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THE STANDING STRONG ISSUE



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REBOUND: **Chef Ryuta Hamazaki of Fishlips Sushi creates fast dishes at a mobile foot court that was ordered to close in January.**

Food truck courts OK'd

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Santa Monica is about to undergo a food truck renaissance, following City Hall's announcement this week that officials have approved a new permit that allows private property owners to turn their parking lots into "mobile food courts."

Already, the California Heritage Museum and property owner Steve Taub, who owns a lot at Santa Monica Boulevard and 14th Street, have expressed interest in hosting gourmet food trucks on their properties.

Taub was behind the push to allow mobile food courts in Santa Monica after he attempted to rent his property out to food truck owners in January, only to be shut down by City Hall the day after hundreds of customers showed up for his first day in business.

Code compliance officers said the use wasn't allowed under city zoning laws, which prompted the City Council to review its mobile food vendor policy.

On Tuesday, City Hall's planning department said it would begin accepting applications for "temporary use permits" that would allow mobile food truck courts to operate. The permits would be good for up to three months and would be subject to renewal. The fee for a permit application is $953.72.

The plan is to review the program in four months, when the City Council would have the option of making it permanent, said Principal Planner Paul Foley.

Tobi Smith, executive director of the California Heritage Museum, said she submitted an application with the intention of hosting a weekly evening food truck court in the parking lot behind the museum, located on Main Street in Ocean Park.

"We thought it would be really fun to have the food trucks on a night that normally is dead to the world here on Main Street," she said, probably a Monday or Tuesday.

She said the idea has the backing of both the Ocean Park Association and the Main Street Business Improvement Association. She hopes to host 10 trucks each week and to use the event to cross promote Main Street businesses with special discounts for food truck customers, she said.

"We're hoping that by having food trucks here, Main Street will become more of a destination spot," she said.

The museum, which leases its parking lot form City Hall, stands to earn income

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MOUNTAIN VIEW MOBLIE HOME PARK

City Council rejects $3M Arizona deal

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL The Santa Monica City Council stuck to its guns on Tuesday and upheld its boycott of Arizona companies, unanimously rejecting a recommendation by staff to purchase $3 million worth of "manufactured homes" from a company located in that state.

Before the vote, Housing & Economic Development Director Andy Agle urged the council to make an exception to its boycott and accept the bid from Arizona-based Cavco Industries, saying the company's proposal could save City Hall $2 million compared with the best bid from a non-Arizona company.

But the council, which in May unanimously voted to boycott Arizona to protest that state's tough new immigration law, was united in rejecting that advice.

Arizona's law, known as SB 1070, made it a state crime to lack immigration documents and directed police officers to check papers when they suspect someone they've stopped on suspicion of committing a non-immigration related offense may be in the country illegally. The law was largely struck down by a federal judge before taking effect in July and is expected to reach the U.S. Supreme Court on appeal.

At issue on Tuesday was a proposed contract for 20 pre-fabricated homes that would replace older trailers at the City Hall-owned Mountain View Mobile Home Park. The process that culminated with the recom-

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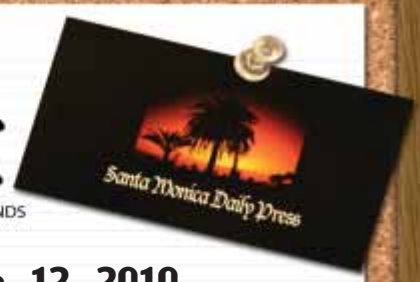
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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



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Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
Catch Soulive and Breakestra during the Twilight Dance Series. The show is free.

Kicking good time
Santa Monica Pier
11 a.m.
"Kick" with the world-famous Rockettes at "Kicking Across America." Join thousands of people around the country who are kicking up their heels to help provide children from local charities the opportunity to see the 2010 Radio City Christmas Spectacular. This is a free event. For more information, go to www.kickingacrossamerica.com.

Running to remember
Santa Monica Pier
8:46 a.m.
Be there for the start of the Tour of Duty Run, as firefighters and emergency service workers from America and Australia begin a month-long cross-country run in honor of the fallen from Sept. 11, 2001. The journey, which starts in Santa Monica, will end in New York City on Sept. 11. For more information, go to www.tourofduty.com.au.

Meat talks
Santa Monica Public Library, MLK Auditorium
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
As part of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market 2010 quarterly panel series, "Conscientious Carnivore" will feature farmers and chefs who advocate raising animals for meat and dairy in a humane way. The panel will be moderated by Evan Kleiman of Angeli Caffe and KCRW's Good Food. For more information, call (310) 458-8712.

Friday, Aug. 13, 2010

Space discussion
New Roads School
3131 Olympic Blvd., 7:30 p.m.
Join astronomer Thor Dockweiler as he discusses Galileo at the monthly meeting of the Santa Monica Amateur Astronomy Club. Learn about the famous astronomer as an individual and about his remarkable discoveries four centuries ago. Admission is free. For more information, call (310) 495-7595.

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DOWNTOWN

Catching drunk drivers

The Santa Monica Police Department will be conducting a sobriety/driver's license checkpoint this Friday night in the 300 block of Pico Boulevard, police said.

Officers will be contacting drivers in Santa Monica to see if they are under the influence of drugs or alcohol and to see if they have a valid driver's license and car insurance. This is the sixth checkpoint held over the last 12 months, police said.

Funding for the checkpoint was provided by a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The SMPD reminds drivers to take a car or catch a ride from a designated driver if they plan on drinking.

Since 2005, the number of alcohol-involved fatalities has dropped, but law enforcement and the public must continue to work toward zero deaths, police said.

DAILY PRESS

CITYWIDE

Grant to help 40 homeless

Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) has been awarded a grant of nearly $1.7 million from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for its work in providing housing subsidies for the chronically homeless population in Santa Monica and the Westside of Los Angeles, officials with the group said.

The competitive grant is part of a federal "Shelter Plus Care" package of more than $10 million awarded to three Los Angeles-area nonprofits, the City of West Hollywood and the L.A. County Department of Mental Health.

Shelter Plus Care is a program designed to provide housing and supportive services on a long-term basis for homeless persons with disabilities, primarily those with serious mental illness, alcohol and/or drug addictions, and AIDS or related diseases, who are living on the streets or in emergency shelters.

"The Shelter Plus Care grant allows us to continue to expand our services to 40 more at-risk homeless individuals who have the most to lose by remaining on the street," said John Maceri, executive director of OPCC. "We currently serve over 250 formerly homeless, disabled individuals in permanent housing each year through Shelter Plus Care funding, 94 percent of whom stay housed permanently."

OPCC Shelter Plus Care clients are housed in rental units in various Los Angeles-area apartment buildings and must contribute one-third of their income toward the rent each month in order to participate, Maceri said.

OPCC is a Santa Monica-based social services agency consisting of multiple shelters and programs for low-income and homeless populations.

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HOW SWEET IT IS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Life goes on as usual during a sunny Wednesday afternoon. Temperatures are expected to reach the mid 70s today.

Income declines for first time since WWII

SUDHIN THANAWALA
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO The personal income of California residents declined last year for the first time since World War II, state officials said Wednesday.

An analysis by the federal Bureau of Economic Analysis found that statewide income fell by $40 billion in 2009 to $1.56 trillion. That's down about 2.5 percent from the previous year and even lower than the 2007 figure.

