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THE SPREADING IT AROUND ISSUE



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

COMING UP: **The City Council tonight is expected to approve a contract to create new restrooms along the beachfront.**

City Council to approve beach restroom upgrade

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 NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Eight Santa Monica beach restrooms are about to get re-built —this time in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The City Council is expected to sign off on the $4.2 million project at its meeting tonight, approving a proposed construction contract with CWS Systems Inc.

Three of the restroom facilities set to be renovated are located north of the Santa Monica Pier on Palisades Beach Road; five of the restrooms are south of the pier on Ocean Front Walk.

The proposed restroom project is part of a $15.1 million spending package included on the council's consent agenda for tonight's meeting.

Also on the agenda is a $314,000 contract for a Diamond Contract Services to provide custodial services at the pier between October and the end of this fiscal year.

It would cost $506,000, or 61 percent more, for municipal employees to perform the work, a City Hall report stated. The council is expected to hire Diamond for three additional years, at a cost of $441,000 annually.

The same firm is also expected to win a custodial services contract to perform work at the Public Safety Facility. The total cost for a three and three-quarter year term is $832,000, substantially less than if the work was performed by City Hall employees, a report stated.

In a formerly controversial contract proposal, the council is expected to approve a $2 million deal to buy real-time digital signs for Big Blue Bus stops.

In accordance with Santa Monica's boycott of Arizona businesses over that state's recently adopted anti-illegal immigration law, recommended contractor Trapeze Software Group, which is based in Canada, has promised its Arizona office will not be involved with the project, according to City Hall.

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City Hall wants $3 million exception to Arizona boycott

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The City Council is set to vote tonight on whether to go ahead with a $3 million purchase of replacement "manufactured homes" from Arizona-based Cavco Industries, despite deciding in May to boycott California's eastern neighbor over the state's controversial anti-illegal immigration law.

The proposed contract is for 20 units that would replace out of date City Hall-owned travel trailers and mobile homes at Mountain View Mobile Home Park. The homes would be part of the city's affordable housing program.

Santa Monica officials received seven bids from companies interested in the contract, including three from companies located outside of Arizona.

But in a report prepared for the City Council, City Hall's Housing and Economic Development staff said going with a non-Arizona company would mean significantly higher costs, worse design and a lack of required green energy alternatives, among other deficiencies.

Staff also recommended against re-starting the selection process, which has been underway for a year and a half.

"Further delays to the process, or beginning the RFP process again, would penalize existing residents who have been patiently waiting years for the opportunity to upgrade their living conditions," the report stated.

The City Council unanimously enacted the boycott and banned official travel to Arizona on May 25. Council members said some exceptions to the boycott could be made for specialty contracts.

Councilman Terry O'Day, who suggested the boycott, on Monday said he was "not satisfied with the analysis in the staff report" on the Cavco proposal and believed it may be appropriate to award the contract to an alternate bidder located outside of Arizona in order to honor the boycott.

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Tuesday, Aug. 10, 2010

Spoken word on the Promenade
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1201 Third Street Promenade
Mixing enlightened analysis with innovative authorship, join Bill Robertson of Santa Monica Emeritus College and strengthen your poetry dedication, appreciation and creation. Please visit www.greenpoets.com for more information.

Sculpting church
First Presbyterian
1220 Second St.
The works of painter/sculptor Laddie John Dill are on a display outside at First Presbyterian. Dill's work is influenced by neo-dadaist Robert Rauschenberg, minimalist Keith Sonnier and environmental artists Robert Smithson, Dennis Oppenhein and Robert Irwin. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 451-1303.

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2010

Freshen up
Downtown Santa Monica
Arizona Avenue & Second Street,
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Get the freshest fruit and produce available at the weekly Santa Monica Farmers' Market. A variety of prepared foods will also be available.

Cocktails for a cause
Viceroy Santa Monica
1819 Ocean Ave., 7 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Help the Viceroy Santa Monica raise money for charity by attending a night of unique drinks, eclectic music and giveaways at the hotel's Whist restaurant. As part of its monthly "Cause on the Rocks" series, the hotel will donate all proceeds from its drink of the month, the Lychee Martini, to the Weingart Center Association. All attendees will have a chance to win a free cabana rental and a bottle of champagne. For more information, call (310) 260-7500.

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

SMMUSD HDQTRS

School lunch rules released

The SMMUSD on Monday released income eligibility guidelines for free and reduced-price meals for students.

Parents can now apply for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program.

Children who receive Food Stamp (FS), California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Kinship Guardianship Assistance Payments (Kin-GAP), or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) benefits are automatically eligible for free meals regardless of the income of the household in which they reside. Eligibility for a foster child is based on a separate application and solely on the amount of the child's "personal use" income.

The current income guidelines are:

• For a family of one child: $14,079 a year for free meals and a salary of $20,036 a year for reduced-price meals. For each additional family member add $4,862 for free meals and $6,919 for reduced.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing them of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for enrolled children. Applications are also available at the principal's office in each school, district officials said.

To apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits, households must complete an application and return it to the school for processing. Applications may be submitted at any time during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used to determine meal eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or program officials.

Requirements for school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits are as follows: For households receiving Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR benefits – applications need only include the enrolled child(ren)'s name, Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR case number, and the signature of an adult household member. For households who do not list a Food Stamp, CalWORKs, Kin-GAP, or FDPIR case number, the application must include the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member, and the signature and corresponding Social Security number of an adult household member. If the household member who signs the application does not have a Social Security number, the household member must indicate on the application that a Social Security number is not available.

Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the eligibility ruling may discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. Parents may also make a formal request for an appeal hearing of the decision and may do so orally or in writing with the sponsor/agency's hearing official. Parents or guardians should contact their child(ren)'s school(s) for specific information regarding the name of the determining official and/or hearing official for a specific school, agency, or district.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits.

DAILY PRESS

LaVette replaces Taylor as TDS act

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SM PIER Despite the cancellation of former Rolling Stone Mick Taylor for next week's Twilight Dance Series, concert organizers have secured soul singer Bettye LaVette to take his place during the free show.

Taylor, who cited management and health issues for his cancellation, informed Santa Monica Pier officials last week that he wouldn't make the show, prompting a search for a replacement by King & Co., the group that organizes the free weekly concerts.

LaVette has most recently made news in her nearly 50 year career with her May, 2010 release of, "Interpretations: The British Rock Songbook," which brings the British Invasion home to its American R&B roots and features LaVette's raw emotional renderings of compositions by the Beatles, the Rolling Stones, Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd.

The Tom Nolan Band opens for LaVette.

For more information, visit www.santamonicapier.org.

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Photo courtesy Bettye LaVette

LAVETTE

Court grants Aniston restraining order

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SM COURTHOUSE A court commissioner has granted Jennifer Aniston a restraining order against a man authorities say traveled cross country to try to meet the actress.

Los Angeles Superior Court Commissioner David A. Cowan on Monday ordered Jason R. Peyton to stay away from the actress and refrain from contacting her for three years.

The actress first obtained a temporary restraining order against Peyton on July 20 after police detained him. He remains on a monthlong psychiatric hold.

Court filings claim police intervened after Peyton repeatedly showed up to Los Angeles-area locales searching for the "Friends" star.

The filings say Peyton was found with duct tape, a sharp object and love letters addressed to Aniston. He has not been arrested or charged in connection with the incident.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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SMC not for community

Editor:

Regarding your Aug. 5 article, "SMC Board approves construction plan." I'm very much against this proposed project, not based on the environmental impact, but based on the Board of Trustees trying to make SMC into an international university, attracting international students and out-of-state students to collect higher tuition rates. SMC is off track. It is no longer, in essence, a "community" college. Money needs to be applied to offering classes, of which there is a critical shortage due to budget cuts, and not replacing perfectly good structures.

Meaghan Ryan
Santa Monica

In disagreement

Editor:

It is deeply disappointing to read that your paper's editorial position ("Enough with the smoking bans," July 30) advocates for apartment-dwelling smokers at the expense of everyone else living and breathing in their vicinity. Contrary to your editorial's statement, it is not, in fact, easily possible to prevent smoke from seeping into adjacent apartments, regardless of the quality of construction. One could limit this smoke transfer if the smoker's apartment was converted into the equivalent of a sealed, walk-in refrigerator but who wants to live that way? Or pay for it?

