dips below \$2.99 again, but don't hold your breath on that one.

Other businesses are giving away gas with the purchase of their products. Some restaurants give a free gallon of gas with every lunch. Before putting some of its candy bars in their wrappers, Hershey's has placed an icon in there that will get the buyer free gas. Other businesses are giving away gas cards worth \$50 or more. Callaway, the golf club company, is one of those giving away the cards. In other words, they'll help you out if you're so pressed for money that you're worried about how much gas costs, but you don't mind spending hundreds of dollars for a new driver.

Then there is the oldest profession in the world. According to those in charge of legal prostitution in Nevada, sex workers are feeling the pinch. These businesses are in rural areas, and with the cost of gas, many drivers who might have previously visited, have decided to keep their money in their pants and their pants on their bodies.

Those in the brothel biz are used to clothes dropping, but not their profits. Revenues are reportedly down somewhere between 20 and 45 percent. This is according to a lobbyist for the Nevada Brothel Owners' Association. How would you like to have that job on your resume?

At least one Nevada brothel has decided to fight back. Beginning July 1, the Shady Lady Ranch will give free gas cards to their paying customers. It's a trade-off, tit for tat. By the

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way, the Shady Lady Ranch was voted "best small brothel" for five consecutive years. I don't know who does the voting, but that's what its Web site says. Yes, it has a Web site, just like every business these days. For all I know, the Shady Lady might have a day care center.

So the high gas prices are affecting more than just transportation. I only bring up the world of prostitution to demonstrate just how widespread the effect of high gas prices is on American life. And of course, it gives a whole new meaning to the question, "Would you like regular or super?"

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STRAY talk

A CENTER-CUT, NO-FAT REVIEW OF WHAT WAS SAID THIS PAST WEEK BY FOLKS THE WORLD OVER AND RIGHT AT HOME

It's like paying foxes to do a thoughtful, unbiased study on how best to use hens."

— Co-Chair of the Santa Monica Coalition for a Livable City Diana Gordon regarding the city's use of consultants to evaluate the economic impact that the Residents' Initiative to Fight Traffic would have if approved by local voters in November.

The work of the parents has resulted in a policy that will strengthen reporting and accountability on the part of both teachers and administrators to ensure the safety of our children."

— Board of Education President Oscar de la Torre regarding a new school district policy that will mandate that the superintendent be notified of all sexual abuse allegations involving students.

Twice a week, a trainer led me around the gym, telling me that, yes, I could run faster, lift more, and achieve everything I wanted to achieve. I wanted to look like a Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Edition cover girl, but eating right and five hours a week at the gym just isn't enough. So I quit."

— SMDP columnist Mariel Howsepian writing in "West Dressed."

[Santa Monica] is the only region without any rail service. We need to get that light rail built so we have some relief. It's a vital artery that needs to be put in place. No project should be ahead of it."

— MTA chair and Santa Monica City Council member Pam O'Connor regarding funding for the Expo Line.

Childhood obesity is a serious crisis for L.A. County, as more than one in five students in the fifth, seventh, and ninth grades are considered obese."

— Jonathan E. Fielding, Los Angeles County director of public health.

I'm not the only one in the gym with "distractions." People show up with magazines, CD players, Blackberrys and iPods. Maria brings a portable DVD player and watches episodes of "I Love Lucy." I saw Lou (not his real name), a cigar smoking tenant, actually eat chips while on the treadmill. As he perspired the gym smelled like a cigar. (Works for smoked salmon, why not humans?)"

— SMDP columnist Jack Neworth writing in "Laughing Matters."

Although there are quite a few celebrities in Santa Monica, it is definitely a much more mellow scene"

— Brandy Navarre, co-owner of the leading paparazzi agency x17, regarding the lack of paparazzi-related problems in the area.

While it has often been reported that Arizona Sen. John McCain and his current wife met at a military reception in Hawaii, Mrs. McCain reveals exclusively to Good Housekeeping that, in fact, she was a single mom, raising three young girls, when she and her future first husband had their initial encounter. All of her daughters had hair of gold, just like her, though the youngest one got a perm that resulted in curls, setting her apart from her siblings and mom and their pin-straight hair."

— SMDP columnist Meredith C. Carroll writing in "Meredity Pro Tem."



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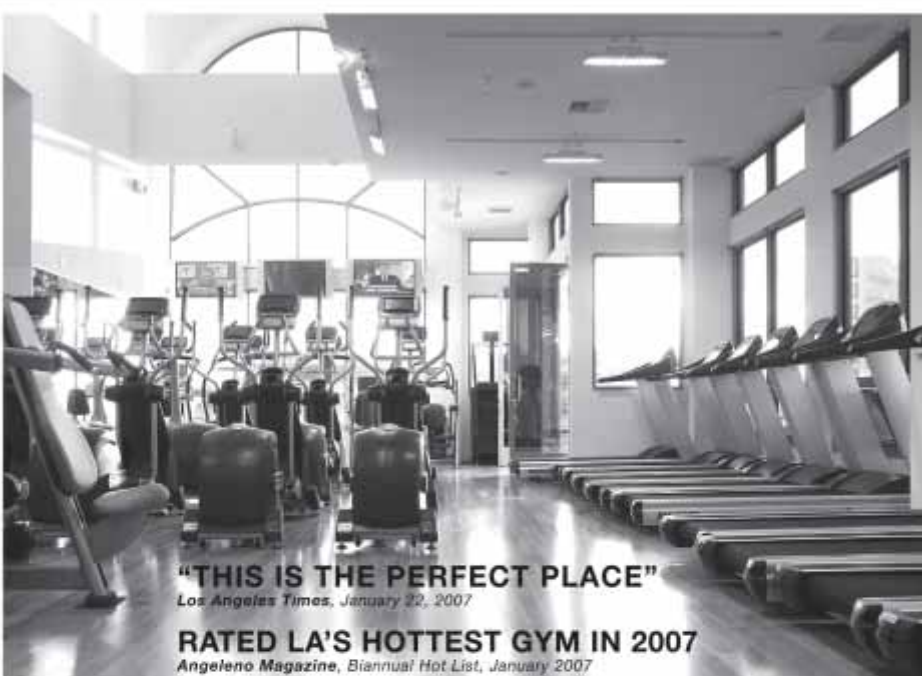
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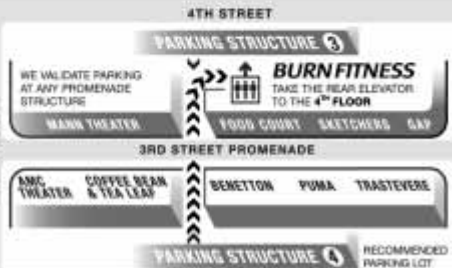
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FLASHING LIGHTS

This past week, Q-line asked:
While the new Pacific Wheel at Pacific Park has been widely celebrated as a vast improvement over the old wheel there are some that feel the lighting design is a tad too much. Is the new Ferris wheel too bright or just right?
Here are your responses:

"THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE Ferris wheel, but I think it should be replaced by a big catapult. The catapult would be able to swing people off the pier so others wouldn't have to wait for them to get off the ride."