Per capita income was a little more than $42,000 in 2009, compared with nearly $44,000 in 2008, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Data released by the agency Monday shows most of the state's metropolitan areas saw personal income decline or remain the same last year.

In the Los Angeles area, personal income fell 3 percent to $551.27 billion from $568.43 billion in 2008. San Francisco saw a 3.3 percent decline to $257.76 billion from $266.68 billion in 2008.

Fresno and Bakersfield were among

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Koreatown, Little Bangladesh borders approved

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A Los Angeles City Council committee has approved new formal borders for Koreatown that largely confine the neighborhood within a one-square mile box.

The Education and Neighborhoods Committee also voted Wednesday to approve the designation of four blocks along Koreatown's edge as Little Bangladesh.

Korean-American leaders first proposed formalizing Koreatown's borders over a year ago, but clashed with members of the Bangladeshi community who wanted a district named after their homeland.

The Koreans' plans were later opposed by Hispanic groups that complained Koreatown was cutting too deeply into their neighborhoods.

The three groups cooperated on drawing up the boundaries.

The borders will be voted on by the full City Council in the coming weeks.

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Defending the Steering Committee

Editor:

Those who recently joined Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights solely to pursue endorsement of one particular candidate while blocking endorsement of other candidates have been dismayed to learn that SMRR is bigger than any one faction and beyond their ability to manipulate or control.

SMRR is at its core a tenant protection and advocacy organization. Thousands of Santa Monica residents belong to SMRR and rely on the organization to protect their homes and their quality of life. On non-tenant protection issues, SMRR will only take a stand when there is strong consensus within the organization, as there is regarding SMRR's support for the schools. When a consensus fails to emerge on a non-tenant issue, such as the development issues surrounding Proposition T, SMRR leaders and members will generally agree not to take an official position. We recognize that people of good will can hold different views on one or more secondary issues, and that SMRR as an organization is more important than any faction within SMRR. As long as we continue to agree on our core goals and principles, we can all move forward together.

This brings us to the 2010 election campaign and the Steering Committee's decision to support previously SMRR-endorsed candidates in addition to those endorsed at the convention. By adding candidates who have consistently supported rent control and worked hard to protect tenants, the Steering Committee fulfilled one of its most important responsibilities to the broader SMRR membership. It is a responsibility that the Steering Committee does not take lightly, but also one that we will not shy away from because of complaints from outsiders or from newly-minted SMRR members who may not share our deep commitment to SMRR's platform and core values.

It is part of a democratic system of checks and balances that has helped SMRR remain vibrant for over 30 years.

SMRR is a diverse and welcoming organization. We are renters and homeowners of all ages and backgrounds. We suggest that those who are less familiar with SMRR visit our website, www.smrr.org, to read our platform and learn more about SMRR's role in the community. We are pleased to welcome new members from every neighborhood who want to roll up their sleeves and work with us on behalf of tenants and all residents of Santa Monica.

Sonya Fox Sultan
SMRR Steering Committee

Equal treatment for cooks

Editor:

My name is Kelly and I'm a homeless and jobless man here in Santa Monica. I've been a cook now going on 16 years. Since moving here in January I've applied for about 60 jobs. Each time I go for an Interview I always look in the kitchen to see what it's like, if it's clean, and the way it's setup. About 99 percent of the time the kitchen is staffed by Hispanics. The last time I applied for a job at a popular fast food place, I asked the Hispanic manager if the restaurant was a equal opportunity employer. He replied, "Yes." For some reason I don't believe this. So now I'm applying at the new mall, which has plenty of food areas in which I challenge the managers to give all races an equal chance. Adding on, I think the city of Santa Monica should take a long, hard look at this. I'm a U.S. citizen and I deserve a chance also!

Kelly Shumway
Homeless in Santa Monica

Ban bikes

Editor:

I propose that the use of bikes should be banned instead of being encouraged. The dangerous way that most people ride their bikes is a safety issue to all.

James Walsh
Santa Monica



Your column here

Allegra Fonda-Bonardi — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Youth fueling China's environmental movement

"LET EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND INSTITUTION now think and act as a responsible trustee of Earth, seeking choices in ecology, economics and ethics that will provide a sustainable future, eliminate pollution, poverty and violence, awaken the wonder of life and foster peaceful progress in the human adventure."

— John McConnell, founder of International Earth Day

In a small apartment on the outskirts of Beijing, 12 bespeckled young people crammed in a room, laptops overheating, food containers from the downstairs restaurant sagging with the saucy dregs of a spicy tofu dish, chopsticks balanced unwashed on ceramic bowls. This is the scene on a windy Thursday night in December at the offices of CYCAN, the China Youth Climate Action Network, where students were preparing for a meeting in Copenhagen. I found myself here just weeks before the conference.

The mood was apprehensive. Not only were young activists concerned about their national delegates' ability to reach effective compromise in Denmark, but they were also cramming for classes and scratching out term papers, and discussing how they were going to represent China's youth at the United Nation's most highly-anticipated environmental meeting to date.

These concerns are fairly representative of what I saw during my nine months of research on Chinese NGOs. While in China studying on a scholarship from the Fulbright-Hays Foundation, I volunteered weekly at Green Earth Volunteers, China's second-oldest environmental NGO (founded in 1994). I translated Chinese environmental news articles for the English language section of GEV's China Green News website, http://eng.greensos.cn/default.aspx. I also interviewed a wide variety of Chinese and foreign environmental journalists, lawyers, government officials, students and rural citizens about China's nascent environmental movement.

Two themes that I noticed about Chinese environmental NGOs are:

• In China, environmental NGOs work much more closely with university students than do many organizations in the U.S. In fact, Chinese young people (ages 20-25) are actually running NGOs, not just serving as interns. NGOs often have branches on college campuses. For example: in Santa Monica, Santa Monica College's environmental clubs might collaborate with Heal the Bay on a given project, but in China, Heal the Bay might have an office on SMC's campus and hire much of its staff from the student population. Many organizations (such as CYCAN and the China Green Student Forum) were borne out of or in conjunction with environmental clubs on university campuses.

But why are many Chinese youth so passionate about environmental organizing?

One reason is that students and other NGO staff (often right out of college themselves) are building organizations from scratch in a country where environmental problems loom and beg to be solved.

Another reason for young people's carpe diem stance on the environment is perhaps unique to China: many students feel that this is the best time in their lives to do environmental activism, since the one-child-policy creates pressure on youth to succeed, move back home, or "make a life for one's self" almost immediately after graduation. Therefore, going to college (usually in big cities, away from home) is many Chinese students' best (and often only) opportunity to involve themselves in activist work. Thus, Chinese college students are publishing books, starting blogs, and supporting almost every aspect of the local Chinese environmental movement.

• Retired people are very active in the environmental movement. This is in part true because of China's mandatory retirement age (age 60 for men, 55 for women, according to an official governmental site www.china.org.cn/english/government/193535.htm). But more than that, there is a strong culture of volunteerism and collective action among the older generations in China. The people who are now retired came of age in the 1950s and '60s, during the height of China's communist collective work projects. While there exists a wide range of opinion about these historical periods such as the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution among Chinese citizens, many people whom I spoke with cited this time in their lives as the time when their ideas about contributing to society and making the world a better place were solidified in their minds.

With all of this localized action, what about all of the international environmental NGOs working in China? Environmental NGOs that come from abroad and have branches in China are not subject to the same legal restrictions as the local NGOs. This presents both opportunities and pitfalls. On the one hand, international NGOs often hold more clout with China's government because they are in effect an extension of the nation in which the organizations are based. Since they are considered "guests" in China, if relationships with the government go sour, their staff might be kicked out of China, but probably not jailed.

