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THE GET THAT LANCED ISSUE

## Teen Line fundraiser honors Samohi's Mezza

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD  
Daily Press Staff Writer

WEST HOLLYWOOD When Santa Monica High School freshman Matthew Mezza leapt from the 10th-story window of the

Sheraton Delfina in January, a group of dedicated teenagers and volunteers mobilized to provide comfort, support and a ready ear for students and adults impacted by the event.

Sunday, those who received help will get

the opportunity to give it, and at the same time commemorate the young man lost too soon.

Teen Line, a nonprofit organization that

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## Test performance is all in your mind

SAT prep focuses on getting the information out, rather than cramming more in

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD  
Daily Press Staff Writer

UCLA As the school year begins, new high school juniors will begin the arduous process of preparing for tests like the SAT and ACT, which they are told will influence their chances of getting into a good college and potentially the rest of their lives.

It's a lot of pressure, and although many prepare for the tests using traditional — and often pricey — prep courses to cram knowledge into their brains, others are looking for anything to give them that extra edge to excel.

A recent post on the Santa Monica High Yahoo! message board by Lauren Culp, a practicing family psychologist, mother and substitute teacher in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District, pointed to a very different style of preparation that goes beyond acquiring information and focuses on how to apply it.

It's taught by Dr. Marc Schoen, and if knowing is half the battle for success on college admissions tests, Schoen thinks he's got the rest of the equation.

Schoen, an assistant clinical professor at UCLA's School of Medicine, teaches a unique blend of hypnosis and meditation — called hypnomeditation — meant to reduce test anxiety so that students can apply the information they get from studying effectively and, supposedly, get a higher score on their exam.

"You need knowledge, but it's a whole other thing to execute during the test," Schoen said.

The technique, which Schoen teaches at the UCLA Extension, has little to do with the traditional conception of hypnosis, which usually involves people doing comical things while in a stupor and waking up none the wiser.

That's not quite Schoen's method.

"Hypnomeditation is a focused state of concentration that has the ability to influence the brain structure to increase performance," Schoen said.

That's right. According to Schoen's theory, practiced hypnomeditation can actually change the chemistry of the brain, and, if

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## MAINTAINING

'Pimp My Ride' host Xzibit (left) gets under the hood with local teens as they learn valuable car maintenance skills during the Santa Monica Boys & Girls Club and FRAM air filter's Ready to Role program on Thursday afternoon.

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## Dow up 423 as Wall Street whipsaws again

BY STAN CHOE  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Lurching higher in its week of whiplash, Wall Street recorded one of its

biggest gains of all time Thursday after investors seized on a few signs that the economy might just be able to avoid a new recession.

The Dow Jones industrial average soared 423 points. It had already fallen 634 points

Monday, risen 429 Tuesday and fallen 519 Wednesday. Never before has the Dow had four 400-point swings in a row.

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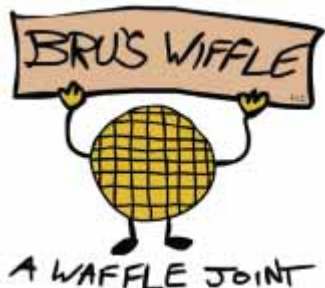
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# Most rabies cases come from wildlife

BY SUE MANNING  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Rabies prevention in the United States is by and large a success story, with just one to four people dying of rabies each year in the U.S. thanks to widespread pet vaccinations and aggressive treatment for people bitten by potentially rabid animals.

Around the world, however, rabies remains a major problem with more than 55,000 human deaths annually, along with millions of animals. Half of the human victims are under 15.

In Asia and Africa, where 95 percent of human rabies deaths occur, dogs spread most of the rabies, according to the World Health Organization.

In the United States, most rabies cases before 1960 were also in domestic animals, but today more than 90 percent of all animal cases reported annually to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control occur in wildlife, most frequently in raccoons, bats, skunks and foxes.

About 7,000 animals die as a result of rabies in the U.S. each year; Hawaii is the only state where there is no rabies. Around the world, Australia and Antarctica are also rabies-free.

Rabies is a virus that targets the brain and spinal cord. It is found in the saliva of infected animals and is most often transferred through a bite. Birds, fish, insects, reptiles and other non-mammals do not get rabies, and it's rare in chipmunks, gerbils, guinea pigs, hamsters, mice, rabbits, rats and squirrels, health officials said.

Americans spend more than \$300 million annually to detect, prevent and control rabies, the CDC estimates. This includes the vaccination of companion animals, animal control programs, maintenance of rabies labs and medical costs.

About 40,000 Americans a year have to get the two-week series of four shots (five if you have immune problems) after being bitten. Often the shots are administered as a preventive measure after a bite, whether or not the animal is caught and tested. These shots cost more than \$1,000 a series and are injected into the hip rather than the stomach as they once were.

The American Veterinary Medical Association has no statistics on pet vaccination rates, and laws requiring vaccinations vary by state. But inoculating pets against rabies — which costs just \$15-\$30 — is a no-brainer for many owners. Rabies is always fatal in unvaccinated animals, and pets can

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**NEEDLES:** Stroke specialist Atsuki Maeda demonstrates an acupuncture treatment on Nina Grenningloh at Emperor's College of Traditional Oriental Medicine on Monday. The college is using the ancient technique to help people recover from a stroke.

# Alternative stroke therapy clinic opens at Emperor's College

BY SERLI POLATOGLU  
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN While many stroke survivors are moving toward recovery with intensive physical therapy, Lisa Curland chose to supplement her rehabilitation by nontraditional means: medicinal acupuncture treatments.

Curland was the first patient to be treated at Emperor's College's Stroke and Dementia Care Center, where practitioners employ use of Xing Nao Kai Qiao acupuncture therapy.

Emperor's College, founded in Santa Monica in 1983, is one of the oldest colleges in the country that teaches oriental medicine.

Oriental medicine practitioners aim to secure overall wellness for their patients, said licensed acupuncturist Robert Newman, Emperor's College clinic director. They do this by employing the use of herbal medicine, massage therapy and acupuncture.

"I chose Oriental medicine (for my

rehabilitation) because I believe in acupuncture," Curland said via e-mail. "My progress has been slow but encouraging."

Curland had her stroke a year and a half ago, and has since taken exercise classes at UCLA and Santa Monica College. Since she underwent her stroke she has gone from limited mobility in a wheelchair, to a walker, to a cane.

Both she and Atsuki Maeda, Emperor's College stroke specialist, agree that it is too soon to judge her response to the acupuncture, as she has only had a few treatments. However, Curland said that she can now point her toe on her right foot, something she could not do before. Her right hand is also less spastic, she added.

"I will try this for a few months and assess how I'm doing at that time," Curland said, regarding her continuing the acupuncture treatment.

Acupuncture treatment aims to harmonize the body, Maeda said, much like the

iconic yin and yang symbols. He added that staff at Emperor's College emphasize the importance of integration with eastern and western medical practices, saying a patients "chi," or energy, can best be balanced with techniques from both hemispheres.

When a stroke patient comes in for an initial assessment, Maeda does a brief physical, noting problems with an individuals gait, sight, hearing, etc. Once their physical state has been established, Maeda customizes his acupuncture protocol. The depth, pressure and placement of the needles vary depending on an individual's physical condition.

Once all needles are inserted, the patient remains still for 15 to 20 minutes until they are removed.

"The placement of the needles can be slightly uncomfortable," Curland said in the e-mail, adding that she feels "tingling all the

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## Enforce smoking ban

Editor:

How many years did it take to get the no smoking laws in Santa Monica? How many years did the merchants delay the effective date? We finally get no smoking laws and yet those sworn to uphold the law continually ignore enforcing the law.

