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THE TRAGEDY AT THE MARKET ISSUE

Grocery worker dies from stab wounds

Estranged husband to be booked for murder after incident at local supermarket


GREEN

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY A grocery store clerk who was stabbed inside a supermarket on Berkeley Street died Monday at a hospital, and police detained her estranged husband, who is expected to be booked for murder.

The stabbing was reported at 3:24 p.m. Sunday at the Albertsons market at 3105 Wilshire Blvd., said Santa Monica Police Department spokesman Sgt. Richard Lewis.

"Callers reported that there was a man inside the store stabbing a female employee," Lewis said.

Officers arriving at the location found the victim, identified as Christina Talley, 46, of Los Angeles, suffering from nearly 30 stab wounds to the head and torso, but she was still conscious, Lewis said.

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COOL TIME

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Roosevelt Elementary School Principal Natalie Burton (right) hands out frozen treats to her new students during the annual 'Popsicles with the Principal Day' on Wednesday afternoon. The event allows future students and their families to meet and great with teachers and other families.

City Hall to take control of Lincoln Blvd

Officials estimate spending $2.2M on improvements

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL Lincoln Boulevard has been caught in a game of tug-of-war for nearly 14 years.

On one side sits the California state government, which controls the road from asphalt to where the sidewalk meets private property. One the other is City Hall, which is only allowed to plug holes and apply Band-Aid fixes to the broken pavement.

Tonight, a City Council vote will complete a two-year long process that strives to change all that.

The City Council will have the opportunity to approve a resolution accepting responsibility for the section of Lincoln Boulevard, also called Highway 1, which runs from the I-10 Freeway to the southern city limits.

The California Department of Transportation, or Caltrans, uses a process called relinquishment that allows it to cede control over roads and the right of way to local agencies when it's "in the public interest."

Santa Monica officials have been pushing for control over sections of Lincoln Boulevard since 1996, when City Hall won control over portions of both Lincoln and Santa Monica boulevards.

In 2009, the California Legislature approved a bill greenlighting Santa Monica to assume responsibility for the southern sec-

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Market talks resume after strike vote

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LOS ANGELES Union officials representing grocery workers will return to the bargaining table this month armed with a vote by their rank and file that resoundingly rejected health care proposals by several major supermarket chains.

Rick Icaza, president of the United Food and Commercial Workers Local 770, said Monday that the weekend's vote by more than 90 percent of those who cast ballots to rebuff Vons', Ralphs' and Albertsons' health

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2011

Time for art
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.

Writers group
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.

Stories for the little ones
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.

Poets unite!
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Poetry Palooza
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Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2011

So very fresh
Farmers' Market
Arizona Avenue and Second Street
8:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m.
Enjoy the fresh produce and easy atmosphere of one of Santa Monica's popular Farmers' Markets. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/farmers_market.

Thursday, Aug., 25, 2011

Mix it up at RAW cocktail hour
V Lounge
2020 Wilshire Blvd., 8 p.m.
Immerse yourself in a RAW artistic showcase. The event features a film screening, musical performance, fashion show, art gallery, and performance art. A hairstylist and makeup artist are also on hand. Cocktails are available at the cash bar. Dress code is cocktail attire. Pre-sale tickets are $10. For more information, visit rawartists.org/santamonica/fusion.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



COMMUNITY BRIEFS

LINCOLN BLVD

Mickey and Minnie help Boys & Girls

The Walt Disney Co. has awarded the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica a $5,000 grant to help fund programs that serve over 7,000 kids.

"We rely on the generosity of organizations like The Walt Disney Co. for funding of programs that help us give the kids we serve each year a brighter future," Aaron Young, president and CEO of the club, said.

The grant will help fund the club's education, leadership and recreation programs crafted to create a safe and nurturing environment for all youth, regardless of economic background or race, ages 7 to 18. The Walt Disney Company also donated 50 park tickets for a summer field trip.

"We are grateful to the Walt Disney Co. for helping us put smiles on the faces of the kids we serve," Young said.

The Walt Disney Co. is actively involved in community service donating more than $198 million in 2010 to several charities around the world.

In addition, Disney heads Disney VolunTEARS who since its start 26 years ago have contributed more than 5 million hours of service in over 42 countries.

For more information on the Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monica, visit www.bgca.org.

REBECCA ASOULIN

SM AIRPORT

Museum of Flying prepares for flight

The Museum of Flying will once again open its doors at an undetermined date in November, according to museum officials.

"We are excited that the museum will once again be able to preserve and present the history of aviation and inspire children to excel in academics with an emphasis on science, technology, engineering and mathematics," Museum Chairman David G. Price said.

The museum hopes to became an educational center for the community and will offer free school tours and feature hands-on workshops for both children and parents.

Exhibits and displays on the 3.2-acre premises take an introspective look at the history of the Santa Monica Airport and the Douglas Aircraft Co. as well as the major aviation and aerospace companies in Southern California.

