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THE LOW-IMPACT ISSUE

## Ed Foundation raising the fundraising bar

BY SERLI POLATOGLU
Special to the Daily Press

SMMUSD HDQTRS The Santa Monica-Malibu Education Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving local public schools, is striving to consistently raise $1 million per year by the end of 2013.

In the past, the organization has been able to consistently raise $400,000 to $500,000 annually, according to foundation board member Kathleen Rawson, with the exception of last year. The foundation was able to raise $1.5 million in 60 days, saving numerous Santa Monica-Malibu School District employees from the dreaded pink slip.

Linda Gross, the foundation's executive director, noted at last week's school board meeting the "unprecedented grassroots outpour," and was motivated by the community's commitment to the cause.

"(That fundraiser) really set the stage for our foundation and catapulted us onto a new plateau in terms of our fundraising capacity," said Jodi Brooks, chairman of the foundation's board.

The foundation's new, ambitious fundraising goal is part of the organization's revamped strategic vision, said Gross at the meeting. She said the foundation plans to unify district-wide efforts to raise a significant amount of money in a short time span to protect schools from budget cuts.

The foundation has relied on grassroots efforts in the past, with Lemon-Aid stand fundraisers and the Save Our Schools campaign. The foundation continues to rely on community input and support from local businesses that donate proceeds from sales.

Foundation administrators recently hosted two "idea meetings," where about 150 community members discussed ways to raise funds, garner support, and direct profits to where they would be most impactful in the classroom, Gross said.

With approximately 40 new foundation members, Gross added that she believed "fresh blood" would help invigorate the new strategic vision. Departments have also been revised and regrouped into four areas of focus: impact, resource, community leader-

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**DRUM LINE AT WORK** Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

**Members of the Santa Monica High School marching band on Monday take part in the annual Band Camp on campus. It was the first day of the two-week camp.**

## Sustainability is in the details

### A personal account of a week of eco-reform

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Sometimes, acting with the best of intentions can be extremely inconvenient.

I fully grasped this in a stairwell of a nine-story office building on the 200 block of Wilshire Boulevard, praying to the high heavens that there were no video cameras, or particularly industrious members of the workforce that eschew elevators in favor of good, old-fashioned legwork.

For anyone who's ever performed a pool-side deck change, I promise, my maneuver was about half as salacious.

I went to the building to interview a subject for a business profile, and I was running short on both time and excuses.

It was the usual tale. My Big Blue Bus, which I pick up at the Green Line Station by LAX after a 5.5-mile bike ride from my house in Gardena, Calif., already had two bikes on its front rack, which meant a 15-minute wait for the next Rapid 3 to trundle into the lot.

That put me in Santa Monica at 8:35 a.m., neatly excising the time I'd planned to use to change from sweaty biking clothes into generic work clothes, and try to approximate a trained professional.

That ship had sailed. I disembarked the bus and went straight to my final destination, locked up my bike and sprinted inside, stopping just long enough to ask the desk attendant where I might find a restroom that, as fate would have it, turned out to be locked.

Panicked, I searched the halls for a second facility, and found only the door to the stairwell, hanging slightly ajar. Sometimes, you "gotta do what you gotta do."

**THE SITUATION**

I must preface this by saying that I usually manage to shower, groom and appear at interviews and other functions fully dressed. I also usually have the luxury of a fossil-fuel vehicle.

That week, beginning Sunday, July 31 and ending Saturday, Aug. 6, I'd decided to chal-

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# What's Up Westside

## OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

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415 PCH, 6:30 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Replace the river Seine in France with the Annenberg Beach House and enjoy the sounds of Parisian Café Music. Presented by Jessica Fichot and Friends. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-4904 or visit www.annenbergbeachhouse.com/beachculture.

**Time for toddlers**
Ocean Park Library
2601 Main St., 10 a.m.
Join Mr. Jesse for stories, rhymes, songs and even puppets. For more information, call (310) 458-8683.

**Artists unite**
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St.,
11:30 a.m. — 2 p.m.
The Artists League of the Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club invites you to drop in to work on independent projects in watercolor, gouache and collage. This is a self-directed workshop that provides a supportive environment for those wishing to concentrate on their painting and an opportunity for painters to learn from each other. For more information, call (310) 310-2273.

**Calling all writers**
Fairview Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 12 p.m.
Meet with other aspiring writers for inspiration, guidance and support during this regular meeting. For more information, call (310) 450-0443.

**Beef up on bobcats**
Temescal Gateway Park
15601 W Sunset Blvd.,
7:30 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Join Laurel Klein to hear about her research on California bobcats. Klein will share her experiences with these wild cats and the results of her studies. Learn what you can do to help assure the future of the California bobcat. Meet at Woodland Hall. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 858-7272 ext. 131.

### Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2011

**It's easy being green**
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Come to the first Green Living Workshop and learn how to go green. The workshop will explore environmental problems on a local, national and global scale. Participants review and take action on 10 environmental solutions. Workshop attendees can earn a special gift bag with "eco-tools" if all workshop requirements are completed. The workshop is a six-week course open to all. Cost: free. For more information, call (310) 458-8716 ext. 4 or visit www.sustainableworks.org.

**Farmers' Market**
Arizona Avenue and Second Street
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
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## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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### Samohi senior gets top ACT score

Santa Monica High School senior Trent A. Nelson earned a composite score of 36, the highest mark achievable, on a recent ACT test.

In an average year the number of students who achieve a top score is about one-tenth of 1 percent, according to officials with the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.

Of the graduating class of 2010, only 588 of 1.6 million students nationally received a composite score of 36.

The test is scored on a scale of 1 to 36 and is broken down into four sections — English, mathematics, reading and science — added together to make the final composite grade.

According to ACT CEO Jon Whitmore, test scores, from the ACT or its counterpart the SAT, are used as part of the criteria when college's make admissions decisions.

"Trent's initiative to purposefully prepare for the ACT —not just through his regular school work, but on his own as well — is an example of what exemplary learners do," said Samohi Principal Laurel Fretz. "Trent's teachers are so proud of him and we are all eager to see him achieve great things in the future."

REBECCA ASOULIN

DOWNTOWN

### September Saturday chili roast

Chilies will be grilling once more on an authentic New Mexican chili roaster this September at the Pico Farmers' Market at Virginia Avenue Park.

The "Chili Roast," hosted by the Santa Monica Farmers' Market, will take place every Saturday in September starting at 9 a.m. until chilies run out.

Poblano, Anaheim and other California-grown chilies are provided by local farmers and will be grilled on-site for $2 per pound.

According to Farmers' Market official Darra Henigan, customer's stock pile the chilies, cooked in a southwestern style, some buying up to 50 pounds as the chilies are easily frozen.

"People from the Southwest get really excited because you don't see many [chili roasts] out here," Henigan said.

The popular event was around for years in Santa Monica, but disappeared and now, resurrected, is back for its fifth consecutive year.

Virginia Avenue Park is located at 2200 Virginia Ave. For more information on the Farmers' Market, visit smgov.net/portals/farmersmarket.

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Photo courtesy Operation Christmas Child

GIFTS FOR ALL: **In 2007, Franklin Graham visited Ecuador as part of Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project.**

# Back to school means giving back

**BY REBECCA ASOULIN**
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN As the school year approaches, Santa Monicans can be seen stocking up on pens, paper and other supplies — and not just for themselves.

They're picking up those tried and true staples and a plethora of small toys and treats to act as box stuffers for Operation Christmas Child. The project is an international effort by Samaritan's Purse to send gifts to children whose lives have been disrupted by natural disasters, disease, war, terrorism, famine or poverty.

"It's not just a gift. It is the life of a child that can be touched through something as simple as a shoebox," San Fernando area coordinator Ruth Correa said.

Since its start in 1993, the project has sent gifts to more than 86 million children in over 130 countries. In 2010, the West Coast region alone packed 397,189 shoe boxes. In 2011, gifts will reach an estimated 8.5 million children.

In Santa Monica, and all through the nation, people are gearing up as back-to-school supply sales present a prime opportunity to stock up on box stuffers.

"Times are tough everywhere so sales are very, very important," Correa said.

For many children in Santa Monica, school supplies are a given, but others around the world are not so fortunate.

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# GOP to challenge redistricting maps

**JUDY LIN & JULIET WILLIAMS**
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO California's independent redistricting commission Monday certified the state's new legislative and congressional maps, but the political boundaries drew an immediate challenge from the state Republican Party, which said they were drawn improperly to favor Democrats.

California Republican Party Chairman Tom Del Beccaro told The Associated Press that the party will file a petition and form a committee called Fairness and Accountability in Redistricting on Tuesday seeking a referendum on the June 2012 ballot to overturn newly approved state Senate districts.

Del Beccaro said the party will submit ballot language to the secretary of state's office.

"There isn't any doubt that this

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### Keep chocolate milk in schools

**Editor:**

RE: Dr. Morris Salem's column of Aug. 4, 2011 on the banning of chocolate milk in schools ("Banning chocolate milk just the first step toward health," Your Column Here):

Like the parents of my patients, I'm deeply concerned about America's childhood obesity epidemic. I deal with this issue every day in my clinical practice. But the decision by school districts in Los Angeles and several other cities to remove low-fat and fat-free flavored milk from school menus may be one of the most ridiculous ever in the field of child nutrition.

That decision goes against virtually all relevant research on obesity in children. And it contradicts positions taken by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and several leading health organizations that a small amount of added sugar encourages kids to consume nutrient-rich foods such as low-fat and fat-free chocolate milk.

Recent studies have shown that removing flavored milk from schools causes a dramatic drop in milk consumption, with 35 percent of kids abstaining. Contentions that children "adapt" over time are false, since we know that milk consumption in schools does not recover even a year after flavored milk is taken away – which is why smart school districts like Virginia's Fairfax County School District have now returned flavored milk to their cafeterias.

