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CASH GRAB: **Hoping to save money while the struggling Tide Ride undergoes a makeover, Big Blue Bus officials are proposing to eliminate weekday service on the lowest performing line in the public transit system. The City Council tonight will be asked to limit the Tide to weekend hours starting Sept. 8, saving the agency about $444,000.**

Tide to only run on weekends

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

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Hoping to save money while the struggling Tide Ride undergoes a makeover, Big Blue Bus officials are proposing to eliminate weekday service on the lowest performing line in the public transit system.

The City Council tonight will be asked to limit the Tide to weekend hours starting Sept. 8, saving the agency about $444,000 as it spends the next year redesigning a line that averages just 12 passengers an hour, a significant drop off from the 50 passengers an hour that the system as a whole averages. The issue will be on the table as part of the council's consent agenda, which also includes a $3.5 million spending package.

The Big Blue Bus originally considered eliminating the service altogether but changed its mind after the proposal received opposition from residents and businesses along Main Street where the route is located. The agency decided to evaluate its lines after learning that operating revenues this year would be about 8.4 percent lower than last, a result of the elimination of State Transit Assistance Funds and recessionary impacts to county transit subsidies. Ridership overall has also increased on the system.

The Tide was originally developed in 1993 as a way to serve the growing tourism sector and offset traffic impacts. In 1995, five local hotels — Casa del Mar, Shutters on the Beach, Sheraton Delfina, Loews Santa Monica and the Doubletree — agreed to pay approximately $231,000 a year toward the operation of the Tide Ride as part of a development agreement with City Hall. The amount pays about 27 percent of the yearly operational costs for the shuttle with the Big Blue Bus picking up the remainder.

Through community outreach meetings and a survey, the transit agency learned that businesses and residents believe the line is currently not serving their needs, pointing to the route configuration and limited hours of operation as reasons. Officials said that the Tide Ride will need to be redeveloped to benefit the needs of hotels and tourists while a new Mini Blue route will be

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City Hall proposes new plan for Expo maintenance yard

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN More than four months after the City Council rebuked a proposal to place a rail maintenance yard within earshot of residences, officials will return tonight with a different set of plans to create a sound buffer mixed-use development between the facility and homes.

The Exposition Construction Authority is proposing to build a maintenance yard to service the Westside portion of the light rail, which goes from Culver City to Santa Monica, at the old Verizon site on Exposition Boulevard, a plan that's received opposition from residents because the property faces homes in the Pico Neighborhood.

City staff has spent the past few months looking at different locations with the Exposition Construction Authority and has identified an alternative that would involve moving the noisier operations to the other side of Stewart Street, placing it right next to the city yards and farther away from homes, while the storage tracks and train washing facility would be located on the east side of Stewart Street. Doing so would still involve using part of the site owned by Verizon, which sits east of Stewart Street, but the yard would instead by separated from homes on the south side of Exposition Boulevard by a mixed-use development that will include residences and perhaps some neighborhood-serving retail.

City Hall owns the property — 1800 Stewart St. — where some of the louder operations would take place.

A representative from the Exposition Construction Authority could not be reached for comment.

The alternative plans have not however allayed concerns from residents about noise and health impacts from the maintenance facility.

The Pico Neighborhood Association is planning on sending a letter to the council opposing the plans, stating that it's disappointed that residents were not given an opportunity to participate in the process of finding new locations.

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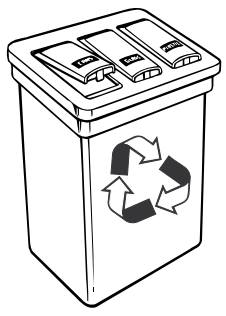
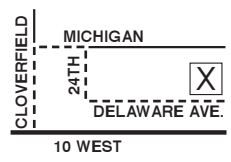
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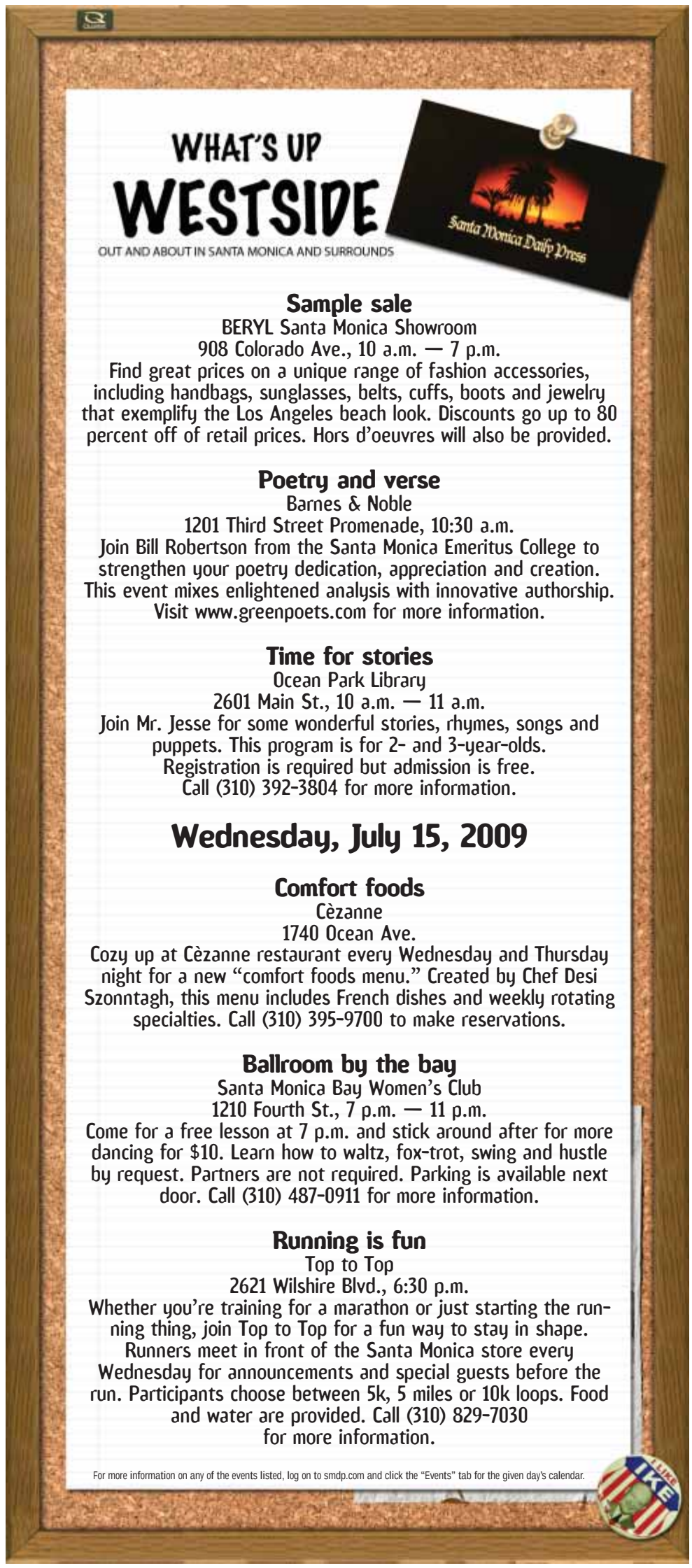
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Find great prices on a unique range of fashion accessories, including handbags, sunglasses, belts, cuffs, boots and jewelry that exemplify the Los Angeles beach look. Discounts go up to 80 percent off of retail prices. Hors d'oeuvres will also be provided.

Poetry and verse
Barnes & Noble
1201 Third Street Promenade, 10:30 a.m.
Join Bill Robertson from the Santa Monica Emeritus College to strengthen your poetry dedication, appreciation and creation. This event mixes enlightened analysis with innovative authorship. Visit www.greenpoets.com for more information.

Time for stories
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m. — 11 a.m.
Join Mr. Jesse for some wonderful stories, rhymes, songs and puppets. This program is for 2- and 3-year-olds. Registration is required but admission is free. Call (310) 392-3804 for more information.

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Comfort foods
Cèzanne
1740 Ocean Ave.
Cozy up at Cèzanne restaurant every Wednesday and Thursday night for a new "comfort foods menu." Created by Chef Desi Szonntagh, this menu includes French dishes and weekly rotating specialties. Call (310) 395-9700 to make reservations.

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Come for a free lesson at 7 p.m. and stick around after for more dancing for $10. Learn how to waltz, fox-trot, swing and hustle by request. Partners are not required. Parking is available next door. Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

Running is fun
Top to Top
2621 Wilshire Blvd., 6:30 p.m.
Whether you're training for a marathon or just starting the running thing, join Top to Top for a fun way to stay in shape. Runners meet in front of the Santa Monica store every Wednesday for announcements and special guests before the run. Participants choose between 5k, 5 miles or 10k loops. Food and water are provided. Call (310) 829-7030 for more information.