Secondhand smoke is a recognized health hazard that has become a public health problem. Just as open sewers have been made illegal for spreading filth and disease, so should the use of cigarettes be forbidden in enclosed spaces adjacent to living quarters. Other cities in California, such as Belmont and Richmond, have made smoking indoors illegal in apartment buildings and it is long past time that the same be done here in Santa Monica.

Apartment building owners should be fully supportive of this proposed measure. For one thing it will help them avoid being hauled into court by tenants complaining that the landlord failed to provide safe living conditions. In 2006, for example, a New York court ruled that, "The landlord also has an obligation to ensure that the conditions do not render the apartment 'unsafe and uninhabitable' or prevents the premises from serving their intended function of residential occupation." [Poyck v. Bryant, Aug. 24, 2006]. For another, it will significantly reduce the chances of fire-related damage in their rental units and might even reduce their insurance costs as well.

Apartment living involves multiple people living in close proximity to each other. With that proximity come basic responsibilities between neighbors, even at the expense of some personal rights. One of those responsibilities is to not poison one's neighbors. Clean air is a part of the commons, owned jointly by everyone. When individuals fail to honor that obligation and landlords fail to act, it is time for the law to step in.

Dan Jansenson
Santa Monica

Fan of public transit

Editor:

Mr. Pisarra,

I'm so happy to see that you challenged your own opinion about public transportation in the city, and were able to come to a new conclusion ("An easy ride on the bus," July 27). It takes courage to admit when a prior assumption may not be quite correct. My experience with public transit in Santa Monica has been overwhelmingly positive. In fact, the only problems I have had with the Big Blue Bus are crowding and the limited hours of service for the 10 Freeway Express bus. Both of which are a symptom of a lack of funding.

Again, I thank you for your positive review of public transit and encourage you to continue getting to your destinations stress-free, without the costs of gas and parking, and with a reduced impact on our environment.

Meghan Kavanagh
Santa Monica



What's the Point?

David Pisarra — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

No longer 'just a fag'

WHEN I HEARD LAST WEDNESDAY THAT Judge Vaughn Walker had invalidated Proposition 8 as a violation of my civil rights, he didn't just say I could marry a man, he said I was no longer, "just a fag."

As a gay man who has followed the civil rights march of the gay community for years, I am intimately familiar with the legal, spiritual and linguistic maneuvers that have been used to keep full equality from me and my people.

In law school I was on Law Review and wrote an article in 1995 about the state of gay marriage entitled, "Gay marriage makes it to the altar, who's got the license?" It's been 15 years since I wrote that article, and about 50 years since Harry Hay and the Mattachine Society began protesting in Washington for homosexual marriage.

This week, the license was issued by Judge Walker. He ruled in Perry v. Schwarzenegger that there is no rational basis for discriminating against gays and lesbians in the issuance of marriage licenses, and consequently he invalidated Prop. 8, which limited marriage to a man and a woman.

But his 136-page, extremely well-thought-out, thorough, comprehensive ruling said so much more. He said, in the language of lawyers, that gays and lesbians deserve to be treated no differently than anyone else in our society. This ruling is the hammer that will pound the nail in the coffin of institutionalized public discrimination. On trial in this case was not just Prop. 8, but the underlying belief that homosexuals are a threat to society. For that is what was used to win passage of Prop. 8, fear that children might learn what a gay person is, fear that a mother's child might "be turned" gay by the knowledge of our existence.

In a million subtle ways gay men and women are degraded, demeaned and belittled daily. I have an acquaintance who likes to use the phrase, "just a fag." He doesn't see how demeaning, and objectifying, that is. I know others who say, "I have no problem with gay people, I just pray my son isn't one," and they can't see that they are perpetuating the hate.

The irrationality of the fears, and the ease of their promotion because of the objectification of gay men and women was what was on trial here. It is that irrational thinking that was rejected by Judge Walker. It is the role of the courts to be objective. Courts are supposed to apply rational logic, not moralistic edicts, to the rules that govern our society. It is the only way that a Jew and a Christian, and dare I say it a Mormon, can get equal respect before the law.

The law has standards of review and they are crucial to how a case will be decided. In this case, Judge Walker gave the defense the benefit of the lowest level of review possible — rational basis. The phrase "rational basis" is crucial in making this a landmark ruling that will withstand further review. In Constitutional law cases, there are three standards of review that are used to weigh a governmental interest against a prohibited behavior. Rational basis is the default review standard and the higher levels of scrutiny are used to protect fundamental rights — free speech, voting and marriage, for example. In this case, the right to marry would normally require the court to apply strict scrutiny to the law to make sure that it was the least restrictive on the right to marry, that the law was narrowly tailored and that there was a compelling government interest at stake.

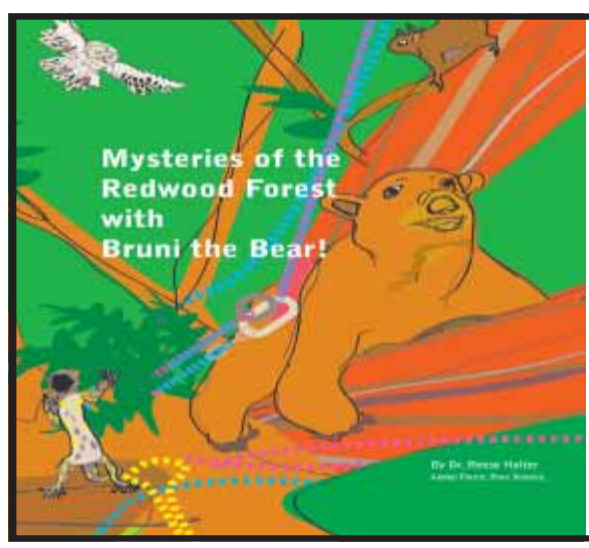
The defendants in this case, having no evidence on their side, and in what can only be called a litigators "Hail Mary effort" advanced the theory that the appropriate level of scrutiny should be rational basis, meaning that if there is any rational reason for the law, it should pass constitutional muster. It is equivalent to an exasperated parent's use of "because I said so" to shut up a questioning child.

Judge Walker gave the defendants every opportunity, and avenue to give a reason why Prop. 8 should stand, and they came up with nothing. Perhaps because the smoke and mirrors of the fear mongering has finally run its course.

The amazing lawyers David Boies and Tel Olsen did a masterful job of exposing the subtle forms of homophobia that pervaded the Yes on 8 campaign, and society throughout history. By building this case as they did, they laid the tools at the feet of Judge Walker to excavate two millennia of accumulate animus, and expose it to the light of day for what it is, baseless.

No matter what happens in the future, this case has made one thing perfectly clear: I am no longer "just a fag" and for that I am profoundly grateful to Boies, Olsen, Walker and the men and women over the past 60 years who have fought for gay rights.

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Back to Nature

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Desert life forces adaptation

WITH A MOTTO OF SLOWLY BUT SURELY, the desert tortoise is like a miniature four-wheel-drive vehicle clambering slowly along, negotiating steep rocky slopes by simply remaining in first gear.

Found in the creosote flats palo verde-saguro forests and hilly terrains of arid southwest America, even though it's part of the turtle family, the desert tortoise is so specialized to living on land that if it falls into deep water, it will drown.

It takes about five years for the diminutive desert tortoise to reach its full length of 12 inches. By that time its upper, or carapace, and lower, or plastron, shells become fully hardened. With its armament in place it can live for another 80 years.

Some truly remarkable adaptations have evolved over the past 37 million years to enable this critter to live the equivalent of a human lifespan.

The southwest desert receives less than 10 inches of precipitation yearly and experiences a 113 degree range in temperatures from winter to summer.

The desert tortoise relies on an abundance of spring and early summer new plant growth for both its nutritional and fresh water sustenance. Three months of feeding on fresh growth will tide a turtle over for the rest of the year. Moisture from that new growth is just enough to enable them to survive during the furnace-like temperatures of May to September. If they encounter free water they will drink it. They will also dig shallow depressions to capture any incoming rainfall.

If drinking water is available then the desert tortoises are able to digest woody twigs. They have bacteria in their intestines that break down otherwise indigestible wood into proteins. They obtain this bacteria as juveniles by eating adult feces.

Usually, however, water is in short supply and so the desert tortoise has evolved with pairs of sacs between their flesh and shell where they store water. They also conserve water by allowing waste products to build up in their system and do not urinate until times of drought.