The museum was originally founded in 1974 by Donald Douglas Jr. as the Douglas Museum and Library. The museum moved from the south to north side of the airport and there reopened as the Museum of Flying in April 1989 with up to 50 vintage airplanes on display.

This year, after a forced closure in 2002 due to economic difficulties, the Museum of Flying will reopen once more with an aircraft collection including a Wright Flyer replica, a general aviation aircraft, a World War II military aircraft and a jet age aircraft.

Roughly 22,000 square feet of the space is allotted for indoor displays as well as an outdoor display plaza for both rotating and visiting aircraft.

The museum will also house the recently established California Aviation Hall of Fame. Individuals who have made a mark on the aviation and aerospace industries will be acknowledged and inducted each year.

The museum is in the process of raising $5 million in a capital campaign to cover construction and pre-opening costs.

For more information or to make a donation, visit www.museumofflying.com.

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

PERFECT: **People walk under the trees at Palisades Park on Monday. City Hall is seeking more funds for the urban forest.**

City Hall forks out green for trees

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

Editor's note: This story is part of an ongoing series that tracks the city's expenditures appearing on upcoming Santa Monica City Council consent agendas. Consent agenda items are routinely passed by the City Council with little or no discussion from elected officials or the public. However, many of the items have been part of public discussion in the past.

CITY HALL Trees and tree health continue to be a priority in Santa Monica, or at least that's what city staff suggests when they place a request for another $1.7 million for tree replacement and care on the City Council consent agenda.

According to city staff, the additional money will allow contractor West Coast Arborists to remove and replace 350 dead and dying trees, as well as start filling the 1,180 gaps documented by the Urban Forest Master Plan study conducted in winter 2010.

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Something to consider

Editor:

Dear Santa Monica City Council,

Have any of you attempted any weekday to drive east on Interstate 10 after 3 p.m.?

You'd know that the freeway is nearly a parking lot with cars backed up to PCH. It's as if 150,000 vehicles just drove up out of the Santa Monica Bay on a trek eastward. It's an hour drive sometimes just to go 5 miles to West L.A.

I've read that every day the 80,000-plus residents of Santa Monica accommodate nearly 200,000 people from outside our little [8.3]-square-mile city and now the City Council is considering granting a Texas developer permission to build the Bergamot Transit "Village" at 26th Street and Olympic Boulevard which, when completed, will draw approximately 27,000 more cars to Santa Monica.

I've been a supporter of Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights since I moved to Santa Monica in 1979 but, when I hear that some council members are receiving campaign funds from out-of-town developers, I wonder if they understand that keeping Santa Monica from becoming "downtown west" is why we elected them and that a central part of the SMMR platform is to resist this type of massive project.

A Texas developer might hand you cash for a one-time deal. The citizens of this city will support you for the long run if you keep our interests at the forefront of your priorities. Please consider this the next time you're stuck in traffic.

Derek Loughran
Santa Monica

Who are you fooling?

Editor:

In "Apple's new store wins approval," page 1, Aug. 19, Santa Monica's planning commissioners made statements that would lead one to believe that they did not know that the building that they were being asked to approve on Aug. 17 was going to be occupied by Apple. Who are they trying to fool? It was no secret that the building was designed for Apple and that information was even published by the Los Angeles Business Journal in their Aug. 15, 2011 issue.

Joseph Palazzolo
Santa Monica

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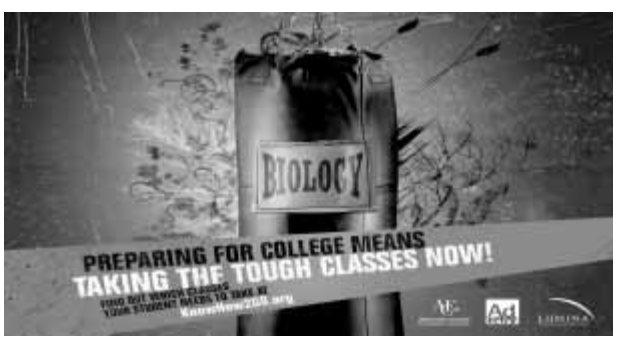
Editor:

Your Aug. 18, page 3 article "Flamboyant owner made Chez Jay a landmark" by Tom Viscount was a well written and entertaining piece.

However, I felt it was very bad form to not include my name as the source for virtually all of the information in your article. My unpublished book, "It Happened At Chez Jay's" was obviously Mr. Viscount's primary source because he repeatedly uses key terminology and a highlight chronology that are fingerprints of that work. I've had multiple people contact me who are familiar with my book asking me if I was aware someone had created a clip job article from it for the Santa Monica Daily Press.