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

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LOS ANGELES

Feds approve California coastal plan

The Interior Department has approved a plan to provide California and 17 of its counties nearly $25 million in grants for projects related to coastal conservation, restoration and protection.

Federal and state officials announced the approval Monday aboard a state Department of Fish and Game patrol boat at Dana Point. The agency has applied for a $1 million grant to upgrade its patrol fleet.

The money will come from the Coastal Impact Assistance Program established in the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to mitigate impacts of offshore oil and gas activities in California and five other states.

– ASSOCIATED PRESS

CASTAIC, Calif.

Wildfire burns near I-5 north of Los Angeles

Firefighters are making gains on a wildfire that has burned about 400 acres near Interstate 5 in northern Los Angeles County.

The fire was reported shortly after noon Monday northwest of Castaic (kas-TAY-ik) in the Pyramid Lake area of the Angeles National Forest.

Forest spokeswoman Lisa Lugo says it was 25 percent contained by late afternoon.

She says the flames have burned through power lines owned by Southern California Edison.

About 500 firefighters are working in nearly 100-degree heat, assisted by six air tankers and two helicopters.

Two northbound lanes of Interstate 5 have been closed, causing traffic to back up for miles.

The fire is about 40 miles northwest of downtown Los Angeles.

– AP



INSPIRING

Benjamin Brayfield *news@smdp.com*

A crowd follows reality television star Ruby Gettinger (right) for a power walk on the Santa Monica Pier Saturday, July 11. Gettinger started the 'Walk Across America' campaign to promote healthy living. Her show 'Ruby' on the Style Network chronicles Gettinger's fight to lose weight.

Superior Court closures limit local services

BY NATALIE JARVEY
Special to the Daily Press

SM COURTHOUSE The Los Angeles Superior Court has announced that it will reduce operations and furlough employees the third Wednesday of each month beginning this Wednesday.

All courthouses will be open Wednesday but will provide limited services. The Santa Monica Courthouse will operate with just one courtroom, Courtroom A presided over by Judge Gerald Rosenburg.

The courtrooms that remain open will address statutorily-mandated hearings and felony bench warrants. The court will also continue to handle domestic violence, elder abuse and civil harassment requests.

Clerk's offices at each courthouse will remain open with limited services. Papers can be filed or payments deposited in a secure drop box and will receive the July 15 stamp if they are submitted by 4:30 p.m.

These cutbacks come in response to the increasing statewide financial deficit, said Mary Hearn, a representative for the L.A. Superior Court. The court has also put a freeze on non-essential supplies and services to help cut down on spending.

"The furlough comes down to the employees, if you will, giving money toward that shortfall. The employees have to forego a day's salary in order to save money," Hearn said.

Court managers have been preparing for the furlough to ensure an easy transition, sending notifications to parties with court hearings scheduled for Wednesday. People who show up to the courthouse to handle other matters, such a resolving a parking ticket, will be given a new date on which to return.

Hearn estimates that the furlough will save the court up to $1.5 million per day and $17.6 million per year. The court has not announced an end date for the furlough but expects it to last at least one year.

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What about us?

Editor:

CCSM (Community Corporation of Santa Monica) receives millions of dollars from the city to build apartments here for lower-income people. This company actually goes out of town, to the inner city of Los Angeles, to find people and bring them here to live in these apartments in Santa Monica.

This is done, obviously, with City Hall's knowledge and approval. It's called being "inclusive," a favorite concept in this city. Being inclusive is why we have so many homeless here, for one thing.

My point is, why doesn't City Hall and CCSM think about their own residents who are being evicted by big, out-of-town developers? Why aren't they offered these new units first?

This is a scandal.
Caroline Jacobs
Santa Monica

Sounding off

Editor:

At last Thursday night's Joan Baez concert I was disappointed and amazed at how bad the sound was in the audience. I was standing near the mixing station and could see musicians on the stage but not hear them. The drummer/percussionist was obviously playing but you could not hear him. Joan even commented that there was a problem and they would try and play louder. On occasion a technical problem can be expected, but I have been attending these concerts for 20 years and have consistently experienced the bad sound mix as a member of the audience. I have also noticed that some groups have their own sound mixer and when they take over the controls there is a dramatic improvement in the sound quality. If the city can afford to bring world-class artists like Joan Baez and Ry Cooder to the Thursday night pier concerts, why can't the city afford to make sure the sound is world class?

Ray Lee
Santa Monica

Let your voices be heard

Editor:

Faced with escalating costs, millions of uninsured and millions more of under-insured Americans, it is clear that the U.S. urgently needs healthcare reform. It is scandalous that this country compares so poorly with other developed nations when it comes to infant mortality rates and other measures of healthcare standards.

What stands in the way of effective healthcare reform in the United States? Polls show that the majority of the people of this country want good healthcare to be available to all as it is in other Western countries. Surely their representatives in Congress know this.

The problem is that those same representatives are under enormous pressure from insurance companies and other special interests to not enact effective healthcare reform. Over a million dollars a day is currently being spent by these companies on lobbyists with close connections to our representatives in a mighty attempt to block the healthcare reform we want.

So what can Americans do to get the health care reform that's needed? All of us individually need to take action by writing or calling our representatives immediately to urge their support for reform. If representatives hear from their constituents that without effective health care reform they will be turned out of office at the next election, maybe this time money won't talk.

Karen Blechman
Santa Monica

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Thoughts of summer

SUMMER IS IN FULL SWING AND WITH IT the urge to be outside. Many people these days are unemployed and get to be outside, but for those who are still employed and have the fantasy of quitting their job and being their own boss, this is a rough time of year.

Warm summer days and free concerts at the Santa Monica Pier breed an urgency in one to get out of the office, to begin to play in the sand, to find a summer lover and enjoy the warm days ahead with a sandwich from Bay Cities Deli on the beach.

The heat of the summer, and the lack of need for clothing motivates some of us to renew those January resolutions to lose weight, and to take a look at our life and re-evaluate where we are physically and professionally.

For the majority of us, spring and summer means bathing suits, BBQs and romance. That sense of vulnerability while strolling half naked is upon us, and but for those so blessed as to be blissfully unaware of how they look in a bathing suit, there is a little voice in our heads that says, time to lose some weight, pick up a dumbbell and tone up.

With this comes the desire to clean up our personal lives. For some of us that means finally dumping that loser boyfriend, throwing in the towel on the marriage that was over two years ago, or quitting that dead end job.

Some people choose to review their professional lives and see if there is room for improvement. This is the time when many are looking at their work and wanting to start a new business.

Lately I've received many phone calls from people wanting to start a corporation, open a restaurant or quit their jobs and do what they are now doing, but for themselves. Invariably I ask what the motivation for this sudden life changing event is, and a surprisingly large number of times I get the response of "I want more financial security and more time for me and my family."

Well. That's not so much what's going to happen. The false impression that being one's own boss is life of fishing and playing with the kids is singularly the most damaging lie that Madison Avenue has ever sold to the American public. I know that the multi-level marketing companies like Amway and Avon paint the scenario to the frustrated worker that they can work from home and make $10,000 a month working part time. I've seen the franchisor's pitches that buying a franchise from "Billy Joe's Carpet Cleaners" is a "sure-fire" way to retire in five years.

The companies are relying on an age old trick of comparing apples to staplers. The pitch starts out like this, "Wouldn't it be great to retire in 10 years? Can you imagine how rich you'd be if you bought one of the first McDonald's franchises?"

That's the bait. Dreams of riches and relaxation, as your business operates making you money. The hook is the McDonald's franchise connection. Everyone would like to own a McDonald's. They print money. Problem is, they didn't always. In the beginning they were a risky idea, full of new markets and no history. Ray Kroc was able to convince people to invest in his company on a wing and a dream.

"A FRUSTRATED EMPLOYEE, WHO DREAMS OF BEACH DAYS, FISHING TRIPS AND DRINKS WITH LITTLE UMBRELLAS IN THEM DOESN'T SEE THE EFFORT THAT THE OWNER OF A BUSINESS PUTS IN TO MAKE IT A SUCCESS. THAT'S THE DOWNSIDE OF BEING YOUR OWN BOSS."

For most of those who invested in the beginning, they made millions. They put in large sums of money up front, worked twice as long and hard as they ever did before, and somewhere down the line they were able to retire and relax.

But that's the problem that a frustrated, or scared office worker wont see. They won't see the 80 hour work weeks, the waking up in the middle of the night wondering how they are going to make payroll tomorrow.

A frustrated employee, who dreams of beach days, fishing trips and drinks with little umbrellas in them doesn't see the effort that the owner of a business puts in to make it a success.

That's the downside of being your own boss. The good side, as I was reminded of while speaking with a neighboring business owner, is that being your own boss gets in your blood and you find it impossible to work for others.