Banning flavored milk does little to cut sugar intake (such products account for just 3 percent of the sugar that kids ingest) while depriving kids of nutrients that are critical for growth and development and that are found in all milk, flavored and non-flavored. The U.S. Dietary Guidelines has singled out four "shortfall nutrients" in our diets, and milk is an excellent source of three of them – calcium, potassium, and vitamin D.

The vast majority of children don't receive adequate levels of these vital nutrients that milk provides. For Los Angeles schools to limit nutrients already in short supply in children's diets is both irresponsible and a triumph of "nutritional correctness" over science. Why aren't those districts talking about sodas, candies and the myriad other foods in school vending machines that provide zero nutritional value?

Parents and school officials need to understand that childhood obesity can't be solved by pulling a nutritious food from the menu. Such misguided zeal serves only to jeopardize children's long-term health. Instead, scientific evidence and common sense show that the way to tackle childhood obesity is to provide kids with healthy, balanced meals and opportunities for daily physical activity. Speaking of which, it would take kids only about 10 minutes of physical activity to use up the sugar calories in their flavored milk at school.

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## Your column here



Steve Blank — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

# Going out with his boots on

"HE WAS A MAN, TAKE HIM FOR ALL IN ALL, I shall not look upon his like again."
Shakespeare's "Hamlet," act I, scene 2

With 37 million people, it's remarkable that California has one of the most pristine and unspoiled coastlines in the United States. One man and the organization he's built are responsible for protecting it.

**CALIFORNIA DREAMING**

California Highway 1, (the Pacific Coast Highway) is a two-lane road that hugs the coast from Mexico to the town of Leggett in Northern California. It's carved out of the edge of California, almost designed to connect you to the Pacific Ocean in a way that no other road in the country does. In some stretches it's breathtaking and hair-raising and in others it's the most tranquil drive you'll ever take.

It goes through quintessential California beach towns right out of the 1950s. It has hairpin turns that have you convinced you're about to fall into the ocean. It has open farm fields and hundreds of miles of unspoiled and undeveloped land. It's the kind of road you see in car ads and movies, one that looks like it was built to be driven in a Porsche with the top down.

The almost 400-mile coast drive from Los Angeles to San Francisco is one of the road trips you need to do before you die. Fifteen air miles away, the road parallels Silicon Valley (and the 7 million people in the San Francisco Bay area.) In that 45-mile stretch from Half Moon Bay to Santa Cruz there's not a single stoplight and less than 5,000 people.

Yet there's no rational reason most of the 1,100 miles of the California coast should look like this. Thirty-three million Californians live less than an hour from the coast. It's some of the most expensive land in the country. As our economy is organized to extract the maximum revenue and profits from any asset, you wonder why there aren't condos, hotels, houses, shopping centers and freeways, wall-to-wall for most of its length (except in parts of Southern California where there already is).

The explanation is that almost 40 years ago the people of California passed Proposition 20 — the Coastal Initiative — and in 1976 the state Legislature followed it up by passing the Coastal Act, which created the California Coastal Commission. Essentially the Coastal Commission acts as California's planning commission for all 1,100 miles of the California coast. It has a staff of 120 who recommend actions to the 12 commissioners (all political appointees) who make the final decisions.

Among other things the Legislature said the goals of the Coastal Commission was to:

1) Maximize public access to the coast and maximize public recreational opportunities in the coastal zone consistent with sound resources conservation principles and constitutionally protected rights of private property owners.

2) Assure priority for coastal-dependent and coastal-related development over other development on the coast.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

This week I had my public servant hat on in my role as a California Coastal commissioner. I don't write about the commission because I want to avoid any conflict in my role as a public official. But today is different. The single individual responsible for running the commission staff for the last 26 years, its Executive Director Peter Douglas, just announced his retirement.

Unlike Robert Moses, who built a modern New York City, or Baron Haussmann, who built 19th century Paris in concrete and steel, the legacy and achievements of Peter Douglas are all the things you don't see in the 1,100 miles of the California coast; wetlands that haven't been filled, public access that hasn't been lost, highly scenic areas that haven't been spoiled and destroyed.

There's an old political science rule of thumb that says regulatory agencies become captured by the industries that they regulate within seven years. Yet for the 26 years of Peter's tenure he's managed to keep the commission independent despite enormous pressure. The commission has been able to stave off the tragedy of the commons for the California coast. Upholding the Coastal Act had it taking unpopular positions upsetting developers who have fought with the agency over seaside projects, homeowners who strongly feel that private property rights unconditionally trump public access and local governments who believe they should have the final say in what's right for their community.

Peter opened the commission up to public participation and promoted citizen activism. He built a world-class staff that understands what public service truly means. Over the last 40 years the winners have been 37 million Californians and the people who drive down the coast and can't imagine why it looks like it does.

In spite of opposition the commission has carried out the public trust. The coast is never saved, it is always being saved. The work is never finished. The pressure to develop it is relentless, and it can be paved over with a thousand small decisions. I hope our children don't look back at pictures of the California coast and wistfully say, "Look what our parents lost."

As commissioners it's our job to choose Peter's replacement. Hopefully we'll have the wisdom in finding a worthy successor. The people of California and their children deserve as much. Godspeed, Peter Douglas.

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## What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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# Finding solutions to a sticky situation

I'M NOT A GERMAPHOBE. HAVING A DOG pretty much drives that right out of you. I mention this because there are a few things in this world that just gross me out, and annoy me endlessly. Spitting is one of those things that I think would justify bringing back public humiliation. I cannot stand it when I see someone spit on the sidewalk. It is a health hazard, and it's positively revolting.

If there's one thing that's worse though, it's gum. Not even the wayward cigarette butts are as bad in my mind as the proliferation of flavorless wads of the sticky stuff.

The irresponsible people who chew gum and then just toss it so that someone else can step on it should be candidates for tarring in my book. I realize I am sounding like a cranky old man muttering about "those damn kids these days!" But when I have to cut gum out of the hair on my dog's feet it's annoying.

We were walking Sunday on the Santa Monica Pier and I noticed the collection of chewed gum wads that were strewn about behind the carousel, in all their multi-colored glory. It was like a collection of mini dental molds that one would expect to see in an orthodontist's office.

It got me to thinking about Singapore. I have an international child custody case out of Singapore and so I've been doing lots of research on their judicial system and human rights. By all accounts Singapore is an immaculate city with a well-run government and judicial system that tolerates little civil disobedience.

One of the things that Singapore did was outlaw the importation and sale of chewing gum. They did this because it was becoming a problem to keep the streets clean, and it's a nasty health hazard.

While an outright ban seems very draconian for a product that is so innately innocuous as chewing gum, it solves lots of problems. Have you ever walked down the street and noticed all those black marks on the pavement? Did you ever wonder where they come from? After all, sidewalks are made from concrete, what would be causing the blackness? It's gum. Old gum that has been stepped on and has collected enough dirt to make it black.

This is the same reason why Disneyland does not sell gum. It's a horrid mess to clean up, and by not selling it, Disneyland reduces the incidence rate of having it on their streets, also under their tables and chairs, and a billion other places that children with irresponsible parents would hide it.

Gum shows up in the most unlikely of places because people will just stick it somewhere and forget about it. It's a mess for someone else to find and clean up. For example, when I went to the gym and sat in a bike machine and found that someone had put their gum under the seat, right where your hand goes to reposition the saddle. So annoying to me.

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Singapore and Disneyland have found one solution to the gum situation, and while I jokingly think it's not a bad suggestion, I know it is unrealistic in America, even our little portion of it, to ban gum. But maybe we could make an effort to remind people that for every freedom, there is a related responsibility. Having the freedom to chew Bubblicious is one thing, but there comes with it the duty to properly disposed of it.

In a round of recent trade negotiations Singapore has decided to lessen their ban on the importation and sale of gum. Under pressure from the senator from Illinois, which is where the Wrigley gum company is, Singapore relaxed its rules for "therapeutic" gums. Now if you want to chew gum there you can, so long as it is Nicorette.

Maybe Singapore is just trading one problem for another — gum for cigarette butts. But in any case, we could remind people here that trash cans are for the proper disposal of gum.

It's not just the polite thing to do, it's also the healthy thing.

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## The Q Line

### Up and down

The stock market was a wild ride last week with big losses and subsequent steep gains. Who knows what this week will bring.

**So, this week's Q-Line question asks:**
Does this market volatility change your mind about investing or are you still in for the long haul?

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# Man suspected in Hilton stalking case to stand trial

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LOS ANGELES A man who once asked Paris Hilton to marry him and has been arrested twice outside homes owned by the socialite must stand trial for felony stalking, a judge ruled Monday.

James Rainford appeared to be obsessed with Hilton and his alleged actions gave the hotel heiress good reason to be afraid, Superior Court Judge Jessica Silvers said.

"It's very clear from all these incidents that you are obsessed with Paris Hilton," Silvers told Rainford after a 90-minute hearing. "This is more personal, and it is scary."

Rainford, 36, was previously convicted of battery against Hilton's former boyfriend Cy Waits, who was hit in the head outside a courthouse earlier this year.

Rainford did not react after Silvers' ruling and only spoke quietly with his attorney during the hearing.

Rainford's most recent arrest came after a July 4 encounter in which paparazzi alerted authorities he was outside the heiress' beach house.

Defense attorney Craig Renetzky argued during the hearing that Rainford had never directly threatened Hilton, and that she had never left her home during either incident that led to his arrests.

His actions, including hitting Hilton's ex-boyfriend and shoving a security guard in October, were not directed at the socialite herself, the lawyer said.

"The only thing he's apparently ever done to her is to propose to her," Renetzky said.

Hilton politely refused. She did not attend Monday's hearing.

Prosecutor Wendy Segall called four law enforcement officers to testify about their dealings with Rainford after his arrests or their conversations with Hilton.