"AMUSEMENT PARKS, GAMBLING Meccas, and the bright lights of New York City's Broadway intentionally glisten with magnificent luster. It is the ambiance of those beautiful entertainment locations. The beautiful bright lights of the Santa Monica Pier's Ferris wheel provide a beacon for ships at sea, aircraft, and landfolks alike. Best of all, the price for visually observing the wheel's brilliant spectrum of colors is free."

"I THINK THAT THE FERRIS WHEEL IS absolutely wonderful. It is a star attraction. On Sunday it was just great to go on Main Street and still be able to see the beautiful Ferris wheel. It was absolutely marvelous."

"EVERYTHING ABOUT THE PIER IS A joke: The cheap movies, the bad music, the sad rides, the dining, the smell, and most of all, the Ferris wheel. It represents the east coast liberal bias in this town as well as Coney Island fakeness. It's at a cost of over \$1 million, which only goes to support wood rot and large salaries. The only redeeming factor is that the Ferris wheel uses 60 percent less energy. What about an energy neutral lighting idea? We should get bicycles to hook them up to the wheel to generate electricity. We could draft all the eco-patriots of the city to pedal enough energy to light the wheel. The governor says we are all too fat and out of shape girly men. Here is the chance for all of our leaders to get in shape and put their pedaling where there eco-mouth is and shave that half billion dollar budget."

"I THINK THE LIGHTS ARE WAY TOO bright. I think we need to think of issues regarding environmental protection and the night sky. From an aesthetic point of view, I don't think the images represent Santa Monica, but instead represent a honky-town place instead of a fun, beach resort. I hope the lights are turned way down. I also hope the pier also comes up with different images that are not as flashy, but relaxed and slower, as is appropriate for a beach resort and the entire Santa Monica community."

"I LIVE RIGHT AT THE BEACH AND I USED to love the Ferris wheel, but I hate the new one. I feel the lights are much too bright, change patterns much too quickly, and are too enamored with their own ability to create useless patterns. I wish the old one stayed."

"I LOOK AT THE WHEEL EVERYDAY FROM my apartment in Santa Monica . I think it looks fine and is a vast improvement over the prior one . I do see some people who think it is a tad too bright; however, I don't share that opinion. They probably have that opinion because they live very close to it, but I live further south and I think it looks OK."

"I THINK THE LIGHTS ARE FINE, BUT THE subjects portrayed are too random. The lights should be more natural and reflect the pier, marine life, and Santa Monica itself. I think pictures of fish or sailboats would be better, and not so random."

"THE FERRIS WHEEL LIGHT SCENE should reflect more of Santa Monica. The lights should be of the waves, the beaches, the dolphins, or the palm trees, so visitors can see what Santa Monica is really like."

"I DO NOT FEEL THAT THE LIGHTING design is a tad too much or any less tasteful than the previous lighting design. The fact that it is more energy efficient is a plus, too. I think it is a great feature that Santa Monica has over other areas."

"SADLY, I BELIEVE THAT THE NEW Ferris wheel is much too bright and a big distraction. The old wheel cast a lovely light across the pier and the ocean, but the new one is so bright and outrageous that it is actually painful to look at, causing me to wince and look away. Perhaps the lights could be turned down, but either way we lost what was really a lovely sight."

"I'M FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO BE ABLE to see the pier every night. I used to look at the first Ferris wheel with pleasure, and I still look at the new one because it's out there, but now with my periphery because it is not as pleasant to look at ."

"I THINK THE NEW LIGHTS ARE JUST fantastic and a great attraction for both the young and old, especially visitors who come from out of state."

"I DO AGREE THAT THE NEW WHEEL lights seem a tad too bright, but I'm still very anxious to see what they do on the 4th of July."

"I THINK THE NEW FERRIS WHEEL IS absolutely beautiful. I love all the patterns and colors, and the fact that I can walk by the pier and constantly watch the patterns change."

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Pickin’ picnic fixin’s

SOMEONE WAS DESCRIBING THEIR typical picnic fare, from charred hot dogs and burgers to mayonnaise-laden salads and baked goods. Maybe it’s the celebration mode of picnics which causes people to bring high calorie comfort foods.

But if picnics are a time to gather and celebrate with loved ones then by all means think about ways to keep your loved ones around longer.

Instead of thoroughly grilling processed and saturated fat-laden animal products, try partially boiling some chicken on the stove and finish it on the grill. I know it is more work but so is cardiac rehab. In lieu of baked goods, try fresh fruit. ‘Tis the season for melons, berries, peaches, nectarines and pluots, my all time favorite: a cross between a plum and an apricot.

Be wary of purchased baked goods called “sugar free,” which often contain some sort of sweetener and are made with processed starches. Even if made with whole grain flours, those flours have to be ground up to be used effectively in baking. The grinding process makes the grains more accessible to your digestive enzymes. When you eat them they can raise your blood sugar quickly. Additionally, the carbohydrate and fat load of even a “sugar free” baked good is much greater than the equivalent volume of a naturally sweet, high fiber, antioxidant rich piece of summer fruit.

Need I say more? Eat more whole foods, fresh fruit, lean protein sources and most of all, leafy green vegetables.

To help you substitute some of those mayonnaise-heavy summer salads, I am offering you one of my favorite recipes: Herbed Cabbage Slaw. I make some version of this recipe nearly every week because of the wonderful flavors and health benefits of

cruciferous veggies such as cabbage, broccoli and Brussels sprouts. Known as cruciferous vegetables, these leaves offer loads of protection in the form of sulfur compounds. Studies have shown that an increased intake of cruciferous veggies may help reduce cancer risk.

When I create recipes I try to think of various uses for the most time consuming aspects of each recipe. Although the end product is something you can take in large batches to picnics and parties, each “piece” of the recipe puzzle can fit into many aspects of your daily diet.

The herbed dressing goes great on greens or grains. Use it as a marinade for julienned vegetables or lean protein foods such as poultry or fish. Shred extra carrots to add to other salads throughout the week. I even put carrots in my quinoa and brown rice breakfast cereal in addition to raisins, walnuts and almond milk. The cabbage can be added to leafy green salads for extra color and crunch. Add cabbage to stir fry or as a bed for chicken or fish. When you take time to prepare foods think about their many uses so that your time and energy are always well spent.

As you enjoy picnicking remember to stay active. Work off holiday extras by participating in some favorite games such as badminton, bean bags, shooting hoops, hula hoops, jumping rope, paddle ball or volley ball. Whatever you do just move more each day.