But like working out and losing weight, it takes a consistent effort and long hours doing things you don't like, to get to the point of being able to relax and enjoy the swimsuit.

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Back to Nature

Reese Halter
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The treasures of flotsam and jetsam

THE OCEANS ARE TEAMING WITH LIFE AND full of washed-up treasures. Whenever Suzie and I walk with our children along the seashore we always come home with driftwood, seashells and smooth rocks.

What we were really picking up from the beach is more correctly referred to as flotsam and jetsam. Flotsam is articles found floating on or slightly beneath the ocean's surface. Jetsam is whatever is jettisoned into the water including cargo containers and their contents, plastic soda bottles, Styrofoam fishing net floats or rubber ducks. If it floats, jetsam then becomes flotsam. If it sinks to the ocean floor, it becomes lagan; where there are many ancient shipwrecks in their watery graves amongst Davy Jone's locker.

Throughout the ages humans have always been interested with flotsam. Perhaps one of the most sought after floating treasures was ambergris.

Ambergris is a waxy substance similar to cholesterol, produced in the lower intestinal tract of sperm whales. It forms around accumulated indigestible matter such as octopus remains, cuttle fish bones and squid beaks. When enough beaks, bones and amorphous matter accumulate, a chemical reaction occurs and the irritating material forms a waxy blob. Sperm whales expel this waste, often weighing in excess of 485 pounds, into the ocean.

Expelled ambergris is dark at first but a reaction with salt water changes it to a grayish white and from waxy to pasty in texture.

In this case, one animal's trash is another's treasure.

For centuries Channel, Patou and Guerlain used ambergris as a fixative to stabilize flower-based essences to make perfume. In 1908, Norwegian whalers found a blob of ambergris weighing 970 pounds and sold it for 23,000 English pounds — a fortune.

Sperm whales were hunted to near decimation from numbers over a million to 20,000. Today they are protected and most countries prohibit trading ambergris.

The Venus flower basket is one of the world's rarest and most prized bits of flotsam. It is occasionally found on the beaches of Cebu Island, Philippines, where it lives at depths in excess of 16,404 feet in the Western Pacific Ocean.

It is a hollow cylindrical glass-like skeleton measuring 12 inches long made up of fragile lattice-work resembling an intricate scaffolding system. The bone-white lattice-work acts as a protective refuge and attracts tiny pairs of mating shrimp. As they grow so too does the Venus flower basket quickly entrapping the shrimp. Their offspring, brine, are able to swim through the lattice-work openings but the parents are trapped for life.

Scientists from Lucent Technologies were intrigued with the elaborate lattice-work design on the Venus flower basket. They found it had major fundamental construction strategies applicable to laminated structures, fiber reinforced composites, fiber optics and diagonal reinforced square-grid cells.

Driftwood provides habitat for more than 100 species of invertebrates and 130 species of fish congregate around it. Plankton attracts small fish, which in turn attracts predators like tuna and dorado.

In 1737, Benjamin Franklin — inventor, scientists, businessman and postmaster — used his ingenuity to speed up the mail service from Western Europe to the American colonies by following messages in bottles as they traveled across the ocean.

He used the messages in bottles to chart the movements of the Atlantic currents. He found faster routes for the ships to cross the Atlantic and his charts were so accurate that they are essentially unchanged today.

More than 100 million containers of cargo cross the oceans each year. In 1990 five containers carrying 80,000 Nike athletic shoes spilled into the North Pacific. Two hundred and forty nine days later they began washing up onto Vancouver Island and Washington beaches.

A large number were beached farther north and south depending upon whether they were right- or left-footed. The toe curve of the right shoes tacked northeast into the Alaska current passing the Queen Charlottes where many were washed-up. The left-footed Nikes tacked southeast in the California current passing Oregon where the tide brought many ashore.

In 1992 a cargo boat carrying 28,000 rubber beavers, turtles, frogs and ducks, made in China destined for the U.S., encountered wild weather; they were tossed into the Pacific Ocean. Since then they have floated around the oceans and in 2003 a duck turned up in Maine while in 2004 a frog was beached in Scotland.

These floating bathtub toys have helped climate and ocean scientists follow currents, especially assisting with studying the effects of climate change on rising ocean temperatures.

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The Q Line

Three decades later

Santa Monica's rent control law, first passed by voters April 10, 1979, has been in effect for three decades and it continues to be a hot button issue in this city by the sea.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

Do you think rent control has served the city well or do you believe it is in line for an overhaul?

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How to get your lazy teen off the couch this summer

BY BETH J. HARPAZ
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK What's that lump on the sofa?

Uh-oh. It's a teenager with no summer plans — unless you count playing Wii and texting.

Time to help that kid get a life. Never mind that summer's well under way, and all the other kids had jobs, internships, camps and classes lined up long ago.

Some ways teens with nothing to do can use the rest of the season constructively, along with tips for parents to help get them off that couch:

MOTIVATION

Sure, teens may need a little down time, especially if they're busy during the school year. But Mary Jo Rapini, a psychotherapist with The Methodist Hospital in Houston, said "it's not good for kids to do nothing in the summer," she said. "We know for a fact that kids who lie around all day, often times their self-esteem goes down; they get into more trouble; they feel disengaged from families. They get lonely in the summer, and they need attention."

They're at higher risk for teen pregnancy, Rapini said. "They're texting, they're sexting, they have access to all kinds of Web sites. Whenever kids don't have a routine, their lives get chaotic."

If your teen is resistant or lacks initiative, Rapini said the first step for parents is simply "sitting and talking." What is your teen interested in? What is he or she good at? Identify people, businesses or organizations they might contact about a job or volunteering.

Next, parents should help teens practice a pitch they can make that sums up their skills and what they're looking for. Then set a goal for the teen: "I want you to make three calls today. I want to know after each one you call how it went, and I'll cross it off the list."

"You can inspire a kid by presenting a task to solve and saying, 'We've got to work on this. This is our goal,'" Rapini said.

Even if the calls don't lead to a gig, at least the teen made an effort and practiced job-searching skills.

NETWORKING

Teach teens to network by helping create lists of neighbors, friends and relatives. Go through family address books or e-mail lists. Consider the day care center or day camp they attended when they were young, houses of worship or nearby parks. Can they volunteer at an animal shelter or as a reader in a senior center? Are there stores they patronize that might let them help out?

"Or they can call the family veterinarian and say, 'Hey, you're the vet for Fluffy. Can I do some assistant work with you for free this summer?'" said Deena Maerowitz, a college admissions consultant in New York City and Connecticut.

Help your teen come up with a follow-up pitch when the answer is no, Maerowitz said. Does the person they're calling know of other places they might call? Would it be OK to put a sign on the office bulletin board offering pet-sitting?

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Entrepreneurial teens should be encouraged to "try their hand at their own business," whether baby-sitting, tutoring, lawn-mowing or dog-walking, said Caroline Ceniza-Levine of Six-Figure Start, a career-coaching firm specializing in students and young professionals.

Help your teen think about marketing: "How are people going to find out about them? Are they going to do flyers? Are they going to put up a Web site? How much would they charge for their service? How much do other people charge?" Ceniza-Levine said.

She stressed that the process can be productive even if it doesn't lead to earning money. A teen interested in animals or sports might set up a blog or Web site on the subject. A teen who dreams of a specialized career might find a professional to shadow for a day. Another good use of time: Learning QuickBooks, PowerPoint or other computer skills.

VOLUNTEERING

Finding volunteer gigs can be challenging. "Nonprofits are busier than ever, but often they aren't equipped to take in people off the streets," said Robert Rosenthal, spokesman for VolunteerMatch, based in San Francisco.

ONLINE JOB SEARCHES

We've all heard about Internet job scams and horror stories. But there are ways teens can stay safe while looking for work online.

Henry Randall, 19, a student at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vt., had just a few weeks to work at home in New York between other commitments this summer. He posted an ad on Craigslist, but he proceeded very carefully.

"I didn't put up any personal information — just my first name," he said. "No address, no phone number." He didn't need to include his e-mail; Craigslist forwards all ad responses without revealing your e-mail address.

Henry got an offer to work in a medical office cleaning out old paper records, but before he called, he did some research. "First I went on the office's Web site to check it out, then I checked out the location, to see what kind of neighborhood I'd be going to," he said.

He went in for an interview, got the $10-an-hour job, and was invited back to work there any time he's home from school. "I was skeptical," he said, "but it worked out really well."

THINK SMALL

For teens who are reluctant to make cold calls or take the initiative, "try to think small," said Maerowitz. "If your kid is resisting getting a full-time job or an internship, think of shorter-term projects."

Just don't let them spend the entire summer on the sofa. "I can tell you as a college admissions consultant, it's important for colleges to see kids have done something for the summer," she said. "It doesn't necessarily mean working from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, or creating a nonprofit that saves the world. It's not the time commitment so much as the 'Aha' — learning something about yourself."