Sheriff's Detective Rodney Wagner said Hilton was "afraid for her safety as well as her family, her friends around her."

Rainford remained jailed in lieu of $150,000 bail and was told to return to court on Aug. 29 for an arraignment. No trial date has been set.

## STATE BRIEFS

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### Doctors: Significant strides for beaten Giants fan

Doctors for a San Francisco Giants fan who was severely beaten outside Dodger Stadium say he has made significant improvement despite a series of ups and downs since the March attack.

In a progress report Monday, the chief of neurosurgery at San Francisco General Hospital confirmed accounts by Bryan Stow's family that he's been able to follow some commands and interact with loved ones.

However, Dr. Geoff Manley says it's still unclear how far Stow's recovery will take him.

Stow suffered severe brain injury when he was attacked after the Dodgers' home opener against the Giants.

Manley says Stow is responding well to surgery last week to replace a missing skull fragment. He remains in serious condition.

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LOS ANGELES

### Ex-Bermuda leader's son convicted

The physician son of Bermuda's former premier was convicted Monday on charges of committing sexual crimes against nine female patients under the guise of breast and pelvic exams.

The Superior Court jury convicted Kevin Antario Brown, 40, of 21 counts and deadlocked on eight other charges.

Brown had pleaded not guilty to numerous counts ranging from sexual exploitation to forcible rape. Several counts were dismissed during trial.

Brown is the son of Ewart Brown, who stepped down as Bermuda's premier last year.

Prosecutors said Brown attacked 11 women including an undercover police officer over five years at three of his clinics and the women were given inappropriate breast or pelvic exams for unrelated complaints like lightheadedness or flulike symptoms.

The jury deadlocked on all counts involving two women and one count involving another woman.

Brown, a family practitioner, was arrested in 2008.

In the trial's closing arguments, the prosecution cited the testimony of one victim who came in to be evaluated for weight loss treatment and said she had her breasts fondled after being told she needed a mammogram. Another victim came in to discuss a lump on her breast only to have Brown put his face on her chest and his mouth on her breast as part of the supposed examination, the prosecutor said.

The defense challenged the credibility of the patients and called the undercover officer a liar.

The defense pointed to one patient who claimed she was molested when she came to Brown with concerns that she suffered from anemia because of lightheadedness, but later went back to an appointment with Brown and agreed to distribute flyers advertising his business at her college.

AP

SACRAMENTO

### Assembly speaker wants committee to review records

Assembly Speaker John Perez says he is forming a task force to review the Assembly's rules about releasing records, after the chamber was criticized for failing to release budgets that show lawmakers' current office spending.

The Los Angeles Democrat is embroiled in a feud with fellow Democratic Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, who says his budget was cut after he refused to vote for the state budget.

Perez said Monday that lawmakers in both parties have told him they want Assembly expenditures to be more accessible.

AP

# SoCal home sales drop in July

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LOS ANGELES Home sales in Southern California posted their weakest July in four years last month as the job market sputtered and economic jitters apparently spooked some prospective homebuyers, a tracking firm said Monday.

San Diego-based DataQuick said 18,090 homes sold in the five-county area last month, down 11.9 percent from June's 20,532. The decline was more than twice the average 4.8 percent dip in sales typically seen since 1988, when the firm's statistics start.

DataQuick president John Walsh blamed the weak showing on the nation's ongoing economic woes and concerns about the consequences of the debt-ceiling debate.

"Reports on the economy became increasingly downbeat and, no doubt, some people fretted over the possibility the country would default on its obligations," he said.

However, Walsh said he was somewhat heartened by the sales decline of only 4.5 percent from 18,846 in July 2010, the narrowest year-to-year decline in 13 months.

He noted that the federal tax break for new home buyers had expired by July of last year, so the data wasn't being skewed by the increased activity encouraged by the tax credit.

"If there's a shred of good news in the data it's that last month's sales weren't much worse than a year earlier," Walsh said. "For the first time in many months, we get an apples-to-apples comparison to year-ago sales, given that in July 2010 the market lost its crutch."

DataQuick also said that the median price for a home in the region was down about 4.1 percent to $283,000 from $295,000 in July 2010 and from 0.7 percent from $285,000 in June.

Foreclosures accounted for 32.5 percent of last month's sales, down 32.9 percent in June and from 34.2 percent a year earlier.

Short-sale transactions, in which lenders allow distressed homes to be sold for less than what is owed, accounted for 17.3 percent of existing home sales. That down from 17.7 percent in June and from 19.4 percent a year earlier.

# Rembrandt drawing swiped from Marina del Rey hotel

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LOS ANGELES An art thief pulled off a heist of a small Rembrandt drawing worth $250,000 while the exhibition curator was momentarily distracted at a California luxury hotel known for its top-notch security, investigators said Monday.

The theft from a private exhibit in the lobby at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Marina del Rey occurred during a 15-minute window Saturday night.

"When the curator turned back to the Rembrandt, it was gone," sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore said. It's unclear whether the person who distracted the curator was connected to the theft.

"This appears to be well-thought, well-planned, well-executed," Whitmore said.

The Rembrandt was part of an exhibition in which art pieces were displayed to potential buyers. The hotel often hosts such events.

"The Ritz-Carlton security is the best, maybe the best in the nation," Whitmore said.

The Dutch master's quill pen and ink drawing — which measures about 11 inches by 6 inches — is called "The Judgment."

Detectives have a hotel surveillance videotape, but it's not being made public — for now.

"Releasing the video may or may not be helpful," Whitmore said. "We're confident that our leads, and the surveillance video will help us solve this."

A sketch artist is putting together a suspect composite drawing based on witness accounts. It will be released at the end of the week.

The drawing was part of an exhibit at the hotel sponsored by the Linearis Institute based in the San Francisco Bay area community of Hercules. Telephone voicemail messages left Monday weren't returned.

Art experts tell the Los Angeles Times that works by Rembrandt and Picasso are popular targets for art thieves.

Anthony Amore, chief investigator at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston and co-author of the book "Stealing Rembrandts," said there have been 81 documented thefts of the artist's work in the past 100 years.

"I'd be shocked if the person who stole this piece had any idea how to fence it," Amore said.

Marina del Rey is a sprawling community and small-boat harbor on Santa Monica Bay.



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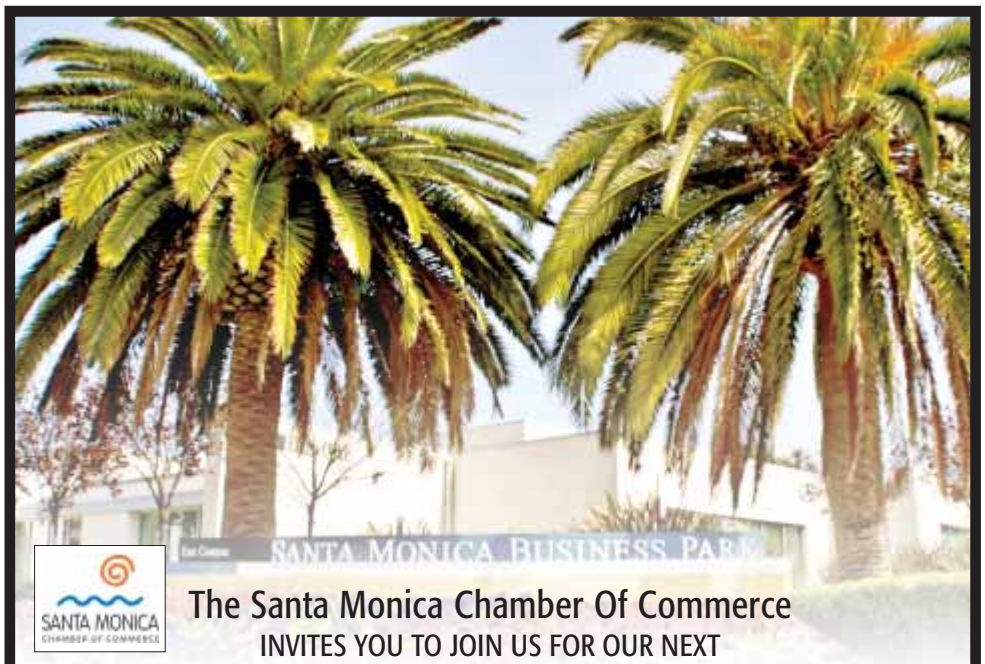


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## SCHOOLS
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ship and operations and governance.

While Brooks stressed the importance of each department, she said the foundation's ultimate goal is to enhance revenue in the SMMUSD.

The foundation hopes to boost academics, athletics and the arts by establishing endowments. By the end of 2013, they hope to secure $2 million for each program. The foundation has currently raised $2 million for the arts, a little over $1 million in academics and additional funds for athletics, Brooks said.

Board member Lynda Dorf explained the direct approach the foundation now employed when fundraising. A fundraiser by trade, Dorf said she's been known to "take the bull by the horns" when asking for contributions.

Dorf said that foundation members can't be afraid to look their peers in the eye and ask for a check, face to face.

Dorf also advocated an annual fund campaign. She believed that if every child that attended public school in SMMUSD were to donate $1 every day of the year, the foundation could raise nearly $4 million to aid education.

Brooks said this would be the case "in the best of all worlds," but revealed that the foundation is in talks with the school board to "create some kind of agreement with us to help us all facilitate fundraising." She added that an annual fund campaign is in the works.

