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Council to consider raising parking rates

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Parking in Downtown public garages could soon force visitors to dig deeper into their wallets.

The City Council next month is expected to take up the question of whether to increase rates at Structures 1-9 along Second and Fourth streets as per recommendations outlined in a recent study about parking occupancy in private and public facilities.

The suggestion by Walker Parking Consultants is to increase the maximum daily rate for parking from $7 to $9, raise the evening prices for vehicles entering after 6 p.m. from $3 to $5, the monthly permits from $82.50 to $121, and reduce the free two-hour daytime parking to one hour. The consultants will make a presentation about the study to the council at its meeting.

The Bayside District Corp. board of directors recently made a motion to support the increases with the condition that City Hall hire a parking czar who would be dedicated to such issues in Downtown. The board decided not to back the recommendation to reduce one free daytime hour.

Kathleen Rawson, the executive director for Bayside, a public-private management company that helps City Hall manage and promote Downtown, said that the revenue from the rate increases would help pay for the parking czar as well as improving parking and access in the heart of the city.

"We believe that parking is such a major issue for anyone who lives, works or plays in Downtown Santa Monica," Rawson said. "It's top of mind for everyone and it has to be handled well and it can't be in addition to someone else's other job."

In the report released late last month, the consultant found that there was a significant number of private and public spaces that remained unoccupied even during peak hours because of substantially under market pricing at the public garages, which left visitors competing for the most conveniently located and cheapest structures.

There are public garages that do remain underutilized, including the Civic Center Garage. The consultant suggested running a shuttle between the garage and the Third Street Promenade.

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CLEANING THE PIPES: **Brett Fehlman from the Crome Organ Co. out of Reno, Nev. works on setting up the Wurlitzer pipe organ inside Santa Monica High School's Barnum Hall on Monday afternoon. The organ was donated to the school as part of restoration effort.**

Organ donor gives life to Barnum Hall

BY NATALIE JARVEY
Special to the Daily Press

SAMOHI The walls of Barnum Hall will soon echo with the sound of music, organ music to be exact.

Installation began Saturday of a 1920s Wurlitzer organ donated to the recently

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Residents react to plane crash

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM AIRPORT Lloyd Saunders was hard at work in the garden when he heard it.

Lynn Barker was enjoying an afternoon outside with her husband when the sound caught their attention.

All looked up and saw and heard the same thing — a small plane struggling overhead, sputtering, going out of sight and then silence.

They knew the fate of the plane.

"I didn't go over to the airport because I had figured what had happened," Saunders, who lives on Hill Street just north of the airport, said.

The plane, a single-engine Long-EZ, departed from Santa Monica Airport around 2:45 p.m. on Sunday for a local flight, losing engine power immediately after. The pilot turned around and attempted to make an emergency landing when the plane crashed on the runway and skidded off.

The pilot and only person on board, William Davenport of Los Angeles, was transported to a nearby hospital where he was still being treated for injuries as of Monday afternoon. Officials said the injuries appear not to be life threatening.

The runway was closed for about five hours following the crash for crews to comb through debris, reopening around 8 p.m., Ian Gregor, the spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration, said. The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the accident, a process that is expected to take several months.

Barker, who lives on Warren Avenue just a few blocks south of the airport, described the panic that she and her husband felt as they heard the plane sputter, running to the front of the house and wondering where the plane would fall.

"This went on for a minute and then it stalled completely and there was silence," Barker said. "We were honestly waiting for a crash and it never came."

She jumped in the car and drove to the airport, snapping some photos of the crash scene.

"Thank god he was an experienced pilot because he did the right thing," Barker, who also

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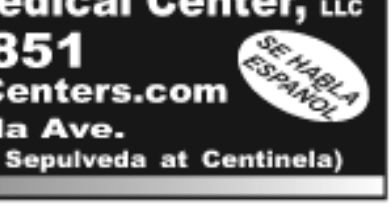
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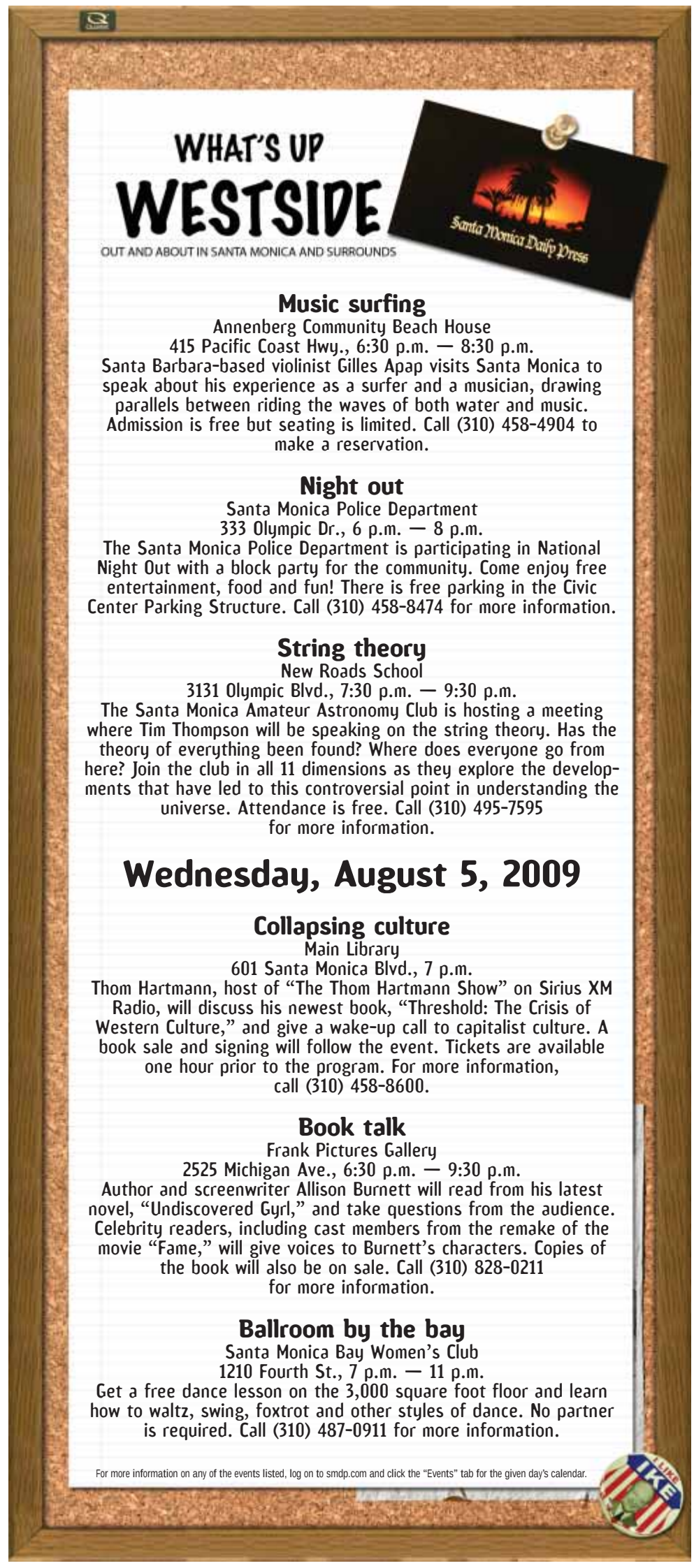
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Music surfing
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Hwy., 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Santa Barbara-based violinist Gilles Apap visits Santa Monica to speak about his experience as a surfer and a musician, drawing parallels between riding the waves of both water and music. Admission is free but seating is limited. Call (310) 458-4904 to make a reservation.