Every time I've been to the Santa Monica Pier I've seen people smoking. I've seen uniformed police officers walk right by them and not say or do anything. The officers didn't appear to be traveling Code 3 to an emergency. They weren't wrestling with some bad guy. They were taking their time strolling.

Today I was enjoying listening to the very nice music at the west end of the pier. The musician stopped while singing a song to ask two men to stop smoking. They just kept puffing away. The musician said, "There's no smoking on the pier." Puff, puff. The musician said, "Please, there could be a fire." Puff, puff. Then the musician said, "There's a fire. I see the flames." Puff, puff. The musician said again that there was a fire. Puff, puff. Two officers came down from on high with buckets of water to put out the fire. Puff, puff.

I don't know if they told the arsonists, "Thanks for visiting Santa Monica. Have a nice day." I do know that they did not issue a citation, even though the smokers started a fire. I asked one of the officers why he didn't issue a citation. Response: "They're tourists." I asked what about all the other smokers? Response: a shrug and the comment that they are allowed to use their discretion.

Does the pier have to burn down before a Santa Monica police officer ever says anything to a smoker? And the end note: after the officers walked away with their empty buckets, the smokers were still smoking! They didn't light up again after the officers walked away. They were smoking the whole time.

**Jeanne Laurie**  
Santa Monica

## Say 'no' to shark fin soup

Editor:

As a parent, I often wonder what the world will look like when my children grow up. What my husband and I take for granted could be gone ... like sharks.

Why should a Santa Monica mom who spends a good chunk of time at Tower 27 care about a predator such as a shark? Believe it or not, they are far more threatened by us than we are by them. And if they go away forever, so will the balance of the ocean's eco system and then ... us.

The practice of "shark finning," the slicing off of the shark's fins while the animal is still alive, is the biggest contributor to the decline in shark populations worldwide, killing tens of millions of sharks a year.

How do I explain that to my 5-year-old animal lover? How do I tell him that people choose soup over this magnificent species. Luckily, we have an opportunity to end this barbaric practice as California Assembly Bill 376, which will ban shark fin possession, sale, trade and distribution, is headed for a vote by the Senate Appropriations Committee. If it passes, the bill will then head to the Senate floor. Hawaii, Oregon and Washington have already banned the sale of shark fin products, leaving California as one of the largest remaining contributors to the shark fin trade.

Please join me in letting our senator know how you feel about this issue by telling them to vote "yes" on AB 376.

**Meredith McCarthy**  
Santa Monica



## Laughing Matters

Jack Neworth

Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# How green isn't my valley

**READERS OFTEN E-MAIL (AND I'M** paraphrasing), "How do you come up with new ideas every week?" I generally assume that they're asking in the complimentary sense. Occasionally, I get the sneaky feeling it's asked in a slightly less flattering tone, as in, "Why do you bother?"

After 300 weeks of deadlines my brain is trained. Hopefully, Sunday and Monday an idea percolates, albeit usually unconsciously. Tuesday I start focusing. Wednesday is spent praying the idea is column-worthy, and writing a first draft. And Thursday, come hell or high water, I polish it and send it off.

But sometimes columns find me. For example, this past Monday when I was working out in my apartment building gym (equipped with treadmills, ellipticals, StairMasters, recumbent bikes, weight machines and free weights). It's workout nirvana, except for one teensy-weensy drawback.

While the plate glass wall of the gym overlooks the newly remodeled pool, there are no windows that open. For air the residents prop the doors open with free weights. But now management insists the doors be closed. (Apparently to prevent kids from wandering into the gym.) They suggest we use the air conditioner, but that's not air. (Reminiscent of Twain's distinction between lightning and lightning bug.)

When most people workout, given the ease of catching colds in a communal environment, they don't want air-conditioning hitting their perspiration-soaked bodies. Besides, isn't one of the reasons we live at the beach the fresh air? Maybe most importantly, air-condition uses precious energy, unnecessarily in this case.

The cardio machines in the gym have built-in TVs, which is a great convenience. But unfortunately most residents walk out without turning the TV off. At least our security guards, at the end of the night, ought to turn off the bank of lit up TVs (which looks like an aisle at Best Buy).

I've voiced my objections to management, and even to other residents. So far it hasn't gone over swimmingly with either. A lawyer friend, who shall remain nameless (Christopher), got out of the Jacuzzi with the bubbles still bubbling. I politely noted the wasted energy and received in return, "Who appointed you electricity monitor?" (Forget a Pulitzer, my dream is to be Electricity Monitor.)

In the recreation rooms of each lobby my building has a state of the art big-screen TV for the residents. It's very impressive. But most of the time the rooms are empty. As I walk by, I think to myself, "There goes more of our money to the Saudis." (As if they don't have enough already.)



Also in the lobbies are the tenant mailboxes. Next to them is a large trash container which receives a colossal amount of junk mail daily. Once I timidly suggested to management that these be emptied into our recycle bins in the garages. Basically, I was greeted with, "Who appointed you recycling monitor?" I suppose I'm self appointed.

You see over 20 years ago I lobbied the city and our landlord at the time to bring recycling to our complex. As I gathered petition signatures, I was scolded by tenants who believed that the bins would attract rodents, while the owners believed the tenants were too lazy to use the bins. In spite of the naysayers, recycling here has been an overwhelming success. (And has saved landlords money by reducing their sanitation fees.)

## MAYBE IT'S ME, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE PEOPLE USED TO PITCH IN MORE.

Maybe it's me, but it seems like people used to pitch in more. During World War II everyone saved scrap metal, tires, paper, tin, household fats, silk stockings, and even coats for Russian refugees. Today it's a challenge to get somebody to turn off a TV. After Sept. 11, the entire country was eager to do their part. But what did the White House recommend? We all should continue shopping. Classic.

History has proved that Americans want to do the right thing. We just need leadership. During the electrical brown outs of the 1990s here in California (rigged by Enron, among others), we collectively reduced our energy consumption by a whopping one-third. Why couldn't we do that year-round?

Recently, when the 405 Freeway was shut down, everyone cooperated and the construction went off flawlessly. That spirit of harmony lasted a weekend. Then it went back to the cutthroat, bumper-to-bumper traffic for which Los Angeles is so famous (or infamous). So why can't we all turn off lights in unused rooms? Or TVs if no one is watching? If we don't want air conditioning why can't we just open the door?

Well, that's it for this week's "episode." Some columns come to me, others I have to work at. This one was a little bit of both. Now, of course, I have to conjure up what to write about for next week. I suppose I could go to the gym and wait for some inspiration but, unfortunately, there's no fresh air there.

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# Brown to seek changes to fire fee

BY DON THOMPSON  
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. Gov. Jerry Brown's administration plans to seek changes to fix problems with a contentious wildfire fee on rural residents because it could end up draining money from the state's firefighting budget, a spokesman said Thursday.

The Associated Press reported a day earlier that money from the \$150 annual fee must go to local fire-prevention programs rather than the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The amount raised by the fee will be subtracted from CDF's budgets. That will leave the department with a \$50 million budget hole next year and a gap of up to \$200 million in future years.

H.D. Palmer, spokesman for the governor's Department of Finance, said the governor will seek to amend the law when the Legislature returns from its summer recess next week.

Republican lawmakers and local fire officials said the law, enacted as part of the state budget, was poorly written and should be changed or repealed.

They said it unfairly taxes rural residents twice for fire protection because many of them already support local districts.

John Vigna, a spokesman for Assembly Speaker John Perez, D-Los Angeles, said lawmakers are consulting with the administration and hope to fix the problems when they return to the state Capitol for the final four weeks of their legislative session.

"We knew there that would be some cleanup required," Vigna said. "We felt at the time that it was more important to get the budget done on time and have the new spending plan in place by the beginning of the fiscal year, and so this was one of the issues we knew we were going to have to come back and tweak a little bit."