The desert tortoise is the largest tortoise in North America. And its ability to excavate is legendary with their stout claws functioning like teeth on a backhoe bucket. Burrows measuring nearly 33 feet long and four meters deep are not uncommon. The labyrinth of tunnels provides necessary shelter for hibernation, which can last as long as seven months. Most tortoises awaken at least once during hibernation and may emerge to bask and even feed on a warm winter day.

Male desert tortoises are slightly larger than females. Both have a horn called a gular that protrudes from the lower shell beneath their neck and head, but the male gular if intact, is marginally longer than the female.

Males are pugnacious and their horns are used to ram and flip over other males during a bloody fight. Once on its back the tortoise is very vulnerable to dehydration and predators. Males bite females and use their gular horns to batter them into submission during an aggressive courtship. The female's lower shell is flat-shaped and the male's is concave, designed to fit over top of the female's upper shell and assist the male with balancing during copulation.

Females are able to reproduce at about the age of 12 years. They use their powerful hind legs to dig a hole roughly 8 inches deep and lay between four and 12 ping-pong-ball-sized eggs in the chamber before covering them. Before departing the female urinates on the covered hole to mask the scent of the eggs and to humidify the chamber site. About three months later the eggs hatch.

Many animals prey on the desert tortoise's eggs and hatchlings. Kit foxes dig up and eat the eggs and hatchlings. Ravens are notorious predators of the soft-shelled hatchlings — a single pair can dispatch a dozen hatchlings. Gila monsters also dig up and devour tortoise eggs. Coyotes, badgers and golden eagles and mountain lions will attack, crack the shell and kill adult tortoises.

The best form of offense is defense, and the tortoise shape and concealing coloration are big advantages. When not moving, the desert tortoise is hard to spot. Particularly in rocky areas when it looks like another stone.

They often freeze when danger approaches, pulling their heads and legs into their shell as tightly as possible. They can last in this position for more than an hour.

A final defensive action for the tortoise is to expel the contents of its bladder, making it as unappetizing as possible.

The desert tortoise is the most loved yet most persecuted critter in the Mojave and Sonoran deserts. Their numbers have rapidly declined because of disease, senseless vandalism, illegal collecting, off-road vehicles, military operations, attacks by domesticated dogs and habitat destruction from residential and commercial development.

They have been officially recognized as a threatened species in the southwest United States and their road to recovery for this prehistoric-looking survivor has slowly begun.

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The Q Line

Open for business

The newly re-opened Santa Monica Place has been attracting shoppers in droves its first few days of operation.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you plan on patronizing the newly remodeled mall or will you shop elsewhere?

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Parents turn to swapping for school clothes wardrobes

LISA ORKIN EMMANUEL
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI Kelly Trella has found a way to get rid of her 2-year-old son's old clothes: She swaps them.

Trella was looking for a way to clear out her basement when she stumbled upon a magazine article about thredUP, a children's clothes swapping website. She signed up and has been swapping gently used clothes from her Meriden, Conn., home ever since.

"Its cost-effectiveness is terrific. It's really great to have an opportunity to share with folks around the country," she said.

ThredUP launched in mid-April and now has 15,000 members with another 1,000 being added each week. Founder and CEO James Reinhart says the Cambridge, Mass.-based company is trying to attract parents who are buying back-to-school clothes, which, he says, is one of the largest one-shot expenditures for families during the year.

That thredUP even exists is surely driven by the economy, but there are other ways to swap clothes.

The national retail chain Once Upon A Child sells new and gently used products. These days people who once only dropped off clothes are buying them, too, said Dawn Weston, owner of the franchise in Brandon, Fla.

"More people are being conservative. They are being conscious of what they spend," she said. "They didn't have to worry about it before. They still want their kids to have those really nice things, but they don't have the bucks to do it."

Online back-to-school swapping was a natural extension of clothing rental sites for grown-ups. At renttherunway.com, a $1,050 Herve Leger dress can be rented for $150, "to give every woman in American access to this Cinderella experience," said co-founder and CEO Jennifer Hyman. Expectant mothers can rent a pretty dress at RentMaternityWear.com.

ThredUP partnered with a Boston charity Cradle to Crayons to give $1 from every swap to the charity to help clothe children and buy them school supplies.

The site sends 10 empty post office boxes to each customer. The customer browses the website for boxes of clothing. Once a box is found, the customer pays $13 for shipping and the box is sent to them by whoever currently has it. The customer then agrees to list a box of clothing and they're notified when someone picks it so they can send it off.

Swappers can choose what boxes of items interest them based on variables such as gender, size and season. There are no photos of the clothing, so decisions are pretty much based on brands and descriptions.

"The first box I got, I paid $13 total and I got 13 shirts. No stains. No tears. Yeah, they have gone through the wash a couple times," Trella said.

Trella said her son goes to day care full time, so she wants clothes that can get dirty, and the price is right.

"You are only shelling out a small amount of money," she said, "You are giving and you are getting. It's a nice to share."

The basic membership to the site is free; premium is $29.99. The company relies on customer reviews to weed out the people who are giving clothing that is in bad condition.

Redbook Deputy Executive Editor Melanie Mannarino said there is an element of trust involved for the people who use the site. The magazine featured the site in its August issue.

"It's almost friendly and neighborly," she said.

The risk is whether other people will have the same taste in clothing as you do, she said. But, it's not as limited as shopping at garage sales and thrift stores.

Mannarino said the site shows a shift in the American mentality toward saving and conserving.

"Now these clothes are going to go to somebody else who can use them," she said.

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Creating a nice space to do homework matters

SUSAN ZEVON
For The Associated Press

Kids may want to do their homework at the kitchen table with a sea of activity surrounding them. Many experts say they shouldn't.

"Build a space dedicated to homework and eliminate distractions," advises Douglas C. Merril, a former Google spokesman and author of the new "Getting Organized in the Google Era" (Broadway Books).

According to Merril, everyone thinks they can multi-task, but our brains just aren't cut out for it.

In her new book, "Right-Sizing Your Home" (Northwest Arm Press, 2010), consultant Gale Steves agrees. She writes, "Although kids gravitate to the kitchen or family room — where parents can keep a watchful eye on them — ultimately having a workspace of their own is important."

And Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan, founder of the design blog Apartmenttherapy.com, taught school in New York City before he became an interior designer. Each year he would visit students' homes, and here's what he observed: "Invariably, the children who did best in school came from homes that were calm, well-organized and attractive," he says.

"A child's homework space should be as simple and practical as possible," he believes. "Children need a private, separate environment where they can concentrate and get through their work."

While homework space must be functional and well organized, it also should be somewhere the child wants to spend time.

"Get your child involved in the design," advises Susanna Salk, interior designer and contributor to the "Today" show. "Have them look at pictures and say what they like."

Salk's book, "Room for Children: Stylish Spaces for Sleep and Play" (Rizzoli, 2010), compiles pictures of children's rooms decorated by well-known designers. She believes that a child's workspace should have an inspirational element, and suggests checking out the wall art available on Art.com, where you can find murals that are easy to move, are stain-resistant, and can transform even a tiny homework space with a beautiful landscape or world map.

Most children are inspired by having something like what their parents use, Gillingham-Ryan suggests. "My daughter likes to have something that my wife or I have on our own desks. Consider giving your child a pen, lamp stapler or mouse pad like your own."

When selecting furnishings for homework space, keep in mind that your little girl or boy is going to get bigger and older.

"Don't just look at kids' stuff," Salk says.

Consider good adult task lighting, and keep in mind that a nice wooden table can serve as a good desk. Gillingham-Ryan favors desks made from wood.

"Natural materials help a child to feel grounded," he says. He believes there is a healthier energy from natural materials and fewer propensities for a child to write on them. He recommends the adjustable wood desks available from North-woods in Ontario, Canada.

He also suggests avoiding fluorescent lighting, selecting instead halogen or incandescent light.

Stock up on containers, trays and baskets. "If their homework space is well organized, children are more likely to keep it that way," Salk says.

The Container Store has a large selection of such accessories in many sizes and styles.

But don't overdo storage or your child will wind up hoarding a lot of stuff that could be thrown out.

"Storage always wants to be full, and anything you can't see has a tendency to live there forever," Gillingham-Ryan warns. Use baskets and open containers so you can see what's there and encourage your kids to keep editing things out.