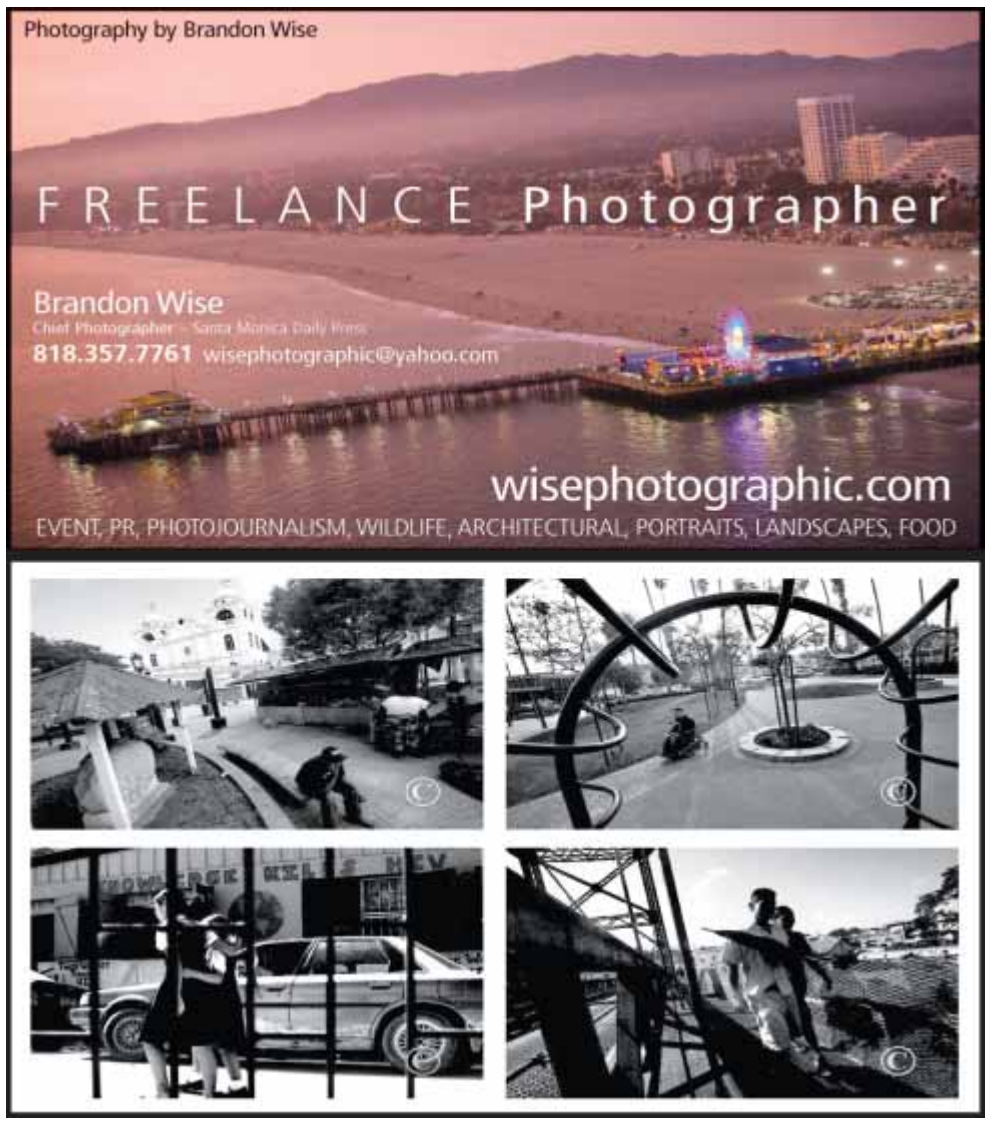
The foundation will begin work with it's new committees at full force in September.

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MAKING THEIR MARK: **Jessica Engfer places a $9,000 lemon marker on the Project Lemon-Aid Tree during a celebration at Virginia Avenue Park last year. The grassroots fundraiser was created to help support the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District.**




## CHALLENGE
FROM PAGE 3

commission did not apply consistent standards when drawing its maps and the worst of that relates to Senate maps," he said.

Political consultant Dave Gilliard has been hired to run the referendum campaign. He says the group will need to collect about 505,000 valid signatures to qualify the measure.

The 14-member California Citizens Redistricting Commission voted on final maps for Congress, the Legislature and the Board of Equalization, which administers sales and use taxes. The panel released drafts two weeks ago but gave formal approval Monday.

The new state Assembly, Senate and Board of Equalization maps were approved 13-1, with Republican commissioner Michael Ward voting in opposition. Ward, of Anaheim, and another Republican commissioner, Jodie Filkins Webber of Norco, voted against the new congressional boundaries.

Ward issued a statement saying he thought the panel failed to adhere to the federal Voting Rights Act, which requires that minority groups be placed in the same district.

"This commission simply traded the partisan, backroom gerrymandering by the Legislature for partisan, backroom gerrymandering by average citizens," Ward wrote.

The panel chose to preserve the influence of African-American voters in the Los Angeles area by breaking the population up into three congressional districts rather than clustering that community into one district. Leaders in that region's black communities had feared they could lose at least one congressional district as a result of black people migrating from the urban core to the suburbs.

Ward said the commission had failed to apply the act consistently.

Political consultants who have been monitoring the panel's work all year said Democrats would gain more seats through the process simply because of the state's population shift, which includes an expanding Hispanic voting bloc. GOP officials have been reviewing the maps and avenues for possible challenges — likely in the form of a ballot referendum on the congressional and state Senate maps.

Del Beccaro has said the commission split cities and towns into some unnatural pairings in its effort to accommodate various interest groups. The chairman said a separate group plans to file a lawsuit claiming that the Senate district covering the central coastal region now represented by GOP Sen. Sam Blakeslee is unconstitutional.

Ironically, it was Republicans who supported the ballot initiatives that took the once-a-decade redistricting responsibility away from the Legislature. Voters created the independent citizens commission in 2008 and expanded its authority to congressional districts in 2010.



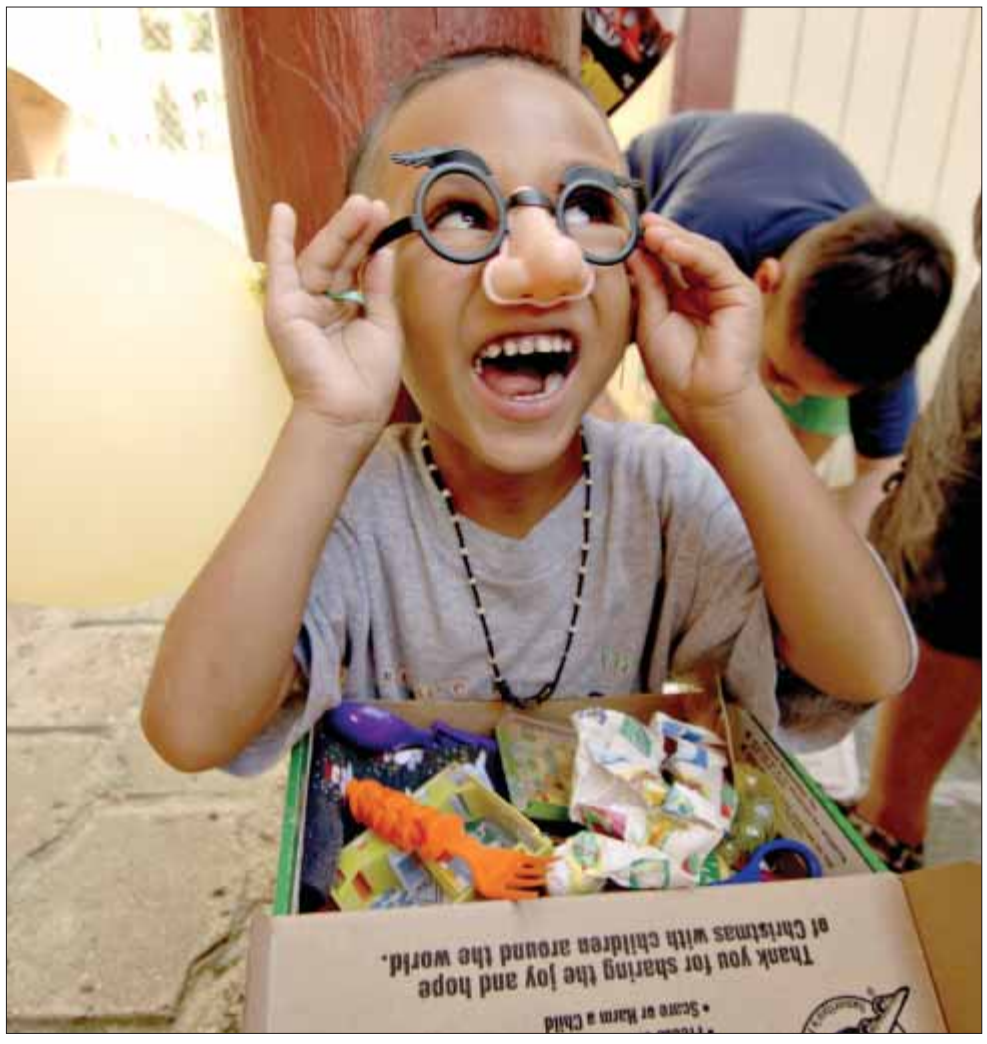



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BIG MOMENT: **A child in Belize opens his gift box from Operation Christmas Child.**

## PRESENTS
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"We have stories of children ecstatic to receive lined paper. They can't even imagine having [lined paper]. It's too expensive," Correa said.

One resident who will begin stock-piling supplies is Kaitlin Lavelle, a junior at the Lighthouse Christian Academy. She helped contribute to the 50 boxes donated by the Santa Monica school last year.

"There's a lot of things you take for granted even little things, like little toys and candies … . It's not a privilege for [the children who receive gifts] and it means a lot to them," Lavelle said.

The gifts, says Lavelle, include small items, such as pens, paper, notebooks, candies and little toys like a yo-yo. Each volunteer crafts and stuffs a box that has been designated an age and gender, thus allowing the gifts to be appropriate for the receiver.