BETH J. HARPAZ is the author of several books including "13 Is the New 18."

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40 years after moonwalk, world of kid space books

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press Writer

As 600 million people watched live on television, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin landed their bug-like Eagle module on the moon, four miles off course with less than 30 seconds of fuel to go. The U.S. had won the space race. Man had walked on the moon.

It was July 20, 1969. There had been frustrating disappointments against the Soviets, including a fire that killed three astronauts during a training simulation early in the moon mission. Armstrong, Aldrin and their Apollo 11 comrade, Michael Collins, returned home as heroes to a grateful nation.

But two days before Armstrong's historic moonwalk, William Safire in Richard Nixon's White House was prepared for a far different outcome, drafting a speech the president never had to give called "In Event of Moon Disaster."

"Fate has ordained that the men who went to the moon to explore in peace will stay on the moon to rest in peace," began the speech that surfaced in the National Archives three decades later. "These brave men, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin, know that there is no hope for their recovery. But they also know that there is hope for mankind in their sacrifice."

Instead, Nixon cheered on the Apollo 11 crew by radiophone from his Oval Room: "For one priceless moment in the whole history of man all the people on this Earth are truly one — one in their pride in what you have done and one in our prayers that you will return safely to Earth."

Armstrong and Aldrin planted an American flag and explored their powdery new world for 2Ω hours. The U.S. space program seemed invincible, until very real tragedy struck again 16 years later.

The shuttle Challenger blew up 73 seconds after takeoff, also live on television but this time in full color rather than ghostly black and white. Seven crew members, including Christa McAuliffe, who had won a contest to be the first civilian teacher on a space flight, were killed that chilly Florida morning on Jan. 28, 1986.

"Their truest testimony will not be in the words we speak, but in the way they led their lives and in the way they lost those lives with dedication, honor and an unquenchable desire to explore this mysterious and beautiful universe," President Ronald Reagan told a stunned and mourning nation.

On Feb. 1, 2003, an American president once again found himself comforting his country after a space disaster. The shuttle Columbia had disintegrated on re-entry into Earth's atmosphere, raining debris on the small Texas town of Palestine and killing seven crew members.

"The cause in which they died will continue," George W. Bush said. "Our journey into space will go on."

It's been 40 years since Armstrong became the first human to step foot on the moon, but the space race — its triumphs, tension and sadness — need not be light years away for young people living in a world where shuttle flights and beautiful pictures from Mars almost feel routine.

To inspire, entertain and educate kids ahead of the Apollo 11 anniversary, consider these books:

• "Moon Landing" (Candlewick, $29.99, ages 9-12) by Richard Platt and designed by David Hawcock.

A spectacular pop-up putting into context some of the most famous moments in the space program. Archival photos and mini-booklets stashed in slots enhance the three-dimensional paperwork featuring a fiery Redstone rocket blasting Al Shepard on his way, a Gemini capsule and a large, protruding full moon with astronaut landing spots.

• "One Giant Leap" (Penguin, $16.99, ages 6-8) by Robert Burleigh and illustrated by Mike Wimmer.

Wimmer's paintings show off the Eagle module that carried Armstrong and Aldrin down to the moon's Sea of Tranquility. The book notes the two had a little trouble planting the flag and explains how Armstrong's small step for man his first boot print will remain crisp in dust on the weatherless planet for millions of years.

• "Mission to the Moon" (Simon & Schuster, $19.99, ages 8-12) by Alan Dyer.

Space fans large and small will appreciate the breadth of this book, complete with DVD and 200 NASA photos. It shows a cheat sheet printed on the cuff of Armstrong's spacesuit, reminding him of every task he had to perform during the short but busy moonwalk.

• "Mission Control, This is Apollo" (Penguin, $23.99, ages 8-12) by Andrew Chaikin with Victoria Kohl and paintings by Alan Bean.

Bean was the fourth of 12 men to walk on the moon and later devoted himself to keeping the experience alive through his paintings, many of which are used in this book. Chaikin writes that Armstrong hadn't decided on his famous first words from the moon until the last minute, when he placed his left foot in ancient dust and spoke: "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

• "Almost Astronauts, 13 Women Who Dared to Dream" (Candlewick, $24.99, ages 9-12) by Tanya Lee Stone.

The Right Stuff, Tom Wolfe's term for what it takes to challenge the limits of air and space exploration, oozes "manliness, manhood, manly courage," writes Stone as she tells the story of 13 women pilots dubbed the "Mercury 13." They withstood rigorous astronaut testing during America's fledgling manned space program and performed well, but they were denied further consideration in 1962. A year later, the Soviets put the first woman into space.

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PRIME REAL ESTATE: **This empty lot located adjacent to Stewart Street and Olympic Boulevard may become the maintenance yard for the proposed Exposition Light Rail.**

Residents say alternative doesn't go far enough

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Maria Loya, the co-chair of the association, said the alternative creates a whole new set of problems, including forcing trains to constantly cross Stewart Street, creating safety issues.

She added that the proposed buffer is inadequate and defeats the purposes of separating the noise from homes.

"You're creating impacts to a whole new set of residents, which doesn't address the fact that we feel a maintenance facility should not face residential," she said.

Expo officials said they looked at more than 40 different properties from Downtown Los Angeles to Santa Monica, searching for sites that would meet the facility's many physical requirements — located on land about six to 10 acres and is next to the main line, ideally in an industrial area away from homes, provide enough parking for employees, and have a reasonable shape that could accommodate the tracks. The criteria narrowed the list to a few viable candidates, including Bergamot Station and the Casden property off Sepulveda Boulevard.

The Casden site, which houses a cement factory, was taken off the list because its size was deemed inadequate along with other issues involving its configuration. Officials also nixed Bergamot because it was found to require property acquisitions and for its value in the cultural community. The station was however purchased in 1989 by City Hall to one day house such a facility, thought it has since grown to be one of Southern California's premier art and cultural centers, housing more than 30 galleries.

City staff hired a real estate consultant and engineering firm to review options for the maintenance yard, only to find that there was not a site that met all of Expo's operational requirements.

Kate Vernez, the assistant to the city manager, said if the alternative plan gets the greenlight from council, City Hall will ask Expo to include it in the environmental analysis that looks at the Culver City to Santa Monica phase of the light rail.

She stressed that the final decision as to where to place the facility will fall on the Expo board. If the board decides to go with the alternate plans, City Hall will also need to work around an existing lease it has with the Lionstone Group, a real estate investment firm, for 1800 Stewart.

"THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS TO BRING THE EXPO LIGHT RAIL TO SANTA MONICA WHILE SENSITIVELY DEALING WITH NEIGHBORS AND THE COLLEGE'S NEEDS."

Lamont Ewell
City Manager

Lionstone has a leasehold on the site until 2030.

The proposed alternative could also mean impacts to Santa Monica College, which has a satellite parking lot on Exposition Boulevard.

"The overall objective is to bring the Expo Light Rail to Santa Monica while sensitively dealing with neighbors and the college's needs," City Manager Lamont Ewell said.

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Housing Authority plans to hire fraud buster

FROM **CONSENT** PAGE 1

created to serve the neighborhoods. A steering committee consisting of representatives from the various hotels, business improvement districts, Chamber of Commerce and Convention and Visitors Bureau, will be formed to help the staff redesign the line.

The goal is to relaunch in July 2010.

KEEPING TABS ON SECTION 8

Trying to weed out fraud in federally-funded rental assistance programs like Section 8, the Housing Authority is planning on hiring an investigator who will follow cases of alleged deception.

Program Compliance Solutions is expected to receive a three-year, $218,400 contract to investigate fraudulent activity among those who benefit from programs like Family Self Sufficiency, Shelter Plus Care and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher. Such enforcement is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Investigation begins once a discrepancy is reported or discovered by the Housing Authority.

"Most of the fraud activity is related to unreported income that is discovered on recipients' records through required third party verifications provided by HUD," the city staff report said.

The Housing Authority is also planning on hiring Dorothy Berndt, a licensed care social worker, to provide clinical support, assessing the needs of the homeless, senior and disabled households. Berndt is expected to receive a three-year, $237,057 contract and will work for both the Housing Authority and Human Services Division.

MONITORING POLLUTION TO BALLONA CREEK

The City Council is expected to enter an agreement with the city of Los Angeles to institute a cost-sharing program for monitoring bacterial levels of the Ballona Creek Watershed.

As part of the agreement, City Hall will pay $8,000 to cover its costs for monitoring for the next three years.

City Hall is obligated to share in the costs of monitoring as a jurisdiction that drains into the Ballona Creek, according to the city staff report.