Fortunately, you do not need a large space to create a good homework area. If space is limited, Steves suggests placing a desk under the top bunk instead of another bed, and creating storage with a small file caddy on wheels.

She also suggests thinking vertically when space is limited. A hutch or shelves above a desk provide storage as well as space to display children's work. You can affordably put up some shelves using a system like the Elfa storage system, available at the Container Store.

No matter how appealing and private the homework space may be, encourage your child to take a break.

"The human brain can only focus on any one thing for about an hour. It is more effective to take a break and come back to homework," Merrill advises.

Girls using makeup earlier, but some lose interest

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AP Fashion Writer

NEW YORK It starts with gloss and polish, then it's mascara and eyeliner. To parents, it might seem as if their girls are wearing makeup overnight, but sales figures show that it's a steady progression from essentially toddlers to teens — with a surge of interest during the tween years.

But engagament with color cosmetics is waning among young women, age 18 and up, according to market research firm The NPD Group.

Young girls are becoming exposed to beauty routines earlier on, but that excitement might be wearing off by the time older girls are establishing their own regimen, observes NPD beauty-industry analyst Karen Grant.

Overall, girls in the 13- to 17-year-old range still use more makeup than their younger sisters, but the percentage of the high schoolers using makeup now is less than it was a few years ago, while the percentage of elementary and middle-school girls is higher.

By age 18, these young women are looking to keep their skin healthy and enhance their appearance with a handful of tried-and-true cosmetics, Grant explains, but their experimential phase is largely over.

"You've got girls asking, 'Do I really need this?'" says Grant. "Maybe it's not that exciting anymore because they've been using it since they were younger."

Eva Chen, beauty and health director at Teen Vogue, agrees that there's the excitement factor that comes with literally the first blush of beauty products — but that can get old.

"A lot of tween girls think makeup is really exciting to them when they first start to wear it because it's probably something they haven't been allowed to do. ... About 13 or 14, they feel like they're over lip gloss. They still wear it, but that's when they want to transition into mascara, but that's one more step for parents to accept."

Lip products is the most used cosmetic category across all ages, says Grant, with younger girls using balm, tweens and teens using gloss and then adults wearing lipstick. But mascara is the second most important category for teenagers — replacing all the bath washes and gels that younger girls like — and women largely have a commitment to using mascara through their mid-60s.

Among 8- to 12-year-olds, 18 percent are wearing mascara on a regular basis; 47 percent of 13 to 17-year-olds; and 56 percent by age 18, according to Grant.

Compared to 2007 levels, that is an 8 percent increase in usage of mascara by tweens, while lipstick had a 5 percent increase. Both products saw a drop in usage, though, among 13- to 17-year-olds from three years ago.





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SF State scientists study 4,000 blue whale sounds

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SAN FRANCISCO More than 4,000 blue whale moans and gurgles have been recorded undersea to determine how the ocean behemoths communicate.

Acoustical physicist Roger Bland and his colleagues at San Francisco State University used four hydrophones to record the sounds near a seamount about 50 miles off the California coast near Half Moon Bay.

Bland says only male blue whales vocalize, and all of the whales communicate at the same pitch.

The scientists will be trying to determine whether the whale's long, deep-toned moans are a call to possible mates or a signal to other blue whales that food is nearby.

The other, gurgling sounds recorded have yet to be analyzed, Bland said.

"We can only speculate what they mean and wonder just what adaptive advantage the (songs) may give the whales in their evolution," he said.

Each whale call sounds exactly the same, registering four octaves below middle C, with half a percent or less variation in some cases.

Measuring more than 100 feet long and weighing up to 200 tons, blue whales are now endangered yet still live in all the world's oceans. Their numbers declined dramatically before international protections imposed in 1966.

The results of the study were published in the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America's July issue.

Lawyer: Butterfield kept daughter's body out of love

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SANTA ANA A man accused of torturing and killing his daughter kept her body in a freezer for two years because he loved her and couldn't bear to be parted, a defense attorney told jurors Monday.

Clarence Butterfield, 57, also was afraid nobody would believe him after he found his daughter dead, attorney Lisa Eyanson said in her opening statement in the Orange County Superior Court trial.

Butterfield, who is charged with murder and assault with a firearm, could face life in prison without a chance of parole if convicted.

The former San Clemente man is accused of killing his 21-year-old daughter, Rebekah Butterfield, in December 2006 inside the recreational vehicle they shared. Prosecutors contend that he shot her seven times with a small-caliber gun in the leg, foot, knee, the side of her head and elsewhere to torture her, then hog-tied her and stuffed her into the RV's freezer, where she suffocated.

"She was still alive" when Butterfield placed her in the five-foot horizontal freezer, said county Deputy District Attorney Ebrahim Baytieh.

Butterfield had a history of domestic violence against his daughter and ex-wife, Catherine Butterfield, who left him in 2004, authorities said.

However, his attorney portrayed the construction worker as a loving father who tried unsuccessfully to revive his daughter after he found her on the floor of his motorhome.

"The reason he did not report it was because he didn't think anyone would believe him," Eyanson told the jury.

Instead, he placed her in the freezer.

"He couldn't bear to part with Rebekah," Eyanson said. "He told investigators that he remembered reading in the Bible that as long as you have the bones and you have faith, maybe the person could be resurrected, could come back."

Butterfield continued to live in the 1995 Chevrolet Tioga in Orange County until he was stopped for a traffic violation at Dana Point in September 2008 and authorities discovered that he was wanted in Nevada on unrelated charges, authorities said.

He was sent to Nevada to serve time and the RV was left in the alley of an acquaintance's business in Capistrano Beach until it was towed the next month.

Employees of a San Clemente towing company discovered the badly decomposed body wrapped in plastic inside the unplugged freezer, which was sealed with duct tape, authorities said.



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The contract is for 94 signs, which will be built into the walls of bus stops and will inform passengers of upcoming arrival times.

Also on the agenda is a $198,000 expenditure to plant 1,000 trees in Santa Monica. The program is funded through the South Coast Air Quality Management District's local government tree partnership.

The trees will be planted by local students at locations to be determined by the Urban Forest Master Plan Task Force, according to City Hall.

The council is also expected to approve $4.2 million worth of contracts for design and construction services related to building improvements at the Big Blue Bus facility on Colorado Avenue.

The proposed contracts are with Thomco Construction, Interior Office Systems, Harley Ellis Devereaux Corp. and Design Space Modular.

Also on the agenda is a proposed $1.6 million contract for landscape, street lighting, pedestrian and vehicular safety improvements on Longfellow Street in the Borderline Neighborhood adjacent to Venice. Miramontes Construction Co. is expected to win the contract.

The council also is expected to sign off on a proposed $231,000 contract with Precare Inc., which provides workplace injury prevention services.

Under the contract the company would "help develop and implement workplace injury prevention strategies for the city's physically demanding job classifications prone to injury." Solid waste workers, police officers and motor coach operators are among those eligible for the firm's services, a City Hall report stated.

The council also is being asked to approve an additional $35,000 for the Ferguson Group to lobby the federal government on behalf of the Big Blue Bus as part of the Municipal Transit Operators Coalition.

The group's goal is to obtain federal funds for transit vehicles and facilities. With the additional appropriation, the group's total contract would be worth $111,000.

The council is also being asked to approve $159,000 for a traffic safety program. The entire cost of the program is being covered by the California Office of Traffic Safety. The grant covers overtime costs for officers conducting DUI/driver's license checkpoints, saturation patrols, traffic and motorcycle safety operations.

The council is also expected to approve a rent increase and lease extension through 2012 for Angelo's Pawn Shop, located in a City Hall-owned property at 1334 Fifth St. The monthly rent would increase to $5,141, from $3,970, netting City Hall an additional $10,000 in rental income this fiscal year.

Also on the agenda is a plan to discontinue the weekend-only Tide Ride service operated by the Big Blue Bus as of Sept. 7, 2010.

In place of the service, which serves beachfront hotels, City Hall proposes that money the hotels contribute to the program (about $231,000 was collected last fiscal year) be used to launch a new transportation service that is yet to be determined by next summer.

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"I have questions and concerns," he said. "At this stage I have more questions than answers."

Councilman Kevin McKeown indicated he too may take exception to City Hall's recommendation on the proposed deal.