However, gifts sometimes stray outside the norm, and volunteers, Correa said, can get very creative. Hand-knitted scarfs and hats are amongst the most personalized gifts that Correa has seen.

"You don't know which country [your gift is being sent to] so the scarf could go anywhere. It could be really hot in Zimbabwe and the child will take the scarf out of the box and put [the scarf] on," Correa said.

Children's responses are appreciative and thankful, often leading to shows of gratitude. One girl took out each individual present and kissed them before putting them back in the box, Correa said. Some children sleep with their boxes and many leave their gifts unopened as to preserve them. These stories enforce Correa's belief that the program succeeds in "giving joy to a child."

As implied in the project's name, the purpose, according to Correa, is to spread "the joy of Christmas" as Samaritan's Purse is a Christian ministry. However, the gifts are sent to villages and neighborhoods where all children, not just Christians, are invited.

For Bart Brewer, a Santa Monica resident and father of two, Operation Christmas Child is a family event and meaningful because of that.

His wife, Julia Brewer, himself and his children shop around for gifts, and pack them along the way teaching their children "a model for giving and packing for Christmas." Plus, he adds, it's fun for the children to pick out presents and is a major event in their household.

Brewer believes that the project is a "cut above other organizations."

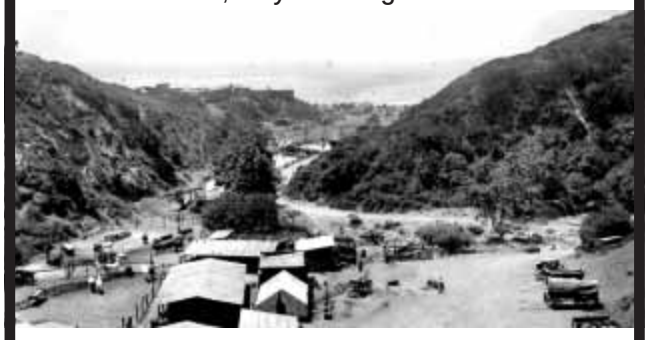
"[Operation Christmas Child] is quietly doing the Lord's work in tangible ways … that [are] easy for our kids to relate to," Brewer said.

The nearest drop-off area is Calvary Chapel South Bay on 19300 Vermont Ave., in Gardena, Calif. Boxes are accepted year-round at any location, but the National Collection Week is Nov. 14-21. For more information on Operation Christmas Child, visit www.samaritanspurse.org.

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# REFORM
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lenge myself to what I was calling a "low-impact" experiment, wherein I tried to cut out unessential waste and carbon emissions, including car rides to work.

The idea emerged half-baked during a conversation with a friend about the nature of our trash and waste in the context of the Beavan family, who hit the national spotlight in 2006 with their well-publicized "no impact year," where they avoided many creature comforts of modern life and worked out a way to bring their environmental impact to zero.

It was fleshed out with the same friend and a group of others over endless mimosas at the Overland Café that first Sunday.

"So what else should I cut out?" became the question of the hour.

We narrowed the parameters of the experiment down to a series of changes that we felt fully surrounded the overall goal: reducing my carbon footprint and minimizing the amount of waste that I produce through a philosophy of enforced mindfulness.

That meant avoiding single-use packaging of any kind, single-occupant car trips, curtailing my water and electricity consumption and doing my best to make my food habits equally sustainable.

For days when reality impinged on my idealism, I had a tough-love approach. Each piece of trash produced, whether or not it could be recycled, found its way into one of two black plastic bags, which I had stationed at home and in a backpack I carried around to assignments in Santa Monica.

In so doing, I would get a full and complete picture of my impact on the planet.

Floating on a heady mixture of champagne and moral rectitude, I set out to accomplish my task … and promptly had a small disposable sippy cup from a coffee dispenser to add to my budding trash collection.

Fail.

### THE COLD, HARD FACTS

General principles and the outline of my experiment were all well and good, but I needed a plan.

Santa Monica College's Center for Sustainable Works, a living laboratory for eco-friendly policies, products and practices, puts on a six-week workshop that highlights simple changes people can make in their lives to be a better global consumer (Santa Monica residents can attend for free, compliments of City Hall).

The workshop attacks sustainability from six fronts: transportation, water, energy, waste, food and chemicals.

The message: simple changes make a big difference.

"We go after the low-hanging fruit first," said Lisa Harrison, director of development and marketing for SMC's Sustainable Works department.

That means making sure you install compact fluorescent light bulbs (each one produces almost 1,500 pounds less carbon dioxide over the course of its lifetime than a traditional bulb), unplugging appliances when they're not in use and turning off lights when you exit a room.

A next, more ambitious step, might be replacing the nasty chemical cleansers with homemade alternatives based on white vinegar and baking soda, which require a bit more elbow grease than their toxic counterparts.

Food makes a huge impact on the environment.

According to Harrison's statistics, meat production in the United States accounts for more than half of the water used in the country. Cutting back on meat, even removing it from a handful of meals a week, creates a huge boon to the environment in terms of resources put into producing it.

"You don't have to go vegetarian or vegan," Harrison said. "Just try it one day a week, like 'meatless Monday.' We encourage people to do even more, but eating protein-rich vegetables saves 200 times more water than meat."

Add to the costs of production the impacts of our modern American delivery system that encourages us to demand out-of-season fruits and vegetables that come from thousands of miles away and ready-to-eat meals wrapped in tons of non-recyclable plastic and cardboard, and you have a whopper of a problem in which many of us are unwitting accomplices.

The benefits of taking on these minor inconveniences? A major reduction in pollutants that science suggests is slowly killing our planet through a death of a thousand cuts.

### LET THE GAMES BEGIN

It was all quite daunting, and some life edits — like removing chemical-filled cleansers from the house I share with three other people who were not conducting the experiment — needed more than a week's worth of transition.

Appliances were taken care of — we already have energy star appliances, and there are three CFL bulbs that have followed me in each of my three moves over the past two years because they simply will not die.

My consumption habits, and particularly transportation, were topics I could sink my teeth into.

That Monday morning, I woke up feeling somewhat accomplished that I'd managed to make it through the first day of the experiment with relatively little trash to show for it outside of the small paper cup.

I realized just how important that would become to me over the next six days when I tried to pack my day sack with the essentials — enough food to get me through a 12-hour work day and commute, reading glasses, pens, paper, wallet, alternate clothes and, for the betterment of my coworkers, deodorant — and realized that there simply wasn't enough room for that and any kind of growing trash collection.

The bag was heavy, mostly with the weight of my bike lock, but not uncomfortably so. I set out on the 30-minute ride up Manhattan Beach Boulevard and down Aviation Way to the Green Line Station with a sense of confidence and sheen of sweat.

The exercise lost its inherent charm by day four.

By Thursday, the twice-a-day rides sent me looking for any way possible to skip the bicycle, even if it meant a two-bus solution that took half as long to accomplish and dropped me off in an unsavory section of Crenshaw Boulevard.

Toughing it through cramping leg muscles aside, I knew walking into this experiment that food would be my most difficult obstacle.

Bringing enough of it to work to cover my day without sending me searching for a quick option at the grocery store was challenging enough — trying to make my selections sustainable (read: mostly vegetarian and vaguely local) proved more so.

Even the Wednesday Farmers' Market presented challenges, since I hoped to get food from no more than 150 miles away, but was faced with wares that traveled from Petaluma, Calif. north of San Francisco.

Cutting back on my routine trips to Vons and my near-criminal Diet Coke habit proved easier than expected, since the trash bag acted as my conscience, a literal weight on my back for every "convenient" purchase I made.

Takeaways: buying and cooking in bulk may produce monotony, but it can mean a great weight off your shoulders.

### THE BOTTOM LINE

Over the course of the week, I managed to cut out at least 160 miles of single-passenger car trips, slashed into the one-and-done meals I've gotten so fond of, cut out several showers — sorry, co-workers — and tried to be a more responsible consumer of electricity.

However, I am no Colin Beavan.

I did not begin composting, install solar cells onto my roof or dig up our inefficient grass lawn to start a home garden, which would all be extremely helpful to the planet, but not in the best interest of landlord-tenant relations without additional preparation.

I wish I could say that I'm a changed person, who will sacrifice life and limb to stay out of my car and will never again enjoy a spicy tuna avocado roll from Whole Foods. It's simply not true.

The week did drive home one lesson — taking responsibility for the impact that your life has on the planet and its resources requires thoughtfulness and planning, and even easy changes make a big difference.

According to the carbon calculator on Nature.org, my "sustainable" lifestyle would add approximately 14 tons of carbon dioxide emissions over the course of a year. For context, that's almost 4 tons less than if I led my life unchanged, and 13 tons less than the average American.