On the other hand, these international organizations often focus more on the policy side of environmental activism in China, and are less apt to do outreach, environmental education, and media coverage which are central to motivating ordinary Chinese citizens to affect change. Therefore, while they sometimes collaborate on projects, there often exists a substantial difference between the experiences of local NGOs and international NGOs in China.

In conclusion, while NGOs in China face pressures that are almost unimaginable to their U.S. counterparts and partners, the fact remains that local responses to large-scale issues open the way for solutions to even the most daunting environmental problems.

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Trying to strengthen family ties

DEAR NEW SHRINK,

I am in so much pain; I don't know what to do. I feel completely abandoned by my family. Years ago my parents divorced. My father was abusive and my mother was an alcoholic. When I moved out we were barely speaking. I told my mom she needed to get sober. I sent for the Al-Anon literature, but when I gave it to her she quit speaking to me for five months! Luckily, I found my husband and we now have a lovely son, just over a year old. I considered not inviting my mother to the wedding but decided to invite her on the condition that she would not drink at my wedding. My father was not invited at all. His behavior was absolutely intolerable to me. My Mother came to the wedding but did not keep her promise to stay sober. She was as drunk as ever and actually fell on the dance floor. We have not spoken since. She tried to visit me at the hospital when my son was born but I turned her away because I will not expose my son to her bad behavior. Now that he is a year old and I am such a proud mother, I really am feeling abandoned. My own mother has never seen my son, my father has only seen him once and the rest of the extended family, well you could count on one hand the times they have seen my son. No one seems to come around and I honestly fear that they have all taken my mother's side. I am a mature woman with a master's degree, am an excellent school teacher and a good mother. Thank God for my husband's family, they are helpful and loving to me. But I cannot shake off my hurt feelings of abandonment?

Signed,
Distraught

DEAR DISTRAUGHT,

First of all, I am so sorry to hear about, and feel, your pain. I can tell that you are, emotionally speaking, bleeding inside.

It sounds like you want to be close with your family of origin, or at least your mother and some of the extended family you have on her side. However, given your description, it's complicated. You want to be close but you don't want her around? Sounds like the only way you would consider being close is if she adheres to your rules. I don't know her or your family but in all relationships there really does need to be room for two. That is to say, room for negotiation.

More importantly, there seems to be an issue with alcoholism and while you probably do not want to hear this, you may be a little off base. Alcoholism is not bad behavior; it is a disease, and illness. Many people do not want to believe this but the science is there to prove it. "The man takes the drink, the drink takes the drink, and then the drink takes the man."

This is an old Japanese proverb that explains the process, and progression very well. When the drunk starts taking the drink, it is no longer about choice and the behavior is a function of that brain chemistry. Blackouts and bad behavior come out of alcoholism but are not separate from it. Your mother doesn't get drunk at you nor does she mean to ruin your wedding, she is sick and she needs help. If she stopped talking to you when you gave her Al-Anon literature that was clearly defensive and it was her sickness talking.

It makes sense that you have misgivings about exposing your child to your mother's problem. This is a decision that only you and your husband can make. But you need to understand that your son is already genetically predisposed and at risk, and given your feelings of abandonment and resentment, you are the one that needs to learn more about alcoholism and you are the one who would benefit from Al-Anon. I know that it is not fair; and your feeling abandoned is totally understandable. All children of alcoholics feel this way. However, your resentment is hurting you more than it is hurting anyone else.

My guess is that your extended family is probably trying to avoid the conflict, staying under the radar so to speak. If you want a relationship with them, reach out to them and see what happens. Alcoholism is a family disease and no one really knows what to do. Step up for yourself and take care of yourself by ridding yourself of resentment, learning about alcoholism and getting some counseling and/or attending Al-Anon for the sake of yourself and your son. Start to get healthy yourself, then reach out to your family. I suspect you will be pleasantly surprised.

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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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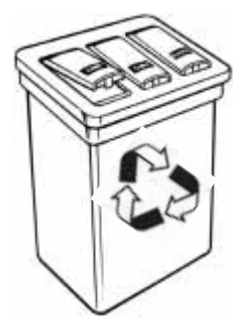


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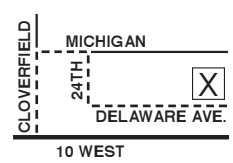
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Traveling Back to Fitness

Taylor Van Arsdale
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Running-free weight loss

I WANT EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT I'VE lost 25 pounds … so far. And, I want everyone to know that I did so without running a step!

How many of you think that in order to truly lose weight you have to jog or run? How many of you have been told by trainers or friends that the excess weight you're carrying won't really come off unless you're running a few miles a day? How many of them pooh-pooh anything but their running regiment? Well, I'm here to say they are wrong and I am the proof.

I will tell you straight up, right now, that I like just about everything and I hate running. I find it to be the most boring, tedious waste of time since reality television graced our airwaves and loathe the fact that there's never a restroom around when I most desperately need one. No, I am not an "outdoorsy gal." My idea of roughing it is a hotel without a concierge. So the gym, and all its accoutrements, suits me just fine.

So how did I achieve weight loss success — and let me say I've still got another 25 pounds to go — without the use of a treadmill?

I used the seated bike. This was actually on the advice of my trainer, Keith Sims. He first put me on the bike because he didn't want to stress out my knees. As I dropped weight, we walked the stairs, and then moved up to the step mill. Now I'm not going to lie here. You must break a sweat in order to get your heart rate up and burn calories. But I can tell you how grateful I am that I don't have to run. It is one of the things that have kept me motivated during this conditioning process.

We all need motivation to get to the gym and workout. We all get motivated for different reasons. For some it may come when trying to impress a guy or a girl, for others it may be the thrill of competition.

Whatever inspires you to break a sweat is a good thing. And, if you're into competitions, Burn Fitness is running a two month Weight Loss Challenge. It runs Aug. 15 — Oct. 15.

"The challenge is based on points of body fat," says Kejo Thomas, a lovely gal who helms the front desk. "So whoever loses the most body fat points wins."

The way it works is members sign up, weigh in, record their measurements and get their body fat calibration. Thomas says, "We typically have between 15 and 20 members competing."