The problems surfaced publicly Wednesday as the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection told its executive officer to begin drafting emergency regulations to implement the fee.

The board plans to consider adopting the rules at an Aug. 22 meeting so state tax col-

lectors can begin seeking the money from owners of about 850,000 properties statewide after Jan. 1.

GOP lawmakers and anti-tax groups contend the fee was enacted illegally because Democrats approved it on majority vote rather than the two-thirds vote required for tax increases.

Brown cited problems with the bill when he signed it into law last month, suggesting then that lawmakers need to make some changes.

Alicia Trost, spokeswoman for Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg, D-Sacramento, said lawmakers will do what they must to pay for state firefighting efforts.

But she said the Senate's budget experts do not believe changes are needed because the department should be able to use the prevention fee money for its own budget.

"We don't see a problem with it because the way we defined prevention is so broad that the department should be able to absorb the money that we took from them," she said. "If there need to be fixes, we will do the fix. We feel right now there's not a problem."

That's a broader interpretation than is being adopted by the state fire board or the administration, said Daniel Berlant, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. The department's reading of the law would leave it short of money to fight blazes, he said.

Republican lawmakers blamed majority Democrats for passing the bill as part of the budget in June without doing enough homework.

"It's a classic example of doing things in the dark of the night," said Assemblyman Jim Nielsen of Gerber, Assembly Republicans' chief budget negotiator. "I don't think it can be fixed and should be repealed."

Sen. Bob Huff, of Diamond Bar, Senate Republicans' chief budget negotiator, said the result is that the state created a budget hole for its chief firefighting agency just as the fire season typically begins in earnest.

"The Democrats have been looking for everything the state can do where they can impose a fee," Huff said. "We think they overstretched."

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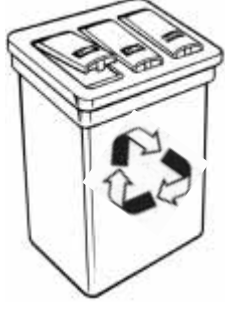


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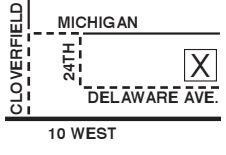


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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Santa Monica invites sealed Request for Proposals (RFP) for:

### RFP: Web-Based Land Management System

The City of Santa Monica is seeking qualified companies to submit detailed proposals covering experience and abilities in implementing and managing a Web-Based Land Management System, including but not limited to installation of all hardware and software, maintenance of the system, operation of the system, data migration, and training. A copy of the RFP can be downloaded at <http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm>

Please submit ten (10) copies of your entire proposal and one (1) electronic copy in Microsoft Word format or Adobe PDF format to the Building and Safety Division, Attn: Mr. Andy Pong, at 1685 Main Street, Room 111, Santa Monica, CA 90401 by 3:00 PM on August 31, 2011.

For further information, please contact Mr. Andy Pong at [andy.pong@smgov.net](mailto:andy.pong@smgov.net).



## NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE SANTA MONICA CITY COUNCIL

**SUBJECT:** Discuss a Development Agreement proposal for a transit-oriented, mixed-use concept comprised of creative arts, residential and retail uses as well as public open space.

**1681 26th Street (former Papermate factory site)**

APPLICANT / PROPERTY OWNER: Hines

A public hearing will be held by the City Council to consider the following request:

Discuss the applicant's Development Agreement proposal for a mixed-use project concept consisting of:

- Creative arts office space;
- Ground floor neighborhood-serving commercial space;
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- Ground-floor public open space;
- Street improvements to include:
  - Two north-south streets from Olympic Boulevard that provide vehicular, pedestrian, and bicycle access;
  - Two north-south pedestrian connections from Olympic Boulevard through the site;
  - Extension of Nebraska Avenue between Stewart and Stanford; and
  - A subterranean parking garage.

**DATE/TIME:** Tuesday, August 23, 2011, AT 6:45 PM

**LOCATION:** City Council Chambers, Second Floor  
Santa Monica City Hall  
1685 Main Street, Santa Monica, California

### HOW TO COMMENT

The City of Santa Monica encourages public comment. You may comment at the City Council public hearing, or by writing a letter. Written information will be given to the City Council at the meeting.

Address your letters to: City Clerk  
Re: 1681 26th Street (former Papermate site) Development Agreement

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1685 Main Street, Room 102  
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### MORE INFORMATION

If you want more information about this project or wish to review the project file, please contact Jing Yeo at (310) 458-8341, or by e-mail at [jing.yeo@smgov.net](mailto:jing.yeo@smgov.net). The Zoning Ordinance is available at the Planning Counter during business hours and on the City's web site at [www.smgov.net](http://www.smgov.net).

The meeting facility is wheelchair accessible. For disability-related accommodations, please contact (310) 458-8341 or (310) 458-8696 TTY at least 72 hours in advance. All written materials are available in alternate format upon request. Santa Monica Big Blue Bus Lines numbered 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10 serve City Hall.

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in Court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Santa Monica at, or prior to, the public hearing.

### ESPAÑOL

Esto es una noticia de una audiencia pública para revisar aplicaciones proponiendo desarrollo en Santa Monica. Si deseas más información, favor de llamar a Carmen Gutierrez en la División de Planificación al número (310) 458-8341.

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We have you covered

# Surrogacy scandal raises question about regulation

BY JULIE WATSON

Associated Press

**SAN DIEGO** She built a name for herself as a highly skilled reproductive law specialist in a state considered the nation's hub for surrogate pregnancies with its well-established network of sperm banks, fertility clinics and social workers.

But prosecutors say Theresa Erickson was actually working the system to become an international baby broker, running a birthing factory out of the Ukraine that duped at least a dozen American couples into paying \$150,000 for children they thought were being adopted legally.

Details about the ring surfaced in federal court in San Diego in recent days after Erickson pleaded guilty to fraud charges in a case that prosecutors say highlights the need for more protection for adoptive parents, children and surrogate mothers.

Prosecutors described an elaborate scheme that stretched across two continents. Erickson and two others allegedly recruited women to go to the Ukraine and be implanted with embryos from anonymous donors.

They told their clients the babies had been part of a surrogacy contract and that the prospective parents had backed out at the last minute, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jason A. Forge said.

In fact, he said, there were never any such parents or contracts. The three were instead paying the surrogate mothers between \$38,000 and \$45,000 for each successful pregnancy and keeping the rest of the adoption money for themselves, Forge said.

They also misled the parents into believing they knew who the sperm and egg donors were when they were anonymous, he said.

Erickson also admitted to filing false applications for the surrogates to California's state insurance program to subsidize the medical costs of the deliveries of the babies.

The case highlights the need for more protection for the vulnerable adoptive parents, the babies involved and the surrogate mothers, Forge said.

He estimates Erickson raked in at least \$70,000 alone from the scheme.

Erickson filed false declarations and pleadings in the San Diego Superior Court that the unborn babies were the result of a legitimate surrogacy arrangement to obtain pre-birth judgments that named the adoptive parents on the babies' birth certificates and guaranteed them full parental rights, according to court documents.

The parents will not lose their parental rights because they did not know any laws were being broken, Forge said.

The case, however, exemplifies how easily people involved in these arrangements can be taken advantage of, especially people desperate to have children, experts say.

"I would hope that the case enlightens legislators in terms of the vulnerability of the parents who want children and the need for additional protection for them and the carriers and the babies," Forge said.

He declined to elaborate on what those regulations would be exactly but experts say the case shows the challenge in trying to regulate the service, which has raised a host of questions by religious groups, bioethicists and others, particularly over whether it is ethical for surrogates to be paid.

Experts say California already leads the nation in trying to regulate the service and prevent such abuses

But at the same time, California "has become the capital of reproductive malpractice," said Glenn McGee, editor and chief of The American Journal of Bioethics, who has written a book about the topic called "The Perfect Baby."