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Herbed Cabbage Slaw

- 1/2 Head Purple Cabbage (about 2 cups)
- 1/2 Head Napa or Green Cabbage (about 2 cups)
- 4 large carrots (about 1 cup)
- 1 cucumber or 2 small zucchini, small dice
- Optional:
Add Walnuts and dried cherries for a sweet and crunchy version

Use a Large Mixing Bowl to shred. Wash everything. Use Grapefruit Seed Extract (GSE). About 20 drops in a sink filled with cool water. (GSE IS found in the supplement section at Whole Foods) Scrub or peel carrots. Shred each vegetable. Place each vegetable in a separate container until ready to mix for party. Small dice cucumbers or zucchini or both to add a different texture to salad. Right before going to the party, mix everything in one big bowl. Add dressing in 1/4 cup doses until you

reach desired consistency. You could also bring the dressing on the side with a small ladle to allow attendees to “dress” as they see fit

- Herb Dressing**
(a great way to use up herbs)
- 1 cup olive or canola oil
 - 1 cup white wine vinegar
 - 1 cup fresh lemon juice (approx. 6 lemons)
 - 1 tsp. dry thyme (1 Tbs. fresh)
 - 1 tsp. dry marjoram (1 Tbs. fresh)
 - 1 tsp. dry tarragon (1 Tbs. fresh)
 - 1 tsp. dry basil (1 Tbs. fresh)
 - 1 Tbs. dry parsley (2 Tbs. fresh)
 - 1 clove garlic, minced (1 tsp. dry)
 - 2 Tbs. Honey
 - 1 tsp. sea salt

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Black students given 'ghetto' names in yearbook

The Associated Press

COVINA Phony "ghetto" names were printed under a yearbook photo of Black Student Union members at a suburban Los Angeles high school, leaving some angry students and parents calling for an apology and a reprint.

"Tay Tay Shaniqua," "Crisphy Nanos" and "Laquan White" were among the nine names placed next to the club's photo in Charter Oak High School's yearbook, Charter Oak Unified School District Superintendent Clint Harwick said.

"A yearbook is very significant and something you always hold on to," said Toi Jackson, whose daughter, Evanne, is a BSU member at the school in Covina. "When she shows it to her kids she will have to explain why she has the name Crisphy."

School ended about two weeks ago, and authorities said the names were discovered only after the yearbooks were handed out.

"Someone was just trying to be funny, but it's not funny," said Jordan Smith, a BSU member. "It's upsetting. It's a mistake that should not have been overlooked."

The district office and the school were closed Friday. Joseph M. Probst, the school board's president, called the incident "atrocious" in an interview with the San Gabriel Valley Tribune.

"I am sure the students will be spoken to and given an apology if they haven't been already," he said.

Probst said the student responsible for the names will be a senior next year. He did not know the student's race or gen-

der but said that "appropriate actions will be taken."

Students were given printed stickers with the correct names to put into the yearbook.

"What else can you do?" Probst said. "It would be nice to snap a magic finger, but I think it was incredibly well done."

Some of the BSU members and their parents disagree and want the books recalled and reprinted. Toi Jackson told the Tribune that on the last day of school, her daughter was given a handful of stickers and told to pass them out to her friends.

"How humiliating," she said. "The school is responsible, and they ask the victim to pass out the stickers."

Officials at the 2,000-student school about 30 miles east of Downtown Los Angeles say the student body is about 4.5 percent black, 45 percent Hispanic and 30 percent white.

Principals transferred

FROM SCHOOLS PAGE 1

molesting girls in his class seemed to be the last straw, parents issuing a letter to the school board calling for Komlos' removal. They said there has been a problem with turnover at the school the past several years and are looking for stability.

Some parents at John Muir are not completely confident in Komlos and have asked the school board to keep a close eye on her, evaluating her performance mid-term while providing professional development. Those parents have also asked for additional resources, such as a reading specialist.

A replacement for Komlos has not been named, School board President Oscar de la Torre said parents will be consulted before a decision is made, pointing out that parents were involved in the selection of Komlos at Lincoln two years ago.

"We agree with parents that the process [of transferring Duran-Contreras] was not ideal, but we want to ensure [she] is shared throughout the district, especially when it comes to improving learning at Title 1 schools where she has proven to be effective."

District officials said the transfers are not in response to the arrest of Beltran, however, de la Torre said that school board members did take it into account when making their decision. The transfers are part of a larger effort to shift resources throughout the district, placing educators in positions where they can be the most effective.

Many parents found out about the transfer by reading an article in the Los Angeles Times that stated Komlos' transfer was approved several days before the board even voted on it, frustrating many in the district, de la Torre going so far as to say the Times acted irresponsibly in reporting the transfers as fact before they were made official.

"It gave the misperception that Komlos was being moved because she failed at Lincoln," de la Torre said. "We don't see it that way. That was a successful administration. There is controversy, but she is not the person to be blamed."

Duran-Contreras spoke publicly for the first time about her transfer during the school board meeting, borrowing passages from a speech given by educator and activist Benjamin E. Mays to express her thoughts.

"It must be borne in mind that the tragedy in life doesn't lie in not reaching your goal. The tragedy lies in having no goal to reach," Duran-Contreras said, her voice filled with emotion as she read Mays' famous words. "It isn't a calamity to die with dreams unfulfilled, but it is a calamity not to dream. It is not a disaster to be unable to capture your ideal, but it is a disaster to have no ideal to capture. It is not a disgrace not to reach the stars, but it is a disgrace to have no stars to reach for. Not failure, but low aim is sin."

She spoke of the desire to educate all children, never putting one group above another. She also spoke about the beauty of diversity and somewhat defended her tenure at John Muir.

She ended by saying that she hoped that the transfers "were done with children in mind."

POLICY CHANGES PUT ON HOLD

While Duran-Contreras' future in the district was the hot topic, many parents showed up for the school board meeting to weigh in on changes to the district's sexual abuse policy.

The board, at the request of a district advisory committee formed to evaluate the policy, postponed action on the changes to give parents more time to review them.

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Local painter finds her calling later in life

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"She always looks at things as a kid in a candy store," he said. "It's like she's walking in a magical tunnel."

Although Davidson has painted all of her life, she worked as a film editor alongside her husband for 10 years before delving into painting full-time.

"When my youngest daughter was born I realized editing is not my art," Davidson said.

She found her studio space at the Santa Monica Fine Art Studios on Franklin Street and began to paint nine hours a day. The studio space holds 35 artists, and Davidson said that it helps her to get feedback from her creative neighbors. The studio also holds an annual show for all of the artists working there each fall.

"Maybe that's what I was supposed to do all my life, but I'm doing it now," she said.

Davidson has already completed nearly 30 sketches for her next series, which will also feature "My Girl."

"She will evolve and grow, and there will

**'MY GIRL'
IS LIKE A
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WINK AND A SMILE.'**

Babi Davidson
Local artist

be more stories around her," said Davidson.

As for the current "My Girl" series, Davidson hopes that viewers will be able to be transported, if only for a moment, into her beloved character's lively, colorful world.