Night out
Santa Monica Police Department
333 Olympic Dr., 6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
The Santa Monica Police Department is participating in National Night Out with a block party for the community. Come enjoy free entertainment, food and fun! There is free parking in the Civic Center Parking Structure. Call (310) 458-8474 for more information.

String theory
New Roads School
3131 Olympic Blvd., 7:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
The Santa Monica Amateur Astronomy Club is hosting a meeting where Tim Thompson will be speaking on the string theory. Has the theory of everything been found? Where does everyone go from here? Join the club in all 11 dimensions as they explore the developments that have led to this controversial point in understanding the universe. Attendance is free. Call (310) 495-7595 for more information.

Wednesday, August 5, 2009

Collapsing culture
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m.
Thom Hartmann, host of "The Thom Hartmann Show" on Sirius XM Radio, will discuss his newest book, "Threshold: The Crisis of Western Culture," and give a wake-up call to capitalist culture. A book sale and signing will follow the event. Tickets are available one hour prior to the program. For more information, call (310) 458-8600.

Book talk
Frank Pictures Gallery
2525 Michigan Ave., 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Author and screenwriter Allison Burnett will read from his latest novel, "Undiscovered Gyrl," and take questions from the audience. Celebrity readers, including cast members from the remake of the movie "Fame," will give voices to Burnett's characters. Copies of the book will also be on sale. Call (310) 828-0211 for more information.

Ballroom by the bay
Santa Monica Bay Women's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Get a free dance lesson on the 3,000 square foot floor and learn how to waltz, swing, foxtrot and other styles of dance. No partner is required. Call (310) 487-0911 for more information.

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Fabian Lewkowicz *FabianLewkowicz.com*

Animal expert Dr. Karen 'Doc' Halligan from the Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals pretends to implant a micro chip into 'Hip-Hop Harry' during the Pet Fair & Chip-a-thon on Saturday, Aug. 1. The chips help identify pets much like a collar with tags.

U.S. sees biggest revenue drop since 1932

STEPHEN OHLEMACHER
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON The recession is starving the government of tax revenue, just as the president and Congress are piling a major expansion of health care and other programs on the nation's plate and struggling to find money to pay the tab.

The numbers could hardly be more stark: Tax receipts are on pace to drop 18 percent this year, the biggest single-year decline since the Great Depression, while the federal deficit balloons to a record $1.8 trillion.

Other figures in an Associated Press analysis underscore the recession's impact: Individual income tax receipts are down 22 percent from a year ago. Corporate income taxes are down 57 percent. Social Security tax receipts could drop for only the second time since 1940, and Medicare taxes are on pace to drop for only the third time ever.

The last time the government's revenues were this bleak, the year was 1932 in the midst of the Depression.

"Our tax system is already inadequate to support the promises our government has made," said Eugene Steuerle, a former Treasury Department official in the Reagan administration who is now vice president of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation.

"This just adds to the problem."

While much of Washington is focused on how to pay for new programs such as overhauling health care — at a cost of $1 trillion over the next decade — existing programs are feeling the pinch, too.

Social Security is in danger of running out of money earlier than the government projected just a few month ago. Highway, mass transit and airport projects are at risk because fuel and industry taxes are declining.

The national debt already exceeds $11 trillion. And bills just completed by the House would boost domestic agencies' spending by 11 percent in 2010 and military spending by 4 percent.

For this report, the AP analyzed annual tax receipts dating back to the inception of the federal income tax in 1913. Tax receipts for the 2009 budget year were available through June. They were compared to the same period last year. The budget year runs from October to September, meaning there will be three more months of receipts this year.

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Strong quake hits Calif. Gulf

MARTHA MENDOZA
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY A powerful earthquake Monday shook fishing villages along Mexico's Gulf of California, prompting alarm as far away as Phoenix, but there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

The U.S. National Earthquake Information Center said the 6.9-magnitude quake struck at 12:59 p.m. (1:59 EDT, 17:59 GMT) and was centered 76 miles (122 kilometers) north-northeast of Santa Isabel in Baja California and 331 miles (533 kilometers) southeast of the border city of Tijuana.

It was the strongest of four quakes of 5.0-magnitude or greater that struck the area over a 45-minute period late Monday morning.

Phoenix Fire Department spokesman Alex Rangel said a high-rise near downtown shook violently enough that workers evacuated but there were no reports of injuries or damage. The quake was located about 460 miles from downtown Phoenix.

Wilfredo Rivera, a manager at the Posada Santa Gemma hotel in Bahia Kino near the coast, said doors slammed as the ground rocked.

"The earth was turning around really ugly," he said. "People got really scared."

Civil protection officials in the two states on either side of the quake — Baja California and Sonora — said there were no reports of damage or injury.

The quakes were all centered in the middle of the narrow slice of sea between the Baja peninsula and Mexico's mainland, which reduced its chances of causing major damage, said Don Blakeman, an analyst at the center.

U.S. authorities said there was no tsunami threat to Hawaii or the Pacific coast of the United States. The Gulf of California coast was put on alert for large waves, said Alfredo Escobedo, the director of the Baja California civil protection service.

Scientists say some areas where strong shaking occurred may experience local underwater landslides.

The Gulf of California, also known as the Sea of Cortez, is believed to have come into being millions of years ago when tectonic forces shifted the Baja California peninsula off the North American Plate.

Called the "world's aquarium" by undersea explorer Jacques Cousteau, the sea has a unique ecosystem and is home to hammerhead sharks, whale sharks, orca whales, dolphins and giant Pacific manta rays.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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A blessing in disguise

Editor:

The ACLU sued City Hall and the Santa Monica Police Department because some people who are homeless in Santa Monica cannot find a bed in one of our shelters. Everyone knows the homeless on our streets are not there because they were evicted from a Santa Monica apartment, or lost their Santa Monica home to foreclosure. The homeless are attracted to Santa Monica because the wide array of social service programs and hundreds of shelter beds we fund are a magnet for the county's homeless. Apparently the aim of the lawsuit is to force the City Council to vote to divert money that should be going to our school district in these financially troubled times and instead, spend more money to house and provide services to more homeless of Los Angeles County. The lawsuit presents an opportunity to compel the many cities in the county that have no services or homeless shelters to develop them. The City Council should direct the City Attorney's Office to file a Cross Complaint against Rolling Hills Estates, Rancho Palos Verdes, Palos Verdes Estates, Bradbury, San Marino, La Cañada, Manhattan Beach, Redondo Beach and Hermosa Beach, so the court will order the development of homeless shelters in those cities and provide housing for the county's homeless.

Mathew Millen
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Health care for all

Editor:

As the head of a small healthcare-related business in operation for the past 15 years, I have seen first hand the challenges and suffering of fellow citizens related to our un-democratic healthcare system. Too many employed are unable to afford reasonable healthcare costs – including many with insurance. Many employers must choose between offering coverage or going out of business. The millions with no coverage at all are reduced to going without or using emergency rooms, both of which cost all of us even more in the end while resolving none of the critical problems related to access to healthcare for all. In a country with as much wealth as we have, I believe healthcare is a right not a privilege for a limited few. For this, we are all responsible. As with other health related concerns, we can take responsibility now or pay a higher price later. The ultimate price is in how we honor our fellows, which is reflective of how we value ourselves – or not. The choice is ours. A universal healthcare system including a publicly run option is a concrete example of democracy in action.

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Separate and unequal

Editor:

I don't know if the letter-writer David Houston ("Stop frivolous lawsuits," page 4, July 28) was around when West Hollywood's Barney's Beanery prominently displayed a sign over the bar, "Faggots stay out." The late Morris Kight was successful in leading a 15-year legal battle to force Barney's to remove its sign.

It looks like Barney's is still up to its old tricks resisting litigation to keep it from being "separate and unequal."

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What's the Point?