I understand the history of SMDP and Chez Jay. You are more than encouraged by me to continue keeping Jay's memory alive with excellent articles such as this. It just seems unfair to do so without giving a passing nod to the person who researched and encapsulated the Jay Fiondella/Chez Jay story for your convenience.

Jon Stebbins
Santa Monica



Your column here

Pam Solo and Grant Smith — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Avoiding the wrong lesson about Fukushima disaster

THE REACTOR DISASTER IN FUKUSHIMA IS so fresh in our memories that it may seem incomprehensible to think that the history of that tragic (and still unfolding) event in Japan could ever be rewritten and distorted. But history tells us that the nuclear power industry is very adept at revising the facts about every major reactor disaster.

Consider the Three Mile Island (TMI) reactor crisis in the United States. Thanks to years of industry propaganda, many Americans now assume that the panic that followed in the wake of this near-disaster situation derailed the nuclear power industry in the United States, halting its forward momentum in its prime. (Just watch: If the industry falters after Fukushima, it will once again pin the blame on "unreasoning panic" by the public.)

Panic was not the issue after the Three Mile Island. In reality, the U.S. nuclear power industry was already dead in the water by the time of the TMI accident. The culprit was not unreasoning panic on the part of the public. What killed nuclear power more than a quarter of a century ago was cold, hard economics: Nuclear power was just too expensive to build.

Remember the promises made about nuclear power?

First it was "atoms for peace." But we now know that our nuclear arsenal was the priority. Then it was "too cheap to meter." But the truth is that nuclear power has been a financial fiasco, declared by Forbes in 1980 as the worst financial disaster in business history.

Little has changed since then, including the nuclear power industry's enormous lobbying influence and public relations clout. While Wall Street continues to take a pass on financing risky reactors, President Obama and bipartisan Congressional supporters continue to cheerlead the so-called "nuclear renaissance" even as the worst industrial disaster in history continues to play out in Japan. The possibility of an accident, we were told, was next to impossible. But we've had three major incidents in 30 years and numerous near misses.

Now "clean" is the mantra in support of nuclear power for politicians and environmentalists alike who think only of reducing CO2. Is nuclear power a clean energy source? Not so much. The evidence paints quite a different story: routine, low-level, radioactive emissions, tritium leaks into water supplies, thousands of tons of fish each year annihilated at water intakes, thermal pollution of lakes and streams, tens of thousands of tons of extremely toxic high-level nuclear waste generated with thousands more to come.

The industry began trumpeting the "nuclear renaissance" in 2003. Yet, not one nuclear unit has been built in the United States. The average price for one reactor increased from an estimated $3 billion in 2002 to $10 billion in 2010 — not including the inevitable cost overruns that have plagued nuclear power construction since the beginning.

In 2009 Citigroup Global Markets wrote: "Three of the risks faced by (nuclear plant) developers — construction, power price and operational — are so large and variable that individually they could bring even the largest utility to its knees." This analysis is playing itself out now.

In Florida, Progress Energy announced in 2006 that a reactor would cost $6 billion in 2006. By 2010 it was estimated to be over $22 billion.

The price of the French nuclear power plant project in Olkiluoto, Finland has doubled and faces a costly four-year delay. Duke Energy has petitioned the North Carolina public utility commission for rate recovery of over $400 million just to design two nuclear plants. Duke, in North Carolina, and AEP, in Indiana, are pushing legislation to further shift design, construction and operational costs of nuclear plants to ratepayers.

In the meantime, the chronic and seemingly intractable problems for nuclear power continue. In December of 2009, Mark Cooper, a nuclear expert, said that 90 percent of the plants applied for at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission had been canceled or faced delays.

We've been down this road before … and it is truly the road to financial ruin. Ratepayers were saddled with an estimated $200 to $300 billion in cost overruns from completed nuclear plants from the 1960s through the 1980s; nearly $50 billion for abandoned plants. Due to industry whining during the deregulation craze in the 1990s, claiming that nuclear power couldn't compete in deregulated markets because of the high cost of nuclear power, ratepayers once again bailed out the nuclear industry to the tune of $40 billion.

So, how does nuclear power essentially defy the financial law of gravity and continue to be touted by indefatigable boosters?

According to the Institute for Southern Studies the industry has spent an estimated $640 million on lobbying. The goal has been and continues to be not to reduce financial risk but to shift it to taxpayers and ratepayers.

What have we learned after 60 years with nuclear power? The bottom line comes down to this: Nuclear power is an extraordinarily expensive and dangerous way to boil water. Don't take our word for it, just ask the people in Fukushima.

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What's the Point?

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Skating off into the fall

WOW, SUMMER 2011 IS ALMOST OVER. At least the fun part, if not the actual season. Hard to believe we're down to the last two weeks of BBQs, beaches and babes.

It's been a good summer. I've caught a few of the Twilight Dance Series concerts on Thursdays down at the Santa Monica Pier. I love these events as they bring out the community in a happy way. People enjoy themselves on the pier dancing, or on the beach chillaxin', to use one of those new words that I don't know where it came from, but I understand its meaning. This was the summer of trying new things.