"I want people to feel good when they see my paintings. I really want them to smile."

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Prosecutors say peer-to-peer hacker agrees to plea bargain

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A hacker suspected of infecting thousands of personal computers with malicious software to obtain private financial information will plead guilty to fraud under a plea agreement, the U.S. attorney's office said.

Under the deal filed Thursday, Jason Michael Milmont, 19, agreed to plead guilty to a federal charge of unauthorized access to a computer to further a fraud, according to a statement from the U.S. attorney's office.

Prosecutors said the case was the first in the U.S. in which a person was prosecuted for using peer-to-peer software to deliver so-called "malware."

Milmont, of Cheyenne, Wyo., agreed to pay \$73,866 in restitution and could face up to five years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

However, under the plea agreement, prosecutors will recommend he receive a lesser sentence after he enters the plea in fed-

eral court in his hometown in the coming weeks.

A call to Robert Rose, Milmont's attorney, was not immediately returned Friday.

Prosecutors contend that Milmont remotely controlled a "botnet" of as many as 15,000 computers around the country.

"Because the users of those compromised computers were unaware that their computers had been turned into 'zombies,' they continued to use their computers to engage in online banking and purchases," the U.S. attorney's office said in a statement.

Prosecutors said Milmont embedded his software, dubbed the "Nugache Worm," in peer-to-peer software that he made available on the Internet.

Milmont gained remote control of computers that downloaded the software then obtained credit card and other information, court documents indicated.

Milmont also infected computers through instant messaging spam, according to the plea agreement.

Sexual abuse policy changes on hold

FROM SCHOOLS PAGE 10

procedures, requiring that the principal file a confidential incident report form and forward it to the superintendent. Another change will make it the district's responsibility to provide abuse prevention curriculum

to ensure all children are educated on child abuse, learning ways in which they can identify an unsafe situation.

Changes could also be in store for the sexual harassment policy.

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Cops issue 192 tickets

FROM STING PAGE 1

and 21951 of the state's vehicle code. The first section covers drivers who fail to yield the right-of-way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a marked or unmarked crosswalk. The section does not relieve a pedestrian from the duty of using due care for his or her safety. No pedestrian may suddenly leave a curb or other place of safety and walk or run into the path of a vehicle that is so close as to constitute an immediate hazard.

The second section covers those who drive around or overtake a vehicle that is stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross the street.

A driver can be cited for both sections if they fail to observe the law. Fines for violating each section start at \$123, and that does not include additional court costs.

The rules for the sting were simple. Decoys were instructed to not walk into the roadway in front of oncoming traffic and to check in both directions before crossing the street. While crossing, they had to keep their eyes directed toward oncoming traffic. After making it across safely, they were ordered to wait and make sure that officers were ready to pull over violators — no sense in crossing if there are no officers to educate drivers and write citations.

Officers were instructed to pull over only

those drivers who were blatantly breaking the law, and to be courteous and professional, explaining to drivers that the objective of the sting is not to write tickets but to educate and save lives.

"We are not out here to smack everyone hard," Horn said. "It's about getting the message across. It's about education. That is the most important part."

Locations were chosen based on a variety of factors: Citizen complaints, the number of accidents or citations associated with that intersection, and the proximity of each location to hospitals, parks, schools and assisted living facilities — places that attract a lot of pedestrians.

For the decoys, the experience was somewhat nerve-racking, especially at Fourth Street and San Vicente where cars have been clocked traveling at freeway speeds.

Bill Bauer, a SMPD volunteer and columnist for the Daily Press, had several close calls, including one incident in which the driver of an SUV slammed on his breaks and stopped in the middle of the crosswalk, just a few feet from him.

"I tend to be really careful crossing anyway," Bauer said. "If there's any sign of traffic, I'd rather just wait. The idea is not to trap someone. You just cross as you normally do, but even then, some people just don't see or just don't care."

Suzy Kim, a non-sworn officer with the SMPD who works in community relations,

also acted as a decoy, strolling back and forth across San Vicente.

"It can be a little scary sometimes," she said. "My mom made me promise to call her when I'm finished."

Residents seemed to appreciate the effort, offering their own thoughts on how dangerous certain intersections can be. One elderly man thank the officers for their work while another wanted to voice his strong support for the installation of more traffic lights or blinking yellows to alert drivers.

"It's really about changing the culture," said a man who declined to give his name, calling himself Mr. Pedestrian. "I grew up in the east coast and over there you are trained to look 40 times before stepping out in the street. Here people just step out thinking people are going to stop, and they aren't."

People who were cited ranged from soccer moms and corporate executives to a judge pro tem, some driving new luxury cars while others beat-up pickups. The excuses they gave also varied, with some saying they were unfamiliar with the law while others were adamant that they had done nothing wrong. Most admitted to their negligent driving.

"One lady [who was issued a ticket] said she's glad we're out here," said SMPD Sgt. Henry Ramirez. "She knows there are a lot of pedestrians out here."

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CROSSWALK STING TALLIES

- Main Street at Hollister Avenue: 20 citations, 1 misdemeanor traffic citation
- Main Street and Kinney Street: 5 citations
- Main Street at Bay Street: 6 citations, 1 misdemeanor traffic citation, 1 vehicle impound
- San Vicente Boulevard at Fourth Street: 34 citations, 1 vehicle impound
- Montana Avenue at 15th Street: 18 citations, 1 misdemeanor traffic citation
- Wilshire Boulevard at Franklin Street: 12 citations
- Wilshire Boulevard at Ninth Street: 12 citations
- Wilshire Boulevard at 16th Street: 14 citations
- Pico Boulevard at 23rd Street: 12 citations
- Pico Boulevard at 31st Street: 30 citations, 2 misdemeanor citations
- Ocean Park Boulevard 18th Street: 18 citations
- Ocean Park Boulevard at Third Street: 10 citations, 1 commercial enforcement stop resulting in an overweight citation

Source: Santa Monica Police Department.



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Cyclists look for recognition

FROM BIKES PAGE 3

type of marking at the intersection itself, which indicate where bicycles should position themselves so the cameras can pick them up," she said.

Kent Strumpell, a board member with the L.A. County Bicycle Coalition, called the cameras the most sophisticated piece of technology on the market, explaining that the cameras are pointed at each of the four quadrants of the intersection, checking to see if there is anything sitting in view.

"Those are great because if a bicycle is anywhere near the area, the cameras know they're there," Strumpell said.

Strumpell said that while problematic locations do exist in Santa Monica, the intersections are for the most part cooperative, changing as soon as a cyclist approaches.

Cycling advocates point to safety issues posed by intersections that don't do a good job of detecting activity smaller than a car, prompting cyclists to run the red light if there is no conflicting traffic.

The California Vehicle Code permits vehicles to run a red light if there is a malfunctioning signal.

"We shouldn't feel comfortable with that," Jennifer Klausner, the executive director of the bike coalition, said.