That's partly because the state has a flourishing surrogacy market that attracts people from around the globe looking to adopt through surrogacy pregnancies.

"There's a kind of a web of service in California that makes it a special place, and the attorneys know the law best because some of the most challenging cases involving surrogacy have been in California," said McGee, who works at the Center for Practical Bioethics in Kansas City.

California courts have made landmark rulings on the subject, including a 1998 case involving a couple who adopted a baby through a surrogacy pregnancy and wanted to get a divorce. The father claimed the baby was not his since he had no biological connection to the child. But the court found that when a married couple intends to procreate using a non-genetically related embryo implanted into a surrogate, the legal contract between them makes the couple the child's lawful parents.

The ruling laid the foundation for California's elaborate system of protecting surrogates.

The three women tried to beat that system, but got caught when some of their surrogate mothers tipped off federal investigators, officials say.

The other defendants are a Maryland-based lawyer who also specializes in reproductive law and a Las Vegas surrogate mother. Forge said the three used their contacts to find customers. Erickson, 43, spoke frequently about the topic on TV and radio because of her expertise in the subject.

"Surrogacy is hard to regulate and hard to do responsibly if there are market pressures, and if there are exploitative and predatory legal practices," McGee said. "There is so much potential for abuse here."

There are also genetic risks for future generations if no one knows who the donors are who are producing the children, McGee said.

At the same time, he said surrogacy has enriched the lives of countless people yearning to raise a child of their own, and he worries cases like this could stymie efforts to properly regulate it.

"This case will set back attempts to create clear standards for surrogacy again, and it's a very bad time for that to happen because there are more desperate parents than ever, there are more problems than ever with international exploitation of adoptions, and the government is ill-prepared to regulate this right now," McGee said.

Erickson pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud. She has been ordered to pay each of the 12 couples \$10,000 in restitution and up to \$250,000 in fines to the government. She and the other two women face up to five years in prison when they are sentenced in October.

Erickson and her attorney, Ezekiel Cortez, declined to comment.

Hilary Neiman, the Maryland attorney, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit wire fraud on July 28. Carla Chambers, who is identified in court papers as the surrogate who helped recruit women to be gestational carriers, pleaded guilty last week to conspiracy to engage in monetary transactions derived from unlawful activity.

## CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

### Hit and run from the law

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6, AT 9:12 P.M.,

Officers were witnesses to a minor traffic accident at the intersection of Fourth Street and Colorado Avenue. One of the drivers involved allegedly tried to flee the scene. Officers followed the vehicle and tried to conduct a traffic stop but the female driver failed to yield and briefly attempted to outrun the cops. She eventually came to a stop on the 500 block of Pico Boulevard. Officers detained those inside the car without incident. A search of the car yielded approximately one ounce of marijuana, fraudulent gift cards, as well as clothing and other items purchased using those cards. The driver, Shani Shay, 23, of Piedmont, Calif., was arrested and booked for misdemeanor hit and run, theft and fraud using gift cards, burglary, narcotics possession and violation of her felony probation. She was held without bail. Phillip Dejuan, 33, of Oakland, Calif., was booked for theft and fraud, burglary, providing false information to a police officer and possession of marijuana. He was held on \$20,000 bail. A third suspect, Christian Emmanuel Lawrence, 33, of Oakland, Calif., was booked for theft and fraud and burglary. His bail too was set at \$20,000.

SATURDAY, AUG. 6, AT 9:11 P.M.,

Officers responded to the La Sandia restaurant regarding a customer who ate a meal and refused to pay her bill. When officers arrived, they determined that the woman knew she did not have any money before ordering, but ate anyway. She did the same thing a week before, employees at the restaurant told officers. Officers placed the woman under arrest after she gave them a fake name. She was identified as Emily Sozanne Green, 38, a transient from Venice. She was booked for defrauding an innkeeper and providing false information to a police officer. Her bail was set at \$5,000.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5, AT 3:11 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1100 block of Seventh Street regarding a radio call of a man harassing people who were trying to enter St. Monica's elementary school. When officers arrived, they made contact with the man, who was sitting on the stairs of the school. Officers detained the suspect and searched him. They said they found methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia in his possession. The suspect was arrested for possession. He was identified as James Kyle Jonas, 39, a transient. His bail was set at \$10,000.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5, AT 12:14 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 100 block of Broadway – Makai Restaurant & Lounge – regarding a report of a fight in progress. When officers arrived, they saw a man standing in a crowd in front of the restaurant wearing a bright green fiberglass cast that seemed to have been damaged in the fight. Officers detained the man and spoke with witnesses who said the suspect with the cast tried to get into the restaurant but was denied entry. He allegedly got into a fight with security and hit one of the guards in the head with the cast, causing a cut to the forehead. The suspect, identified as Sebastien Bruno Pingault, 32, of Santa Monica, was arrested and booked for assault with a deadly weapon. He was later released after posting a \$30,000 bail.

THURSDAY, AUG. 4, AT 5:06 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1900 block of 22nd Street after receiving a report of a burglary. When officers arrived, they interviewed the victims, which led them to the 2100 block of Delaware Avenue. Officers made contact with a man at that location who had an outstanding warrant for grand theft. Officers placed the man under arrest and continued their investigation. Officers ultimately recovered several items related to a recent burglary in the neighborhood. The suspect was booked for the warrant and for burglary. He was identified as Christopher Shawn Hunt, 21, of Santa Monica. No bail was set.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 3, AT 6:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to Parking Structure 8 located on the 1800 block of Second Street regarding a report of two suspicious people seen using bolt cutters to steal bicycles. Officers made contact with two men in the 1600 block of Fourth Street. The men were found to be in possession of bolt cutters. Further investigation revealed that the bolt cutters had been stolen from a nearby store. The suspects were arrested. Christopher Malbrough, 38, of Santa Monica, was booked for burglary, conspiracy, and a probation violation. No bail was set. Derrick Anthony Fletcher, 56, from Santa Monica, was booked for possession of stolen property, conspiracy and a violation of his probation. No bail was set.

TUESDAY, AUG. 2, AT 9:40 A.M.,

Officers responded to the intersection of 24th Street and Michigan Avenue regarding a report of an assault in progress. When officers arrived, they detained two people believed to have been involved in the fight. Officers learned that the two had been arguing and it escalated into a physical altercation. One armed himself with a pair of scissors while the other grabbed a piece of wood. One stabbed the other with the scissors, while the man with the wood hit the other in the head. Both were arrested and provided medical treatment. They were both booked for assault with a deadly weapon. They were identified as Fernando Torreno Zarco, 37, of Culver City, Calif., and Gregory Jerome Siders, 54, a transient. Bail was set at \$30,000 for each.

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## STOCKS

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The pieces of news that sent Wall Street rocketing higher were not exactly blockbusters: Cisco Systems said its profit was better than expected, the job market got a little better, and France tried to raise confidence in its shaken banking system.

But this is a week in which any move by the market — higher or lower — seems to touch off an investor stampede. So it was on Thursday, when stocks shot higher at the opening bell and never turned around.

Carlton Neel, who manages about \$2 billion as a senior portfolio manager at Virtus Investment Partners, said investors are so scared of being late to a rally or a sell-off that they are trading in herds.

“Fear tends to be a much more powerful emotion, and the sell-offs tend to be more violent than the rallies,” he said. “But people are worried about missing the bottom, so you will have a few melt-ups along the way.”

The four days of trading this week have been the wildest for the market since the

financial crisis during the fall of 2008. Each day has instantly taken a place in Wall Street history. The Dow's losses on Monday and Wednesday were its sixth- and ninth-largest by points, and its gains on Tuesday and Thursday were the 10th- and 11th-largest.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index has also risen or fallen at least 4 percent each day. That has not happened on four consecutive days since November 2008, the depths of the crisis.