"I regret that so much work had been done on this bid before the council voted to boycott Arizona, and I am certainly in favor of providing better housing to Mountain View residents who want it. But this exception to the boycott will require some discussion," he said in an e-mail.

The federal government has sued Arizona over the immigration law, which would require police officers to inspect immigration papers if they suspected someone they've stopped on suspicion of committing a non-immigration related crime was in the country illegally.

A federal judge blocked significant parts of the law from taking effect on July 28, hours before the law was to take effect.

U.S. District Judge Susan Bolton issued a temporary injunction against important sections of the Arizona law, prohibiting the state from making it a crime to lack immigration documents within its borders and striking down the section that would require police to check immigration papers of people they lawfully stopped and believed could be in the country illegally. The judge also overturned two other provisions she said were unconstitutional efforts to undermine the federal government's authority to enforce immigration policy.

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Arizona has appealed the decision, and the legal battle is expected to reach the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Eaten alive: 5-year battle with flesh-eating germ

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AP Medical Writer

BALTIMORE Waking from a fog of anesthesia, Sandy Wilson found she was a patient in one of the hospitals where she worked as a nurse. She remembered having a baby, and being told she had gotten an infection. But nothing could prepare her for what lurked beneath the sheets.

Flesh-eating bacteria were eating her alive.

"When I looked down at my belly, basically all the skin was gone and I could see my internal organs," she said. "I remember seeing my intestines. I thought, 'There's no way I can live like this ... This is a death sentence.'"

In all of medicine, few infections are as feared as this one. It strikes out of the blue, especially obese people, diabetics, cancer patients, transplant recipients and others with weak immune systems — a growing group of Americans. It kills 20 percent of its victims and horribly disfigures others.

It used to be caused almost exclusively by one type of strep bacteria. Now there's a scary trend: drug-resistant superbugs like the staph germ MRSA increasingly are able to make "flesh-eating" toxins and cause nightmarish infections like Wilson's.

"In the first 20 years I practiced, I may have seen one case," said Dr. Alan Bisno, a retired University of Miami expert who has lectured other doctors on this. "Within a very few years, everybody in the audience had all seen cases."

To treat it, doctors cut away dead tissue, but the infection often advances after they think they've gotten it all.

Inch by inch, it devoured the 34-year-old Wilson. Spleen, gall bladder, appendix. Part of her stomach and ultimately, all of her intestines.

Over five years, she had countless surgeries, including an unusual organ transplant. For much of that time, she lived in hospitals and rehabilitation centers, fed by tubes and unable to give her young son a bath, to read him a bedtime story, to tuck him in at night. She lost her marriage and endured unimaginable pain.

"It was like I was rotting from the inside out. It felt like things were just being ripped out of me," she said.

"It was like something out of a very strange science fiction movie," said her mother, Dottie Howarth of Columbia, Md., also a nurse. "I was very afraid that she would not make it through this."

No one knows how Wilson got necrotizing fasciitis, (fash-ee-EYE-tis), the infection's formal name. The ordeal began after her son, Christopher, was born by cesarean section on April 1, 2005. She developed a clotting problem and was given blood components pooled from hundreds of donors.

After several weeks, she went home but lasted only two days. Fluid built up around her C-section and her blood pressure plunged. She sought emergency care at an Annapolis hospital and was rushed into surgery, but doctors quickly closed her up once they realized what she had.

They sent her to Baltimore's Shock Trauma Center, a state-of-the-art hospital specializing in the most dire, life-threatening cases. It is part of the University of Maryland Medical Center where Wilson worked as a pediatric emergency nurse.

"I remember vividly" how sick she was, said Dr. Thomas Scalea, Shock Trauma's physician-in-chief. "Some people don't live. Sometimes you do the best you can do and the disease is bigger than the medical care. The fact that she was a nurse at our place, that she had just had a baby, all of that made it very, very hard."

For two weeks, Wilson was kept sedated while surgeons sliced away rotten tissue and drained vile fluid, sometimes more than once a day.

"I can't tell you the number of times I operated on her; probably 40, 50 times," Scalea said. "Every time we went back, we just hadn't gotten control."

Once Wilson was stable, the doctors gathered her family to wake her and break the news.

Wilson remembers peering under her hospital gown and seeing what looked like yellow Saran Wrap over her intestines. Loopy from the painkillers, she thought she was in a sci-fi movie "and that they were turning me into a robot."

She feared her baby was dead, that it was somehow her fault, and that she was being punished. Her family brought him to see her through a window, but she accused them of borrowing a baby from the hospital. They took pictures of Christopher at home with newspapers showing the current date, like kidnappers do to prove a captive is alive. She remained unconvinced, and would not cooperate with her medical care.

Finally, when he was several months old, they put her in isolation gowns and brought him to a conference room. A tiny arm poked out of his blanket.

"I have a freckle on my right arm and he has one on his left in the same spot. I remembered that," Wilson said. "That's when I thought, 'OK, he's here, he's real. I've got to get back home to him, to get better now.'"

But the germs had only just begun to ravage her.

That fall, as she was being discharged from a rehabilitation hospital, she fell ill again. She had developed fistulas — holes in her bowel that let its contents leak out to her skin. She spent the next two years in Shock Trauma or the rehab hospital, trying to heal those open wounds. Her family brought Christopher to visit a couple times a week.

"It was so incredibly hard," Wilson said. "I wanted to feed him and bathe him and clothe him, and walk him when he cried. I worked in the pediatric emergency room for 11 years. I had waited all my life to do this for my own child, to take care of him, and I couldn't."

She scavenged scraps of normal motherhood.

"I was the first one to give him solid food," Wilson said. "My husband held the jar of food and I held the spoon. I couldn't do it fast enough. He loved it."

Christopher's first birthday party was in the rehab hospital. For his second, Wilson was in a medically induced coma and didn't even see him. The little boy took it all in stride and never seemed afraid, said Lori Walden-Vetters, another nurse and family friend.

"He didn't know any different. She was his mother, and she was always in the hospital. For all he knew, that's how everybody's mother was," Walden-Vetters said.

For Wilson, though, life was bleak.

"I was in pain all the time" and nauseated from the pain medicine, Wilson said.

She was too weak to hold a magazine. Hyperbaric treatments to heal her wounds caused blurry vision. She got hooked on watching "American Idol" and looked forward to daily visitors, especially when her mother-in-law, who was caring for Christopher, or her husband brought him in.

The little boy would color pictures on the wipeable patient information board in her room, and nurses made her a mobile of family photos. She said nightly prayers with her parents, but worried sometimes about the looks on their faces and those of the staff.

"You could see they didn't truly believe I was going to make it. And that was hard. I was always someone who could pick up on people's thoughts and emotions pretty easily," she said.

Wilson's large and bizarre wounds "broke my heart," her mother said. "There would be nights when we would sit with her and she would have so much pain, she'd say, 'I don't know how much longer I can do this.'"

At one point, Wilson asked a nurse friend to bring in a bottle of Tylenol.

"It would be lethal to her," so the staff put her on a suicide watch, her mother said. "They didn't leave her alone after that."

Wilson found comfort from Reiki, acupuncture and guided visual imagery — alternative therapies that she said gave her a sense of control when she was so helpless.

But her health worsened. By December 2006, only inches remained of her small intestine and she developed liver problems. The only solution was risky: a small bowel transplant.

Of the nearly half a million transplants done since 1990 in the United States, fewer than 2,000 have been small bowels. Five-year survival rates are around 54 percent, and these transplants carry a higher risk of rejection than many other types. They're done only when people are likely to die without them.

Dr. Cal Matsumoto evaluated Wilson for one at Georgetown University Medical Center, which had just started doing them a few years earlier.

"I remember taking the dressing off. All you see is bowel with holes in it, like a bunch of worms coming out of your abdominal wall," the surgeon said. "It was pretty bad."

He first had to remove the rest of Wilson's diseased bowel and abdominal tissue. It was a radical operation and she spent four weeks on a breathing machine.

"I remember thinking that she may not live through the first operation that we did to get her to the transplant, but she pulled through," Matsumoto said.

The transplant came on Dec. 16, 2007, and seemed to be a success. Doctors wound up transplanting a large intestine, too, because the damage was so extensive, Wilson said. A month later, she devoured her first meal since May 2005: lasagna, zucchini, salad and cake.

"I loved that salad. I shared it with Christopher. It was so amazing when he came into that room and saw me eating," she said. "It was amazing to actually be able to chew something and to have different flavors in your mouth."