By the numbers

Starting Weight: 182
Pounds Lost: 21.5
Current Weight: 160.5
Goal Weight: 135
Pounds to Lose to Goal: 25.5

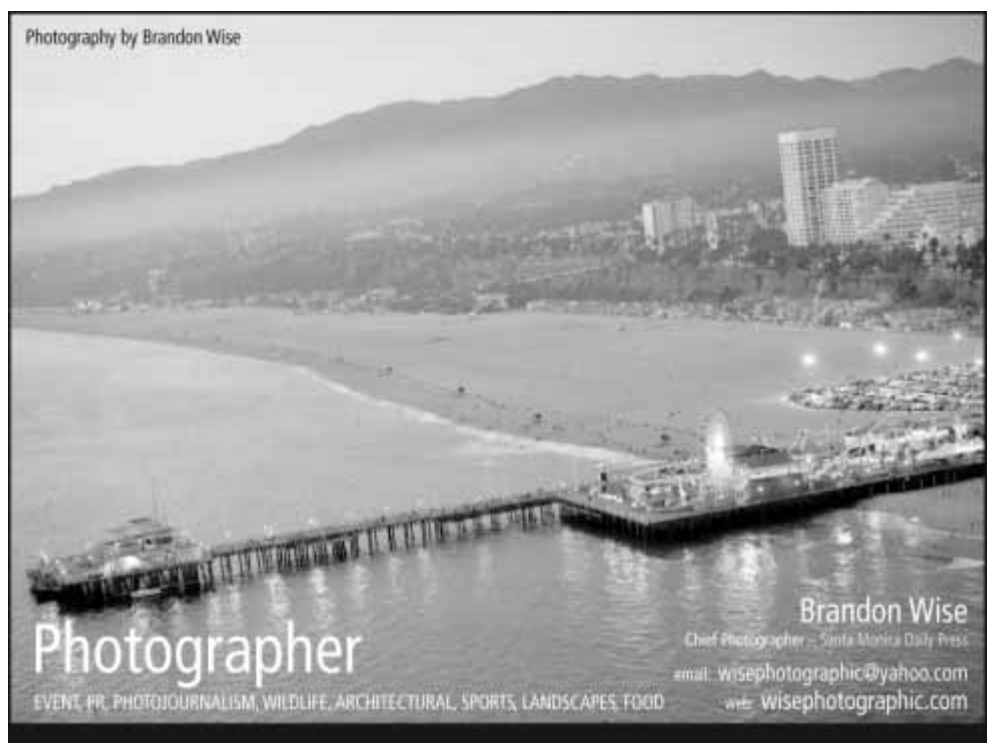
For someone like me, who now only needs to lose 25 pounds the challenge sounds like a great way to inspire motivation. Some members have trainers and some train by themselves. If you don't have a trainer and you're not feeling like you're going to be able to motivate by working out alone, a great way to continue gaining ground is to find a workout buddy. This can be as simple as setting a time commitment so you get your butt to the gym to do cardio — which by the way, is a fabulous way to make new friends while you insure you're staying fit — or as complex as partnering up with someone while the two of you take turns lifting weights. I recently made a pact with a member to meet in the a.m. for cardio on days I don't train with Sims. Though we do our own thing once we arrive — she does the treadmill and I do the step mill — the idea that we're are beholden to each other to show up on time is a good way to help us meet our respective fitness goals.

With respect to the Weight Loss Challenge, the winner receives a one-year free membership. Second place is a three months paid membership and third place is a Burn Fitness T-shirt and water bottle. If you want to join and become a member you can do so and sign up for the Weight Loss Challenge.

I'm sending out my own personal challenge to my readers. If you have been putting off losing weight or ignoring your health, it's time to stop the excuses. It's time to take care of YOU! It's time to step up to the step mill.

This program has changed my life. In less than four months, I have gained more confidence, feel like I'm getting back to my true self, have said "goodbye" to size 31 jeans, started dating again and reconnected with a guy who rocks my world … and all this without running!

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Feds call for Coast Guard policy on cell phone use

JOHN ANTCZAK
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Federal safety investigators revealed Wednesday that crew members aboard two Coast Guard boats involved in collisions in California and South Carolina last year were using wireless devices for conversation or text messaging unrelated to vessel operations. The collisions killed one person and injured 10.

The NTSB said in a statement that it has not determined the probable causes of the collisions in San Diego Bay and the Charleston, S.C., harbor, but was urging the Guard to develop a thorough policy on use of the devices by the service and to issue a safety advisory to the maritime industry.

The National Transportation Safety Board did not say how many members of each crew were using the devices or what their roles were on the boats, but said the accidents raise concerns about the potential for distraction.

It noted in a letter to the Guard that the service considers all crew members to be lookouts when a vessel is under way.

The Coast Guard issued a policy on July 16 that prohibits use of the devices by the boat operator — the person at the wheel and throttles — at all times while under way, said Lt. Cmdr. Chris O'Neil, chief of media relations at Guard headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The policy prohibits other crew members from using the devices unless expressly approved by the boat operator, known as the coxswain, O'Neil said.

The NTSB said that policy was only a "first step" in safety improvements recommended for the Guard.

O'Neil defended the existing rule as very specific on the use of the electronic devices. That policy does not define the purposes or situations in which use can be authorized.

"It allows the coxswain to exercise judgment ... to determine whether it is prudent to allow use of that device," O'Neil said.

O'Neil could not comment on details of the two accidents, citing ongoing investigations.

The first accident cited by the NTSB occurred on Dec. 5 at Charleston as two Coast Guard boats, each with a crew of three, were returning to base after escorting a cargo ship. One of the boats collided with the Thriller 09, a small vessel that was carrying 22 passengers on a tour of Christmas light displays, injuring five passengers and a sixth who sought treatment later.

The second involved a Coast Guard boat with a crew of five colliding with a 24-foot pleasure boat during San Diego Bay's Parade of Lights on Dec. 20. Of the 13 people aboard the civilian boat, an 8-year-old boy was killed and four others were seriously injured. No Coast Guard personnel were injured.

In the San Diego incident, four petty officers are facing Coast Guard charges ranging from involuntary manslaughter to negligent homicide and dereliction of duty. A Coast Guard district commander will decide whether they face a court-martial.

Phony nurse school to pay students $500K

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES A fake nursing school in Los Angeles has been shut down and has agreed to pay its cheated students a total of $500,000 in restitution.

The RN Learning Center created the illusion that it offered an accredited nursing program by holding graduations and classes while cashing in on $20,000 tuition from as many as 300 students, said California Attorney General Jerry Brown in a statement Wednesday.

"The school destroyed the aspirations of hundreds of students who also lost thousands of dollars in wasted tuition," said Brown, adding that the school would "pay back its former students as fully as it can."

There was no answer at a listing for RN Learning Center on Wednesday.

The school targeted mostly Filipino-Americans already working in the health field, and students traveled to the Philippines for a month of clinical study in hospitals and prison, Brown said. Students took classes in anatomy, microbiology and learned to give sutures.

When about 50 students applied to the state nursing board to take the license examinations to become registered nurses, they were notified that their school was unlicensed, and none of their coursework would be counted.

RN Learning Center never applied to the nursing board to obtain accreditation as a school of nursing, said Brown.

In addition to paying restitution, RN Learning Center owner Junelou Chalico agreed to never open a nursing school in California.

The school was ordered to close by the Board of Registered Nursing three years ago.

EPA reviews pesticide report

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is examining a report that warned an agricultural pesticide approved by the agency could poison the air and water.

The EPA wrote in a letter last week to Sen. Dianne Feinstein that it was reviewing the report from a panel of California scientists. The agency is also reviewing a plan by California regulators to mitigate environmental and health risks from the chemical methyl iodide.

The letter was in response to Feinstein's request that the EPA reconsider its approval of the compound, which the agency sanctioned for use in most of the country in 2007.

California regulators opted to put the compound through their own registration process and gave it tentative approval in April.

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the few areas that saw personal incomes rise.

Brad Kemp, an economist with Beacon Economics, said the numbers from those Central California cities reflect relatively steady employment in the farming sector.

"The farm industry has always been resistant to job losses," he said. "Food remains a commodity that people can't skimp on."

Overall, the income drop in California was more dramatic than it was nationwide. The U.S. saw an average decline of 1.8 percent in 2009.

"You've got an unholy trinity of three things going on here," said H.D. Palmer, a spokesman for the state Department of Finance.