It's only the third time since 1934, said Kevin Pleines, an analyst at Birinyi Associates. The first was October 1987 — including the day known as Black Monday, when the S&P plunged more than 20 percent.

On Thursday, American investors got an encouraging report before the market opened when European stock markets turned around their losses and had one of their best days in recent weeks.

The leaders of Germany and France, the biggest economies of the nations that use the euro currency, announced they will meet Tuesday to discuss the financial crisis on the continent.

## TEEN

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trains teenagers to respond to anonymous phone calls from suicidal peers, will put on its second annual night of music and dancing called Summer Lovin' this weekend at the Roxy in Hollywood to raise money for its efforts.

The event, Summer Lovin' 2011, is dedicated to Mezza's memory, said Dr. Elaine Leader, the director and co-founder of Teen Line.

Summer Lovin' 2010 was the brainchild of Teen Line volunteer Jordan Bloch, now a student at Stanford University.

Bloch joined Teen Line in response to the suicide of his friend, Matthew Silverman.

After getting through the 60 hours of intensive training that the group requires of its volunteers before they're allowed to respond to calls, Bloch approached Leader with a dilemma.

“He was afraid to take a suicide call,” Leader said. “He came to me and said, ‘I don't think I can take calls, but can I do something else to help Teen Line?’”

Bloch's response was the original Summer Lovin' 2010, which he dedicated to Silverman's memory. With the help of a committee of other teen volunteers, Bloch managed to raise an amazing \$45,000.

This year, Bloch passed the baton to Jonathan Friedman, a senior at the Buckley School in Sherman Oaks, and Leader decided to reach out to the family of Mezza to see if they would be open to throwing this year's event in his honor.

The Mezza family has history with Teen Line since Matthew's death. Out of gratitude for the service, Mezza's mother, Ellie Schneir, requested that family and friends make donations to Teen Line in his memory.

“We got over \$10,000 in donations,” Leader said. “Over 100 people donated.”

After careful reflection, the Mezza family agreed, and Friedman got to work to make this year's event a success.

Friedman began training with Teen Line in summer of 2009. As a sophomore in high school, he got through the two levels of training, called Observer and Listener.

Observers respond to hurting teenagers who reach out to Teen Line through text message and online contact. Those responses get checked over by professional therapists or interns.

After additional training and 15 role playing situations, an Observer graduates to Listener, and is given the green light to handle calls.

“I've been a Listener for almost two years

now,” Friedman said. “It's probably one of the best experiences I've ever had, because you get to talk to these people. You are a deciding factor on how their life will play out for that week, that day and years to come. If someone's suicidal, and by the end of the call they feel positive about their lives, it's the best feeling you've ever had.”

Friedman helped out with Summer Lovin' 2010 informally, and wasn't really sure he wanted to get heavily involved this year when Bloch approached him with the proposition that he take on planning the event.

“At first, I was hesitant, because it was summer and I had a lot on my plate,” he said. “It's turned out to be a lot of fun.”

It's definitely a different angle of the Teen Line experience than talking down suicidal teens, however.

Friedman and his team set themselves a goal of \$25,000, and got to work getting a venue, lining up talent and trying to get money out of corporate donors.

In 2010, the event relied a lot on personal connections, many of which were lost when the older volunteers graduated and dispersed for college. This year, volunteers are working on getting more institutional support, Friedman said.

“It's hard a lot of the time, but it's worth it when people are willing to meet you where you want to go,” Friedman said.

As of last week, volunteers had almost hit the \$25,000 mark, and were feeling hopeful about reaching their goal. They're hoping that teens will come and check out the event, featuring DJs Iyazz and Mann, as well as teen DJs and special guests.

Mann, a hip-hop artist who's worked with Snoop Dogg, will open, followed by Iyazz, the artist behind the song “Replay” that hit charts last summer. Planners are keeping the identity of a third musician under wraps.

“What I want everyone to know is that it's not a somber night for a charity,” Friedman said. “It's a Sunday night, there's not some huge house party everyone needs to go to. It's a fun concert at the Roxy, and we hope everyone who's in Los Angeles at the time will stop by and enjoy.”

The Roxy is located at 9009 West Sunset Blvd., West Hollywood, Calif., 90069.

Those interested in attending the event can purchase tickets for \$20 in advance at [teenlineonline.org](http://teenlineonline.org), or at the door for \$25.

Teens who want to reach out to Teen Line for support can contact a Listener at 1-800-TLC-TEEN (1-800-852-8336).

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done with the right stimulus, can help the test-taker overcome what would be a stressful test environment and apply the studied information.

Schoen, who holds a doctoral degree in clinical psychology from Texas Tech, believes that years of test taking, from the middle school spelling exam to high school Advanced Placement tests, ingrain a habit of anxiety into students that can rob them of their ability to test well.

No matter how well the individual prepares for the test, old feelings get encoded, emerge in the test environment and the anxious mind “blanks.”

“Obviously, that interferes with performance,” Schoen said. “This is about figuring out how to neutralize old habits and put in new ones.”

How, exactly, one goes about retraining the mind sounds surreal, but is based in the Pavlovian principal that a person can teach themselves to associate positively with things through suggestion.

Ivan Pavlov, a Russian physiologist who practiced in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, found that by training dogs to associate a slab of red meat with the sound of a ringing bell, he could eventually get the dogs to drool simply by striking the bell.

Schoen’s concept is similar.

For six weeks before an exam, Schoen tells his extension students to listen to CDs filled with positive messages as they go to sleep. Those messages, which are meant to instill confidence and reduce anxiety before a test, get encoded in the sleeping brain.

They also repeat phrases commonly seen in tests, so that when a student sees the words “answer the question fully and completely,” for instance, it triggers a sense of calm and confidence rather than anxiety.

Two weeks prior to the exam, students are asked to engage with a “day” CD before they study, which Schoen says will train people to focus their attention so that they can concentrate and be able to recall the information presented.

That CD will be filled with the trigger phrases instilled in

the student’s brain overnight.

The idea is to build the perception that test taking is a calm, positive and relaxing experience and unlearn the usual association of fear and its associated physical state.

Jon Kramer, who used Schoen’s recordings before taking the SAT for the second time, saw his score go up 240 points.

“Truthfully, I think it was the tapes,” Kramer said. “I always struggled with test taking. I would prepare and prepare and get to a test and my mind goes blank.”

During the second test attempt, Kramer said he felt calm, and better able to take the exam one question at a time.

Schoen is waiting on the results of several scientific studies, one looking at whether or not his technique improved bar exam scores for a group of Loyola law students, and another pilot study conducted with a local test prep agency asking a similar question about the SAT.

He claims that the technique can raise SAT scores by 100 or more points.

Not so fast, said David Hawkins, director of public policy and research at the National Association for College Admission Counseling, an organization dedicated to helping students achieve their higher education goals through research and assistance.

Students should be leery of programs that claim to raise scores by a certain number of points that aren’t backed up by independent research.

“We’ve taken a look at various claims and find that many of the studies commercial test prep providers tout don’t take into account other factors such as tendency of retaking the test to elevate someone’s score by a certain number of points,” Hawkins said.

If the tapes help students deal with the stress of test taking, it could be of some benefit, he said.

“Being a less-stressed person will improve your performance on anything,” Hawkins said. “You wouldn’t get much argument from anyone on that.”

Prospective test takers can sign up for Schoen’s class on the UCLA extension website. The next iteration begins Aug.13.

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way through her limbs.”

Yet, Maeda asserts that “painful” isn’t the word he’d use to describe the procedure.

In an impromptu acupuncture session, Maeda demonstrated the treatment.

Nina Grenningloh, Emperor’s College communications specialist, lay down on and exam table as Maeda covered the length of her body with towels.