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

Fish don't fear fire

THIS PAST MEMORIAL DAY I WAS AT a men's retreat in the Malibu mountains. It's 320 gay men running around the forest, well, decorating it really. There are all kinds of arts and crafts events, inner emotional workshops, classes on how to get to know your inner child, and of course with 320 gay men, there has to be a talent show.

I've seen some amazing acts at this retreat. Everything from great comedians to a female impersonator who sang so well it brought down the house. But sometimes, it's the simple reading of a piece of poetry that sticks with me the most. I'm always amazed how a few words are able to encompass a world of emotions or experiences, which can change one's perspective permanently.

This year there was a poem read that began, "Fish don't fear fire." It was an eye opening experience for me. The poem was all about frames of reference, and how we all see the world through our own eyes and experience the world in only one angle.

Fish have no experience with fire. They don't generally come in contact with it, even when they are served up on a plate, before that they have been slaughtered and gutted before being slipped into a butter and lemon sauce. Consequently, they have no capacity to fear it. They don't know its beauty, nor its fearsomeness. They don't know that it can save your life if you're in the Sierra Nevadas some winter night, nor do they understand that it can make food more palatable.

There's a lesson in that for all of us. Experience more and we can learn more.

Humans intuitively fear what they do not understand. It's a survival skill that's left over from the days of hunting and gathering. Back when we didn't have microwaves and cell phones, earlier even than McDonald's.

It's a hardwired, survival instinct. It drives our personal, and social, life. It's what creates cliques in high school, religions in cities and political parties at the national level. On a global level it is what drives the animosities between nations. Fear of the other, whatever the other is.

That hardwired instinct is what drives racism, sexism, homophobia, religious intolerance and class warfare. Which is why, when we are faced with the reality of what the other is, and can see our commonalities, our connections and our equality, we can choose to grow beyond our initial reactions.

Fear is used by politicians to get the voters to rally behind a strong "nationalistic" platform. It is used to drive wedges between populations that have little in opposition and much in common, but to get the votes, a politician needs "an other" to fight against.

We've seen this in our politics, politicians rail against the evils of the homosexual agenda (which is what exactly? Because I never received my copy) to the horrors of allowing interracial marriage, and the coming destruction of our way of life by allowing people to smoke marijuana. My personal way of life has not been affected by the heterosexual marriage of my neighbors, the interracial dating of the other neighbor, or the frequently stoned guy down the street.

WE GROW UP FEARING WHAT WE DON'T KNOW. IT IS ONLY WHEN WE ARE EXPOSED TO SOMETHING THAT WE BEGIN TO SEE THE BEAUTY, THE STRENGTHS, AND THE WEAKNESSES, IN THE OTHER.

Well, that's probably a lie. My life has probably been improved by all of them. My straight neighbors are lovely people. You'd hardly know they were heterosexual. They don't fight, they laugh a lot, they're wonderful hosts and she has a fabulous garden in the back. My black neighbor dated a white guy, who had a really cool Lotus that I got to sit in one day, that was fun. Stoner dude and I have had some great conversations on what his generation is up to and how they have a much more accepting attitude towards race, and sexual orientation than my own.

We grow up fearing what we don't know. It is only when we are exposed to something that we begin to see the beauty, the strengths, and the weaknesses, in the "other." It is by familiarity that the other loses its fearsomeness, and that we begin to respect the other. We don't have to become the other, to respect it, for it will become part of us. When I see myself in the loving relationship of my neighbors I see how to be more loving, when I experience life without color barriers to love, I see more love, when I can talk to the straight stoner dude about dating, and we can empathize with each other, then I become more loving, less color aware, and more youthful.

When we change our frames of reference, we change ourselves, almost always for the better.

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Back to Nature

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Exploring Southern California's exquisite coastal ecosystems

THE NATIVE ECOSYSTEMS ALONG THE COAST and into the mountains of Southern California are breathtaking. They have been sculpted by millions of years of climate change and Mother Nature's biological broom — fire.

The equator is bombarded with the most amount of solar radiation; and warm, moist air constantly rises, cools, rains and by the time the air returns to Earth's surface its latitudes are about 30 degrees north or south of the equator. This coincides with the world's great deserts.

Yet, in six unique locales a combination of local factors preclude the occurrence of deserts — instead semi arid shrublands thrive in southwestern and southern Australia, Southern California, central Chile, the Mediterranean Basin and the Cape of South Africa.

Hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters typify Southern California's weather pattern and have been classified as Mediterranean-like climate — an extremely pleasant climate but highly prone to lightning-induced summer fires.

Along the coast in Southern California the vegetation is remarkably adapted to living with about 8 inches of precipitation — or desert-like moisture conditions. This plant community is called the Coastal Sage Scrub ecosystem.

The moisture within the fog that bathes this zone is crucial for this ecosystems survival. And not surprisingly, plant leaves have ingeniously adapted to trap fog and funnel fog-drip to their roots.

In fact, the rarest pine species in the U.S. — Torrey pine — lives in the coastal sage scrub ecosystem along a sliver of coastline in Del Mar and on a couple Channel Islands. Torrey pines have long, blue-gray flat, wide needles that efficiently trap fog; miraculously their roots are also able to contend with high amounts of sodium in sea spray from the waves crashing along the coastline beneath the mesa where they live.

Torrey pines have also adapted to fire by keeping some of the cones shut tight with viable seeds awaiting the heat of the fire to open them.

In the springtime when this ecosystem is in full bloom with a kaleidoscope of vibrant colors, it attracts pollinators like bees, hummingbirds, moths and butterflies and the air is pungent with floral scents.

Plant odors are thought to help attract pollinators and at the same time repel herbivores from noshing on the leaves. Odors probably evolved alongside the gooey resinous coatings of many plant leaves to prevent water loss.

At least three species of prickly-pear live in this community as well as black, white and purple sages, the bodacious orange bushmonkey flower and Suzie and my favorite the lemonade berry plant. Its fleshy seeds taste like lemon and when mixed with water make a natural lemonade tonic.

Visit the Coastal Sage Scrub in the afternoon and you might just see a monogamous pair of eagles riding the warm land thermals, searching with their binocular eyes for rodents.

Moving from the coastline up the hillside the vegetation and ecosystem receive about 16 inches of precipitation, and these plants are frost-tolerant but not snow-tolerant. This zone is called Lower Chaparral extending from about 980 to 5,250 feet above sea level.

South facing slopes have shrubs with small leaves whereas north-facing slopes have shrubs and trees with larger leaves. Plants are evergreen with resinous or waxy coatings on their hard leaves.

The word "chaparral" comes from "chaparro" — Spanish for the "land of scrub oaks" — as discovered by early Spanish explorers.

Chaparral vegetation has a two-layered root system enabling plants some growth in the summer when the Coastal Sage Scrub ecosystem has shut-down from drought.

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Despite the fact that 18 million people call Southern California, home its coastal ecosystems are a magical place to reconnect with nature and explore her wonders.

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The Q Line

Running on empty?

L.A. Dodgers owner Frank McCourt, who also owns the L.A. Marathon, has dreams of ending the route of the race somewhere near Santa Monica. Supporters say it will be an economic benefit to have the marathon pass through town while others believe it will only create more traffic and drain scarce resources.