As one of my efforts, I've been learning to ride a skateboard. Yes, at my age it was time to go back to my childhood and do what I was not allowed to do. As a kid my mom was extremely protective of me, which meant no skateboards, no cotton candy and no piercings. Tattoos hadn't even been considered a possibility when I was kid.

Anyway, I decided this summer to get a skateboard, so off to Craigslist I went. I figured that it didn't make a great deal of sense for me to go spend a few hundred dollars at ZJ Boardinghouse on a board that I could easily see myself using once or twice and never touching again. So I found one that a mom was selling because her kid was off at college and didn't need it any longer. Forty-five dollars later and I'm ready to pull a muscle.

Being a bit older, I'm not as impulsive as I used to be, so I did stop by ZJ's and buy some wrist guards and knee pads. Getting geared up, I decided that the parking lot behind my office is the perfect place to start, and after viewing a few videos on YouTube I was ready to ride.

Watching these videos I found myself learning a new language. I always thought "Goofy" and "Mongo" were cartoon characters, but not so in the world of skating. They mean how you ride. Being 44 and having the young buck at ZJ's explain it all to me helped a great deal with this man who is evidently trying to recapture some last wisps of youth.

I know I'm not alone in doing crazy things like this. I have friends who have broken arms, torn ligaments and pulled muscles trying to be 18 in a 40-year-old's body. Which is why I took some precautions and have gone slow. You won't find me racing down the hilly slope of Pico Boulevard at 11th Street, yet. I'm still getting my legs under me on the board, and as the summer sets I hope to have some confidence on the board by Labor Day.

This was a stay-at-home summer for me, and for most of the people I know. We're all still digging out from the last two years of bad economy. The only trips I've had this year have been work related. But I hope to be in Vegas by Halloween, and spend the Christmas holidays in Mexico with a friend in Guadalajara.

THE SETTING SUN, THE TURNING OF A SEASON AND THE END OF THE LAZY SUMMER REMIND ME THAT TIME IS FLEETING AND WE SHOULD MAKE THE MOST OF IT WHEN POSSIBLE.

I wanted to get back in the water and scuba dive this summer, but so far, that's not happened. I've been working on a fourth book that is due to come out in the next month and as the summer recedes, and fall is waiting in the wings, I'm thinking about this last quarter and how to finish out the year.

We have four months until 2012 is here. I'm not planning on the end of the world stuff that is predicted by the Mayans and believed by the lunatic fringe. I'm certain that next year the world will continue to spin, the sun will rise in the east and set in the west.

The setting sun, the turning of a season and the end of the lazy summer remind me that time is fleeting and we should make the most of it when possible.

So I'm going to go skate and enjoy the last days of summer.

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The Q Line

New district for Santa Monica?

There's a movement afoot that would remove Santa Monica from County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's Third District and move it to the Fourth, which includes South Bay cities.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Are you OK with this move or do you think it would weaken the Westside's representation at the county level?

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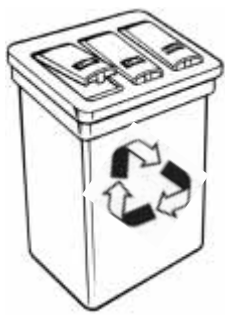
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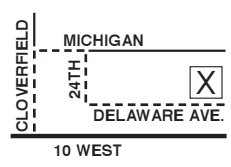
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Bill restricts police search of electronic devices

Lawmakers are supporting legislation that would prevent law enforcement officers from searching the smartphones and other electronic devices of people they arrest unless they obtain a search warrant.

The Assembly on Monday voted 55-0 for the protections. The bill by Democratic Sen. Mark Leno of San Francisco returns to the Senate, which approved it previously in slightly different form.

If eventually signed into law, SB914 would override a recent California Supreme Court decision allowing warrantless searches of electronic devices. The court ruled that police could use a suspect's text messages in a 2007 drug arrest without first receiving a judge's permission.

Police still could search devices without a warrant to prevent an imminent threat to public safety, and rescue workers can check them to identify accident victims and notify relatives.

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OAKLAND

Ex-head of drug task force pleads not guilty

The former commander of a California narcotics task force has pleaded not guilty to federal drug and corruption charges.

The San Francisco Chronicle reports (http://bit.ly/qqlqLc) that Norman Wielsch sobbed and wiped away tears as he entered his plea in an Oakland courtroom on Monday.

Wielsch, who used to head a multiagency law enforcement team based in Contra Costa County, also agreed to be evaluated for risk of suicide as a condition for being released on $100,000 bail.

The FBI arrested him and a private investigator, Chirstopher Butler, last week after a grand jury indicted the pair for allegedly stealing drugs from police evidence lockers, operating a brothel and conducting phony sting operations on prostitutes who were robbed of cash and other items.