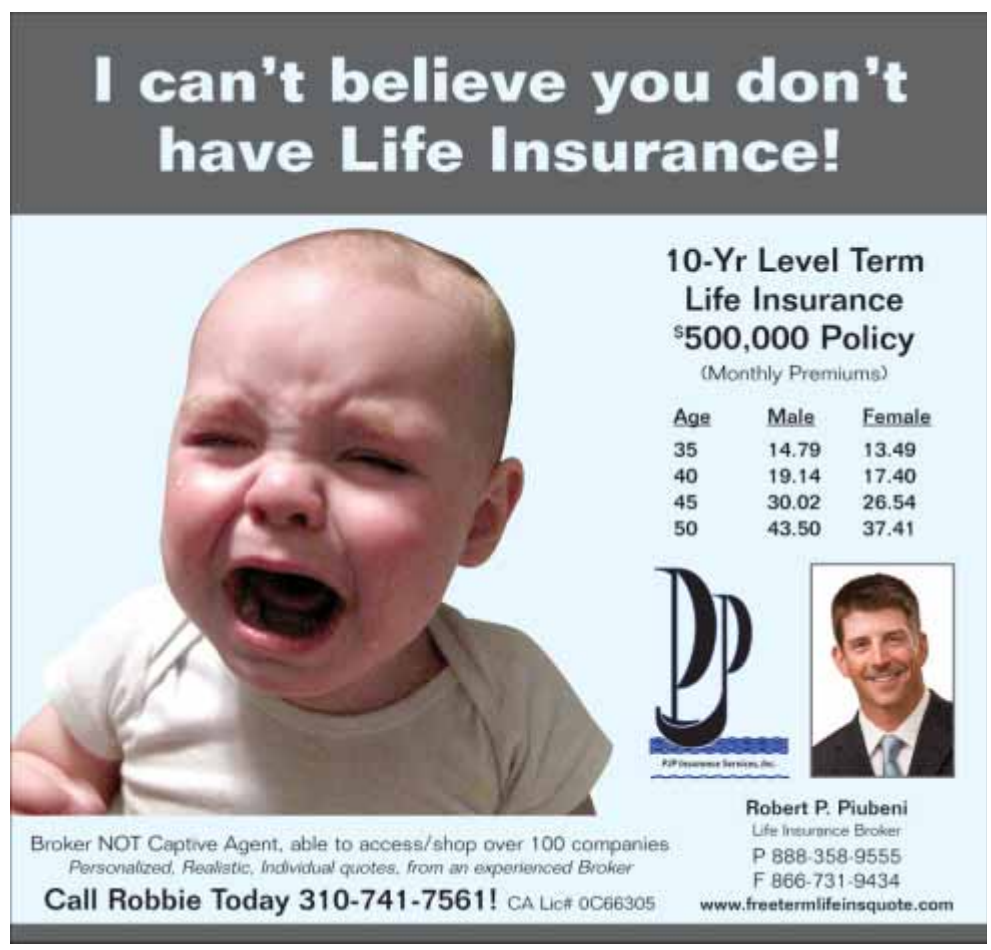
The average global citizen produces less than a fifth of that.

Back at SMC, Harrison summed it up succinctly.

"It's not about deprivation," Harrison said. "We just can't afford to continue 'business as usual' because it's completely unsustainable."

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# Stocks continue to rise

**STAN CHOE**
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NEW YORK The Dow Jones industrial average notched a three-day win streak Monday for the first time in six weeks. A $19 billion corporate buying spree and encouraging economic news from Japan sent the Dow up 213 points and erased its losses from last week.

The return of what's called "Merger Monday" on Wall Street made investors more optimistic about the future. So did a report that Japan's economy shrank less than feared after the earthquake and tsunami there on March 11. That helped ease worries that the U.S. economy may slide into another recession.

The Dow rose 213.88 points, or 1.9 percent to 11,482.90. It has gained 763 points since Thursday. That's the best three-day point gain since it rose 927 in November 2008, during the depths of the financial crisis. The Dow is also up 7.1 percent over the three days, the biggest percentage gain since it rose 9.5 percent the first three days of the bull market in March 2009.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 25.68, or 2.2 percent, to 1,204.49. The Nasdaq composite index rose 47.22, or 1.9 percent, to 2,555.20.

Markets may have stabilized the last three days, but financial analysts warned investors not to assume that stocks have fully settled down after last week's swings. The Dow rose or fell by at least 400 points in four straight days for the first time. The first downgrade of the U.S. credit rating triggered the volatility. It was worsened by concerns that Europe's debt problems are worsening and that the U.S. economy is weakening.

"You might have these moments of quiet, but the debt crisis in Europe did not go away," said John Hailer, chief executive for the U.S. and Asia of Natixis Global Asset Management. "Our issues with the debt, with what our tax policy is going to be going forward, our unemployment did not go away."

"We are probably going to have to look at some very different levels of volatility than what a lot of investors grew up with over the last 25 to 30 years," he said.

A period of relative stability has been common in past volatile markets. In 2008, stocks plunged between mid-September and mid-November. From mid-November until the beginning of January 2009, the Dow was in a lull of sorts. It ratcheted up and down, mostly in the high 8,000 range. But in early January 2009, it began to plunge again and finally hit bottom at 6,547 on March 9.

Despite its three-day gain, the Dow remains down 9.8 percent since its most recent high on July 21 and down 10.4 percent since its 2011 high set on April 29.

More swings could come this week. Leaders of France and Germany meet Tuesday to discuss Europe's debt problems. Spain and other countries have borrowed so much that they may need help to repay their bills. Investors on Tuesday will get an update on how Spain's economy did during the second quarter.

Corporate deals dominated the news, as companies followed a years-long practice of announcing acquisitions on a Monday. The biggest was Google Inc.'s $12.5 billion cash purchase of wireless phone maker Motorola Mobility Holdings Inc. It is also the biggest acquisition in Google's history. No. 2 was its $3.2 billion purchase of DoubleClick in 2008. Motorola Mobility's stock jumped percent 55.8 percent. Google fell 1.2 percent.

Among other deals: Time Warner Cable Inc. said it will pay $3 billion in cash for Insight Communications Co., which has more than 750,000 cable customers in the Midwest. Agribusiness conglomerate Cargill said it will buy animal nutrition company Provimi of the Netherlands for $2.16 billion. And in the energy industry, offshore driller Transocean Ltd. said it will buy Aker Drilling of Norway for $1.43 billion in cash.

Companies across the United States have accumulated a record amount of cash since the recession ended. They have increased their cash reserves every quarter for more than two years. Those in the S&P 500 index had a total of $963.3 billion at the end of March, according to the most recent data from Standard & Poor's.

Investors have been waiting for companies to use some of that cash on acquisitions, dividend increases and stock buybacks. Many market strategists believe that companies are more confident about the future if they're willing to buy other businesses. So a series of acquisition announcements tends to send stocks higher.

The growing cash hoard has been the result of strong profits. Companies have kept costs low by being slow to hire. Revenue, meanwhile, is growing, particularly from overseas customers. For the 460 companies in the S&P 500 that have reported second-quarter results, earnings were up 12 percent from a year ago.

It was the busiest day for acquisitions since July 11, when Express Scripts said it would buy Medco Health Solutions for $29.1 billion in a combination of the country's largest pharmacy benefits managers. The total value of deals targeting U.S. companies has climbed to $771 billion this year, according to Dealogic. That's up 55 percent from $498 billion at the same point last year.

Some companies are looking to pare back. Bank of America Corp. said it will sell its Canadian credit-card business to TD Bank Group. The bank will also get out of the credit card business in Britain and Ireland. The deals follow others that Bank of America made to move out of foreign credit cards, and they should help the company improve its balance sheet

Bank of America rose 7.9 percent, part of a rally for the financial industry. Financial stocks in the S&P 500 rose 3.2 percent as a group.

Energy stocks in the index rose 3.4 percent after crude oil climbed $2.50 per barrel to settle at $87.88.

Asian and European markets rose earlier after Japan said its economy shrank at just a 1.3 percent annual rate from April through June. That was less than half the drop that economists expected following the earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis that struck the country in March.

Still, investors have more reason to worry about the weak U.S. economy.

Manufacturers in New York told the Federal Reserve they're increasingly pessimistic about growth. Manufacturing has been one of the strongest parts of the economy since the recession ended in 2009, but growth began to slow in March. Manufacturing nationwide barely grew in July.

Cosmetics company Estee Lauder Cos. fell 6.5 percent after it forecast earnings for the upcoming year that were below Wall Street's expectations. It also said its net income rose 72 percent last quarter on strong sales growth to China, Russia and the Middle East.

Lowe's Cos., the second-largest home improvement retailer, rose 0.9 percent after it said its net income was roughly flat last quarter on a 1 percent rise in revenue.

More than 10 stocks rose for every one that fell on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading volume at 4.5 billion shares was below the 9 billion it reached last Monday and Tuesday. Volume was close to its average over the last year of 4.3 billion shares.

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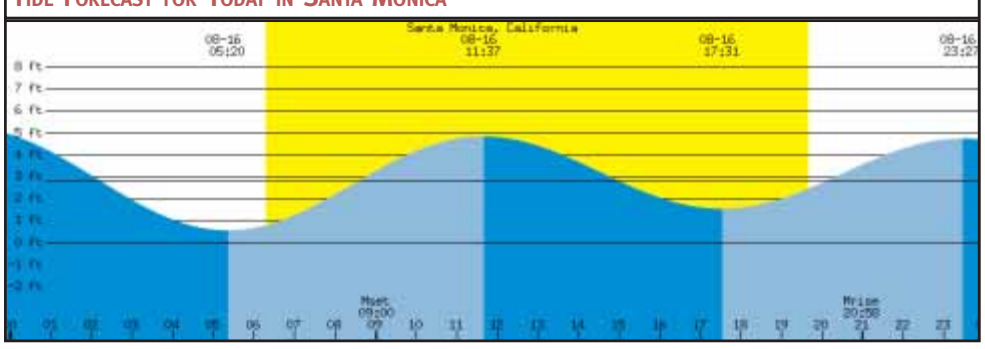
## Swell Forecast

**NW swell come ashore, hitting SB/VC early in the day, and finally SD mid to late morning. Size should run head high at most west facing breaks with pluses at standouts going about 2' overhead.**

## Long Range Synopsis

**NW** is expected to back off a bit, more along the lines of chest to at times head high for west facing breaks.

**Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica**




BEACH REPORT CARD

# NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 10, 2011**

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**QUICK STATS** (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 33 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, LAcarGUY, SMA

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

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth. | A+ | ns |
| El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisa 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 Rameer 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. | F | ns |
| Puerco State Beach at creek mouth. | A | ns |
| Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.. | F | ns |
| Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence. | A+ | ns |
| Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily. | F | ns |
| Malibu Pier - 50 yards east. | D | ns |
| Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon. | C | ns |
| Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (paint zero). | A+ | ns |
| Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs. | A+ | ns |
| Point Creek at Las Tunas County Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Tuna Canyon. | ns | ns |
| Topanga State Beach at creek mouth. | B | ns |
| Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain). | A+ | ns |

| LOCATION | DRY | WET |
|---|---|---|
| Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence. | A | 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. | A+ | 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. | C | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain. | A+ | ns |
| North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty). | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant. | A+ | ns |
| Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain. | A+ | ns |

**LEGEND**

**DRY** -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone
**WET** -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days
**ns** -- no sample taken

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

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BOXING

# Martin loses appeal of decision to stop fight

**NOAKI SCHWARTZ**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The California State Athletic Commission has upheld ring officials' decision to stop boxer Christy Martin's June 4 bout with Dakota Stone after Martin suffered a broken right hand.