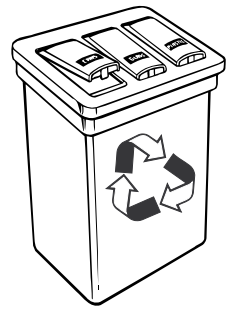
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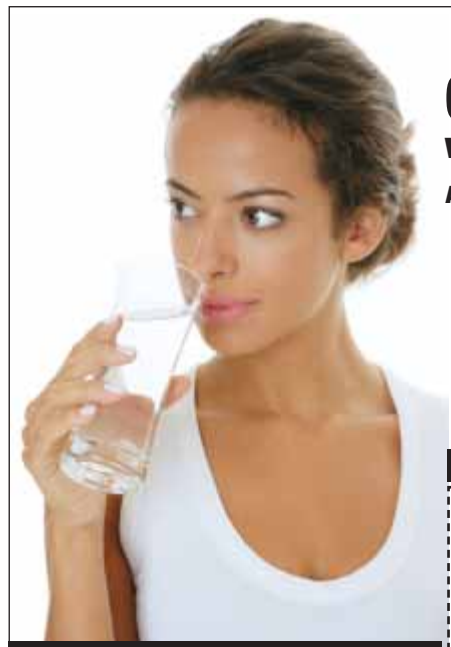
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The skinny on clunkers

THE WEEK THE CLUNKER LAW WENT into effect, we found out that the EPA had suddenly changed the MPG ratings of many cars and trucks sold in the years which would make them eligible for the so-called "clunker program" (vehicles not more than 25 years old).

The result is a hodge-podge of new ratings, but, most importantly, some cars and trucks you thought were on the list are now off — and some of you might have checked last week and saw that your cars were ineligible, but as of this week they are eligible. Washington giveth and taketh away, but much more quickly than in biblical days.

Check the (current) status of your car at www.cars.gov, and if you're interested in the program and your vehicle is now eligible, get down to a new car dealer fast, before DC steps in again to "help" or "clarify." If your car or truck was eligible and now is not, write your congressperson — and see if you get a reply before the program ends.

This is very important: Every new car dealer, import or domestic, is participating in the clunker program. There are no "official" or "sanctioned" dealers. All new-car dealers can help you with your trade-in and voucher. Some car companies can just afford more advertising than others, hence the confusion, where some car-makers infer their dealers are "clunker specialists," as if they have more experience or training in dealing with this brand-new program, explained by a 136-page law. The truth is, it's new to everyone involved, and dealers are handling it as best they can.

I don't think there's much doubt the program will run out of money before it runs out of time. Again — if your car or truck is eligible and you want to participate in the program, don't wait any longer than you must to get to a new car store and make a deal.

Your trade-in clunker will indeed be crushed; it's not going to show-up at some wholesale auction (if it does, your dealer will face federal charges; and I'm sure we'll see one or two cases of this happening). So be sure you want to participate in the program before you go shopping and make a deal. This isn't a situation where you trade-in your old car for a new one, have problems with or just don't like the new one, and think you might be able to get your trade-in back from the dealer. Nope. Once you trade it in and it's a clunker, it's gone, forever.

What's the bottom line? A pretty good one for customers, meaning a voucher for either $3,500 or $4,500 depending on the year and mileage of your trade-in clunker compared to your new car or truck.

Chrysler seems to be running the most-aggressive, customer-friendly campaign for this program, promising to match the government voucher with their own, equal discount in addition to whatever rebates and discounts were already in-effect for that model. Worth checking out, at the least.

Ford and Toyota are also, not surprisingly, forceful with their clunker program promotions; they both have advertising dollars to spend

Finally, understand that even if your car or truck is an eligible clunker under the latest NHTSA and EPA rulings (and these could change on a daily basis), you won't get the voucher unless the new car you're buying is rated as getting a certain MPG above your clunker. So, don't think trading-in your 1993 high-mileage Honda Civic on a 2009 Cadillac Escalade is going to get you that $3,500 or $4,500 government pay-out. It ain't.

Be careful, follow the rules, check www.cars.gov before you start new-car shopping, study the advertising and see which dealers are matching the voucher amount. You're helping the environment, but most of all, helping the beleaguered auto industry. Trust me, they appreciate your business, now more than ever.

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Q: My husband and I have started to take daily walks around our neighborhood for exercise. We live in an area with heavy traffic and want to know if there are any rules we should keep in mind as pedestrians.

A: One out of every six traffic fatalities is a pedestrian, so it is important for you to be informed. The 2009 California Driver Handbook offers these tips to pedestrians:

• Never "jaywalk," or cross a street between intersections. Always cross at a crosswalk.

• Do not suddenly leave a curb or other safe place and walk or run into the path of a vehicle close enough to be a danger to you.

• If there is no sidewalk, walk in the direction that faces the oncoming traffic

• At night, make yourself more visible by wearing white clothing and retro-reflective materials or by carrying a flashlight.

You can view the California Driver Handbook online at www.dmv.ca.gov. Under the Publications tab, click Driver Handbook.

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Little bones, big facts

BBY JENNIFER BALUCAN
Special to the Daily Press

When it comes to orthopaedic disorders in children, it is natural for parents to become concerned when it affects the way their child walks. However, understanding the more common orthopaedic conditions -— and knowing that many conditions are just variations of normal — can help parents recognize when the condition is a natural part of childhood and when it is necessary to enlist the help of a medical provider.

PIGEON TOES

In toeing is one of the most common musculoskeletal problems brought to the attention of primary care providers. Estimated to occur in 10 percent of children between the ages of 2 and 5, in toeing, also known as pigeon toeing, is a very common pediatric orthopaedic condition. In toeing may first be noticed when a child starts walking by the appearance of the feet being turned in or because of repeated falling while running. In most cases, the condition resolves itself without treatment. Special shoes or braces are not needed or recommended in most cases.

In toeing is caused by several conditions. If the foot causes the in toeing, it is due to a condition called metatarsus adductus. If the in toeing is caused by the lower leg between the knee and ankle, it is known as tibial torsion. If the area of the leg between the hip and knee causes the in toeing it is known as medial femoral torsion or femoral anteversion.

Majority of cases will spontaneously resolve by late childhood. There are few indications for surgery and if persistent, it is usually only a cosmetic problem. Moreover, there is some evidence that persistent in toeing may be beneficial in sports where quick directional shifts are necessary, like basketball, tennis, and soccer.

BOWLEGS AND KNOCK-KNEES

Most cases of bowlegs and knock-knees are physiologic variations of normal. All infants are born slightly bowlegged, and the curvature gradually decreases by about 2-3 years of age. By about age 7, most children reach a typical adult stance, which is slightly knock-kneed, meaning that when standing, the knees angle slightly inward. If the problem occurs on one side or becomes severe, further investigation is warranted. In these cases, a referral to a pediatric orthopaedist may be needed.

FOOT DISORDERS

A relatively common congenital foot disorder is clubfoot, which occurs in approximately one in 1,000 children. It can be unilateral or can occur on both sides. It is a congenital deformity that develops during the early stages of fetal development. Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital uses the highly effective and less invasive Ponseti method to correct clubfoot. This technique involves a series of manipulations and corrective cast applications. At the end of the period, a small surgical procedure is done to lengthen the heel cord.

A high arched foot or cavus foot is a hereditary condition and usually requires no intervention. However, any new onset, unilateral, painful, or worsening condition may indicate a neurologic problem so that further evaluation is necessary. Flat feet, or pes planus, also tends to run in families. The condition is associated with lax ligaments that cause the foot to sag during weight bearing activities. If the flat feet cause pain or affects walking, further evaluation is warranted to differentiate if the condition is flexible or rigid, since the treatment is different for the two.

BY STAYING AWARE OF COMMON ORTHOPAEDIC DISORDERS, THEIR SYMPTOMS AND TREATMENT OPTIONS, PARENTS CAN BE PREPARED AND HELP ENSURE THAT THEIR CHILDREN CONTINUE TO GROW AND THRIVE – HAPPY, HEALTHY AND ACTIVE.

Toe walking may occur as a natural phase of gait development and generally self-corrects in children around age 3. If a child older than 4 continues to toe-walk, further evaluation is necessary to evaluate if the child toe walks out of habit or if he or she has tight heel cords or a possible underlying neurologic condition.