Butler also has pleaded not guilty.

AP

LOS ANGELES

Kim Kardashian wedding prompts 22 calls to police

Kim Kardashian's weekend wedding kept the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office busy.

Officer Drew Sugars says the Saturday evening ceremony brought 22 calls into the station, mostly complaints from neighbors about loud music and helicopters overhead.

Sugars says seven deputies were hired to provide supplemental security at the nuptials, which were held at a private estate in Montecito, Calif.

No citations were issued, and no arrests were made.

Kardashian's marriage to professional basketball player Kris Humphries was filmed for a forthcoming TV special.

It is the first marriage for the 26-year-old athlete and the second for the 30-year-old reality star, who appears on E!'s "Keeping Up with the Kardashians."

AP

SACRAMENTO

Bill separates protesters from military funerals

Families of slain military personnel are one step closer to gaining a measure of privacy during funeral services after a bill designed to keep protesters away was passed overwhelmingly Monday by the state Senate.

SB888 by Democratic Sen. Ted Lieu of Torrance was approved 36-1 after unanimously passing the Assembly last week.

The legislation makes it a misdemeanor, punishable by up to six months in county jail or a fine of up to $1,000, to stage a protest within 1,000 feet of a funeral for one hour before or after the ceremony. It passed 36-1 in the Senate and now heads to Gov. Jerry Brown.

Democratic Sen. Loni Hancock of Berkeley opposed the measure, saying it brought up constitutional issues concerning free speech.

"No matter how abhorrent, I believe that freedom of speech must be protected, even if it involves detestable behavior like Nazis marching through Skokie, Ill., or irresponsible protesters at a California funeral," she said.

While the legislation applies to all funerals, it is a response to demonstrations by members of the Westboro Baptist Church, a Topeka, Kan.-based group that has been protesting at military funerals across the country. They say the deaths are God's way of punishing tolerance for homosexuality in the U.S.

The group's right to protest at funerals was upheld in March by the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled on a lawsuit filed by the family of a slain serviceman.

Lieu, an Air Force veteran, said the bill is within the guidelines of the Supreme Court decision. If signed into law, it would require protesters to stay on public property and restrict their use of amplified sound.

"It attempts to essentially guard First Amendment rights while also guarding privacy of military families," Lieu said on the Senate floor.

The American Civil Liberties Union has opposed the bill in committee as a violation on free speech, but proponents say at least 40 other states have passed limits on funeral protests.

AP

SAN FRANCISCO

Deportation halted in gay marriage case

U.S. immigration authorities have agreed to halt a deportation case against a Venezuelan man in a same-sex marriage in California.

Lavi Soloway, an attorney for Venezuelan citizen Alex Benshimol, says Immigration Judge Marilyn Teeter administratively closed the deportation case against his client at the request of Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Soloway says he learned of the Aug. 11 decision on Saturday.

Benshimol was fighting to stay in the country with his American husband Doug Gentry after overstaying his visa. The Cathedral City couple was married last year.

Soloway asked for the deportation to be halted in line with a June memo from ICE director John Morton outlining the discretion prosecutors have in immigration cases.

ICE says the decision is consistent with the agency's focus on deporting foreigners convicted of crimes.

AP

New data leak shows risk of online health records

JORDAN ROBERTSON
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO Until recently, medical files belonging to nearly 300,000 Californians sat unsecured on the Internet for the entire world to see.

There were insurance forms, Social Security numbers and doctors' notes. Among the files were summaries that spelled out, in painstaking detail, a trucker's crushed fingers, a maintenance worker's broken ribs and one man's bout with sexual dysfunction.

At a time of mounting computer hacking threats, the incident offers an alarming glimpse at privacy risks as the nation moves steadily into an era in which every American's sensitive medical information will be digitized.

Electronic records can lower costs, cut bureaucracy and ultimately save lives. The government is offering bonuses to early adopters and threatening penalties and cuts in payments to medical providers who refuse to change.

But there are not-so-hidden costs with modernization.

"When things go wrong, they can really go wrong," says Beth Givens, director of the nonprofit Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, which tracks data breaches. "Even the most well-designed systems are not safe. ... This case is a good example of how the human element is the weakest link."

Southern California Medical-Legal Consultants, which represents doctors and hospitals seeking payment from patients receiving workers' compensation, put the records on a website that it believed only employees could use, owner Joel Hecht says.

The personal data was discovered by Aaron Titus, a researcher with Identity Finder who then alerted Hecht's firm and The Associated Press. He found it through Internet searches, a common tactic for finding private information posted on unsecured sites.

The data were "available to anyone in the world with half a brain and access to Google," Titus says.

Titus says Hecht's company failed to use two basic techniques that could have protected the data — requiring a password and instructing search engines not to index the pages. He called the breach "likely a case of felony stupidity."