Once the towels were removed, he proceeded to take her pulse. Feeling her heart beat at various pressure points helped him identify the imbalance in her blood, which could be characterized as anything from rapid to slow to superficial.

Incidentally, Grenningloh was said to have a “wiry, slippery” pulse.

This diagnosis helped Maeda know where to direct Grenningloh’s body’s natural healing energy, he said.

Then, he placed a total of eight needles on Grenningloh’s limbs. Maeda carefully chose the needles’ entry point, pinching the air above the needle, creating pressure that pushed the needle deeper within the epidermis.

Grenningloh was often surprised to find the hair-sized needles in her skin, saying she didn’t feel a thing.

When she did feel a needle’s entry, she didn’t say she felt pain, but rather energy surging in her body.

“When I press my thumb into your arm, you feel something, don’t you?” Maeda said, explaining the sensation. “Just because you feel something doesn’t mean it’s pain.”

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get the disease from raccoons or other wildlife. And if your pet bites someone, proof will be required to show that your animal is rabies-free.

“Protect yourself and your pet, not just from rabies, but from legal trouble and emotional stress and strain,” said veterinarian Louise Murray, vice president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals’ Bergh Memorial Animal Hospital in New York City.

During 2009, 81 rabid dogs were reported in the United States, an 8 percent increase over 2008, and 300 rabid cats were reported, a 2 percent increase compared to the previous year, the CDC said.

In 2009, Pennsylvania reported the largest number of rabid domestic animals — 65 — in any state, followed by Virginia with 55. Both states have laws requiring dog and cat vaccinations.

Nationwide, raccoons are the biggest rabies carriers, comprising 34.8 percent of all cases in 2009.

People consider them cute, Murray said. “People are never going to go to a bat on purpose. Raccoons are different. People feed raccoons,” she said.

To cut down on rabies in wildlife, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Wildlife Services Program distributes rabies vaccine cubes by air and ground. The agency started drops for gray foxes and coyotes in south Texas in 1995 and since 2002,

has maintained a 30-mile wide rabies-free zone north of the Mexican border, said USDA spokeswoman Carol Bannerman.

More recently, the agency has made annual vaccine pellet drops for raccoons east of the Appalachians from Maine to Alabama. Last year, about 5.6 million baits were distributed in 16 states, she said.

Arizona’s gray foxes also get annual drops.

In Southern California, bats are the primary source of rabies, said Dr. Karen Ehnert, acting director for the veterinary public health and rabies control problem for Los Angeles County, which is on track to record about 20 rabid bats this year.

Around the state, rabies has been documented in 50 bats so far this year, and 144 bats in 2010, with other cases in skunks, foxes and a couple of dogs, said Dr. Gil Chavez, state epidemiologist with the California Department of Public Health.

In Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Puerto Rico and Grenada, the main source of rabies is the mongoose, a ferret-like creature, according to Brenda Rivera Garcia, acting state public health veterinarian for the Puerto Rico Department of Health.

She also heads the coordinating committee for the 22nd International Conference on Rabies in the Americas, which takes place in San Juan, Puerto Rico, a few weeks after World Rabies Day, Sept. 28, when individuals and organizations around the world work to create awareness about the disease.

“So many lives are lost as a result of this preventable disease,” she said.

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## Highs and Lows of the Criminal Justice System – Drug Offenses

One of my clients recently commented to me that she was very thankful that our criminal justice system afforded her an opportunity to help her kick her nasty drug habit. Her comments got me thinking about how often the criminal justice system is denigrated and maligned by a large majority of the population (and a large majority of those who go through the system) for the inability to rehabilitate and treat offenders in order to prevent a reoccurrence or repeat offense. Despite this widely held sentiment, there is a much better track record of success when it comes to the system's approach to drug offenses. California law makers and prosecutorial agencies decided long ago that it is far better to treat drug offenders than to punish them. This is a precarious and often delicate relationship because while no one wants to condone drug use, virtually everyone realizes that harsh punishments more often than not simply breed recidivism. This article will focus on two ways to combat drug use through the criminal justice system: DEJ and Prop 36.

California's drug laws maintain a close relationship with the electorate of California. That is to say that as popular feelings and opinions on drugs softens, so too do the laws criminalizing drug possession. For example, California Penal Code Section 1000, more commonly known as DEJ (Deferred Entry of Judgment), and the passage of Proposition 36, reflects California citizens' collective sentiment that drug offenders should be given every available option to seek treatment and stop using drugs before a court imposes jail or prison.

DEJ is covered by Penal Code Section 1000 and applies to cases where a person is caught in possession of a controlled substance, smoking device, or even alcohol. The basic principle behind DEJ is that is an offender in possession of a controlled substance (i.e. cocaine, methamphetamine, ecstasy or a pipe, etc.) may enter a guilty plea, stay clean, take drug treatment classes, and then have the guilty plea withdrawn and the case dismissed after an 18 month period. Note that even if the underlying offense is dismissed some employers and licensing agencies may still pursue administrative action. DEJ only applies to cases where the controlled substance is for personal use (meaning not a sales case) and where the offender is first determined to be eligible. Moreover, if an offender violates DEJ and defies a court's orders the judge may enter the guilty plea and sentence the offender accordingly.

In order to be found eligible for the DEJ program it must be demonstrated that: 1)

There are no prior convictions for any offense involving controlled substances, 2)

The offense charged did not involve a crime of violence or threatened violence, 3)

There is no evidence of a violation relating to narcotics or restricted dangerous drugs, 4) The defendant's has not previously violated probation or parole, 5) The defendant has not been placed on DEJ within

5 years of the offense date, and 6) The defendant has no prior felony conviction within five years. If all of these requirements are satisfied, then a person is eligible for DEJ and has the opportunity to earn a dismissal.

Similar to DEJ, Proposition 36 was passed by California voters in November 2000 as a legislative means to allow drug offenders to receive probation with treatment rather than incarceration. For practical purposes, Prop. 36 is a secondary option to get addicts and users treatment when DEJ and/or other programs have failed to get people the help that they so desperately need. A user is ineligible for probation under Prop. 36 if they have a prior felony "strike" within five years, if in the same case they have been convicted of a non-drug related felony or misdemeanor, if they were in possession of a firearm while under the influence, and/or if they have twice failed Prop. 36 or continuously refuses treatment.

A person sentenced to Prop. 36 will complete drug treatment classes, counseling, and whatever other courses are deemed appropriate by the court. The offender will also submit to urine or blood testing as well. Upon successful completion of the Prop. 36 program the case is not automatically dismissed as is the case with DEJ; however, one can petition to the court to dismiss the action with a showing that they have successfully completed the program and gone above and beyond what was required.

The DEJ and Prop. 36 programs can work wonders for drug users and offenders. It is often quite refreshing to see someone enter the program as a downtrodden, distraught, and disheveled drug addict and exit the program clean, sober, and enlightened about the many dangers of drug use. I will never forget the look of happiness, joy and relief that filled my client's face when the judge congratulated her on her progress and then dismissed her case. There was applause from the small audience in the courtroom, and my client felt as though she had accomplished something positive rather than felt the shame of having committed a crime. It was refreshing to both of us that the criminal justice system actually helped and truly served the interests of justice.

If you or anyone you know has been arrested for a drug related offense or any other misdemeanor or felony offense contact criminal defense attorney and former prosecutor Jacob Glucksman through The Legal Grind immediately to preserve your rights!



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## UK will seek anti-gang ideas from US

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Associated Press

LONDON Prime Minister David Cameron said Thursday that Britain would look to the United States for solutions to gang violence after nights of riots and looting, and promised authorities would get strong powers to stop street mayhem erupting again.

Cameron told lawmakers he was "are acting decisively to restore order on our streets," as police raided houses to round up suspects from four nights of unrest in London and other English cities.