GROWING PAINS

Growing pains typically occur at night and may be described as an "ache" or "throb" usually in front of the thighs, calves or behind the knees. The pain usually subsides by the morning. The term "growing pains" is a misnomer since there is no actual evidence that growth is painful. The musculoskeletal pain experienced at night is likely caused by overuse during the day. Treatment consists of the use of analgesics, heat, massage and stretching.

If the pain is persistent or severe enough to interfere with normal activities, located in the joint area, associated with an injury or accompanied by swelling, redness, fever or loss of appetite, it is a good idea to be evaluated by a physician to rule out other serious conditions.

By staying aware of common orthopaedic disorders, their symptoms and treatment options, parents can be prepared and help ensure that their children continue to grow and thrive — happy, healthy and active.

DR. BALUCAN practices general pediatrics at Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital. Los Angeles Orthopaedic Hospital recently opened the Renee and Meyer Luskin Children's Clinic in Santa Monica for the treatment of all forms of pediatric orthopaedic injuries and illnesses. For more information go to www.orthohospital.org/smclinic.

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New organ to have 1,500 pipes

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renovated Santa Monica High School auditorium.

The organ, which should be ready to play by the end of the month, was the final piece of a nearly million-dollar community effort started by Restore Barnum Hall in 1997 to refurbish the theater to the same quality as when it opened in 1937.

"The hall was built with organ chambers so it would have been a big waste not to put another organ in there," said Jean Sedillos, chair of Restore Barnum Hall, which continues to fund the maintenance of the auditorium.

The hall's original organ was deemed beyond repair after it was damaged during the 1994 Northridge earthquake and Restore Barnum Hall had hoped to find one to replace it within the next few years.

"We didn't even seek one but people were offering them before we even tried to look," Sedillos said.

Samohi was offered two Wurlitzer organs and decided to keep the one donated by Gordon Belt, a member of the Los Angeles Theater Organ Society.

"I do know that Santa Monica High School has a very active musical program," Belt said. "That's the reason I wanted [the organ] to go to a high school instead of a regular auditorium where it wouldn't be used as often."

Production on Wurlitzer organs stopped in the 1920s when the silent films they were made to accompany were replaced by talking films, and Belt had to assemble his organ from the parts of several instruments, including one at the Nuestra Señora Reina de los Angeles Church by Olvera Street. He added to that foundation with pipes and pieces from other sites across the country, building an extra room onto his house to accommodate the organ.

"It's a composite organ," he likes to call his finished product, which comes with three manual keyboards and 1,500 pipes and will make noises, such as a doorbell, horses' hooves and crash symbols, that were used as sound effects in silent films.

Because of this new instrument, Samohi is creating a partnership with the L.A. Theater Organ Society that would include a yearly concert. The two groups are also working to perfect a deal that would give the L.A. Theater Organ Society access to the organ for music lessons in exchange for maintenance and upkeep of the instrument.

"I'm looking into having an after-school program to teach kids the organ who might be interested," said Samohi band director Terry Sakow. "These instruments are pretty rare and there's a whole art to maintaining them. It's a pretty interesting instrument, pretty unique."

Sakow added that he and the choir director both hope to find new arrangements for their students to perform that will utilize the organ's unique sound.

"There's something about a pipe organ. When you hear it live for the first time, it's an awesome sound that can't really be captured in a recording," he said. "There's nothing quite like it."

Having the organ means that Samohi can also add to the types of events it hosts each year.

"It gives us another range in instrument that makes the space more useful," said Carey Upton, manager for Barnum Hall. "It's such a wonderful, beautiful concert hall and it gives us a whole new list of music we are able to bring in."

One of these events might even put the Wurlitzer to use the way it was intended.

"We'd love to show some silent films," Upton said. "It's a fun experience. It's very different than going to the movies today."

For many, the organ brings a piece of the past to Samohi and helps the tradition of organ music continue on into a new generation of musicians.

"We're trying to make younger people aware of the theater organ," Belt said. "I think that it's something the youth of today should still be aware of, and the instrument is adaptable to most types of music today."

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Crash unnerving to airport neighbors

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serves on the VenMar Airport Committee, said. "If it was a person taking flying lessons, it could have been another story."

> **"WE WERE HONESTLY WAITING FOR A CRASH AND IT NEVER CAME."**
>
> Lynn Barker

The accident was similarly unnerving for residents who have fears that a plane will some day crash into homes, which sit less than 300 feet from both runway ends. City Hall and the FAA are currently embroiled in a legal battle over an ordinance banning categories C and D jets from the airport, which was passed last year in response to residents' concerns that a plane could one day overshoot the runway. The plane involved in the weekend crash does not fall into either categories.

Rod Merl, the senior administrative analyst for the airport, said the experimental aircraft ended up on a 50-foot-wide area between the runway and taxiway near where the planes are parked.

After 30 years living near the airport, Saunders and his wife are contemplating moving as soon as the housing market stabilizes. He said that the noise makes it challenging to run a design business out of their home.

He added concerns over the large presence of crows in Sunset Park and whether that could one day lead to an accident, citing the U.S. Airways accident in January when a plane plummeted into the Hudson River after striking a flock of geese.

"At one time it was just a small neighborhood airport and I liken it now to Santa Monica International," Saunders said.

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Worst case scenario: Social Security depleted by 2029

FROM **REVENUE** PAGE 3

Is there a way out of the financial mess?

A key factor is the economy's health. The future of current programs — not to mention the new ones Obama is proposing — will depend largely on how fast the economy recovers from the recession, said William Gale, co-director of the Tax Policy Center.

"The numbers for 2009 are striking, head-snapping. But what really matters is what happens next," said Gale, who previously taught economics at UCLA and was an adviser to President George H. W. Bush's Council of Economic Advisers.

"If it's just one year, then it's a remarkable thing, but it's totally manageable. If the economy doesn't recover soon, it doesn't matter what your social, economic and political agenda is. There's not going to be any revenue to pay for it."

A small part of the drop in tax receipts can be attributed to new tax credits for individuals and corporations enacted in February as part of the $787 billion economic stimulus package. The sheer magnitude of the tax decline, however, points to the deep recession that is reducing incomes, wiping out corporate profits and straining government programs.

Social Security tax receipts are down less than a percentage point from last year, but in May the government had been projecting a slight increase. At the time, the government's best estimate was that Social Security would start to pay out more money than it receives in taxes in 2016, and that the fund would be depleted in 2037 unless changes are enacted.

Some experts think the sour economy has made those numbers outdated.

"You could easily move that number up three or four years, then you're talking about 2013, and that's not very far off," said Kent Smetters, associate professor of insurance and risk management at the University of Pennsylvania.

The government's projections included best- and worst-case scenarios. Under the worst, Social Security would start to pay out more money than it received in taxes in 2013, and the fund would be depleted in 2029.

The fund's trustees are still confident the solvency dates are within the range of the worst-case scenario, said Jason Fichtner, the Social Security Administration's acting deputy commissioner.

"We're not outside our boundaries yet," Fichtner said. "As the recovery comes, we'll see how that plays out."

The recession's toll on Social Security makes it even more urgent for Congress to address the fund's long-term solvency, said Sen. Herb Kohl, D-Wis., chairman of the Senate Aging Committee.

"Over the past year, millions of older Americans have watched their retirement savings crumble, making the guaranteed income of Social Security more important than ever," Kohl said.

President Barack Obama has said he wants to tackle Social Security next year, after he clears an already crowded agenda that includes overhauling health care, addressing climate change and imposing new regulations on financial companies.