In some intersections, the bike loops are adjusted so that they are strong enough to detect bikes. But readjustments aren't necessarily fool proof, unable to detect carbon fiber or titanium bikes, Klausner said.

"A lot of bikes now, particularly the ones that cost a lot of money, are not made out of steel and can't be picked up by a magnet," Klausner said.

Klausner added that even in intersections that do have readjusted detection loops, the lack of markings on the road make it difficult for bicyclists to determine where they need to stand in order to trip the sensor. She mentioned several cities are moving toward adding the road markings, including San Francisco and Portland, Ore.

The issue of bike detection recently came up during a series of City Council budget discussions when Councilmember Kevin McKeown inquired about what was being done to retrofit intersections in the city.

No funding has been allocated specifically for bike detection projects, according to city staff. But the proposed Land Use and Circulation Element, which is the update of the general plan, does support committing resources to make bicycle improvement projects possible, including detection loops, staff stated in a council information item.

"As motorists, we take for granted that traffic signals will be responsive," McKeown, an avid cyclist, said. "On my bike, though, I've sometimes found myself waiting and waiting for lights that never change, unless I dismount and press the pedestrian crossing button."

McKeown noted that City Hall has begun installing detection loops at "crucial" intersections like Colorado and Ocean where the beach bike path connects with the rest of the city.

"This isn't just about convenience; it's a safety issue, and a part of making Santa Monica a welcoming city to get out of your car and enjoy bicycling," he said.

There are several intersections in town that cyclists call particularly problematic, including Michigan Avenue at 14th Street and Stewart Street at Olympic Boulevard.

"The Stewart crossing at Olympic is terrible," Russell Sydney, co-founder of the Sustainable Transport Club, said. The Sustainable Transport Club is an organization that advocates for alternative transportation modes.

Sydney added that there is "zero detection" heading southbound on Stewart Street past Olympic.

"All we really need is a place where we can push the button next to the curb," he said.

Filet is also hoping for some change.

Raised in the Netherlands where the bicy-



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GO: A cyclist crosses the intersection of Ocean and Colorado avenues. The intersection detection loop at that location was recently readjusted to detect bicycles waiting to cross at the light.

cle is a choice mode of transportation, Filet said that the installation of cameras or other measure to improve bike detection would be a welcoming change, a sign that City Hall is taking cyclists seriously.

"I never feel obligated to push the pedestrian button because I don't think a car driver should get out of their car and push their button either," she said.

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BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



'Truffles by the Sea'

Julie Carobini • Bethany House

SUMMER IS HERE AND YOU ARE looking for a book to read down by the beach as you soak in those rays. You are not looking for anything heavy. Just something that is light and has a good story. "Truffles by the Sea" offers just that type of experience for the ladies. Chick lit once again provides diversion.

We start off our summer review series with a story of Gaby, who as the book opens, has lost her flower shop and must start again. Her apartment has burned down and now she is renting a third floor loft with a view.

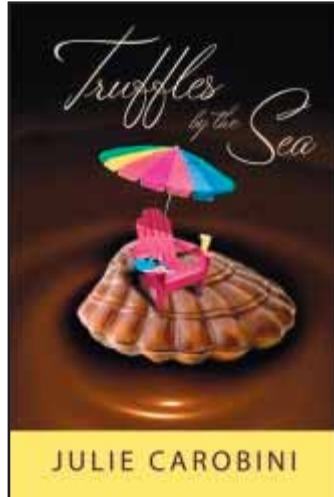
"From my vantage point, I can see the open arch of the harbor mouth, where the seawater flows in and out." She has a best friend who is trying to match her up with an eligible bachelor, Max, while at the same time Gaby is finding interest in her landlord.

Our main character has vowed not to be gullible again.

"I, Gaby Flores, will be gullible no more. There, I said it. And I mean it this time, my friend. No more believing the unbelievable. No more living like a patsy. No more dating guys from the dark side."

She vows: "No longer will this tongue be getting Gaby-girl in trouble. I just want to live my life, and do it well."

Problems are plenty. She has to keep her flower business open even if at the moment she has a cash flow problem. Her book keeper has told her, "Your business is bleeding faster than a hemophiliac." Her business is behind in rent and may be closed. Then she has to handle a lawsuit. One of her customers wants to take the business away from her as a settlement of assets. At the same time she has to juggle two men in her life, one, her landlord, and the other, her mechanic; the one her best friend is trying to match her up with. The problem is that she is falling in love with



her landlord, Jake, who is paying a bit too much attention to her as a tenant. She has been told Jake is not the marrying type. At the same time Max is courting her.

This work is certainly not heavy reading. The characters move the story along at a nice pace. It is told in the first person. Even though Gaby is not a Pollyanna type she still views her situation through optimistic eyes. But her weakness is that she doesn't ask for help even when it is offered.

Author Julie Carobini is known for her stories of family, the sea and God's work in the life of those around her. She is based in Southern California and is presently writing women's fiction for the young at heart. She lives with her husband and three children.

I would recommend this book for a delightful summer read.

Summer is here. Time to relax and read those books that you have been meaning to read for a long time. Let **DANE ROBERT SWANSON** direct you to some good reads this summer. Contact him at smdp_review@yahoo.com and start a conversation.

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NOTIFICATION: LEGISLATED PRESIDENTIAL COIN CHANGE

New federal law triggers free giveaway of last “In God We Trust” edge engraved dollar coins

*Soon to be eliminated Presidential Dollar Coins with edge engraved “In God We Trust”
Free to all those who order highly sought after Presidential Vault Tubes for just \$32*

By SHAWN OYLER
UNIVERSAL MEDIA SYNDICATE

(UMS) - Starting at precisely 7:45 a.m. today, some of the last Presidential Coins minted with “In God We Trust” engraved on the edge by the U.S. Government are being handed out free to the public.

Readers are getting all six of the existing coins free with each complete set of six edge engraved vault tubes they claim.

So, who's to thank for this massive giveaway effort? Well, it's not the government. It's the privately held World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

The U.S. Government barely got started minting these Presidential coins with “In God We Trust” on the edge when federal law signed by the President required immediate preparation to remove “In God We Trust” from the edge.

The first six Presidents that were minted in limited quantity are now out of production and there will never be any more.

These were the first circulating United States coins with edge markings since the legendary St. Gaudens Double Eagle and with the new law, they are likely to be worth even more than the three dollars *The Official Red Book: A Guide to United States Coins* already says each coin is worth.

And we'll even give you the direct Hotline to call so you can be among the first to get yours free right now.

Almost immediately after this bill became law, coins with “In God We Trust” began being snatched up by those in the know. Now these golden Presidential Dollars are harder to find than ever.

“It's a miracle we even have these coins,” said Robert Castaldo, Executive Director of the World Reserve Monetary Exchange, “it took the full power and resources of this privately held organization to secure this hoard, and now we're handing them over to all who cover the cost of the valuable crystal-clear Vault Tubes.”