MAINTENANCE FOR DISPATCH CENTER

As the Santa Monica Fire Department prepares to reactivate its Communications Center in the Public Safety Facility, officials are planning on hiring a company that will maintain the software for the dispatch system.

The council will be asked to approve a five-year, $560,000 contract with Public Safety System, which had supplied software for dispatch services to the SMFD before it joined the Los Angeles Fire Department Regional Dispatch Center in 2007.

City Hall decided in January to terminate the contract with the Los Angeles Fire Department and reactivate the Communications Center after a more than year-long relationship with the regional dispatch center because of numerous concerning issues, including confusion caused by emergency calls that came from addresses that existed both in Santa Monica and Los Angeles and an overwhelmingly large call volume that would lead to periods when the system would be saturated, leaving 911 lines to ring longer than the department preferred.

BUDGETS FOR CVB AND BAYSIDE

The council is expected to approve an allocation of roughly $2.5 million for the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The CVB, which was created in 1983 to promote tourism, has received the majority of its funding from City Hall since 1985 from a contract that has been extended in five-year increments since. The contract, which was set to expire on June 30, 2009, will be extended again for another year as officials begin renegotiating a new contract.

The council will also be asked to approve an estimated $5 million budget for the Bayside District Corp., which manages Downtown Santa Monica. The majority of the revenues for the budget comes from the Property Based Assessment District, which was approved by property owners last year, totaling about $3.4 million for fiscal 2009-10. Another $1 million will come from mall assessments while about $47,500 will come from the Central Business District.

New in the budget this year is the Ambassadors Program, which deploys walking concierges throughout Downtown, and enhanced maintenance services above what is already provided through City Hall.

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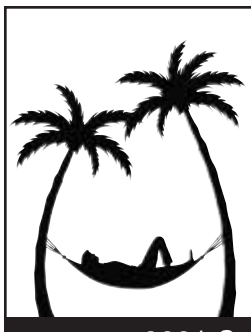
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LOS ANGELES

LA mayor: City should cover Jackson memorial costs

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa has criticized his staff for setting up a Web site seeking donations to cover the city's cost from the Michael Jackson memorial.

Villaraigosa said Monday the city is responsible for protecting public safety and should pick up the $1.4 million tab for police overtime and other services from the event last week at Staples Center.

The mayor, who was on vacation in South Africa during the memorial, called the city's donation Web site "ridiculous." He says he will not ask the public or Staples Center owner AEG Live to pay.

It was not immediately clear how much money the site raised or if the money would be returned.

Despite Villaraigosa's comments, the city attorney's office is investigating how the city can force third parties to help pay.

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LOS ANGELES

L.A. worker killed in cardboard recycling shredder

A warehouse worker has died after becoming entangled in a cardboard recycling shredder in Los Angeles.

The Fire Department says the man was killed at a distributing warehouse in the Lincoln Heights area just after 8 a.m. Monday.

Fire spokesman Devin Gales says paramedics were called but the man was dead and still stuck in the machine when they arrived.

The cause of the accident is under investigation and the man's name has not been released

– AP

LA VERNE

Fire near LA County golf course ruled arson

A fire that burned 95 acres east of Los Angeles has been ruled arson.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department says the fire was deliberately set Sunday afternoon near the Marshall Canyon Golf Course in La Verne. Capt. Mike Brown says the fire was contained later that night. No injuries or damaged homes were reported.

Brown says investigators ruled it arson because it started in two places near a dirt road by the golf course.

He says about 130 firefighters from the county and the U.S. Forest Service as well as several helicopters battled the blaze, which was located in a valley filled with dense vegetation.

Inspector Frank Garrido says the hillside terrain made the firefighters' task a challenge.

– AP

SAN DIEGO

SoCal teen back in U.S. waters in record attempt

Southern California teenager Zac Sunderland has sailed back into U.S. waters, meaning he has only about 100 miles to go to become the youngest person to sail around the world alone.

Sunderland pulled into San Diego overnight to clear customs and get his motor repaired. The 17-year-old uses the motor for going into and out of ports, and needs it in case of emergencies.

He hoped to be under way again by Monday afternoon. After a slow trip up the Mexican coast, Sunderland is due in Marina Del Rey, in the Los Angeles area, on Thursday morning.

Sunderland was 16 when he left Marina Del Rey on June 14, 2008.

– AP

AZUSA

Calif. officials squash fruit fly outbreak

State agriculture officials are lifting a quarantine in Los Angeles County after eliminating in infestation of the crop-destroying Mexican fruit fly.

The Department of Food and Agriculture announced Monday that the pest has been eradicated in the suburb of Azusa and there aren't any other infestations in California.

Officials lifted a 2008 quarantine that restricted the passage of fruits and vegetables in a 70-square-mile area.

In the past three decades, authorities have fought outbreaks of Mexican, Mediterranean and Oriental fruit flies through quarantines, spraying and releasing sterile flies.

The species repeatedly have threatened California's multibillion-dollar agriculture industry.

– AP

OMAHA, Neb.

Missing Calif. girl found in Neb.; mom held

A California girl who vanished seven years ago has turned up in Omaha and her mother has been arrested.

Omaha police say they got a tip from someone who had seen a photo of the then 7-year-old girl in a flier about missing children. The tipster recognized the girl as the now 14-year-old daughter of a friend, 58-year-old Joyce Thomas.

Officer Jacob Bettin (buh-TEEN) said Monday that a California warrant had been issued for Thomas in 2003. The pair disappeared from the Los Angeles area after Thomas lost a custody fight over the girl.

Nebraska authorities have taken custody of the girl until her guardianship can be established.

Bettin says Thomas remains in jail, pending extradition to California.

– AP

Americans' debt stress is easing

JEANNINE AVERSA
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Unemployment is rising. Nest eggs are in tatters. Home values have tanked. And yet surprisingly, Americans are feeling less stress from debt these days.

Chalk it up to the power of positive thinking combined with people saving more, spending less and trimming debt to cope with the recession.

The upshot is that more people are optimistic that they'll eventually be able to get out from under a mountain of bills, a major factor behind the decline in stress from last year, according to a new Associated Press-GfK poll.

Debt-related stress was 12 percent lower this year than in 2008, according to the poll. "People now have some optimism that the worst is behind them," said Paul J. Lavrakas, a research psychologist and AP consultant who analyzed the results of the survey.

The recession, the longest since World War II, is prompting Americans to take steps to get their finances in better shape. It's led to a newfound frugality that some believe will continue long after the recession ends.

"People are doing things that make them feel they are taking charge of their lives again," said Patricia Drentea, associate professor of sociology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, who studies debt and stress.

Ironically, some of these changes — notably a more cautious consumer — could add to the national economy's stress. If Americans were to sharply cut back spending, that could prolong the recession and short-circuit any hopes for a recovery this year. Meanwhile, fallout from the recession and government efforts to lift the country out of it have propelled the federal budget deficit past $1 trillion for the first time, the Treasury Department reported Monday. The exact figure: nearly $1.1 trillion of red ink run up in the nine months of this budget year.

There was a stark break in the poll between Democrats and Republicans.

Democrats reported a big drop in their debt stress, while Republicans registered a sharp rise, a development political scientists attributed to the election of Barack Obama, which put the White House — and economic policy — back in the hands of Democrats following eight years of Republican George W. Bush.

Now 48 percent of those polled say the country is headed in the right direction, compared with just 18 percent who said that in 2008, the poll says.

But that confidence could prove fragile, said Terry Madonna, political scientist at Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania. "At the moment, Obama is personally more popular than his programs. Ultimately, his approval rating will be tied to his performance."

There's no doubt the recession, which started in December 2007, has taken a toll on Americans.

It has snatched a net total of 6.5 million jobs, and driven the unemployment rate up to a 26-year high of 9.5 percent in June.

Americans watched their net worth shrink by $1.3 trillion in the first three months of this year, due mainly to declining stocks and home values, the Federal Reserve says.

On the other hand, Americans aren't dealing with record-high gas prices as they were last summer. Credit and financial problems, which reached a crisis point last fall, have shown some signs of easing. But it's still hard for many people to get loans.

"I wouldn't conclude by any stretch that consumers feel safe or comfortable. But I think the uncertainty has mitigated. Some of the big fears people had at least disappeared some," said James Hamilton, economics professor at the University of California, San Diego.

Last year, 33 percent said they were at least "somewhat concerned" that they would never be able to pay off their debts. That's dropped to 27 percent this year, the poll shows.

Other encouraging changes: The proportion of people saying they worry all or most of the time about debt fell to 19 percent, from 24 percent last year. And, the share of people who hardly ever fret or don't worry at all about debt grew to 47 percent, from 41 percent last year.

Chris Norton, 32, of Robbinsdale, Minn., said he's much less stressed over debt.