But it was too much too soon, and she paid for it dearly. She got peritonitis, a serious inflammation, and had to go back on tube feeding. After that, they took food much more slowly, and she can eat normally now.

She got back on her feet, but struggled for every step.

"You've got to look at one small piece: OK, I walked two more feet today. What am I going to do tomorrow?" Wilson said.

The stress of her ordeal took its toll on her marriage; the couple divorced in 2009.

Her courage in the face of extreme personal and physical pain brings universal praise from her doctors.

"What she's come through is pretty amazing. Not just the surgical and medical aspect but the psychosocial," Matsumoto said. "Her fortitude is really unbelievable, to go through this at such a young age and to always have a bright outlook on things."

Wilson went home for good at the end of January 2008. She's been hospitalized a few times since then to make sure fevers were not a sign of organ rejection. She has had surgeries to graft skin and to connect the transplanted bowel to what remains of her colon so she would no longer need to wear a bag to collect waste. The last of these operations, everyone hopes, was in February.

Wilson estimates that her care cost around $5 million, paid at first by the couple's insurance plans and then by Medicaid, Medicare and Social Security disability.

She must take immune-suppressing drugs for the rest of her life. Her belly is a crazy quilt of scars that her son loves to fling his arms around. He challenges her to Star Wars light saber duels. He begs her to take him to his favorite park, where she threw the ultimate Star Wars-themed party for his fifth birthday in April.

"My life now is pretty normal. I am enjoying spending every moment I can at home with my son," Wilson said.

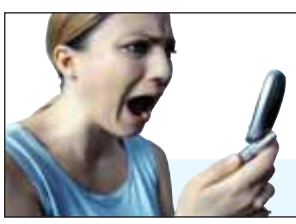
She knows she missed much of his childhood, but "she doesn't seem to obsess about that, thankfully," her mother said. "We've never asked what her life expectancy is now. I'm afraid to ask that question."

Wilson doesn't worry about that. In fact, she has a bold goal: to return to work, possibly to the hospital where she went from nurse to patient and, hopefully, to nurse again.

"I think that's great," said Scalea, the top surgeon at Shock Trauma.

Wilson plans to take refresher courses this fall so she can return to work, and managers at the University of Maryland "have offered to help me get back to whatever I want to do," she said.

"I would like to be able to help someone else who has gone through this."


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Market surges day before Fed announcement

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Investors are getting optimistic that the Federal Reserve will restart some of its economic stimulus programs.

Stocks closed moderately higher Monday, a sign that many traders expect the Fed to take steps to put some energy back into the recovery. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 45 points, more than making back its loss from Friday.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange fell to its lowest level of the year as many investors stayed out of the market while they waited for the Fed's decision. Many have been avoiding big investment decisions for much of the summer because they have no sense of where the economy is headed.

The Fed's assessment of the economy, and any plans to resume its stimulus measures, will be issued after its meeting ends Tuesday afternoon.

"The market loves stimulus. The market wants stimulus," said Joe Saluzzi, co-head of equity trading at Themis Trading LLC in Chatham, N.J.

The Fed will likely leave its federal funds rate near zero, but the central bank could signal plans to restart some programs such as its purchase of mortgage-backed securities or buy Treasury bonds. The central bank's programs ended earlier this year when it appeared the recovery was proceeding well.

"The Fed has a lot of tools in its tool shed," said Larry Rosenthal, president of Financial Planning Services in Manassas, Va. "They have to bring buyers back into the market; they have to bring consumption back into the market."

The recovery has stalled as consumers, watching the labor market stagnate, have been reluctant to spend. Meanwhile, bank lending levels have remained low, the result of caution on the part of borrowers as well as bankers.

Still, Rosenthal said any moves would also have to ensure that inflation doesn't become a problem too quickly. The Fed could say Tuesday that it is ready to start new programs to encourage bank lending even if it doesn't implement them immediately.

Hewlett-Packard Co. shares tumbled after its CEO was forced to resign Friday.

The Dow rose 45.19, or 0.4 percent, to 10,698.75. On Friday, the Dow fell 21 after investors were disappointed by the government's weak July jobs report.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 6.15, or 0.6 percent, to 1,127.79, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 17.22, or 0.8 percent, to 2,305.69.

Advancing stocks were ahead of losers by almost 3 to 1 on New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume, which includes shares traded on other exchanges, came in at 3.3 billion shares. On Friday, volume was an already extremely light 3.9 billion shares.

Bond prices traded in a narrow range Monday. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.83 percent from 2.82 percent late Friday.

Hank Smith, chief investment officer at Haverford Investments in Radnor, Pa., said the Fed has to be careful with how it phrases its assessment of the economy and any plans to restart stimulus programs. While investors know that the economy is weaker than it was earlier this year, bad news from the Fed could lead to further problems, starting with a drop in the stock market.

"It might be a self-fulfilling prophecy," Smith said.

European markets jumped after German exports reached their highest levels since late 2008, indicating the country's economy is recovering much faster than previously thought. There were concerns this spring that mounting government debt in countries like Greece, Spain and Portugal would stagnate Europe's economy. The German exports report was the latest data from the continent that showed the pace of growth is speeding up rather than slowing down.

Germany's DAX index gained 1.5 percent, Britain's FTSE 100 rose 1.5 percent, and France's CAC-40 rose 1.7 percent. Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 0.7 percent.

Gulf blue crabs illustrate oil's impact on food chain

JOHN FLESHER
AP Environmental Writer

BARATARIA, La. To assess how heavy a blow the BP oil spill has dealt the Gulf of Mexico, researchers are closely watching a staple of the seafood industry and primary indicator of the ecosystem's health: the blue crab.

Weeks ago, before engineers pumped in mud and cement to plug the gusher, scientists began finding specks of oil in crab larvae plucked from waters across the Gulf coast.

The government said last week that three-quarters of the spilled oil has been removed or naturally dissipated from the water. But the crab larvae discovery was an ominous sign that crude had already infiltrated the Gulf's vast food web — and could affect it for years to come.

"It would suggest the oil has reached a position where it can start moving up the food chain instead of just hanging in the water," said Bob Thomas, a biologist at Loyola University in New Orleans. "Something likely will eat those oiled larvae ... and then that animal will be eaten by something bigger and so on."

Tiny creatures might take in such low amounts of oil that they could survive, Thomas said. But those at the top of the chain, such as dolphins and tuna, could get fatal "megadoses."

Marine biologists routinely gather shellfish for study. Since the spill began, many of the crab larvae collected have had the distinctive orange oil droplets, said Harriet Perry, a biologist with the University of Southern Mississippi's Gulf Coast Research Laboratory.

"In my 42 years of studying crabs I've never seen this," Perry said.

She wouldn't estimate how much of the crab larvae are contaminated overall, but said about 40 percent of the area they are known to inhabit has been affected by oil from the spill.

While fish can metabolize dispersant and oil, crabs may accumulate the hydrocarbons, which could harm their ability to reproduce, Perry said in an earlier interview with Science magazine.

She told the magazine there are two encouraging signs for the wild larvae — they are alive when collected and may lose oil droplets when they molt.

Tulane University researchers are investigating whether the splotches also contain toxic chemical dispersants that were spread to break up the oil but have reached no conclusions, biologist Caz Taylor said.

If large numbers of blue crab larvae are tainted, their population is virtually certain to take a hit over the next year and perhaps longer, scientists say. The spawning season occurs between April and October, but the peak months are in July and August.

How large the die-off would be is unclear, Perry said. An estimated 207 million gallons of oil have spewed into the Gulf since an April 20 drilling rig explosion triggered the spill, and thousands of gallons of dispersant chemicals have been dumped.

Scientists will be focusing on crabs because they're a "keystone species" that play a crucial role in the food web as both predator and prey, Perry said.

Richard Condrey, a Louisiana State University oceanographer, said the crabs are "a living repository of information on the health of the environment."

Named for the light-blue tint of their claws, the crabs have thick shells and 10 legs, allowing them to swim and scuttle across bottomlands. As adults, they live in the Gulf's bays and estuaries amid marshes that offer protection and abundant food, including snails, tiny shellfish and plants.







SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

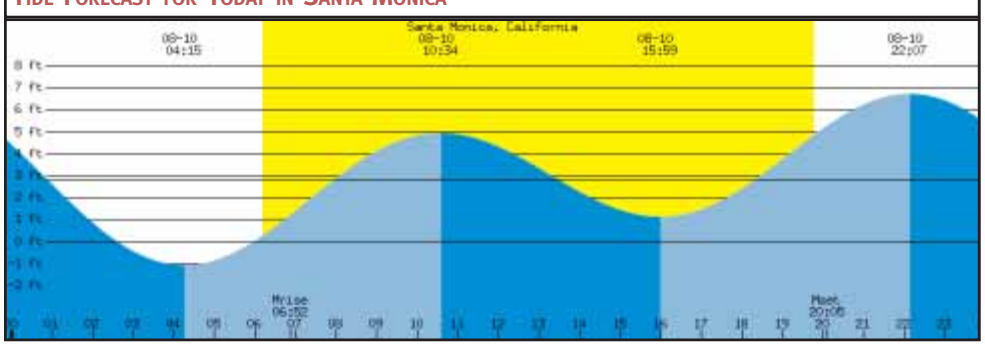
Swell Forecast

Waist high for south facing breaks.

Long Range Synopsis

Southerly swell should back off to knee to waist.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 4, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 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 -- 41 / ns
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alina 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.	B	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.	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.	F	ns
Pena Creek at Los 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).	B	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.	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.	C	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	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

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INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Player selection raises racial issues in Italy

ALESSANDRA RIZZO
Associated Press Writer

ROME The selection of a Brazilian-born player for Italy's national soccer team is fueling a debate with racial and xenophobic overtones.

A lawmaker with the Northern League government party, known for its anti-immigrant rhetoric, says Italy should promote homegrown talent rather than making room for "leftovers" from other nations.

Amauri, a Brazilian native getting his first chance to line up for the country where he has spent most of his career, says he will play "against prejudice."

"I wanted Italy," Amauri said from the Azzurri's training ground in Monday's Gazzetta dello Sport. "I'm happy and proud."

Amauri's call-up for Tuesday's exhibition game against the Ivory Coast in London is part of an effort by new coach Cesare Prandelli to inject fresh blood into a team that made an embarrassing World Cup exit.

The 30-year-old Amauri is a late bloomer who has never played for his country of birth or Italy. He gained Italian citizenship in April by way of marriage and had hoped to be picked for the World Cup, but he was in poor form last season and left off the team.

Also called up was Mario Balotelli, a talented 19-year-old of Ghanian descent who has been subjected to racial taunts from fans at games in Italy the past two seasons.

"I will play against prejudice," Amauri said. "Mario and I will do everything we can to make these people change their minds."

If Balotelli's case highlights the racism in Italian stadiums, Amauri's call-up underlines the issue of naturalization of foreign-born players.

At the World Cup in South Africa, some players among the 32 teams did not compete for their countries of birth. FIFA rules stipulate that players with dual nationalities are free to switch sides at any age, as long as they haven't appeared in an official game.

The debate is especially sensitive in Italy, where mass immigration is a relatively new phenomenon and where tensions occasionally flare between Italians and a growing immigrant community. While Italy's long coastline attracts large numbers of immigrants every year, mostly from North Africa, many try to move on to other European nations, or are repatriated.

"Talent and Naturalized Players: A message for the Future," was the headline of a front-page editorial this weekend in La Repubblica, welcoming Prandelli's choices.

The newspaper said Prandelli had launched "a political signal, rather than a technical one: The new Italy is open to (naturalized players), and hopefully, like Germany, to the sons of immigrants."

After Italy's World Cup flop, many Italian commentators praised the German squad — featuring a Brazilian-born player and one of Turkish descent — as a model.

Not all agree.

"The real representatives of this country aren't its foreigners," Northern League lawmaker Davide Cavallotto said. "What Brazil refused, we took," he said, calling Amauri a "leftover."

Cavallotto reportedly urged the Italian soccer federation to start promoting homegrown talent, as it did in the past with players like Roberto Baggio and Francesco Totti.

The Northern League is not new to such provocative comments. During the World Cup, the party's radio station drew rebuke when it rooted for Paraguay in Italy's opening game and party officials said Italy players were overpaid.

Daniele De Rossi, Italy's captain for Tuesday's game, said the decision to call up players does not rest with the League.

Speaking to reporters Monday, he noted that Mauro Camoranesi, an Argentine-born midfielder, had been part of Italy's squad for years, including when the Azzurri won the 2006 World Cup.

"As far as I and my teammates are concerned, whoever comes into this group will be well received," De Rossi said.

For his part, Prandelli is holding firm.

"There will always be controversy," he said. "I'm going ahead because I think it's the right path."

NHL

Ducks re-sign Selanne

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANAHEIM Teemu Selanne is returning to the Anaheim Ducks.

The team said Monday that the 40-year-old right winger has signed a one-year deal through the 2010-11 season.

Selanne had 27 goals, 21 assists and 16 penalty minutes in 54 games last season. He became the 18th player in NHL history to score 600 goals on March 21.

Ducks general manager Bob Murray says the team is thrilled to have Selanne back for his 19th NHL season and his 12th in Anaheim.

Selanne is the Ducks' franchise leader in goals, assists, points, power play goals, power play points, game-winning goals, plus/minus rating and games played. He helped the team win its first Stanley Cup in 2007.

He played for Finland at the Winter Olympics and won a bronze medal.



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Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:30pm, 4:05pm, 6:45pm, 9:25pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
1:40pm, 4:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

The Kids Are All Right (AMC INDEPENDENT; Digital Presentation) (R) 1hr 44min
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1310 Third St.
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Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
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Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
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The Other Guys (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 1hr 47min
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Step Up 3D (RealD 3D) (PG-13) 1hr 37min
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Flipped (PG) 1hr 30min
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Despicable Me 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 35min
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The Disappearance of Alice Creed (R) 1hr 55min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Mademoiselle Chambon (NR) 1hr 55min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

The Extra Man (R) 2hrs 3min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Farewell (NR) 2hrs 7min
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Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) 1hr 22min
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Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 22min
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Charlie St. Cloud (PG-13) 1hr 49min
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Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
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Middle Men (R) 1hr 45min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

The Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
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The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 2hrs 4min
9:00pm

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Clear out work, Virgo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Clearly, you would prefer to network and socialize. Work, unfortunately, becomes more demanding than you realized. You might opt to work quite late. A boss will be pleased by your diligence and follow-through. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)
★★★ Getting into the groove this week has been difficult. You could think of many better activities to do. Clearly, as the day closes out, you see the importance of getting certain projects cleared out. Tonight: Plug in your imagination.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★★★ Return calls. Keep reaching out for others. You could be overly exhausted and wondering when enough is enough. Ask and answer that question. A call could trigger your imagination. You will have a hard time landing. Tonight: Head home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Use care with your finances. A partner could make an opportunity so appealing that you might not be able to say no. Stop. Make decisions for your well-being, not to please others. You don't need to cause yourself any damages. Tonight: Hang with a friend or two.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You could be a bit taken aback by the confusion a key associate triggers. Slow down rather than make flash decisions. You might opt to put in an extra hour or two. Tonight: Order in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You could be out of sorts. You might want to get a better handle on a situation, but you might not have a choice right now. Another associate could be intentionally vague. Try to clarify without offending anyone. Tonight: Clear out work, then decide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Maintain a high focus on the issues in meetings and in conversations. You might wonder if someone is intentionally "out there." You know how to draw this person in. A conversation in the daylight hours could be important. Tonight: Vanish while you can. Don't get caught up in a conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Take the lead right now. Others will follow your ideas and actions. Be careful dealing with a family member who often taunts you. This person might be giving you only a partial story, leaving out facts intentionally! Tonight: Where your friends are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Don't be hard on yourself if you are having a problem settling in. Your overactive imagination distracts you from the here and now. Follow your sixth sense, which seems to kick in frequently. Tonight: Working late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Work with associates on a one-on-one level if you want to accomplish as much as possible. Be careful with your spending, as well as anyone else's budget that you might be involved with. Tonight: Hop in the car; take a drive. A walk will work, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others want and perhaps need to dominate. You really don't have a problem going along for the ride. You might let some of your more creative ideas flow. One-on-one relating will be highlighted later in the day. Tonight: Dinner for two. Visit over a leisurely meal.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Dig right into a project or your to-do list. You could be overwhelmed by another person's requests. You also could have difficulty staying present in the moment. Try to discipline your mind until later. Tonight: So many invitations and so much to do.