People everywhere will be trying to get their hands on the last of these magnificent stacks of coins that still have “In God We Trust” on the edge. But only those who get in before the 2-day deadline are being handed one of the remaining brand new never-circulated Presidential Dollar Coins



■ **GOING, GOING, GONE:** You are looking at the last of the edge engraved “In God We Trust” Golden Presidential dollar coins ever minted because the new federal law prohibits them from ever being minted again. But now all those who beat the 48 hour deadline and claim the set of six Presidential Vault Tubes will get the first six Presidential Dollar coins and the silver vault box free. Beat the Order Deadline by calling the Claim Line at 1-800-503-8147.

free with every single \$32 sealed vault tube.

The World Reserve is coping with the explosion of calls. So, don't give up calling if you don't get through the first time. Keep trying.

“We really jumped through hoops

to set up special Hotlines in three Regional Distribution Zones in an effort to maintain order across the country. We feared the flood of calls could bring us to our knees but we are now equipped to handle everyone who is trying to get through to get the last

of our vault tubes,” said Castaldo.

All this is happening because the World Reserve has revealed it will release the last of its secretly located hoard of \$20 million worth of never-circulated Presidential Coins in sealed vault tubes in an effort to prevent

them from ever being introduced into commerce. It's the best way to preserve their collector value as never-circulated coins.

"This is what everyone wants but so few will actually have. So many will be left out in the cold or with ordinary circulated coins if they can even find them in their bank change. That's why we are so widely advertising our plans to give away some of the soon to be eliminated never-circulated Presidential Coins with "In God We Trust" on the edge free," said Castaldo.

Those who do beat the order deadline will get one of the last Presidential Dollar Coins that still have "In God We Trust" on the edge free so they can handle it, show it off and still keep the valuable vault tube sealed and perfectly intact.

The U.S. Government is required to mint each President with a single Presidential \$1 Coin, with a different President appearing about every ninety days. That's why everyone is still trying to get the last of these Presidential dollar coins now that minting has been shut off.

Although Federal law requires "In God We Trust" to be removed from the edge of the coin, there will still be a Golden Presidential Dollar minted for every U.S. President.

"To honor each President there will also be forty sealed vault tubes in all, each containing twelve never-circulated Presidential Coins. That's 480 coins. But with the forty free coins everybody is getting, it becomes a spectacular collection of 520 never-circulated coins in all, loaded into two separate heavy vault boxes. Only those lucky enough to get in on this now can be among the first to be automatically taken care of with all of the new Presidential Program Dollars to ever be minted over the ten years," explained Castaldo.

The Presidential Dollars are already hard to find because local banks don't have them all and collectors are snatching them up. Banks will not honor requests for the free coins. And banks will never have these crystal-clear sealed vault tubes of the never-circulated coins that show off the rarely seen edge markings. Claims for these free coins which are in never-circulated condition are only being honored by the World Reserve for the next two days and only for those who beat the deadline for the sealed vault tubes.

"Just look at that stack of coins. When Americans get their hands on those, they are really going to do a double take," Castaldo said.

So find your zone on the map below and make your claim for these special historic "In God We Trust" engraved edge Presidential Dollars before they're gone forever. ■



■ **JACKPOT:** These two massive vault boxes contain the sealed vault tubes for the complete collection of forty Presidential Dollars, 480 coins in all. Values fluctuate, but just think if you had saved 2 silver vault boxes like the ones shown above of uncirculated Eisenhower Dollars from 1974. They would now have an astonishing increase in value of 500% according to the 62nd edition of *The Official Red Book*. It's a real steal at just \$32 each for these crystal-clear sealed vault tubes that show off the rarely seen edge markings and protect the coin's never-circulated value.



How to get free Presidential Coins

Every reader of this newspaper who beats the 48 hour deadline will get one of the last edge engraved "In God We Trust" never-circulated Presidential Dollar Coins free with each sealed vault tube for just thirty-two dollars and shipping. Supply of the last "In God We Trust" edged coins are uncertain because new federal law prohibits them from ever being minted again. So, once they're gone, they're gone. In an effort to maintain an orderly distribution of the World Reserve's remaining private hoard of coins, claim lines have been established in three Regional Distribution Zones.

1 Find the Regional Distribution Zone you live in on the map below



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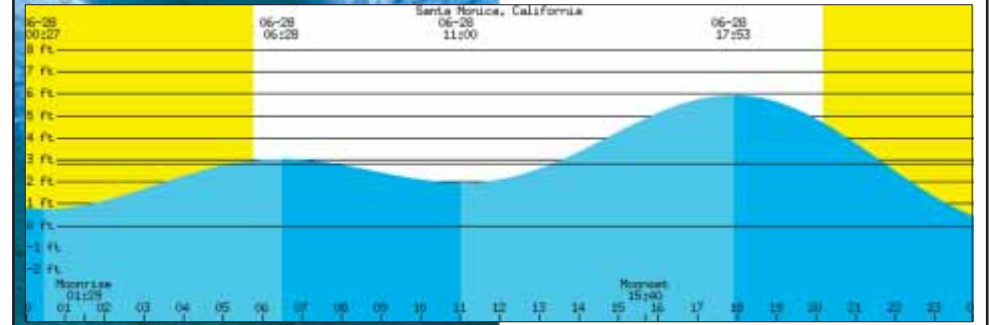
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QUICK STATS
(for the last 28 days)

Number of sewage spills -- 0

Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0

Number of wet days -- 0

Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 39 / ns

Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 8 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cienegas Beach, at Arroyo Sepulch Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lockwood and Las Alitas creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Bread 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	A	ns
Escamido Creek, just east of Escamido State Beach	A	ns
Laguna Canyon Creek mouth	A	ns
Selkirk Canyon at San Blocker County Beach	F	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marine Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns
Sunridge Beach at Malibu Colony fences	A	ns
Sunridge Beach (beach location)- daily	F	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (joint zone)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 18048 PCH stairs	C	ns
Pine Creek at Las Tunas State Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	A	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	ns	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17260 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 Palms Canyon storm drain	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessee Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chatsworth)	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	D	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Venice storm drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurants)	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain	C	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 Topsoil 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 DWR jetty)	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hygienic 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

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ELECTION NEWS FOR SANTA MONICA RESIDENTS!

NOVEMBER 4, 2008, MUNICIPAL ELECTION

SANTA MONICA ELECTION INFORMATION:

Offices to be voted upon:

City Council	Four Seats
Rent Control Board	Two Seats
Board of Education	Three Seats - full 4-year terms
	One Seat - partial 2-year term
College Board of Trustees	Three Seats

Eligibility Requirements: Candidate must be a registered voter in the jurisdiction at the time nomination papers are issued to him/her. All vacancies are for four-year terms, except for one partial two year term for the Board of Education.