"The debt that we have accumulated ... it's gotten knocked down to a reasonable place, where it doesn't bring stress any more," said Norton. "We have the state of mind that if we keep plugging in the right direction it will kind of work out." Norton, who describes himself as an independent who leans Democrat, works at a shipping company and his wife is a server at a high-end steakhouse.

Nationwide, total household debt — including mortgages, credit cards, autos and other consumer loans — stood at $13.8 trillion in the first three months of this year. That amounts to roughly $124,000 of debt per household. The total debt figure is down only slightly from a peak of $13.9 trillion in the third quarter of 2008, according to the Federal Reserve.

Although households are shedding debt, they aren't doing it quickly. Consumers' debt exceeded their after-tax "disposable" income by 28 percent in the first quarter, according to Scott Hoyt, senior director of consumer economics at Moody's Economy.com. So consumers' debt was almost a third more than their income. This debt-to-disposable income ratio peaked in the first quarter of 2008, when debt exceeded income by 33 percent.

The savings rate jumped to 6.9 percent in May, the highest since December 1993. The amount of money saved — $768.8 billion — was the most on records that started in January 1959, the government recently reported.

The Nortons, who have two children ages 3 and 1, can be counted among the growing ranks of savers. "We actually do have a savings account that has money in it where we didn't a year ago," Norton said.

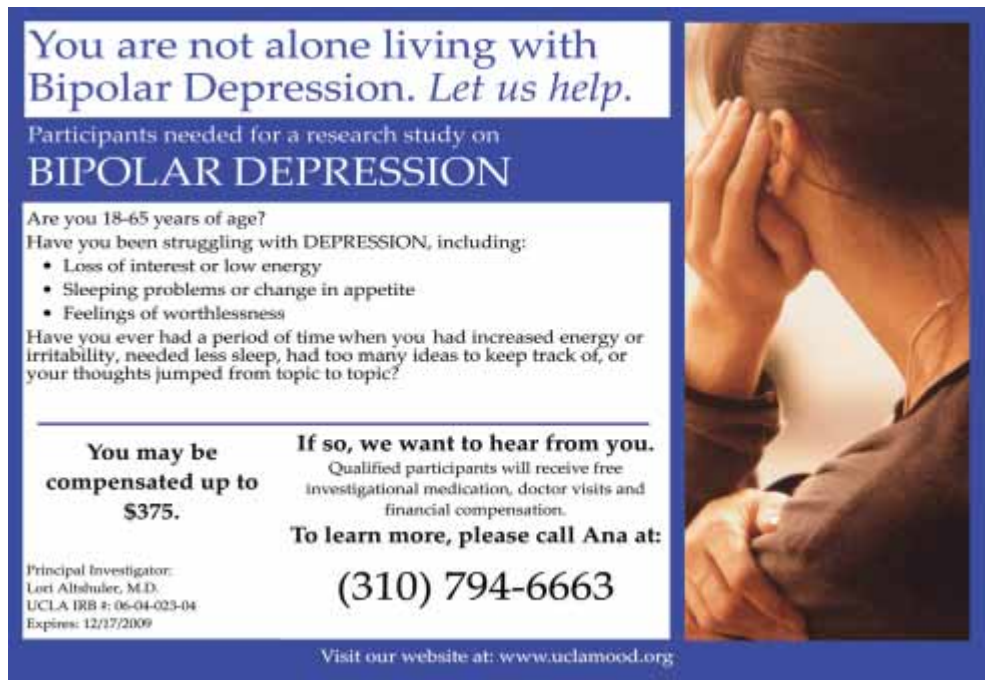
The AP-GfK poll found that the share of people using their credit cards to buy what they want even if they don't have the money dropped to 19 percent, down from 25 percent last year.

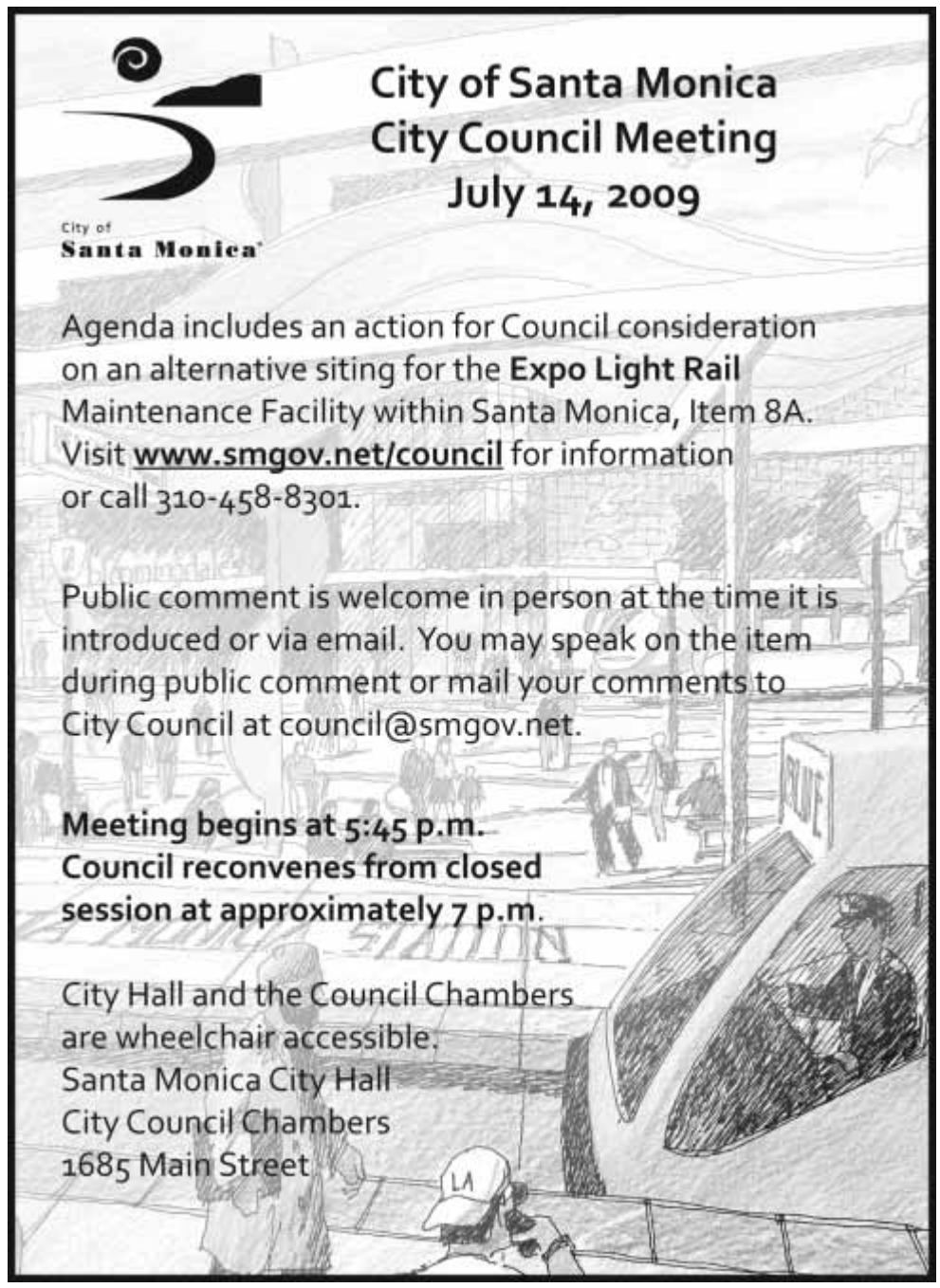
Retired educator Judith Vostal, 66, of Tinley Park, Ill., feels less stress despite the fact that her investments have tanked. She owes $75,000 on her home mortgage but doesn't have any other debt. "I'm old enough to know that you deal with what you have and life goes on," she said.

A Democrat, Vostal is optimistic now that Obama is in the White House. "I believe in the things he says, and I believe that he is going to do the best he can to make the changes he talks about," she said.

But Jeri Bowman, 37, a teacher in Riverside, Calif., says her stress has gone up even though she and her husband are spending less and are working to trim their debt. They've paid off about $2,000 of their credit card debt but still have about $13,000 left. And, they have student loans.







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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 65°

Swell Forecast (not available)

Today is looking like a smaller day with just knee to maybe waist high waves most everywhere. Some south facing breaks, mostly south of LA, possibly waist high or slightly better at times.

Long Range Synopsis

Later this week should see a slight swath of southern hemi swell to bring south facing breaks into waist or waist+ waves.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

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

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

LEGEND

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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MLB

Lincecum, Halladay to start All-Star game

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK
Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS Tim Lincecum plans to enjoy this trip to the All-Star game much more than his last one. The first thing he has to do is stay healthy so he can pitch.

The baby-faced San Francisco Giants ace was picked to start for the National League on Tuesday night at Busch Stadium. Toronto right-hander Roy Halladay will get the ball for the AL.