Between 2008 and 2009, Palmer said, the state lost nearly 900,000 jobs and saw stock and dividend income fall. Wages also declined as people worked fewer hours with less overtime and saw income from sources such as tips and commissions go down.

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mendation to select Cavco Industries to provide the homes had been in the works for a year and a half, a report on the proposal submitted to the council stated.

On Tuesday, Councilman Kevin McKeown called the proposed contract with Cavco an "end run" around the boycott that would "undercut any message we were trying to send."

"I don't think we were trying to merely politically posture" when we adopted the boycott, he said. "I think we really did mean to send a serious message to the state of Arizona."

Councilwoman Gleam Davis added: "When we decided to enact the Arizona boycott it wasn't just about putting pressure on Arizona, it was about making a stand. And stands don't mean very much if the second they become inconvenient you abandon them."

Rather than asking staff to seek additional bids for the manufactured home contract — a process that can take months under standard "request for proposal" procedures — the council took the unusual step of directing staff to negotiate a contract for the manufactured homes on the open market.

The move means Agle will be charged with finding a non-Arizona company that can provide the homes under terms favorable enough to win the City Council's approval at a future meeting.

The open-market strategy, council members agreed, would be faster than sending out a new request for bids. Time is an issue with the deal, Agle said, because the housing department is using a federal grant that expires in April to fund most of the cost of the purchase.

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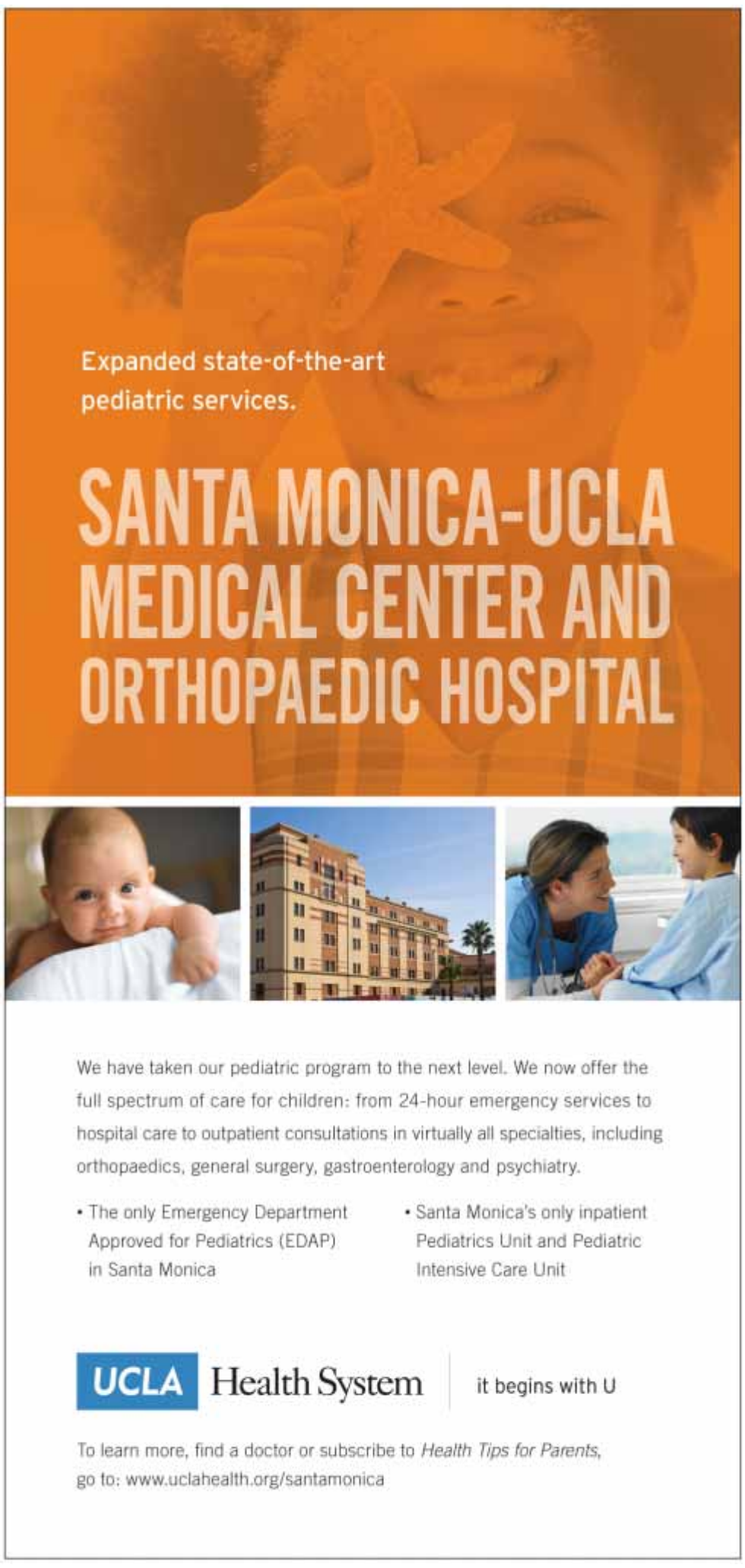
All six members of the council who were present for the vote on Tuesday backed the plan, though Councilman Richard Bloom said he was concerned that rejecting the bid from Cavco Industries might mean foregoing the best option for Mountain View residents.

"The fact of the matter is we're not buying pencils and erasers here. These are products that are intended to benefit the lives of Santa Monica residents and they are homes that people will live in and we should be seeking the absolute best for our residents," he said, adding that he could have supported an exception to the Arizona boycott in this instance.

Mayor Bobby Shriver did not attend Tuesday's meeting.

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from the fees it plans to charge food vendors for the space.

City Hall said it will take about two weeks to review applications. Restrictions on operating hours and restroom and noise level requirements can be attached as conditions of approval. No application for a temporary permit has yet been approved, Foley said.

John Bowler, a founder of the Southern California Mobile Food Vendors Association, on Wednesday said he was pleased City Hall had decided to allow food trucks to operate on private property — a mode of doing business he said is gaining traction in the industry.

"It shows that the City Council of Santa Monica was willing to work with us and find an amicable solution to the problem," he said.

Traditionally, food trucks have stationed themselves on public streets to sell meals, where vendors are subject to parking restrictions and other rules. Some Downtown restaurateurs complained, saying the food trucks have an unfair advantage since they do not have to pay assessments or high rents.