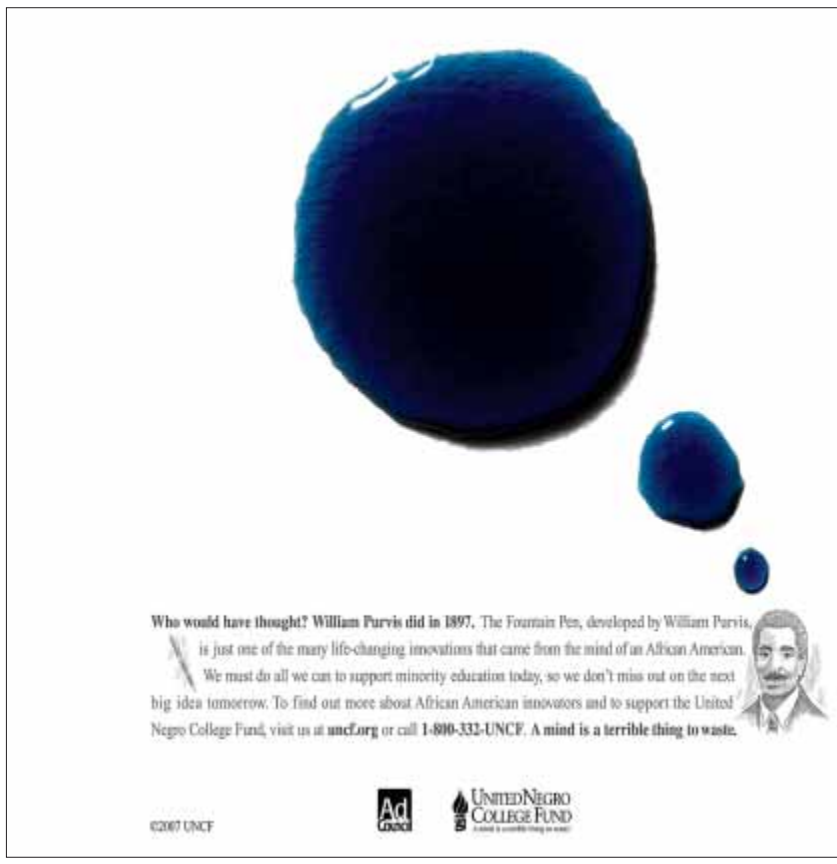
Medicare tax receipts are also down less than a percentage point for the year, pretty close to government projections. Medicare started paying out more money than it received last year.

Meanwhile, the recession is taking a toll on fuel and industry excise taxes that pay for highway, mass transit and airport projects. Fuel taxes that support road construction and mass transit projects are on pace to fall for the second straight year. Receipts from taxes on jet fuel and airline tickets are also dropping, meaning Congress will have to borrow more money to fund airport projects and the Federal Aviation Administration.

Last week, Congress voted to spend $7 billion to replenish the highway fund, which would otherwise run out of money in August. Congress spent $8 billion to replenish the fund last year.

Rep. Richard Neal, D-Mass., chairman of the House subcommittee that oversees fuel taxes, is working on a package to make the fund more self-sufficient. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which doesn't back many tax increases, supports increasing the federal gasoline tax, currently 18.4 cents per gallon.

Neal said he hasn't endorsed a specific plan. But, he added, "You can't keep going back to the general fund."





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Bayside calling for a parking czar

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One of the many recommendations in the 190-page-report to alleviate the parking shortage is to encourage visitors to use all available spaces by bringing the rates for the public garages closer to market value.

"Quite honestly, if we were to compare to our current Downtown private parking lots, the municipal facilities are almost 40 percent cheaper," Frank Ching, the parking coordinator for City Hall, said.

> **"WE BELIEVE THAT PARKING IS SUCH A MAJOR ISSUE FOR ANYONE WHO LIVES, WORKS OR PLAYS IN DOWNTOWN SANTA MONICA."**
>
> **Kathleen Rawson**
> Executive director, Bayside District Corp.

Officials said they don't expect the new rates to deter visitors from coming to the Bayside District.

"Generally, in terms of Los Angeles, we have some of the least expensive parking in the region," Rawson said.

Even with the new rates, the Downtown shopping district would still fall below the prices to park at nearby retail centers on the Westside — $10 for all-day parking at the Beverly Center; and $22 for both Westfield's Century City and The Grove.

Mayor Ken Genser, who has not yet reviewed the study, agreed that it will be important to better coordinate between the public and private garages.

"There are often shortages of parking within our structures but there are other parking spots nearby and I think we should make the most efficient use of those as possible to best serve the public," he said.

The consultants said that while the study initially explored raising rates to fund additional spaces, they have concluded the extra revenue is secondary to the money that City Hall and property owners would save if they don't have to acquire land and build new garages. Instead, they need to better manage what exists.

John Warfel, the vice chair of the Bayside Board, said he was surprised to learn that there is a substantial amount of unused parking in the area.

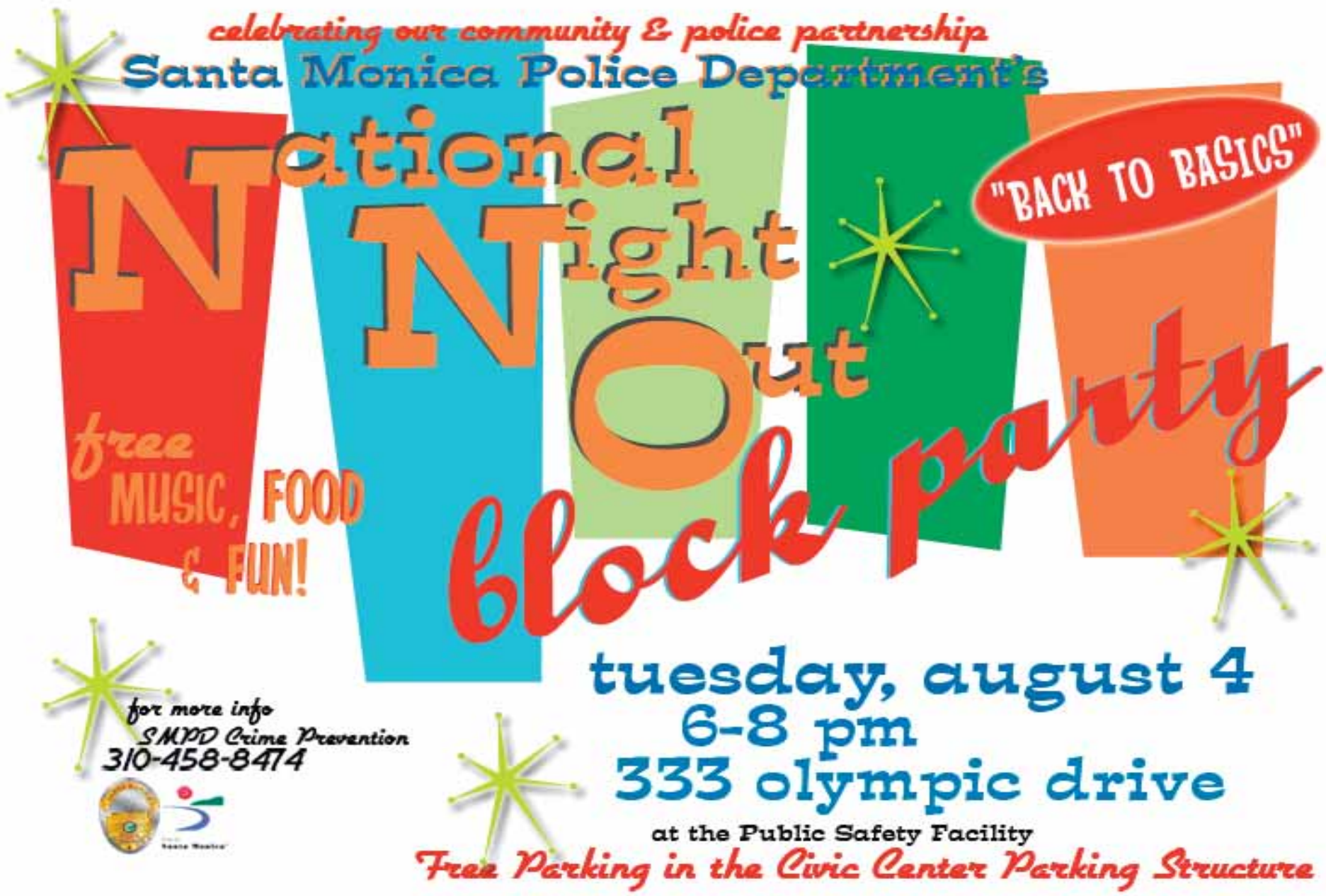
Bayside officials stressed that hiring a parking coordinator who is dedicated to circulation in Downtown will be key to alleviating the problem.