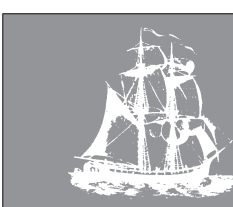
Filing Period: July 14, 2008 to August 8, 2008. Nomination papers will be issued by the City Clerk starting on July 14, 2008, and throughout the nomination period. In order to qualify, a candidate must obtain at least 100 valid signatures, from voters registered in the jurisdiction, on his/her petition.

Candidate Workshops: Candidate Workshops will be held on July 14, 2008, at 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., at Council Chambers, City Hall, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica. Candidates not able to attend the workshops will be issued nomination papers throughout the filing period at the City Clerk's Office upon request. There is no filing fee.

Last day to Register to Vote: October 20, 2008

For information on the following related topics, please call the City Clerk's Office at 458-8211:

- Elected Official Duties
- Campaign Fundraising
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MOVIE TIMES

AERO THEATRE 1328 Montana Ave. (323) 466-FILM The Umbrellas of Cherbourg (Les Parapluies de Cherbourg) (NR) 1hr 35min 7:30 The Young Girls of Rochefort (Les Demoiselles de Rochefort) (1967) (NR) 2hrs 04min 7:30 AMC LOEWS BROADWAY 4 1441 Third Street Promenade Gunnin' for That #1 Spot (PG-13) 1hr 30min 10:25am, 12:40, 3:05, 5:30, 8:00, 10:15 Iron Man (PG-13) 2hr 6min 10:45am, 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:30 Get Smart (PG-13) 1 hr 50 min 11:15am, 2:00, 4:35, 7:20, 10:00 Wanted (R) 1hr 48min 10:20am, 1:10, 4:00, 7:00, 9:45	AMC 7 SANTA MONICA 1310 Third St. (310) 289-4262 Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull (PG-13) 2 hrs. 10:30am, 1:15, 4:10, 7:15, 10:15 WALL-E (G) 1hr 37min 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:30, 1:30, 3:00, 5:10, 5:40, 7:45, 8:15, 10:10, 10:45 Get Smart (PG-13) 1 hr 50 min 11:55am, 2:45, 5:20, 8:00, 10:50 The Happening (R) 1hr 31min 12:45, 3:10, 5:15, 7:40, 10:20 Kung Fu Panda (PG) 1hr 31min 11:30am, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30 Wanted (R) 1hr 48min 11:20am, 2:10, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40 LAEMMLE'S MONICA FOURPLEX 1332 Second St. (310) 394-9741 Expired (NR) 1hr 50min	1:30, 7:20 Mongol (R) 2hr 6 min 1:00 pm, 4:00, 7:00, 9:55 Hannari: Geisha Modern (NR) 1hr 35min 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15 MANN'S CRITERION THEATRE 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599 You Don't Mess With The Zohan (PG-13) 1hr 53min 11:00 am, 1:50 pm, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00 The Love Guru (PG-13) 1hr 28 min 11:40 a.m., 12:40, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30 Sex and the City (R) 2hrs 15min 1:00 pm, 4:05, 7:10, 10:20 The Incredible Hulk (PG-13) 1hr 54min 10:30 a.m., 11:30am, 1:10, 2:10, 3:50, 4:50, 6:30, 7:30, 9:10, 10:10
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For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Aries, your treat tonight

- ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★ If you ever had a possessive streak, it is right now. Let go and worry less. What would make you feel better about yourself? Loosen up and enjoy the moment. Refuse to let fatigue translate into negativity, OK? Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are all smiles and want to relax with a friend. Only someone close to you could really impact your mood. That person could be overly serious and/or tired. Help him or her. Tonight: Pitch in and help this person relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Know when to vanish. You might want to deal with a personal matter or handle a situa-tion. Take the day off instead. Go for a drive or do something very special just for yourself. Tonight: Don't feel that you have to do anything.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Even if a discussion is unusually silent or serious, don't let this heavier attitude mar what could be an excellent day. Surround your-self with friends and/or do exactly what you want. Others will find your smile contagious! Tonight: Where the gang is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Listen to suggestions from an older friend or relative. Though you like to feel like royalty, he or she does too. Be willing to step down a notch in order to make this person happy. You could feel limited. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You could be very serious. Try to get past the immediate situation by detaching, reframing or choosing another point of view. Someone seems so jovial and happy, you hard-ly can say no. Follow-through counts. Tonight: Let your mind wander at a concert or a movie.
- LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★★ You might want to move in a new direction or proceed differently. A partner proves to be a strong influence, for better or worse. You have a lot of thinking to do. How important is this bond to you? Act on this deci-sion. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Defer to others and worry less about what to do and when. Your sense of humor comes through over and over. People really love that lightness, as more frequently you express an intensity and seriousness. Tonight: Go along with another's whims.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Get some exercise or choose another way to relax. Sometimes you push way too hard. Let yourself just be. Someone you care about could be unduly critical. Don't worry so much, and just mellow out. Tonight: Whatever chills you out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Let your hair down and allow yourself to relax. A new person could give you a case of the butterflies, whereas married couples could feel a newfound intensity. Enjoy what is going on. A child also could demand an abnormal amount of attention. Tonight: Be a kid once more.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ The words you choose and what you say could make a big difference in the outcome of a personal matter. Stay mellow. Your sense of humor helps you deal with a difficult partner. Stay anchored. Tonight: Entertain from home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Speak your mind. Make calls and plan a long-overdue get-together. Maintain a light and easy approach with a neighbor or sibling. If a partner is dour, be understanding. Rethink a pub-lic commitment. Tonight: A long-overdue chat.

Happy birthday

You have a way of drawing people to you, even more so than in past years. In fact, through networking and sharing more of yourself, you will become much closer to realizing a long-term goal. You might be prone to periods of depression or silence. Know that this is a passing phase. If you are experiencing headaches or any physical ailments, go see a doctor. If you are single, you will draw what you really want. You could be surprised by what saunters down your path. This person will reflect your inner desires, not what you think. If you are attached, the two of you need to socialize more! TAURUS proves to be a long-term friend!

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



INFORMACION PARA RESIDENTES DE SANTA MONICA!

ELECCIONES MUNICIPALES - 4 DE NOVIEMBRE 2008

INFORMACION SOBRE LAS ELECCIONES LOCALES:

Puestos vacantes:

Concejal Municipal

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Junta de Educación del Distrito Escolar

Cuatro Puestos

Dos Puestos

Tres Puestos completos de 4 años

Une Puesto parcial de 2 años

Tres Puestos

Requisitos de elegibilidad:

Los candidatos deberán estar registrados para votar en la jurisdicción del puesto elegido cuando obtengan los documentos de nominación. Excepto por un puesto parcial de la Junta de Educación que es por dos años, el resto de los puestos son de 4 años.