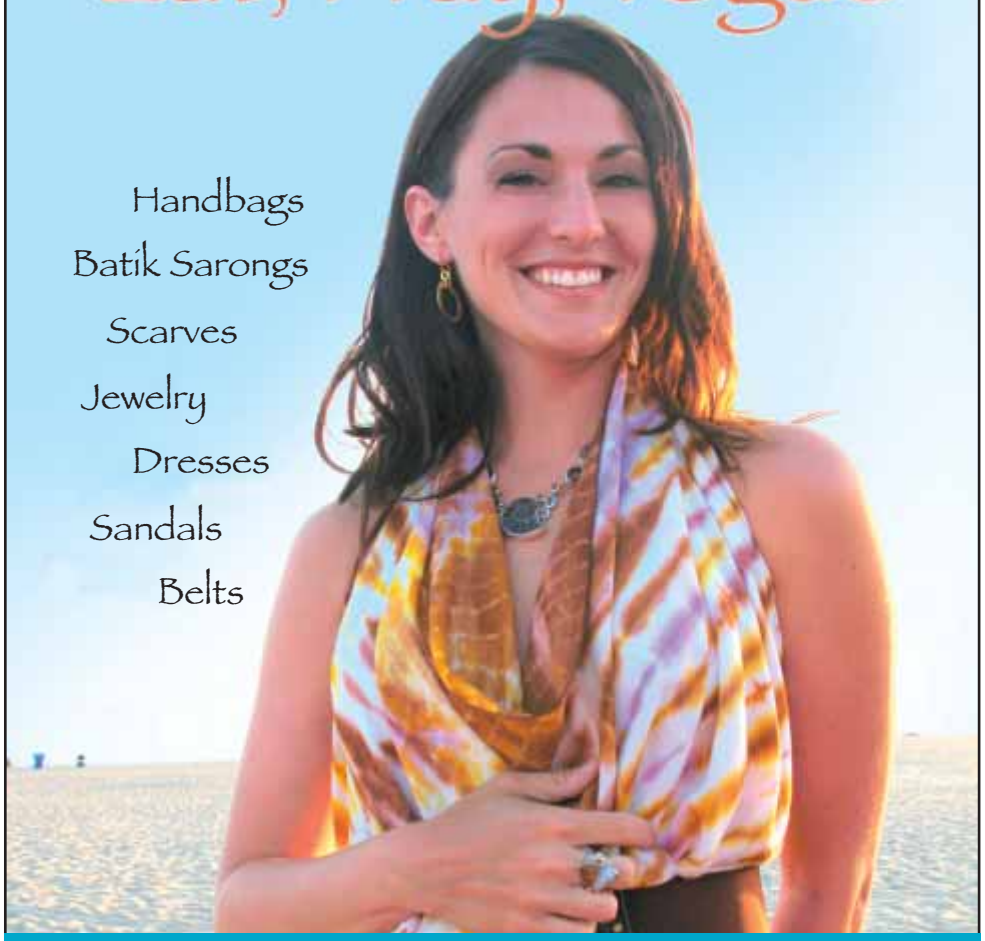
> **"WE'RE HOPING THAT BY HAVING FOOD TRUCKS HERE, MAIN STREET WILL BECOME MORE OF A DESTINATION SPOT."**
>
> **Tobi Smith,**
> Executive director of the California Heritage Museum

The mobile food court model, Bowler said, has benefits for food truck owners, who don't have to worry about breaking the law, and for customers, who can choose from a variety of options.

"For the city," he added, "it puts everyone in a manageable area."

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Fossil study pushes back date of earliest tools

MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK Two ancient animal bones from Ethiopia show signs of butchering by human ancestors, moving back the earliest evidence for the use of stone tools by about 800,000 years, researchers say.

The bones appear to have been cut and smashed some 3.4 milion years ago, the first evidence of stone tool use by Australopithecus afarensis, the species best known for the fossil dubbed "Lucy," says researcher Zeresenay Alemseged.

"We are putting stone tools in their hands," said Alemseged ("Uh-lems-uh-ged") of the California Academy of Sciences, who reports the finding with colleagues in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

Some experts urged caution about the study's conclusions.

The study authors said the bones indicate the human ancestor used sharp stones to carve meat from the carcasses of large animals and other stones to smash bones to get at the marrow. One bone is a rib from a creature the size of a cow, and the other a leg bone from something the size of a goat. No stone tools were found at the site.

The researchers also called the finding the earliest evidence for meat-eating among hominins, an evolutionary group that includes people and their ancestors.

The study authors attributed the tool use to afarensis because no other hominin is known from that time in the area where the bones were found. The skeleton of a young afarensis female, dubbed "Selam," had previously been found about 200 yards away from the bone site. The Lucy fossil, which dates to 3.2 million years ago, was discovered in the same general area in 1974.

Alemseged said afarensis probably scavenged carcasses rather than hunting live animals, and ate the meat raw. The researchers said it's not clear whether the stone tools were made or were simply stones that were used as tools. But they plan to look for evidence of tool-making.

Alemseged also said that as some afarensis stripped meat from a carcass, others probably stood guard to ward off predators in return for some of the meat, which would indicate a degree of cooperative behavior.

Until now, the earliest sign of tool use dated to about 2.6 million years ago, also in Ethiopia. It's not clear who used those tools.

Some experts were unconvinced by the Nature paper's arguments.

"I'm very cautious about the conclusions," said Nicholas Toth of Indiana University, a paleoanthropologist who studies early stone tools.

The bones were found on the surface rather than being excavated, he said. That means nobody knows exactly what layers of earth they came from, which is key to knowing their age and associating them with other bones and materials to give them context, he said.

What's more, judging from photos in the Nature paper, the bone markings differ from the marks typically left by stone tools, he said. That raises questions about whether they were actually caused by trampling or animal bites, Toth said.

In fact, those markings look like the work of crocodiles, said Tim White of the University of California, Berkeley. And they don't appear in the places on the bones that one would expect from a butchering, he said.

He also said that 30 years of searching has failed to find any stone tools as old as the bones. "It's not like people haven't been looking. People have been looking intensively," he said.

"An extraordinary claim requires extraordinary evidence," White said. "The evidence is very thin here, and very ambiguous."

But Bernard Wood of George Washington University declared, "I'd be willing to bet a month's salary that those are cut marks (from stone tools) and not tooth marks."

Wood compared the find to the famous 1978 discovery of tracks in Tanzania that showed upright walking 3.6 million years ago, most likely by afarensis.

The bone markings "are as significant a statement about early hominin behavior as the Laetoli footprints are about hominin locomotion," Wood said. While it's reasonable to assume that afarensis wielded the tools, he said, Alemseged's ideas about the butchers being guarded by other afarensis in exchange for meat is "pushing the envelope a bit far."

Wood also said the finding suggests afarensis ate meat but doesn't prove it, because maybe they cut off animal flesh just to get to the marrow.

International investor concerns sink stock market

STEPHEN BERNARD
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Stocks and interest rates tumbled Wednesday as investors around the world took a bleaker view of the U.S. economy.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 265 points, its biggest drop in six weeks, and all the major indexes fell more than 2 percent. The yield on the Treasury's 10-year note fell to its lowest level since March 2009 as investors worried about the economy and avoiding stocks sought the safety of government securities.

Companies across a wide range of industries dropped Wednesday. Only 442 stocks rose on the New York Stock Exchange, while 2,627 fell, a sign that investors expect all businesses to suffer if the economy continues to weaken.

Investors' gloom deepened a day after the Federal Reserve said it would begin buying government bonds as a way to stimulate the economy. News of slower industrial growth in China and a disappointing economic indicator in Japan helped send stocks plunging first in Asia, then in Europe and the U.S.

Investors got more bad news after trading ended in the U.S. Cisco Systems Inc.'s revenue in the company's latest quarter fell short of analysts' expectations. Companies' revenue shortfalls have sent stocks falling over the past month, and Cisco's stock was down sharply in after-hours trading. Its report could touch off more selling on Thursday.

Stock traders tend to buy and sell based on their expectations for what business will be like in six to nine months. The problem for investors is that economic data has been so muddled lately that they have no sense of whether the recovery will hold.

"Uncertainty, uncertainty, uncertainty," was the way that Javier Perez-Santalla, managing director for futures and foreign exchange at the institutional brokerage firm Dinosaur Group, described the mood in the market.

"Everyone is scratching their heads, saying 'which way?'" Perez-Santalla said. "We're kind of stuck in this no man's land, where we're damned if we do, damned if we don't."