"In the past there has not been a comprehensive management of circulation and parking," Warfel said. "The Walker study pointed that out many times in many areas and this is hopefully the beginning of that."

Hanna Hartnell, who has three monthly permits for Structure 5 on Fourth Street, expressed concerns over the recommendations to increase the rates, specifically as to how it will impact employees. Hartnell, a bridal dress designer who has a shop just a block away from the garage, has had the permits since 1985, using one for herself and two for employees.

"This isn't just for people shopping, but people that are here anywhere from eight to 14 hours a day," she said. "They have to park and they can't afford something like that."

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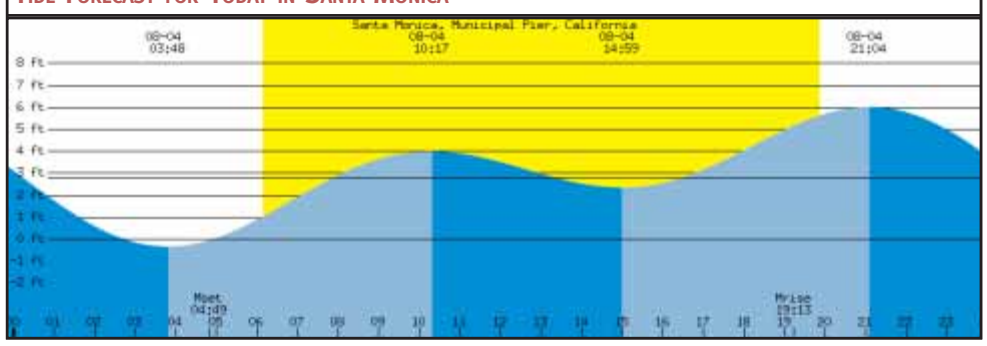
Swell Forecast

The southern hemi swell should get a bit of a boost with some additional swell coming in from around 215 degrees with 15 second periods. Most south facing breaks should see chest high sets.

Long Range Synopsis

Later this week the southern hemi should back off to waist to maybe chest high.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **July 28, 2009**

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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 -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 3 / ns

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

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	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 Blacker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Pierce Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	A	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	A+	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	A	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	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	F	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	F	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	B	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

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

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ATP

Local Querrey claims title

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Sam Querrey ended a string of final round frustrations Sunday by beating Carsten Bell 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 to claim the L.A. Tennis Open title.

Querrey was playing in his third straight final and fourth of the season, but he had yet to win a tournament.

"I didn't want to lose three finals in a row," said the 21-year-old Querrey, who lives in nearby Santa Monica and had to come up with about 120 tickets for family, friends and his raucous "Samurai" fan club.

"I was a little worried after that second set, I was really mad at myself, but I came back strong in the third."

The sixth-seeded Querrey had lost in the finals at New Zealand to Juan Martin del Potro in January, and the last two weeks he came up short in the championship match at Newport, R.I., and Indianapolis.

Querrey became the fifth player to reach the finals in four events this season, joining Roger Federer, Rafael Nadal, Andy Murray and Novak Djokovic. Querrey's second career victory will move him to a career-high No. 26 in the ATP rankings.

His first victory came in 2008 at Las Vegas.

Ball, a 22-year-old left-hander, had to qualify to get into the tournament.

"He started to get a good read on my second serve and was hitting a fair amount of winners and just putting a lot of pressure on me (in the second set)," Querrey said. "Before the third set I just sat down and collected myself and went out in that third set and had a higher first-serve percentage. I didn't want to hit a lot of second serves. That was the key."

Bell was playing his eighth match of the week and he admitted to being a little tired, but didn't consider that a factor in the match.

"I think Sam definitely stepped up his game and started making a lot more first serves and putting a lot of pressure on my serve," said Ball, who was catching a plane Sunday night to fly to a Challenger level tournament in Vancouver, Canada.

Ball, who never had won a match on tour before this event, said he was "a little disappointed that I lost, but in the big picture it's more than I could have hoped for for this week to be able to be here."

NFL

NYC grand jury indicts Burress

KAREN MATTHEWS
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK New York City prosecutors say a grand jury has indicted former New York Giants Plaxico Burress on weapons charges.

The grand jury did not indict his former teammate, Giants linebacker Antonio Pierce.

Prosecutors say the indictment charges the 31-year-old Burress with two counts of criminal possession of a weapon and one count of reckless endangerment.

The 31-year-old wide receiver shot himself in the thigh at a Manhattan nightclub in November. The gun was not licensed and no one initially called police to report the gunshot.

Burress and Pierce — who drove Burress to the hospital and took the gun to Burress' New Jersey home — both testified before the grand jury last week.

The New York Giants released Burress in April.


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12:50, 4:10, 7:20, 10:30

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:15 a.m., 2:45, 6:15, 9:45

Up (PG) 1hr 36min
11:00 a.m., 1:40, 4:15

Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG-13) 2hrs 30min
6:45, 10:00

The Proposal (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:30 a.m., 2:20, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

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Aliens in the Attic (PG) 1hr 26min
11:20 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:00, 9:30

Funny People (R) 2hrs 16min
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G-Force (PG) 1hr 28min
11:15 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:30, 9:05

G-Force: In Disney Digital 3-D (PG) 1hr 28min
12:15, 2:40, 5:05, 7:20, 9:45

The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
12:20, 2:45, 5:20, 7:40, 10:10

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) 2hrs 33min
11:30 a.m., 3:10, 6:40, 10:00

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(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 7:00, 8:00, 10:15

Cheri (R) 1hr 47min
1:40, 4:10, 9:30

Moon (R) 1hr 52min
1:50, 4:20, 7:20, 9:50

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

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1:20, 4:30, 7:30, 10:30

The Ugly Truth (R) 1hr 36min
11:10 a.m., 1:40, 4:10, 6:40, 9:10

The Ugly Truth (R) (Digital Projection) 1hr 36min
12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10

Bruno (R) 1hr 21min
12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs 3D (PG) 1hr 27min
11:40 a.m., 2:00, 4:20, 7:00, 9:20

The Collector (R) 1hr 25min
12:20, 2:50, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

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Oh stop it Libra, you big flirt