Periodo para aplicar:

Desde el 14 de julio al 8 de agosto, 2008. Documentos de nominación serán distribuidos por la Secretaria Municipal empezando al 14 de julio. Candidatos tendrán que obtener un mínimo de 100 firmas de votantes registrados en la jurisdicción del puesto para poder calificar.

Clases de Candidatura:

Habrá dos clases para candidatos el 14 de julio, 2008, a las 8:30 a.m., y a las 4:30 p.m., en la Cámara Concejal, Ayuntamiento, 1685 Main Street, Santa Monica. Personas que no puedan atender las clases pueden pedir documentos durante las horas de oficina entre las fechas del 14 de julio y el 8 de agosto. No hay cobro por la aplicación de candidatura.

Ultimo día para registrarse para votar

20 de octubre, 2008

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Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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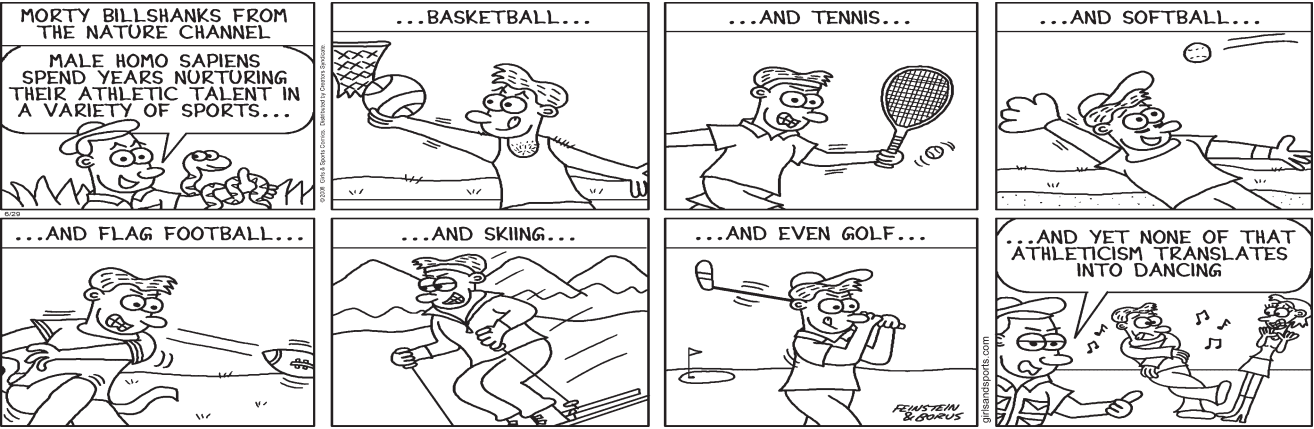
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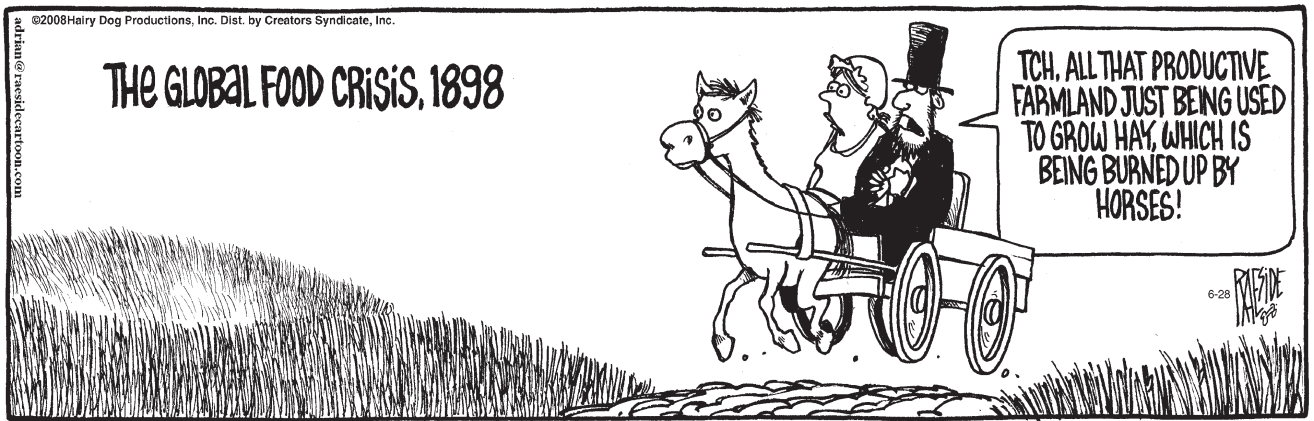
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Pound hound
- 5 Spring settings
- 9 Historic riveter
- 10 Like some messages
- 12 Be penitent
- 13 In the know
- 14 Tout
- 16 Martini base
- 17 Apple eater
- 18 Sled dogs
- 20 Broncos' home
- 22 Plane part
- 23 Moscow's setting
- 25 Read over
- 28 Cavalry weapons
- 32 Swindles
- 34 Wish undone
- 35 Yale rooter
- 36 Future frog
- 38 Bugs bugs him
- 40 Was partial
- 41 Messing of TV
- 42 Software buyers

DOWN

- 43 Map line
- 44 Forgo bidding
- 1 Criminal's reason
- 2 Annual golf event
- 3 Breath mint buys
- 4 Got canines
- 5 Surgery reminders
- 6 Punch sound
- 7 Slow tempo
- 8 TV show
- 9 Assayed
- 11 Slow-witted

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Yesterday's answer

- 15 Turkey's setting
- 19 Door feature
- 21 Arbor climber
- 24 Robbery order
- 25 Spirited horse
- 26 Square dance VIP
- 27 Hands on hips
- 29 Eats away
- 30 Monarchs
- 31 Canary chow
- 33 Valued fiddle
- 37 Galileo's home
- 39 Hurler's stat

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The graduation ceremony in May at Naperville (Ill.) Central High School was marred by the revelation that about half of the valedictorian's speech was plagiarized from a speech on the Internet, but in this case, the principal was helpless to punish him because the principal plagiarized his own speech. (He said he forgot to ask permission of the author, a Naperville Central graduate who was in the audience that day.) The principal has been reassigned, and the valedictorian's speech was removed from the graduation video.

■ Among the items on the menu for world leaders who met in June in Rome to discuss the crisis in world hunger: pasta with a sauce of pumpkin and shrimp, veal rolls, pastry puffs with corn and mozzarella, cheese mousse, Parmesan risotto, ragout of veal with legumes and zucchini pie, washed down with fine Italian wines.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1491 England's King Henry VIII was born.
1778 the Revolutionary War Battle of Monmouth took place in New Jersey; it was from this battle that the legend of "Molly Pitcher" arose, although her actual existence is a matter of historical debate. The outcome of the battle was inconclusive.

1836 the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, died.

1838 Britain's Queen Victoria was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

1919 the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France, ending World War I.

1928 New York Gov. Alfred E. Smith was nominated for president at the Democratic National Convention in Houston.

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