Steve Kavanagh, the deputy assistant commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police, admitted the force initially did not deploy enough officers to control the outbreak of violence, saying "it is clear we did not have enough numbers on duty to deal."

Cameron also acknowledged that police had been overwhelmed by mobile groups of looters in the first nights of the rioting and said authorities were considering new powers, including allowing police to order thugs to remove masks or hoods, evicting troublemakers from subsidized housing and temporarily disabling cell phone instant messaging services.

He said the 16,000 police deployed on London's streets to deter rioters and reassure residents would remain through the weekend.

"We will not let a violent few beat us," Cameron said.

Lawmakers were summoned back from their summer vacations for an emergency session of Parliament on the riots as government and police worked to regain control, both on the streets and in the court of public opinion. Calm prevailed in London overnight, with a highly visible police presence watching over the capital, but a sense of nervousness lingered across the country.

During a session lasting almost three hours in which he faced 160 questions from lawmakers, Cameron promised tough measures to stop further violence and said "nothing should be off the table." He said that included water cannon and plastic bullets — though senior police have said they don't feel the need to use those at the moment. He also said officials would look at "whether there are tasks that the army could undertake that would free up more police for the front line."

Cameron said he would seek American advice on fighting the street gangs he blamed for helping spark Britain's riots.

He told lawmakers that he would look to cities like Boston for inspiration, and mentioned former Los Angeles, New York and Boston Police Chief William Bratton as a person who could help offer advice.

Bratton said in a statement he'd be "pleased and honored" to provide services and counsel in any capacity, adding that he loves London and has worked with British police for nearly 20 years.

Cameron told lawmakers he wanted to look at cities that had fought gangs "by engaging the police, the voluntary sector and local government."

"I also believe we should be looking beyond our shores to learn the lessons from others who have faced similar problems," Cameron said.

He said the government, police and intelligence services were looking at whether there should be limits on the use of social media sites like Twitter and Facebook or services like BlackBerry Messenger to spread disorder.

BlackBerry's simple and largely cost free messaging service was used by rioters to coordinate their activities, Cameron's office said.

Britain's Home Office said it planned to hold talks with police chiefs, Twitter, Facebook and Blackberry manufacturer Research In Motion Ltd.

Facebook looks forward to meeting with the home secretary, the company said in a statement, adding that it has taken steps in recent days to ensure that any credible threats of violence are removed from the social networking site.

Government officials said they were discussing with spy agencies and communications companies whether messaging services could be disabled in specific areas, or at specific times.

Authorities are considering "whether it would be right to stop people communicating via these websites and services when we know they are plotting violence, disorder and criminality," Cameron said.

Cameron said that, in the future, police would be able to order people to remove masks, hoods or other face coverings when they suspect them of concealing their identity to carry out a crime. Currently, police must seek approval from a senior officer.

Communities Secretary Eric Pickles confirmed that powers that allow authorities to evict convicted criminals from government-subsidized housing will be strengthened. Authorities have the power to eject someone from social housing if they commit a crime, but only if the offense is in their own neighborhood.

Pickles said he hoped the power would be more widely used, and that it would apply to crime committed anywhere.

A program that can ban gang members from meeting together, loitering in certain places, or displaying gang insignia will also be extended, he said.

Some lawmakers urged Cameron to take even tougher measures. Conservative Party lawmaker Peter Tapsell said he recalled law enforcement officers in Washington, D.C. in 1971 rounding up anti-Vietnam war demonstrators and imprisoning them in a sports stadium. Tapsell asked Cameron if London's Wembley Stadium, the country's showpiece soccer arena, could be used. Cameron insisted the stadium would be used only for "great sporting events."

Parliamentary authorities confirmed Thursday that a petition calling for those convicted of offenses during the riots to lose welfare payments could be debated by lawmakers. Earlier this month, Britain began an initiative under which online petitions which collected at least 100,000 signatures will be considered for debate in the House of Commons.

Authorities said the petition crossed the threshold on Thursday — the first to do so — and would now be studied by a committee which decides on Parliament's business.

Britain's riots began Saturday when an initially peaceful protest over a police shooting in north London turned violent. That clash triggered wider lawlessness that police struggled to halt.

Across London, and then in cities throughout England, rioters set stores on fire and looted shops for sneakers, bicycles, electronics and leather goods. For the first couple of nights there were too few police on the streets to challenge them.

That changed Tuesday, when 16,000 officers were deployed on London's streets — almost three times the number of the night before.

Police swooped on houses across London Thursday, detaining suspects and retrieving stolen goods. The number of people arrested since Saturday rose to 1,009, with 464 suspects charged.

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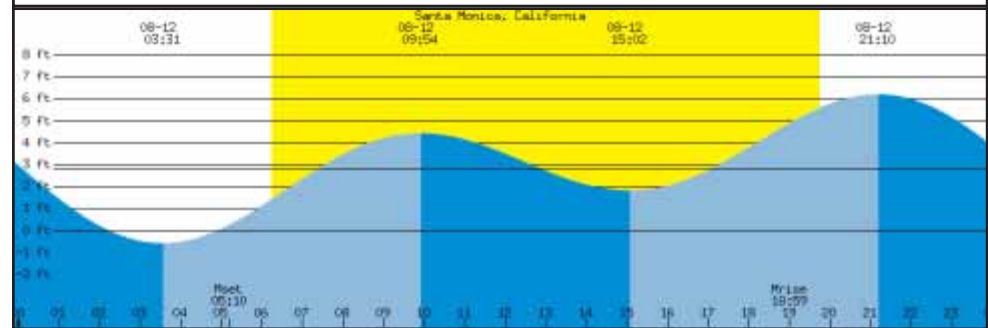


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'Greening' America's Cup

BY JASON DEAREN
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Conservation groups on Thursday called on city leaders to improve plans for reducing the environmental impact of events related to the America's Cup in 2013, when the world's fastest yachts will race on San Francisco Bay drawing millions to its famous shoreline.
City planners were set to hear public comments Thursday afternoon on the 1,400-page draft environmental impact report outlining plans to protect water, air and land from pollution during the event's 50 days of racing.
The America's Cup is expected to draw 5 million spectators, including 500,000 people a day on peak race days. San Francisco's total population is just above 800,000, so city residents, especially in neighborhoods near the waterfront, are girding themselves.
According to the draft plan, the city faces big hurdles in preparing for the race. San Francisco plans to remake its historic northern waterfront between the Bay Bridge and Fisherman's Wharf, and build a number of spectator venues along the water in one of the country's highest density cities.
To do this, San Francisco officials plan to open up environmentally sensitive parks such as Crissy Field, the Marina Green and Aquatic Park to spectators who want to watch the 72-foot yachts speed by. Plans call for fences to be built to block sensitive habitat for birds like snowy plovers and other animals, and to hire staff to help keep people out of those areas.
America's Cup and city officials hope to

have final approval by the end of year so work can begin on converting several piers to racing team bases, while also setting up an America's Cup center. After the renowned yacht race is finished, this center is expected to be converted into a cruise ship terminal to provide a lasting boon to the port economy.
The race is expected to create thousands of jobs and pump more than \$1.4 billion into local coffers.
A group of 30 environmental organizations said Thursday they support holding the race here as it will highlight one of the world's largest natural harbors and bring attention to the area, but they want more assurances that the event will be held in an environmentally sustainable way.
The groups charge that the city's voluminous environmental document is often vague when it comes to precise plans for protecting water and air quality and marine life.
"All of us want the America's Cup here and want it done right," said Deb Self of San Francisco Baykeeper.
Self said the environmental council submitted dozens of pages of suggestions to mitigate pollution, but the draft document has few of the comments incorporated into it. That will cause headaches later when organizers have to fix the document so the event complies with state law, she said.
A chief concern raised by the environmental council is the waste expected to be sent into the bay from an increase recreational vessels watching the race. The groups urged authorities to publicize that boaters cannot simply dump their waste overboard and that it needs to be disposed of properly at a dock.