One of the patients affected was Paul Thompson, who learned of the breach from Titus.

The Sugarloaf, Calif., electrician blew out his shoulder four years ago on a job wiring up a multiplex movie theater. His insurance company denied his claim, which led to a protracted dispute. He eventually settled.

Thompson says his injury has been a "long, painful road."

Unable to afford surgery in the U.S. to fix his torn rotator cuff, he paid a medical tourism company that was supposed to schedule a cheaper procedure in Costa Rica. The company went bankrupt, however, and Thompson said he lost nearly $7,300.

To have his personal information exposed on top of that was a final indignity.

"I'm totally disgusted about everything," he said, calling the breach "another kick in the stomach."

Thomson is worried that hackers may have spotted his information online and tagged him for future financial scams. He contacted his bank and set up a fraud alert with the credit reporting agencies.

He says the prospect of all health records going electronic — which federal law mandates should happen by 2014 — "scares the living hell out of me."

When mistakes occur, the fallout can be more severe than the typical breach of email addresses or credit card numbers.

In the wrong hands, health records can be used for blackmail and public humiliation. The information can also be used by insurance companies to inflate rates, or by employers to deny job applicants.

Usually when personal data are exposed, it's the result of a network break-in by a hacker or a theft of computer equipment. Sometimes, it can be a simple case of someone mishandling the information.

Leaks are more likely the more data are passed around within the health industry's increasingly interconnected networks.

Dozens of companies can be authorized to handle a single person's medical records. The further away from the health care provider the records get, the flimsier the enforcement mechanisms for ensuring the data are protected.

That's exactly what happened at Hecht's company. "Our internal security policies and procedures weren't followed," Hecht says. "When we were notified, we took immediate steps to remediate the situation and took long-term steps to make sure it never happened again."

The firm has since put the information behind a password, an approach that has its own security risks.

Hecht declined to go into further detail about how the information ended up online. He says many of the Social Security numbers and basic details about people's injuries were part of a database his firm compiled from information regularly sent by the state.

Patricia Ortiz, spokeswoman for the state Division of Workers' Compensation, says doctor's notes and other documentation in such cases are publicly available, but they have to be requested one by one.

The state stopped including Social Security numbers in those files in 2008; the exposed data came from older files.

Ortiz said that once workers' compensation information leaves the state's control, its security is the recipient's responsibility.

California, like most states, has a law requiring companies to notify consumers when their information has been breached. Hecht did not return calls from the AP seeking an update on how many patients had been notified.

Large-scale medical data breaches have been on the rise in recent years.

In one of the biggest, government health data was at risk in 2006 when a laptop with data on 26.5 million veterans was stolen from a government employee's home. The computer equipment was recovered, and the FBI said the sensitive files weren't accessed.

This year, hard drives containing health histories, financial information and Social Security numbers of 1.9 million Health Net insurance customers disappeared from an office. State regulators launched investigations into Health Net's security procedures.

The California company declined to comment, saying the incident was still under investigation.

The latest incident is "an eye-opener, and we're going to get eye-opener after eye-opener," says Jim Dempsey, a security and public policy expert at the Center for Democracy & Technology.

As instances of data mishandling become more commonplace, government officials may seek greater control over security policies of companies with access to health care records that aren't currently regulated.





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Man arrested for feeding birds near Bob Hope Airport

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BURBANK A businessman involved in months of legal wrangling for allegedly feeding pigeons near Bob Hope Airport has been arrested because the burgeoning bird population has created an air safety hazard, authorities said.

Charles Douglas, 59, is accused of feeding pigeons for the past year at his Precise Roofing Co. on Hollywood Way near the east San Fernando Valley airport.

After two court citations and a bench warrant, Burbank police arrested Douglas on Friday at his business.

City prosecutor Denny Wei told the Los Angeles Times that Douglas was booked for disobeying two court orders and creating a public nuisance. The misdemeanors each carry a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a $1,000 fine.

Wei didn't immediately return a voicemail message left at his office.

Douglas said he was released after posting a $5,000 bond. He was ticketed on Aug. 7 but denies he fed the pigeons.

He contends that authorities are trying to make an example to warn off other bird-fanciers.

Douglas said Monday that he had fed a flock of doves for the past 28 years but he stopped in December when a judge convicted him of illegally feeding birds and told him not to do it for a year.

"That citation is bogus," and he will fight it in court and may sue unless he receives an apology, Douglas said.

Douglas, a roofing contractor, lives about a mile from the airport runway. He said the doves, a flock of about 100 sparrows and lots of crows and pigeons have been visiting the area for decades because nearby workers, including machinists at the former Lockheed plant, used to feed them leftovers from their brown-bag lunches.

Generations of birds still flock to the area, as do bird-feeders, Douglas said.

The birds perch on roofs and sip water from swamp coolers and gutters.