The Fed said Tuesday it will start buying government bonds with money it gets from the maturing mortgage-backed bonds that it bought during the recession. The goal is to try to cut interest rates on mortgages and corporate loans and in turn increase lending and help the economy grow faster.

But the Fed's moves were expected to be quite small in comparison to what the economy needs. And many investors were selling because the debt purchases would have only a limited impact on the economy.

According to preliminary calculations, the Dow dropped 265.42, or 2.5 percent, to 10,378.83, its largest slide since it fell 268.22 on June 29.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 31.59, or 2.8 percent, to 1,089.47. The S&P 500 slipped below 1,100, a key psychological level. Falling and holding below that level could lead to more selling as computer-driven trading sets in.

The Nasdaq composite index fell 68.54, or 3 percent, to 2,208.63. The Nasdaq tends to have the biggest losses when stocks are falling sharply because many of its component companies are smaller businesses that struggle the most in a weak economy.





HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

New rules set for metal bats

CATHY BUSSEWITZ
Associated Press Writer

SACRAMENTO The aluminum baseball bats used by California's high school baseball teams will have to meet new safety standards starting in January.

The changes announced Wednesday came after a 16-year-old pitcher from Marin County suffered a major head injury when he was hit in the head last March by a line drive off a metal bat.

Democratic Assemblyman Jared Huffman says he will withdraw his proposed two-year moratorium on non-wooden bats for high school baseball teams.

His bill, AB7, sought to ban both aluminum and composite bats until new safety standards were adopted.

The group that governs high school baseball says the composite bats that some high school teams use will also have to meet new national standards that were announced in July.





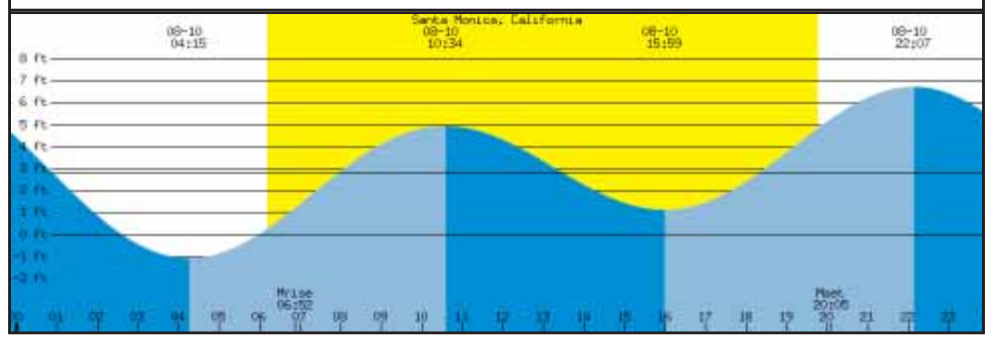


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Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas 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 Rominer 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 (branch 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 Tunos 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
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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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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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Colin Fitz Lives! (2010) (NR) 1hr 31min
7:30pm

Call theater for more information.

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Toy Story 3 in Disney Digital 3D (RealD 3D) (G) 1hr 49min
2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

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

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:35am, 2:15pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:01am

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
12:10pm, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
12:00pm, 2:30pm, 4:50pm, 7:10pm

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1hr 53min
12:01am

The Other Guys (Digital Presentation) (PG-13) 1hr 47min
1:15pm, 4:00pm, 6:45pm, 9:30pm

Step Up 3D (RealD 3D) (PG-13) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Flipped (PG) 1hr 30min
12:20pm, 2:40pm, 4:50pm, 7:00pm

Despicable Me 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 35min
11:25am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:05pm, 9:35pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

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
1:10pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (PG) 1hr 22min
11:35am, 1:50pm, 4:10pm, 6:30pm

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore 3D (RealD 3D) (PG) 1hr 22min
12:15pm, 2:35pm, 4:55pm, 7:20pm, 9:45pm

Charlie St. Cloud (PG-13) 1hr 49min
11:25am, 2:00pm, 4:40pm, 7:15pm, 9:50pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:20am, 2:45pm, 6:00pm, 9:15pm

Middle Men (R) 1hr 45min
1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

The Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:05pm

The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG-13) 2hrs 4min
9:00pm

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

Do you, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Let go of a sense of confusion. Schedule a meeting late in the day, when others will be more relaxed. Ideas are easily exchanged. Others clearly are attracted. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21)
★★★★ Be efficient. Clear out your to-do list. Creativity plays into a decision. A brainstorming session pays off. Slow down and understand what is clogging your actions. With this insight, you can go forward. Tonight: Do for you.

GEMINI (May 22-June 20)
★★★ Stay focused, even if someone keeps calling trying to get your attention. You might feel that this person just doesn't get it. Establish limits; screen calls. Creative solutions will come up later. Tonight: Let your hair down.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You have a lot to share but, unfortunately, a partner doesn't want to listen. Confusion also could surround a money matter. On some level, the pressure builds until you must handle a personal or domestic matter. Tonight: At home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Observe a tendency to go off the deep end or to go to extremes. An associate or partner could trigger unexpected reactions. Be reasonable, and know how far you can go. Tonight: Join a friend or invite a friend for dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your best hours are in the a.m. You might feel that an associate could be muddling up the works. Be realistic about your limits and know that you can only control yourself. Schedule a trip to the dentist or doctor. Tonight: Let go of stress.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You know what you are doing, though others might not see the situation in the same way. Play your cards close to your chest. You will be able to reveal more very soon. Someone might be unexpectedly erratic. Tonight: Nap, then out on the town.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Zero in on your priorities. Listen to a friend who could be pointing out a new path. You might be stunned that you didn't see what was going on. Just know rather than react. Tonight: Vanish. Go to the gym or find close friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You continue to be a strong presence. You are on top of your game. Make it a point not to push someone too hard. This person's resentment could become an issue later. Tonight: You have worked hard. You deserve to play hard, too.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for more insight. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you are hearing. Detach. In a little while, you won't even be triggered. Understanding comes forward. You can handle what is coming down. Tonight: Working late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ A partner has been feeding you information. How you handle it all is important. You will want a new way of sorting through all the information. You process things in a different way as well. Tonight: Listen to some blues or jazz. Refresh your mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are strong and willful when you want to be. Recently, a partner needed to be on center stage and more dominant. Though you are OK with that decision, you want a dominant role. Tonight: Chat over dinner. Have that important conversation.

Happy birthday

This year, you could swing from being the gracious, charming Lion to being a rather difficult, picky Lion. Guess which attitude works better? Learn new ways of releasing strain and stress. Cut yourself a break. No one is perfect. Give others space, too. Deep insights only become possible if you let go of a judgmental quality. If you are single, someone quite dynamic, possibly a foreigner, could enter your life. As fast as this person comes in is as fast as he or she can leave. Trust in your desirability, but don't think long term until you hit the year mark together. If you are attached, a trip could give you both the platform you need to relate better. LIBRA charms information out of you.