Last year's NL Cy Young Award winner, Lincecum is 10-2 with a 2.33 ERA, making him a natural choice for NL manager Charlie Manuel. Despite a slight, boyish build, the 25-year-old right-hander is tied for the major league lead with 149 strikeouts.

Lincecum made the All-Star team last season but missed the game at Yankee Stadium because he was ill. Asked on Monday if he would take any precautions to make sure he doesn't get sick again this year, Lincecum said he would load up on fluids to remain hydrated and have Giants teammate Matt Cain "put a leash around my neck, keep me in a room."

"This is a great accomplishment for me," Lincecum said, his long, shaggy hair protruding from under a black knit cap. "I think tomorrow the big thing is going to be just getting to the field. And after that, just getting on the field."

Halladay, 10-3 with a 2.85 ERA for the Toronto Blue Jays, was selected to start by AL manager Joe Maddon of Tampa Bay.

This is Halladay's sixth All-Star appearance, but his first starting honor — and it could be his final trip in a Toronto uniform.

Blue Jays general manager J.P. Ricciardi said last week he'll listen to trade offers for the 2003 AL Cy Young Award winner, who is signed through 2010 and would have to agree to a deal.

At a news conference Monday, broadcaster Bob Costas called Halladay a member of the Blue Jays "at least for the moment," which drew a round of uneasy chuckles.

"It's tough. Obviously, I'm somewhere that I enjoy being and have spent my entire career. There's a lot, I think, that goes into it," Halladay said. "I think as a player, there's that will to win, that will to do it in October and basically that's what all of this has been about. I would like that chance. I'm not saying it won't be Toronto. You'd like to be three games up in first place and not have to deal with it."

Lincecum and Halladay each pitched Thursday, so both will be on their regular four days of rest.

In his most recent outing against San Diego, Lincecum carried a no-hit bid into the seventh inning and won his fourth straight outing.

Halladay, who has won more games than any other major league pitcher since 2002, has made three starts since returning from a stint on the disabled list with a groin strain.

Manuel chose one of his own Phillies players, Gold Glove winner Shane Victorino, to start in center field in place of injured Carlos Beltran, who was elected by fans.

"I wanted a guy that had played center field, was a true center fielder to put out there," Manuel said.

Florida shortstop Hanley Ramirez will lead off for the NL, followed by Philadelphia second baseman Chase Utley, St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols and Milwaukee slugger Ryan Braun in right. Raul Ibanez of the Phillies will be in left and bat fifth, in front of Mets third baseman David Wright, Victorino, Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina and Lincecum.

For the AL, Seattle right fielder Ichiro Suzuki leads off and Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter is in the No. 2 hole. Minnesota catcher Joe Mauer bats third, followed by New York first baseman Mark Teixeira, Boston left fielder Jason Bay, Texas center fielder Josh Hamilton, Tampa Bay third baseman Evan Longoria, Toronto second baseman Aaron Hill and Halladay.

"It's just a great honor for me and I'm extremely excited," Halladay said. "A highlight moment for me in my career, so thank you."

Hill will start in place of Boston's Dustin Pedroia, last year's league MVP. Pedroia's wife, Kelli, is seven months pregnant and has been in the hospital since Monday with complications.

Halladay was chosen to start over Kansas City ace Zack Greinke, among others. Greinke is 10-5 with an AL-best 2.12 ERA.

"I think Doc over the last several years has demonstrated to be possibly the best pitcher in the American League," Maddon said. "Just based on this season and a body of work, I thought that he deserved the nod."

David Wells was the last Toronto pitcher to start an All-Star game, in 2000. San Francisco sent Jason Schmidt to the mound six years ago.

MLS

Beckham: Issues with Donovan squashed

BY SOLANGE REYNER
Associated Press Writer

CARSON, Calif. David Beckham has resolved his issues with Landon Donovan, saying he recently had a good conversation with his Los Angeles Galaxy teammate.

Beckham practiced with the Galaxy on Monday for the first time since returning from a five-month loan to Italian club AC Milan. Since his arrival back in Southern California, he has been peppered by questions about Donovan calling him a bad captain and portraying the English star as stingy in an upcoming book.

Beckham said details of his recent conversation with Donovan will remain private but it went very well.

"I'm not going to talk about what was said," Beckham said. "That was between me, Landon and the manager (Bruce Arena). I said the other day everything that was needed to say."

On Saturday at an MLS event, Beckham called Donovan's behavior "unprofessional."

Beckham will play his first game of the season with the Galaxy when they face the Red Bulls at Giants Stadium on Thursday. The Galaxy host AC Milan on Sunday.

"We're getting past it, we're moving on," Donovan said. "There's a lot of things I regret. I regret the way that I went about this process and I also regret some of the things I said."

MOVIE TIMES

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AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

The Taking of Pelham 123 (R) 1hr 44min
2:25, 7:30

Irene In Time (PG-13) 1hr 35min
11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:15, 9:50

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:10, 2:45, 5:20, 7:45, 10:10

Year One (PG-13) 1hr 40min
12:00, 5:00, 10:00

I Love You, Beth Cooper (PG-13) 1hr 42min
11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

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

The Proposal (PG-13) 1hr 48 min
10:50, 1:25, 4:05, 6:50, 9:30

Up (Digital 3-D) (PG) 1hr 36min
10:45 a.m., 1:30, 4:15, 7:10, 9:55

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
11:15 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
11:00 a.m., 12:30, 4:00, 7:30, 10:45

Public Enemies (R) 2hrs 23min
11:30 a.m., 1:15, 2:45, 4:30, 6:30, 8:00, 9:45

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood
Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
12:01 a.m.

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Whatever Works (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Moon (R) 1hr 52min
1:50, 4:30

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 26min
1:00, 4:00, 7:10, 10:15

Soul Power (PG-13) 1hr 48min
1:40, 4:10, 7:00, 9:30

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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Bruno (R) 1hr 28min
11:30 a.m., 12:30, 1:40, 2:40, 3:50, 4:50, 6:00, 7:00, 8:15, 9:10, 10:30

Away We Go (R) 1hr 37min
11:40 a.m., 2:10, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

My Sister's Keeper (PG-13) 1hr 46min
11:10 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:20,10:00

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
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Tonight, get a lot of exercise Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ If you enjoy yourself and understand what is going on, you will be able to move through a problem. Listen to suggestions more carefully, as you are on autopilot. Tonight: Ask and expect to receive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Listen to what others are saying and read between the lines. Use your intuition if you need to make a decision. You are best off doing a lot of listening and evaluating. Try to dive into work and get your job done. Tonight: Yawn -- early to bed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You could be exhausted from a current situation. Listen to what others share with an open mind. Someone you care about understands much more than you think. Tonight: Where people are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A must appearance could cause you a lot of tension. Don't let this happen. Know where you are going and why. If you have an opportunity to make a change or adjust your role in an uncomfortable situation, do. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ If you want a job done exactly as you like, do it yourself. The smart move will be to delegate, or not be so controlling. If others have a vested interest, the quality of the project, interaction or situation will be improved. Tonight: Say "yes."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Deal with others directly, knowing that a lot could unfold. No matter how you handle a personal matter, you always wonder if you could have done something differently. Enjoy the key people in your life through acceptance. Tonight: Dinner for two.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ The true question remains: Can you handle what is on your plate? Please honor your limits. You don't need to ingratiate yourself to anyone. Tonight: Sort through your options.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Look in the mirror; are you going overboard in one area of your life? Perhaps you might want to make an adjustment rather than pay the ultimate cost of leading a one-sided issue. Tonight: Get a lot of exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ How you see someone and what goes on could make a huge difference. Lighten up and allow more playfulness into your life. Creativity flows into your life. Tonight: Add more to the night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Understand what is going on with a family member, roommate or your domestic life. Be careful with signing any agreement today. Tonight: Mosey on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb.18)
★★★★ Listen to news, but also ask questions. Someone might be exaggerating because he or she wants to make you happy. Clear up this situation nicely, or just accept it, depending on what type of impact this person has. Tonight: Visit with a dear friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Understand your limits. Know what you want to do. Sometimes you simply cannot see eye to eye with others, no matter how hard you try. Think in terms of both of you being right, not in black-and-white terms. Tonight: Pay bills first.