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Unexpected gains come from leading. Use your sixth sense to make what you deem necessary happen. Open up to others, especially about a last-minute reservation about an about-to-launch new project. Zero in on a friend who always gives you great advice. Tonight: Where people are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Get to the bottom of what is going on behind the scenes, no matter what you approach today. For some, it could be confusion about where someone is coming from; for others, it might simply be doing more research on a project and its possibilities. Tonight: Be willing to step up and assume responsibility.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Keep conversations ongoing. Forge ahead with new knowledge, and be willing to step out on your own. You'll see life with renewed interest. Tonight: Go where there is music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★Share your insights with others, though you might need to take ownership of a great idea. Someone else might want to make this idea his. Avoid the limelight. Tonight: A long-overdue chat with a friend or loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You are inspired and on top of your game. You wonder why others dump their work on you. Say "no" when you need to. Also, defer or let someone else carry the ball; you have enough on your plate. Tonight: Listen to suggestions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity surges no matter what you do. Know when enough is enough when dealing with a child or loved one. By ending the dialogue, you are taking a stand. Others suddenly might be more amenable. Tonight: Time to do for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You might be revamping an idea or doing it differently than anticipated. Don't minimize your role in a project. Let your imagination take the lead whenever you find a bump in the road. Tonight: Flirting up a storm.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Keep communication moving. A changing situation is reflective of the possibilities. Allow what seems like an off-the-wall idea to be part of the mix. Others will see that idea as dynamic rather than strange or bizarre. Listen to feedback. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Review your expenses and keep your budget in compliance with the real figures. Listen to news that follows when you start loosening up ideas and your stance. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You suddenly become pivotal in a rapidly changing situation. The faster you incorporate these jolts into your life, the better off you will be. Know when to shake your head and walk in the other direction. Tonight: Enjoying yourself doesn't need to cost.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Whether you agree or not is irrelevant. You will have time to handle the situation or turn certain basic ideas around. Get together with associates in order to find better solutions and ideas. Tonight: You are all smiles.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Understand what is going on behind the scenes, and then work for a good solution. Meetings, associates and enabling supporters take up a lot of time, but are necessary. You might be surprised by how many different paths take you to the same goal. Tonight: Do your thing.

Happy birthday

This year, the quality of your daily life becomes an issue. Others might not agree, and often you get strange reactions. On some level, you will need to increase your circle of friends and associates in order to find like-minded people. If you are single, don't play games with yourself or others when determining if someone is "right" or "good" for you. Don't waste time or good will. If you are attached, if you want easier interactions, let your significant other have more say. AQUARIUS could challenge you to think more deeply.

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

Girls and Sports

By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein



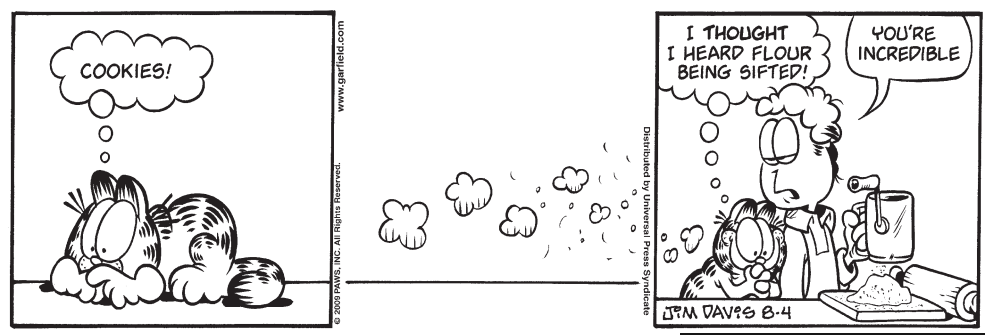
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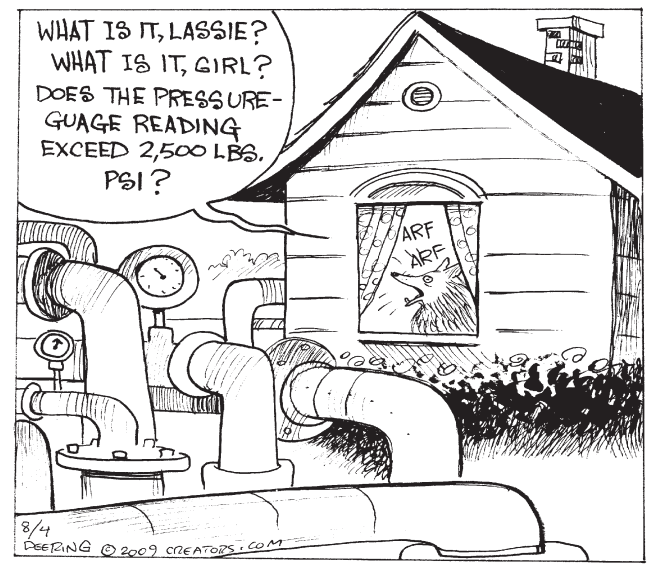
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Difficulty Level ★★

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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

3	4	8	2	7	6	9	1	5
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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Canary container
5 Toys with tails
10 "— there yet?"
12 Baghdad native
13 Thoroughbred racing event
15 Trade, for short
16 Pen fill
17 Spigot
18 Mimieux of "The Time Machine"
20 Vampire attack
21 Goof
22 Passed with ease
23 Church instrument
25 Exam
28 Rocker John
31 Addition column
32 Saw the sights
34 Road sealer
35 Singer McGraw
36 Honest —
37 Yacht racing event
40 Red Square name
41 Friend of Nancy
42 Snoozed
43 Thrash

DOWN

1 Taxi driver
2 Reach a destination
3 Old fellow
4 Lamb's mom
5 Enterprise captain
6 Taxing org.
7 Battle ploy
8 Compare
9 Drank daintily
11 Newspaper worker
14 Peppy
19 Easy gaits
20 African language
24 Second baseman Roberto
25 Adds up
26 Tooth layer
27 Peaceful
29 Source of answers
30 Interstellar cloud
33 Train stop
35 Coloration
38 Tear
39 Cry loudly

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DAILY LOTTERY

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EVENING: 7 6 5

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2nd: 05 California Classic
3rd: 06 Whirl Win
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ The British charter airline Thomas Cook announced at the gate in the resort island of Mallorca in June that, regardless of seat assignments on a departing flight, passengers should sit toward the rear of the aircraft in order to balance the load (since it was already front-heavy with cargo and therefore harder on the pilot). Not surprisingly, 71 apprehensive passengers refused to board. (Also, some incoming passengers on that same aircraft, which experienced a similar balance problem, had dramatically dropped to their knees in the terminal, kissing the ground, calling the flight their worst ever.)

■ The New Age movement might be growing too inclusive, according to a July report in the St. Paul Pioneer Press (published in a city where the concept of "New Age" is already highly nuanced). "(P)agans feel jilted," wrote the reporter. "Chiropractors want out (of consideration)," "channelers wonder if they belong," and "organic farmers don't want to be near pet psychics." Said one St. Paul merchant, "I have customers who completely believe in fairies and will laugh at you if you believe in Bigfoot." But, said one New Age magazine editor, the movement should "encompass anything on a spiritual path -- Bigfoot, Jesus, Buddha. Even worshipping a frog is sort of OK."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1735 A jury found John Peter Zenger of the New York Weekly Journal not guilty of committing seditious libel against the colonial governor of New York, William Cosby.

1790 The Coast Guard had its beginnings as the Revenue Cutter Service.

1792 English romantic poet Percy Bysshe Shelley was born at Field Place near Horsham, England.

1830 Plans for the city of Chicago were laid out.

1892 Andrew and Abby Borden were axed to death in their home in Fall River, Mass. Lizzie Borden was acquitted at trial.

WORD UP!

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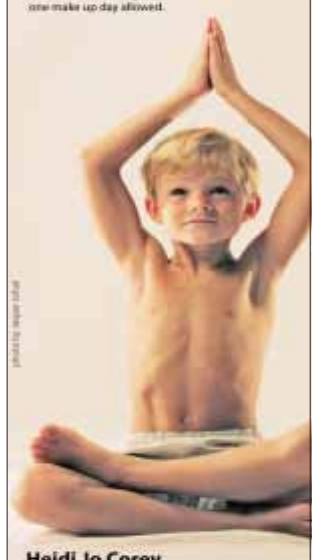
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