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

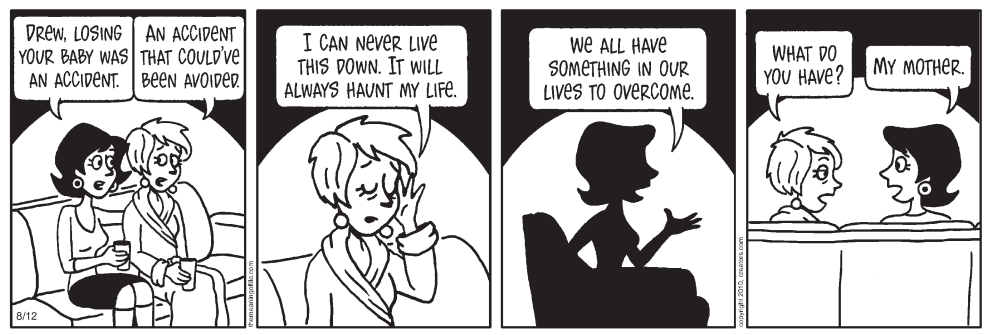
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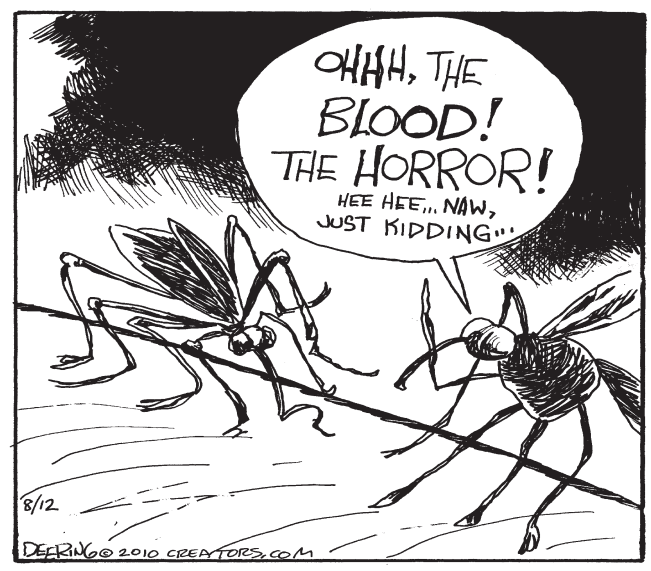
Garfield

By Jim Davis



Strange Brew

By John Deering



Speed Bump

By Dave Coverly



Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

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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

4	2	7	5	6	8	1	3	9
5	3	9	2	4	1	8	6	7
6	1	8	9	7	3	5	4	2
2	9	4	3	5	7	6	1	8
7	8	6	1	2	4	3	9	5
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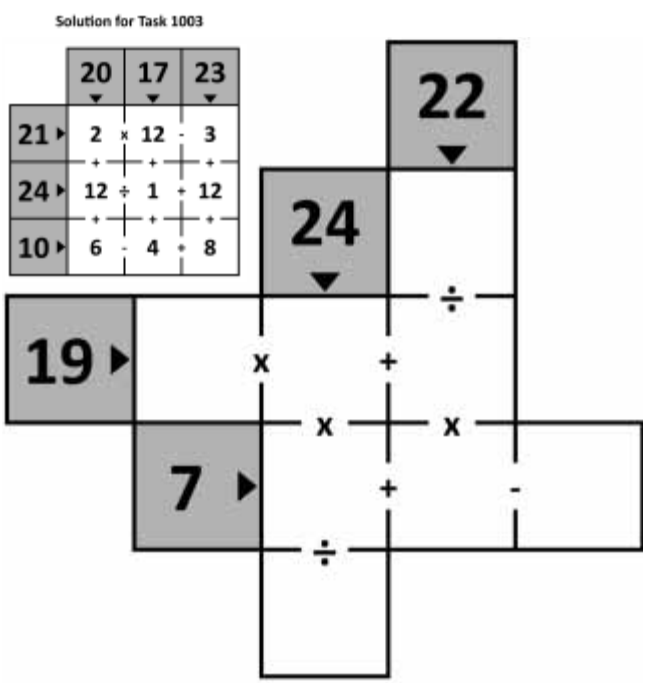
• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
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• You must follow the given math operations 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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Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

1, 2, 3, 3, 6, 7, 11, 12

Solution for Task 1003



MYSTERY REVEALED!!

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Reader Cameron Hopper correctly identified this photo of the Roll-A-Ball game located on the Santa Monica Pier at Pacific Park. Hopper will receive two VIP passes to the pier's amusement park. Check tomorrow's paper for another chance to win.

Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Comic Roseanne
5 Keno's kin
10 Out of the wind
11 Gecko, for one
12 Give for a bit
13 Place for some blackbirds
14 Summer quencher
16 Enjoy the rink
20 Adolescent
23 Bloke
24 Bars on cars
25 Play part
27 Marks a ballot
28 Black suit
29 Refrigerator feature
32 Parlor treat
36 Before, poetically
39 Unctuous
40 Relishes
41 Easy gait
42 Somber
43 Son of Adam

2 Tina's TV co-star
3 Painter Magritte
4 Merlot, for one
5 Script makeup
6 Arkansas' — Mountains
7 Spigot
8 Numerical prefix
9 Keats creation
11 Bottle size
15 Great serves
17 Like some cheese
18 Air
19 Peepers
20 Curbside cry
21 Biz bigwig
22 Different
25 Blueprint number
26 Baby-food choice
28 Distorts
30 Unimportant
31 Squirrel's find
33 Cork's country
34 Scads
35 Bit of lore
36 Twisty turn
37 Scoundrel
38 Genesis name

DOWN

1 Indonesian island

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Yesterday's answer

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1	2	3	4	■	■	5	6	7	8	9
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8-12

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 2 14 26 50 56 Meganumber: 12 Jackpot: $75M

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Fantasy 5: 5 30 31 35 36

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 2 6 1 EVENING: 3 9 4

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 12 Lucky Charms 2nd: 10 Solid Gold 3rd: 09 Winning Spirit RACE TIME: 1:43.14

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ (1) An internal police inquiry concluded in April that it was an accident that an officer in the Utica, N.Y., courtroom of Judge Randal Caldwell shot Caldwell in the leg with his Taser gun. Investigators concluded that the officer was merely trying to re-holster the weapon to make it less uncomfortable, and it slipped. (2) Youth worker Cherie Beekman, 33, took a group of her kids to a bowling alley in Didsbury, England, in April for a diversion but got her thumb stuck in her bowling ball. She was taken to a fire station, where, for over two hours, rescuers used an electric saw, hacksaw and chisel to free her.

■ Fine Point of Florida Law: David Lowe, 47, was convicted in Brooksville, Fla., last year of "lewd or lascivious exhibition" after he sat in his car, masturbating, outside a convenience store while ostentatiously holding a large dildo to his mouth in front of a woman and her child. In July 2010, a Florida appeals court reversed the conviction and freed Lowe, pointing out that conviction under that particular statute requires "sexual activity," which is defined as occurring between two or more persons.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1980 Signature of the Montevideo Treaty establishing the Latin American Integration Association.

1981 The IBM Personal Computer is released.

1982 Mexico announces it is unable to pay its enormous external debt, marking the beginning of a debt crisis that spreads to all of Latin America and the Third World.

1985 Japan Airlines Flight 123 crashes into Osutaka ridge in Gunma Prefecture, Japan, killing 520, to become the worst single-plane air disaster.

1992 Canada, Mexico, and the United States announce completion of negotiations for the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

1994 Major League Baseball players go on strike. The work stoppage forces the cancellation of the 1994 World Series.

2000 The Oscar class submarine K-141 Kursk of the Russian Navy explodes and sinks in the Barents Sea during a military exercise.

WORD UP!

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