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Visit a friend tonight, Sag

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★★ Zero in on what you need. Much in the spirit of the day, you easily could go overboard then try to rein yourself back in. This back-and-forth could drive many people a bit crazy. Tonight: Christen the weekend well.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★ Often, people want to see or hear your perspective. Many people tap into your knowledge. You seem most indulgent and upbeat compared to many others. Respond to your inner voice of self-discipline. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★★ It behooves you to get an overview or see a situation in a clearer light. Some of you will seek out experts, while others feel comfortable detaching. You choose to gain more of a perspective. Tonight: Opt for the most off-beat invitation.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Perhaps you have been more difficult than you realize. If others seem to be distancing themselves from you, you can be sure of that fact. Ask for feedback from a trusted friend or loved one who has been privy to recent events. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ Plans are subject to being tossed left and right. Give up trying to control them. They will tumble one way or another. Expansive thought and wild behavior seem to be the end result. Proceed with caution. Tonight: Let your hair down.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ You become more aware of the unpredictability of a partnership. Gaining some distance also could help you recognize the humor in the situation as you gaze around you. Your serious attitude probably helps others calm down. Tonight: Your normal Friday night.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★★ Reach out for someone in your life who means a lot to you. Sometimes you stand on ceremony. You actually enjoy the joyfulness of the contact. Try not to return to your reserved self for a while! Tonight: Let the fun begin.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Dance to another's tune and see if you might like it. In this manner, you can understand what your issue with this situation might be. Ease up and be open to some different ideas. Let go of some rigidity. Tonight: Buy some bubbles on the way home.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★★ The smart move is to keep your options open. Return calls, schedule meetings and have a long-overdue talk. You could be delighted by what evolves if you maintain a hang-loose attitude. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★ You could be weighing the pros and cons of a risk. Ask yourself if you can afford the loss, then you will know what to do. Let your creativity emerge when dealing with a child or loved one. Try not to be overly responsible to those who aren't in your immediate circle. Tonight: Indulge a little.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★★ Your spirit soars, and even an overly serious loved one or friend has little impact. You are into seeing the bright side of life. Take an overview of what is happening. You will know which way to go. Tonight: Let your imagination lead.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Be aware of a self-imposed restriction that might be causing a bigger limitation than necessary. Is there a reason you often give others as to why a situation doesn't work? Does it repeat more often than not? Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

Happy birthday

This year, you move in a new direction with enthusiasm. You often are challenged by others. Listen to their feedback, as there might be a common thread. Though you love love, you juggle your need for independence. If you are single, you have many would-be suitors waiting. The person you choose might not be right for you a year from now. If you are attached, you often juggle two different concerns. You and your partner differ greatly in your needs right now. Empathize more. AQUARIUS has the same issues as you but a different approach.

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



MYSTERY WINNER!

Brandon Wise [brandonw@smdp.com](mailto:brandonw@smdp.com)  
Reader Beverly Reichel correctly identified this photo of the Princess Eugenia apartments, once the home of former Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger. She will receive a reusable shopping bag from the Daily Press. Check out tomorrow's paper for another chance to play. Send your mystery photos to [editor@smdp.com](mailto:editor@smdp.com) to be used in future issues.

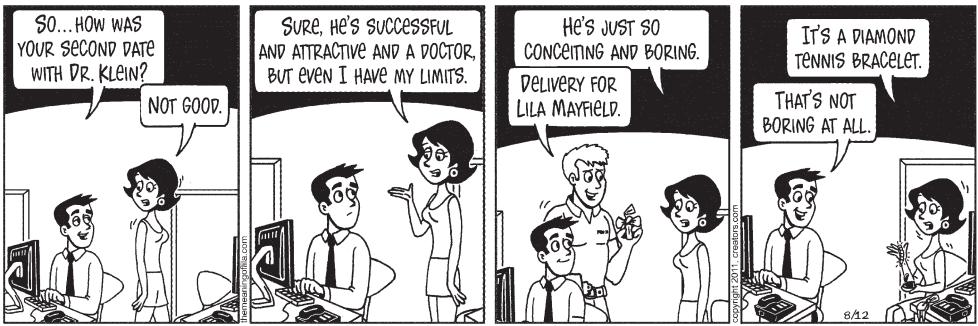
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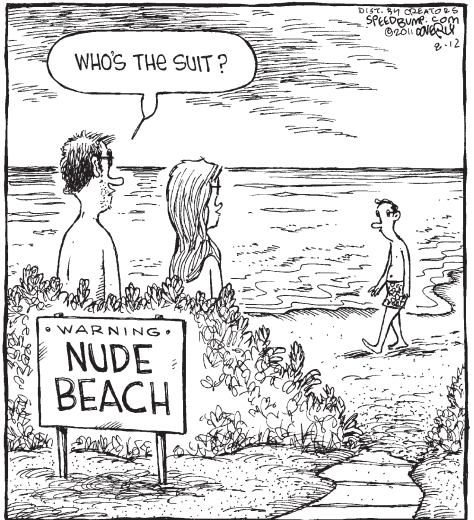


Strange Brew

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

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

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Seasonal song  
6 Monster  
11 Met offering  
12 Cost  
13 Obama's veep  
14 Light gas  
15 Abbr. before a minister's name  
16 Ike's boyhood home  
18 Great service  
19 Near star  
20 Went first  
21 Egotist's focus  
23 Feudal workers  
25 Kilmer of "The Doors"  
27 Couple  
28 Floppy top  
30 Blue cheese feature  
33 Gangster's gun  
34 Louvre fill  
36 Buck's partner  
37 Reveal  
39 Guest's bed  
40 Barrel piece

41 Not

- napping  
43 Spoken for  
44 It ends with a show of hands  
45 Auguries  
46 Core feature

DOWN

- 1 Mon-goose's foes  
2 Each  
3 Dessert choice  
4 Mine matter  
5 Turner and Wood

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Yesterday's answer

- 6 Conked on the noggin  
7 Justice Warren  
8 Dessert choice  
9 Go pieces  
10 In shape  
17 Tour carrier  
22 Way off  
24 Mai-tai base  
26 Adds yeast to  
28 Diminutive  
29 Due follower  
31 Appeared  
32 Hampers  
33 Relish  
35 Catches  
38 Roasting spot  
42 Calamity

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8-12

Fill in the empty fields with the given numbers so when calculated together they satisfy all Equas in the gray boxes:

3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9, 10, 12



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Solution for Task 756

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| 15 ▶ | +  | -  |    |
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD  
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

It's good to be an Arizona State University student, where those 21 and older can earn \$60 a night by getting drunk. Psychology professor Will Corbin, operating with National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism grants, conducts studies of drunk students' memories, response times and decision-making processes through extensive questioning -- after he has raised their blood-alcohol level to precisely 0.08 percent (which Arizona regards as presumed-impaired for drivers). Students are served one type of vodka cocktail, three drinks' worth, in a bar-like room on campus, and after 15 minutes to let the alcohol be absorbed, the questioning and testing begin. (At the end of the night, taxis are called for the students.)

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TODAY IN HISTORY

1953 The islands of Zakynthos and Kefalonia in Greece are severely damaged by an earthquake measuring 7.3 on the Richter scale.

1960 Echo 1A, NASA's first successful communications satellite, is launched.

1964 South Africa is banned from the Olympic Games due to the country's racist policies.

1964 Charlie Wilson, one of the Great Train Robbers, escapes from Winson Green Prison in Birmingham, England.

1969 Violence erupts after the Apprentice Boys of Derry march in Derry, Northern Ireland, resulting in a three-day communal riot known as the Battle of the Bogside.

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