Happy birthday

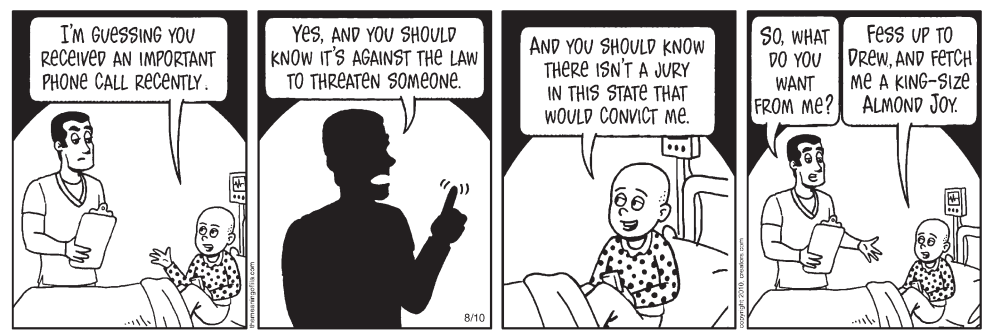
This year, you express unusual creativity and direction. Many people want to be close to you. What they don't realize is how easily you feel suffocated. A partner or associate might not know what is important to share, often making a situation more difficult than necessary. If you are single, curb a tendency to be too me-oriented. Be more aware of where a partner is coming from. Imagine being him or her. If you are attached, let your sweetie assume a greater role in your interactions. Your relationship will become more rewarding. VIRGO can and will fuss!

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

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The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



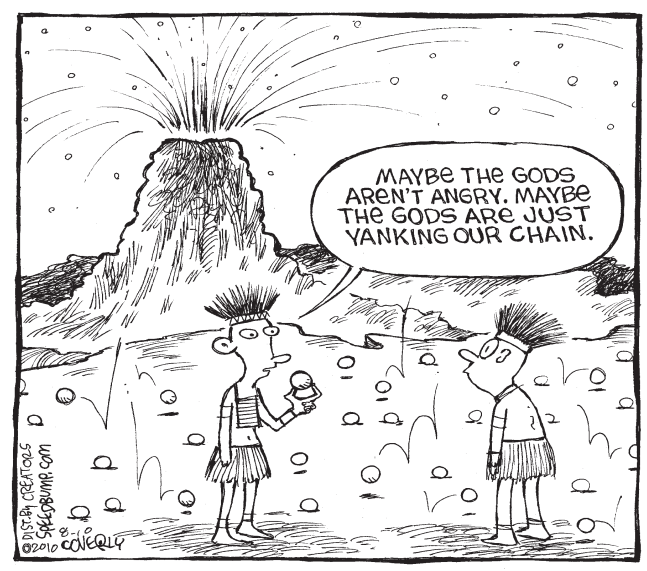
Garfield
By Jim Davis



Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly





Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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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

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

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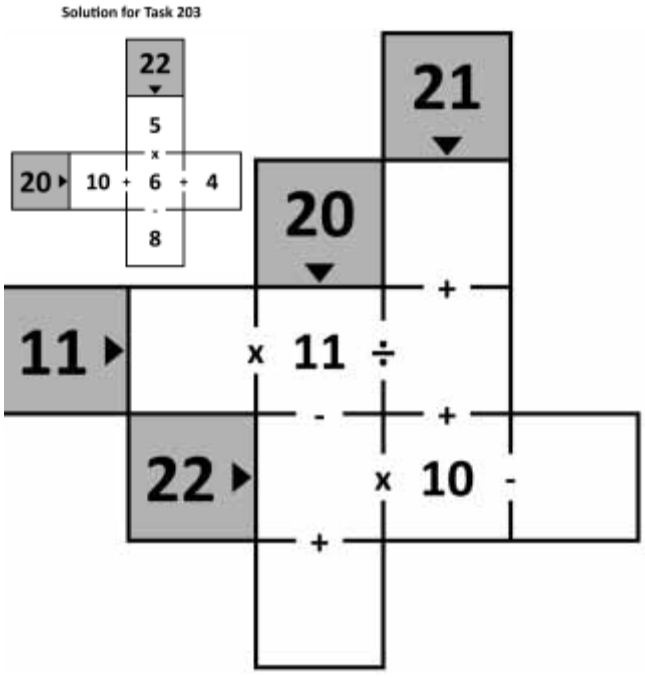
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
• Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
• You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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3, 4, 7, 7, 8, 12

Solution for Task 203





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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Knocker's cry
7 "Very funny!"
11 Stealthy
12 Oklahoma city
13 Loyal buddies
15 Brew maker
16 Ninny
18 Sunrise spot
21 Winter wear
22 Ogle
24 Cobbler's tool
25 Crate
26 Cherbourg chum
27 Café's cousin
29 Flight part
30 Bangkok native
31 Storage building
32 Musical pace
34 Remote function
40 Toledo setting
41 "Bye!"
42 Spanish cat
43 Peaceful

2 Casserole bit
3 Overhead trains
4 Pinhead
5 Not qualified
6 Sassy
7 Donkey sound
8 Columnist Landers
9 Concealed
10 TV spots
14 Mountaineer's tool
16 Namely
17 Joe of The Eagles
19 Use the rink
20 Domesticated
21 Taxi
22 Sticky stuff
23 Waiting bonus
25 Short
28 Skin art
29 Bridal party
31 Bender
33 Forest growth
34 London weather
35 Cry of insight
36 Use the couch
37 Pro vote
38 Friend of Harry and Hermione
39 Bill word

DOWN

1 Not working

A	D	O	B	E	■	D	R	E	S	S
D	O	W	E	L	■	Y	A	L	T	A
S	W	E	A	T	■	N	Y	L	O	N
■	■	■	T	O	G	A	■	A	P	E
D	I	M	I	N	I	S	H	■	■	■
O	D	I	N	■	S	T	E	A	M	S
T	O	N	G	S	■	Y	A	L	I	E
S	L	E	U	T	H	■	T	E	N	T
■	■	■	P	I	A	N	I	S	T	S
C	O	N	■	R	Y	A	N	■	■	■
O	N	O	F	F	■	I	G	A	V	E
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L	E	E	R	Y	■	S	P	O	T	S

Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	5	6	■	7	8	9	10
11						■	12			
13						14				
■	■	■	15					■	■	■
■	16	17			■	18		19	20	■
21				■	22					23
24			■	25			■	26		
27			28			■	29			
■	30				■	31				■
■	■	■	32		33			■	■	■
34	35	36						37	38	39
40				■	41					
42				■	43					

8-10

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ With heroin too expensive for many African addicts, some ask an addicted friend for a temporary fix -- withdrawing a teaspoonful of the friend's heroin-tinged blood and injecting it into their own bloodstream. Evidence of this practice (called "flashblood") comes from anecdotes from health officials in Tanzania, Zanzibar and Kenya, reported in The New York Times in July. Doctors said they question the euphoria-producing quality of such tiny amounts of heroin, but are certain that flashblood will potently deliver any HIV present in the donor's blood.

■ Motherly Love: (1) Ranay Collins, 49, was arrested in Las Vegas in June and charged with beating her 16-year-old daughter with a cane. The arresting officer quoted Collins' explanation: "That (expletive) owes me $50 for rent." (2) Police arrested Christina Muniz, 29, in Surprise, Ariz., in June, after being summoned to the home by Muniz's son, 11. Muniz had just informed the boy and his brother, 6, that she was abandoning them to move to California with her boyfriend to fulfill her dream of becoming a stripper. With police watching, the older boy approached Muniz for a hug, but Muniz slugged him in the stomach.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1971 The Society for American Baseball Research is founded in Cooperstown, New York.

1977 In Yonkers, New York, 24-year-old postal employee David Berkowitz ("Son of Sam") is arrested for a series of killings in the New York City area over the period of one year.

1978 Three members of the Ulrich family were killed in an Accident. This accident lead to the famous Ford Pinto litigation.

1981 Murder of Adam Walsh: The head of John Walsh's son is found. Inspires the creation of the television series America's Most Wanted.

1988 Japanese American internment: U.S. President Ronald Reagan signs the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, providing $20,000 payments to Japanese Americans who were either interned in or relocated by the United States during World War II.

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