"If we have time and we wash out trucks, you'll see them lining up in the alley," Douglas said. The bird-feeders leave goodies for them, he added.

"I've probably seen about a dozen people," Douglas said. "Some old people who used to work at Lockheed bring peanuts."

"You see bread, popcorn, birdseed, people's lunches that they didn't finish," he said. "Early this morning, there were loaves in the parking lot."

Airport police Cmdr. Allen Schmitt said aircraft-bird strikes at the airport average one every two months, but the number has increased with five incidents last month.

"A pigeon is not a problem, but a flock — that's a problem," Schmitt said, adding, "...we're not talking about 20 or 30 pigeons in the middle of nowhere. There are upward of 200 to 300 to 400 pigeons flying over runways."

Bob Hope Airport and other commercial airports are required to have a wildlife mitigation plan, but those requirements don't apply off airport property, Federal Aviation Administration spokesman Ian Gregor said.

"Obviously it's not a good idea to attract wildlife to areas around the airport," Gregor said.

Douglas, a bird fancier who keeps three parrots and two cockatiels at home, agreed that too many pigeons spoil the flight path and said pigeon-feeders should be cited.

"I think that the airport is right, that safety is likely an issue, and I think that they're not very good at catching people," Douglas said.

He also suggested another solution.

"Somebody sent me an email from Texas today and said: 'Don't you have that birth control for pigeons?'" Douglas said. "They put some type of powder in the food and (the pigeons) don't reproduce."

"I'm thinking you could put a giant dent in the population," he said.

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Defense rests case in trial of gay Oxnard teen's death

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LOS ANGELES Defense attorneys rested their case on Monday without calling on their 17-year-old client, who is accused of murdering a gay classmate at a junior high school three years ago.

Attorneys for Brandon McInerney haven't disputed that he shot and killed Larry King, 15, in the back of the head during a computer class at E.O. Green Junior High School in Oxnard. They contend McInerney snapped because Larry made unwanted sexual advances toward him.

McInerney, who is being tried as an adult, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder and hate crime charges, which carry a maximum sentence of at least 51 years in prison. A lesser conviction of voluntary manslaughter carries a 21-year maximum term.

The case has brought national attention to the issue of violence against gays. The trial was moved to Los Angeles County because of pretrial publicity.

Prosecutors are expected to call a rebuttal witness. They say the slaying was premeditated because McInerney told a friend the day before the shooting he was going to kill Larry.

They also contend McInerney was a budding white supremacist who was intrigued by Nazi-related propaganda and other racist groups also intolerant of homosexuals.

The school's principal has been scrutinized for allegedly being more concerned about defending Larry's civil rights than recognizing that his behavior made other students uncomfortable.

Last week, McInerney's lawyers sought to disqualify Ventura County Superior Court Judge Charles Campbell because they feel he was not being fair. They were unsuccessful in trying to remove Campbell before the trial began.

It was not unclear when closing arguments will be scheduled.

Frisco's mayor condemns violence at football game

BY TERRY COLLINS
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Mayor Ed Lee said Monday he was horrified as he watched violent fan confrontations at a weekend NFL preseason football game between the archrival 49ers and Oakland Raiders.

Lee attended Saturday's game at Candlestick Park in San Francisco with Oakland Mayor Jean Quan, and both witnessed the brawling firsthand as spectators.

"They were just constantly wailing at each other without regard to who was there," Lee said of the fans. "This is a family outing, for residents and visitors and people who want to see the game, not for people to look for people they don't like, then saying bad words, then getting into it."

Lee said he is working with police and the 49ers on security issues and to review footage of the fights and help identify people involved. A meeting was planned later Monday.

Meanwhile, two men who were initially listed as seriously injured in the violence have been upgraded to fair condition by a hospital.

One of the victims, a 24-year-old man who reportedly was wearing a T-shirt reading "F--- the Niners," was shot several times in the stomach. Police said he managed to make it to stadium security for help despite the injuries.

The other victim whose condition was upgraded is a 26-year-old man who was beaten unconscious in an upper level stadium restroom during the fourth quarter.

Another shooting victim was treated after receiving superficial facial wounds after the game.

Police did not release the name of any victims. No arrests have been made.

Investigators were searching for suspects and interviewing witnesses, said Officer Albie Esparza, a San Francisco police spokesman.

Police also were seeking motives in the shootings, including whether the attacks were influenced by emotions involving the annual Battle of the Bay exhibition game or possibly gang connections.

The shootings evoked memories of the near-fatal beating in March of a San Francisco Giants fan outside Dodger Stadium. The Giants and Dodgers baseball teams also are fierce rivals.

Esparza said police are still looking for a person of interest connected to at least one of the shootings at the football game. He would not specify which shooting.

The crimes previously prompted Lee and Quan to issue a joint statement condemning the violence and saying it will not be tolerated at stadiums in either city.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello echoed similar concerns, saying the league deplored the activities and pledged to support the mayors and law enforcement.