The panel voted 5-0 Monday in Los Angeles despite claims by Martin's attorneys that it amounted to sex discrimination because of a misguided notion of a greater need to protect female fighters. Martin, whose next match is in New York at the end of the year, vowed to never box in California again.

"In my 22 years of experience as a professional boxer, I have never seen a fight stopped by a referee or a fight doctor because of a broken hand or because a boxer winced," said Martin, who was winning the bout at Staples Center at the time.

Martin said she didn't expect to win her appeal but had hoped the fight would be ruled no-contest. Stone got the victory when the ring doctor ordered the fight stopped and the referee waved his hands with time left in the final round.

In what was at times a testy exchange that at one point resulted in Martin's trainer walking out of the hearing, the boxer's attorneys, Gloria Allred and John West, argued that a fight between male fighters wouldn't have been stopped and cited several examples. They said they believed Martin was put in a Catch 22 with the referee demanding Martin hit with her injured fist to show it wasn't hurt and then stopping the match when she winced after landing a punch on Stone.

In the final round, Martin was largely boxing with her left hand. She said she believed she would have won had she not followed the referee's directive.

"Christy had a right to be treated as a fighter, not as a female fighter who needed more protection from risk of harm than a male fighter needs," Allred told the commission.

Martin told the panel she's fought in past matches with a broken hand, broken nose, broken ribs and popped ear drum and none of those matches were cut short. Martin said her hand was broken in nine places after her match with Stone.

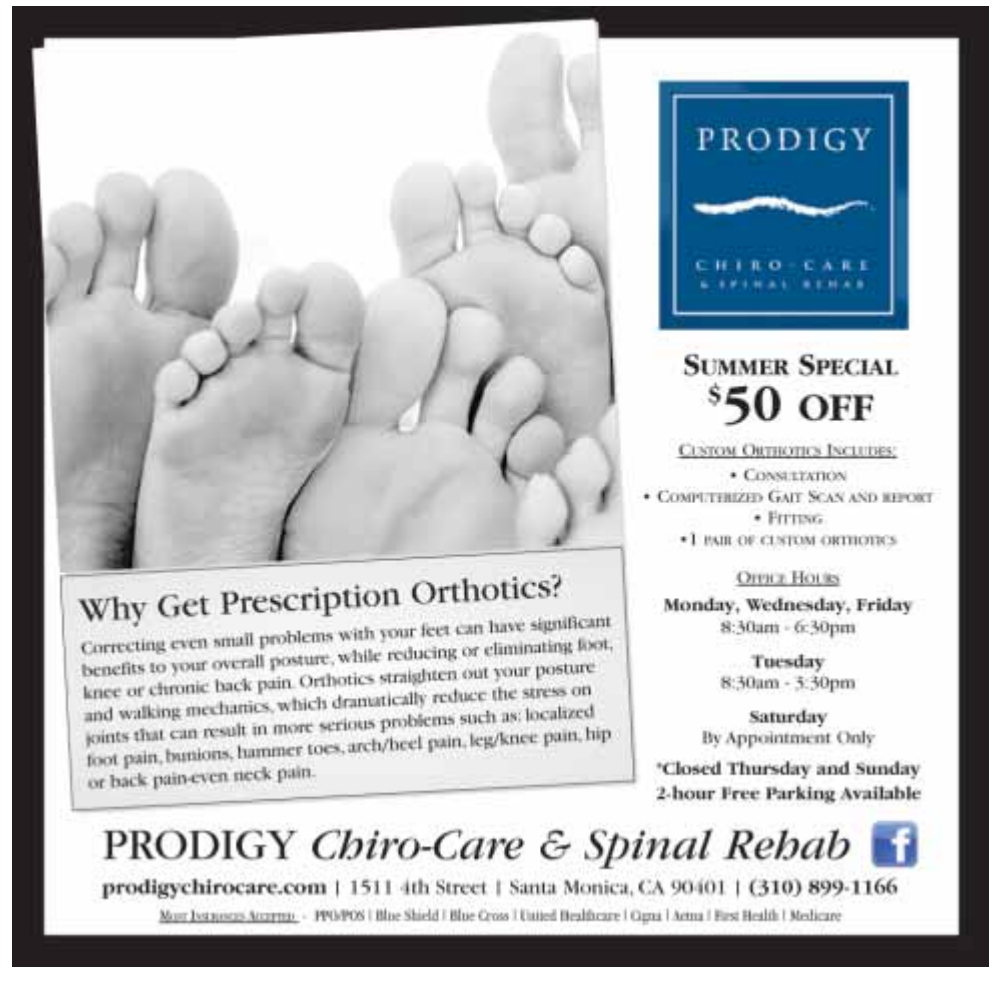
The 5-foot-4 Martin, arguably the best female boxer of her era, has stood out from other women fighters because she loves to trade punches, which got the crowd's attention. The fact that her slugfests often turned bloody was what really fired them up. She was a pioneer in women's boxing in the 1990s, once landing on the cover of Sports Illustrated.

Martin's match with Stone was seen as something of a comeback after she was allegedly stabbed and shot by her then husband, who is awaiting trial. Martin said a victory in that match was particularly important to her.

David Mendoza, the referee who made the call, said the safety of fighters is paramount and matches can't be allowed to continue if boxers appear unable to defend themselves. Mendoza said the problem is most boxers will never admit to being injured so it's important to watch for signals, such as Martin holding back from using her right hand.

"If I fail in that we probably wouldn't be here, we'd probably be in criminal court saying Christy Martin has lost function in her hand and I'm not going to allow that," he said.

Commission chairman John Frierson took issue with the accusations of discrimination and said he was "disappointed it's come to this."



# MOVIE TIMES

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**Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 50min**
11:00am, 1:35pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm

**Friends With Benefits (R) 2hrs 00min**
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

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11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:20pm, 6:45pm, 9:00pm

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**Smurfs 3D (PG) 1hr 26min**
11:15am, 2:20pm

**Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 10min**
1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:50pm, 10:50pm

**Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 50min**
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**Final Destination 5 3D (R) 1hr 35min**
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**Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min**
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**Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min**
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**Smurfs (PG) 1hr 26min**
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**1332 Second St.**
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**Sarah's Key (Elle s'appelait Sarah) (PG-13) 1hr 51min**
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

**Point Blank (A Bout Portant) (R) 1hr 24min**
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**Another Earth (PG-13) 1hr 32min**
1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:50pm, 8:10pm, 10:20pm

**Buck (PG) 1hr 29min**
5:40pm

**Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min**
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

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**Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 05min**
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**Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min**
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**Change-Up (R) 1hr 41min**
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**30 Minutes or Less (R) 1hr 23min**
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**Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min**
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

**Glee the 3D Concert Movie (PG) 1hr 40min**
12:20pm, 2:40pm, 5:05pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

**Captain America: The First Avenger 3D (PG-13) 2hrs 05min**
10:10pm

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

# Mosey on home, Cappy

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**
★★★★ Finally, you are able to communicate, and a situation can be resolved. New beginnings become possible as you express the depth of your caring appropriately. Your timing is 100 percent right-on. Tonight: Celebrate. You have reason to.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**
★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. Meetings and interactions could bring you even better results than you dreamed of. Verbalize what you want. You discover that others will support you. Tonight: Have a long-overdue talk.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**
★★★★★ Organization merges with intention to create unexpected success. Yes, you thought you would succeed, but not at this level. An opportunity opens up that might seem too good to be true. Jump on the moment. Tonight: Find your friends.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**
★★★★★ Realize what is going on with a partner by walking in his or her shoes. Add in some detachment, and you can finally relate to this person in a powerful and effective way. Share a good idea. Tonight: You could be working until the wee hours.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**
★★★★ Continue adding your personal touch. Someone might be incredibly thrilled to have your time and attention. You could be flattered; most definitely you get a sense of how this person feels about you. Tonight: Make a long-distance call. Take off.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**
★★★★ You might want to rethink your attitude with others. Certainly if the cards are not in your hand, you might as well acknowledge that fact. Others express their gratitude, but also their interest in your opinions. Open up to a discussion. Tonight: Chat over a meal.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**
★★★★ A nice, easy pace could make a big difference in what goes on. Remain clear and direct in your dealings. There is absolutely no need for any ruse. Focus on getting the job done. Tonight: Find your way out the door! Have fun!

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**
★★★★ Tap into your imagination to find answers. Your innate creativity often comes through, not only for you but also for those in your immediate crowd. Someone might be a little facetious in saying thank you. Let it go. Tonight: Put your feet up.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**
★★★★ Getting going might take a little effort, as you enjoy yourself at home and/or with favorite people. In fact, if you can, call in. What a perfect day! Someone wants to have a lengthy conversation. To do or not to do? Tonight: And let the fun begin.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**
★★★★ You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be late today. Try to move everything important to the morning. You will feel much better as a result. Do a better job of listening, and you will be less fallible. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Mosey on home.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**
★★★★ Be aware of the costs of preceding in a set manner. You might want to revise your thinking regarding finances and spending. New beginnings become possible, though you might not see how right now. Open up to the possibilities. Tonight: Find your friends.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**
★★★★ You are energized and want to dive right into errands, work or whatever's on your plate. You will enjoy yourself so much more than usual. Someone opens up to you. Know how very special a compliment that is. Tonight: Buy a gift or token of affection for a friend.