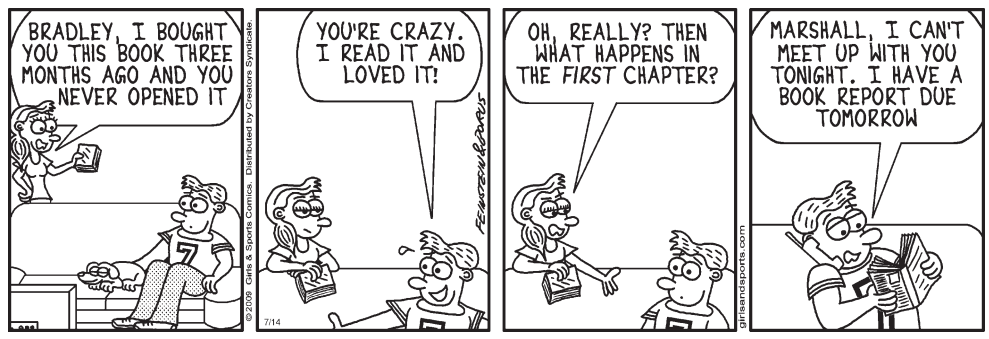
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The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

Happy birthday

This year, you cannot help it -- you are noticed. Many could push leadership roles on you, whether you like it or not. Make headway and stay centered. Know your limits, but don't push too hard. Others will count on you more and more. If you are single, many people would like to be your significant other. Take advantage of time in order to choose the right person. Ask yourself what kind of relationship you want. If you are attached, do more as a couple more often. You will become closer and closer as a result. ARIES can trigger strong reactions.

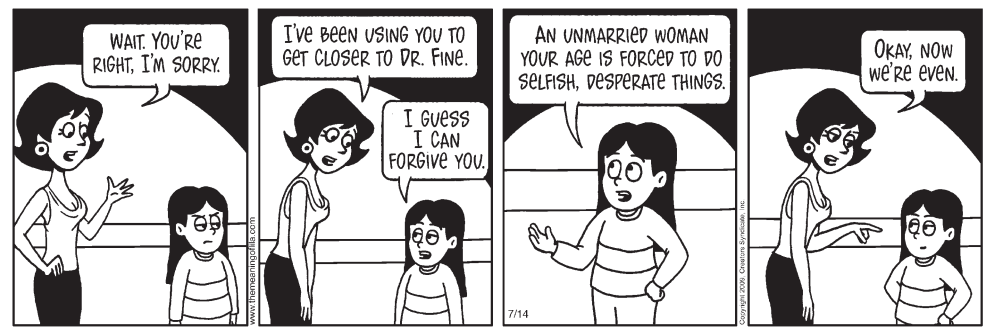
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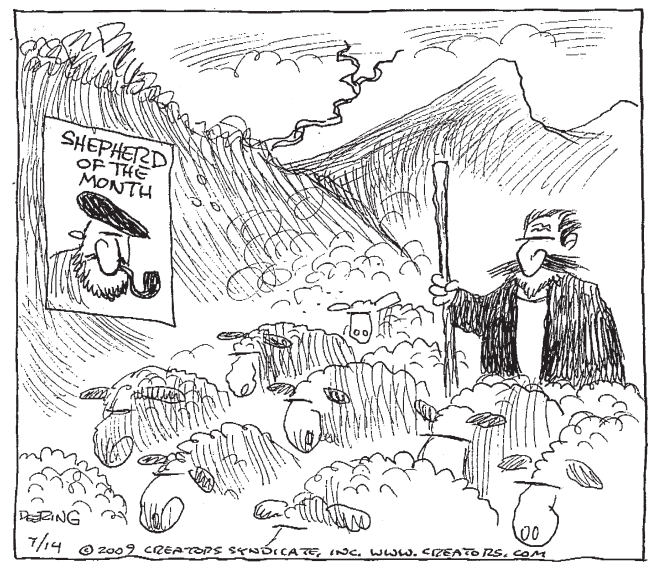
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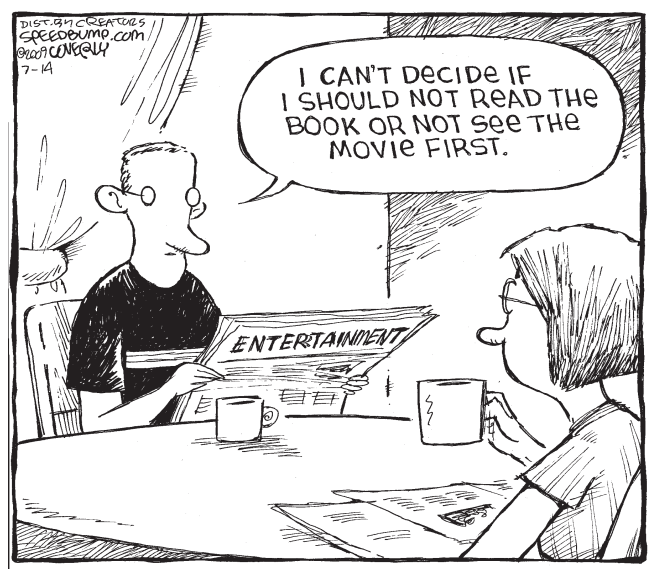
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Difficulty Level ★★

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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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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Americans Fantasize, Germans Act: Two formerly well-off retired couples in Speyer, Germany, whose nest egg was largely wiped out by investments in sub-prime Florida mortgages, vented their anger by kidnapping their investment adviser, James Amburn, in June. They took him to the vacation home of one of the couples near the Austrian border, bound him like a mummy and beat and tortured him over several days, fracturing two ribs, in repeated attempts to punish him and extort his own property as partial compensation for their losses. Police rescued him after he managed to send a coded message by fax.

■ People With Too Much Money: (1) A resident at 48 Commonwealth Ave. in Boston's Back Bay neighborhood paid $300,000 in June for one outdoor, uncovered parking space, according to the listing agent. (2) Texas accountant Randy Reeves, 50, paid $1,500 cash in April for the dentist's mold of the upper and lower teeth of Tiny Tim, which the late singer had given to the seller.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1798 Congress passed the Sedition Act, making it a federal crime to publish false, scandalous or malicious writing about the U.S. government.

1853 Commodore Matthew Perry relayed to Japanese officials a letter from President Millard Fillmore, requesting trade relations. (Fillmore's term of office had already expired by the time the letter was delivered.)

1881 Outlaw William H. Bonney Jr., alias "Billy the Kid," was shot and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett in Fort Sumner, N.M.

1908 The short film "The Adventures of Dollie," the first movie directed by D.W. Griffith, opened in New York.

1913 Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr., the 38th president of the United States, was born Leslie Lynch King Jr. in Omaha, Neb.

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Notice of Divided Publication

Pursuant to Sections 3702, 3381, and 3382, Revenue and Taxation Code, the Notice of Sale of Tax-Defaulted Property Subject to the Power of Sale in and for the County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in said County for publication of a portion thereof in each of said newspapers.

Public Auction Notice (R&TC 3702)
Of Sale Of Tax-Defaulted Property
Subject To
The Power Of Sale (Sale No. 2009B)

Whereas, on May 12, 2009, I, MARK J. SALADINO, Treasurer and Tax Collector, was directed by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, State of California, to sell at public auction certain Tax-Defaulted properties which are Subject to the Power of Sale. Public notice is hereby given that unless said properties are redeemed prior thereto, I will, on August 17 and 18, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., at the Fairplex Los Angeles County Fairgrounds, 1101 W. McKinley Avenue, Building 5, Pomona, California, offer for sale and sell said properties at public auction to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check in lawful money of the United States for not less than the minimum bid. If no bids are received on a parcel, it will be re-offered at the end of the auction at a reduced minimum price.

The minimum bid for each parcel is the total amount necessary to redeem, plus costs, as required by Section 3698.5 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.

Prospective bidders should obtain detailed information of this sale from the County Treasurer and Tax Collector. Pre-registration and a $5,000 deposit in the form of cash, cashier's check or bank issued money order is required at the time of registration. No personal checks, two-party checks or business checks will be accepted for registration. Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., starting, Monday, July 13, 2009, at the Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office, located at 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California and will end on Friday, July 31, 2009, at 5:00 p.m.

If the property is sold, parties of interest, as defined by Section 4675 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, have a right to file a claim with the County for any proceeds from the sale, which are in excess of the liens and costs required to be paid from the proceeds. If excess proceeds result from the sale, notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to law.

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If redemption of the property is not made according to the law before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 14, 2009, which is the last business day prior to the first day of auction, the right of redemption will cease.

The Assessor's Identification Number (AIN) in this publication refers to the Assessor's Map Book, the Map Page, and the individual Parcel Number on the Map Page. If a change in the Assessor's Identification Number occurred, both prior and current Assessor's Identification Numbers are shown. An explanation of the parcel numbering system and the maps referred to are available from the Office of the Assessor located at 500 West Temple Street, Room 225, Los Angeles, California 90012.

A list explaining the abbreviations used in this publication is on file in the Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, 225 North Hill Street, Room 130, Los Angeles, California 90012, or telephone 1 (213) 974-2045.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed at Los Angeles, California, on June 2, 2009.

MARK J. SALADINO
Los Angeles County
Treasurer and Tax Collector
State of California

The real property that is subject to this notice is situated in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and is described as follows:

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