## Happy birthday

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

This year, you will have an opportunity to relate closely to key people in your life. Often you will be resourceful and imaginative, especially at work or within your community. To others, you seem to be unusually fortunate. From June 2012 on, before your birthday, you experience unusual success. You expand your circle of friends. If you are single, you could meet that special person during this time period. If you are attached, do more together as a couple. Express your caring to each other more often. ARIES helps you act on a dream.



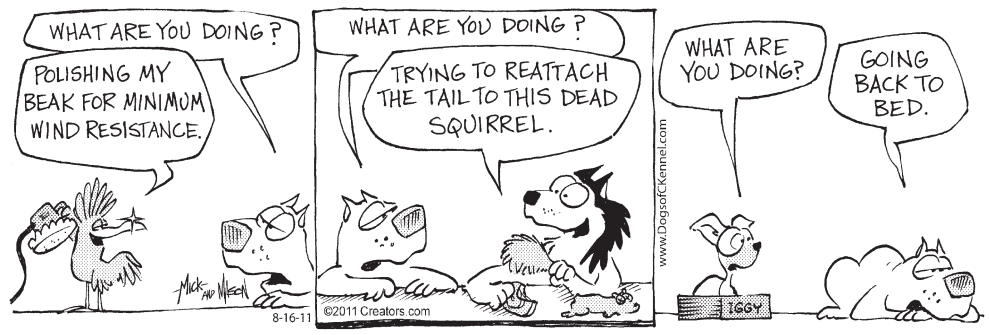
# MYSTERY REVEALED!

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

**Reader Frank Lares correctly identified this photo of a sculpture located at the corner of Olympic and Cloverfield boulevards in front of Ralph's. He will receive a reasonable shopping bag from the Daily Press, which should come in handy come Sept. 1 when City Hall begins enforcing its ban on plastic bags. Check out tomorrow's paper for another chance to win. Send your mystery photos to *editor@smdp.com* to be used in future issues.**

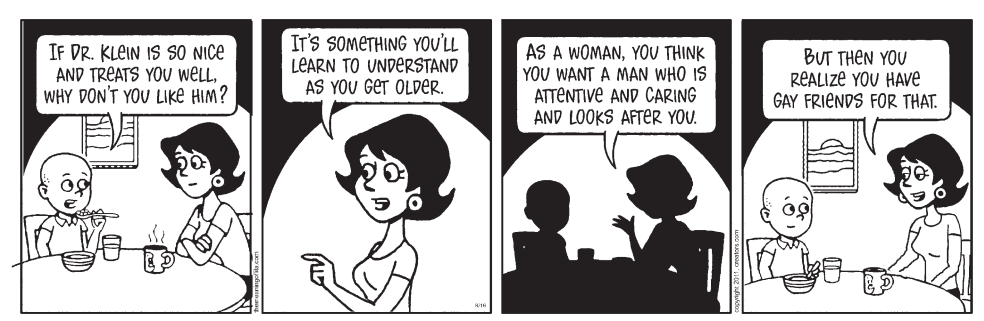
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# Sudoku

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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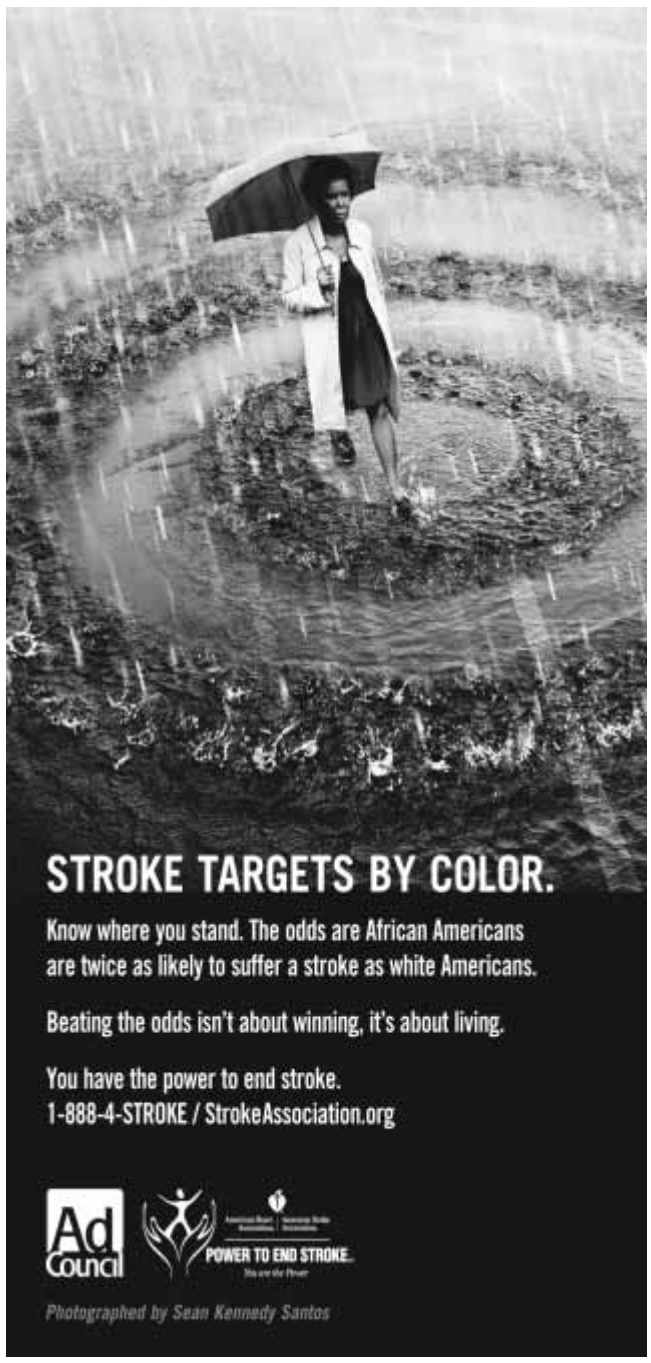
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## GETTING STARTED

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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# CROSSWORD

## By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

**1** Words to the maestro
**6** Pottery pot
**11** Designer Simpson
**12** Circle spokes
**13** Experience trouble
**15** Leather shade
**16** Uncooked
**17** Sinking signal
**18** Woods with woods
**20** Less
**23** Canal parts
**27** First place
**28** Money for release
**29** Namely
**31** Sentimentally mawkish
**32** Nasser's successor
**34** Completely
**37** Total
**38** Big snake
**41** Know one's workout is working
**44** Singer Lennox
**45** Gave a grade to
**46** Valentine's gift
**47** Nervous

**DOWN**

**1** Knife handle
**2** Notion
**3** New driver, often
**4** Suffering
**5** Dropping-block game
**6** Some embroidery
**7** Stadium cry
**8** Lyric poems
**9** "See ya!"
**10** Young foxes
**14** Crone
**18** North African capital
**19** Mechanical man
**20** Got together
**21** Groom's answer
**22** Original
**24** Lot buy
**25** Relatives
**26** Shrewd
**30** Samples
**31** Shot taker
**33** "Well, that's obvious!"
**34** Miles off
**35** Late-night star
**36** Eye part
**38** Cigar leftover
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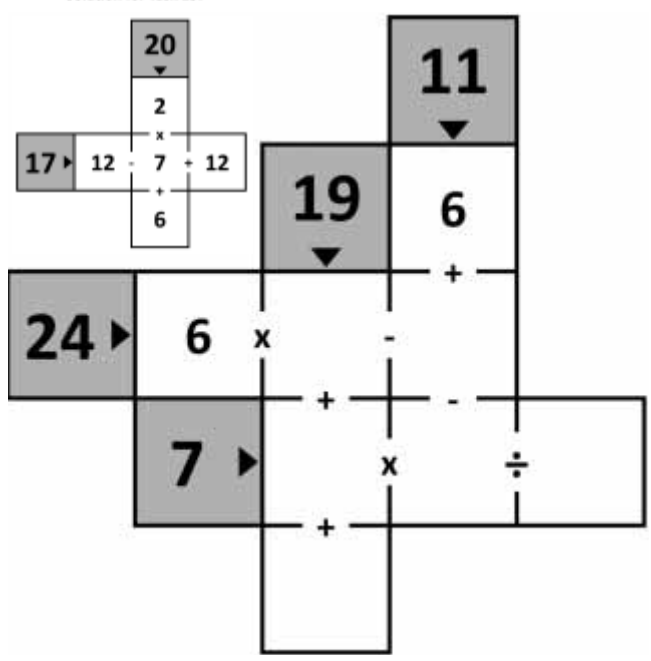
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## NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Tennessee State Rep. Julia Hurley apologized in July and said she would pay for the refinishing of her desk in the legislative chamber after it was revealed that she had carved her initials in it during a January session. "It was like one in the morning on the last day of the session," she told WSMV-TV. "I wasn't thinking straight." Rep. Hurley, 29, who has a daughter, 14, unseated a nine-term incumbent legislator in 2010 with a campaign that touted her time as a Hooters waitress. "If I could make it at Hooters," she wrote in the restaurant's magazine, "I could make it anywhere."

■ In June, the California Court of Appeals threw out the three counts of possession of child pornography for which Joseph Gerber had been convicted, even though what Gerber had done was paste face shots of his own 13-year-old daughter onto ordinary pornographic photos. The U.S. Supreme Court decided in 2002 that a conviction for making "child pornography" requires actual sexual abuse. (Gerber had also been convicted of supplying the daughter with drugs and the court ordered Gerber re-sentenced.)

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