Raiders CEO Amy Trask also said the incidents were not acceptable to the Raiders or to any National Football League team and "our thoughts are with all affected."

Police Sgt. Frank Harrell said the man who was wearing the T-shirt drove his truck to a gate and stumbled to stadium security.

He said the two shootings were being treated a separate incidents but were likely related.

The attacks come nearly five months after San Francisco Giants fan Bryan Stow was severely beaten by two men in Los Angeles Dodgers gear outside Dodger Stadium after the archrivals' season opener.

Two men charged in the beating, Louie Sanchez, 28, and Marvin Norwood, 30, have pleaded not guilty.

Stow, 42, a Santa Cruz paramedic, suffered severe brain injuries and remains hospitalized in serious condition.

Christian End, an assistant professor at Xavier University in Cincinnati, who specializes in sports fan behavior, said there are several factors for unruliness at sporting events — including the magnitude of the game, if it is between arch rivals, adrenaline and alcohol. There's also "deindividuation," when fans supporting a particular team adopt a group mentality and may become uncivil.

End said he doesn't believe fan violence has increased in the past 10 years but it may appear that way partially due to new technology that captures such incidents.

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MARKING THE SPOT: **A man walks by the Pacific Coast Highway sign Monday on Lincoln Boulevard.**

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tion. That bill became effective Jan. 1, 2010.

Possession comes with a price, but also has significant benefits, said Martin Pastucha, director of Public Works.

Strains on the state budget have caused Caltrans to focus its resources on highways and other high-priority projects, leaving roads like Lincoln Boulevard to languish without repair.

Under the previous arrangement, the Public Works Department had the authority to fill potholes, but major repairs, like sealing the road or adding additional asphalt emulsion, are beyond its purview, Pastucha said.

The results are evident.

"If you drive around the rest of the streets, you'll see a noticeable difference," Pastucha said. "It's not up to the kind of condition that Santa Monica expects its state to be in."

On a scale of one to 100, where one is the lower end, Santa Monica streets average an 82, putting them in relatively good condition. The sections of Lincoln Boulevard that Santa Monica does not yet control rank 62, according to a city staff report.

It will cost approximately $2.2 million to bring the 1-mile section of road up to snuff and repair the curb, gutter and sidewalk damage that has wreaked havoc on the roadway.

Caltrans isn't required to pay for those improvements, particularly after responsibility trades hands from state to City Hall, but it is its practice to do so.

That payment will be delayed, but Pastucha believes the money will come through eventually.

"Transportation dollars are programmed out in advance," Pastucha said. "This relinquishment is relatively new, so they'll program those dollars in a future year."

The money comes from the State Highway Operational and Protection Program, or SHOPP.

Caltrans announced a $2.2 billion infusion of funds on Aug. 11, ostensibly to spur job growth and the economy. It will go toward 146 infrastructure improvement projects across the state, but none will be coming to Santa Monica, wrote spokeswoman Kelly Markham in an e-mail.

"Given the state budget deficit, the SHOPP Executive Committee will fund only the highest priority work with the limited funds available and will re-examine funding availability in two years," Markham wrote. "The Lincoln relinquishment is not high priority."

The relinquishment will still give Santa Monica control over not only the road, but the public right of ways along it, including sidewalks and buildings, which could have major implications for the visual aesthetic along Lincoln Boulevard.

"It will allow businesses to make façade improvements, and have fewer curb cuts," Pastucha said, referring to spots where the curb descends into the street so that vehicles can travel it, rather than dropping off abruptly. "It will help it become an inviting place for transit."

That look was outlined in the 2010 Land Use and Circulation Element, or LUCE, which painted the general feel of boulevards in Santa Monica with broad brush strokes.

City Hall plans to hold a visioning process for Lincoln Boulevard so that residents can have input into the kinds of changes they'd like to see, both in the look of the street and the traffic-calming measures — like tighter lanes and medians — that have become the norm on other streets in the city.

Don't expect those results any time soon, however. Outreach could begin by fall 2012, and the Planning Department expects it to wrap up by 2015.

Still, it wouldn't be possible without the relinquishment process, Pastucha said.

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The mother of two was transported to a local hospital, where she died about 2:30 Monday morning.

"She just couldn't withstand those injuries," Lewis said.

Investigators believe the husband, identified as Kelvin Green, 52, of Los Angeles, went into the store and approached the victim from behind while she was working at a checkout stand. Lewis said Green began hitting and stabbing the victim from behind and then fled southbound on Berkeley Street toward Wilshire.

Officers located Green several hours after the attack. He was transported to a hospital to be treated for an undisclosed medical illness. Lewis said he could not disclose the nature of the illness.

"When he's eligible for booking, he'll be booked for murder," Lewis said.

As for a motive behind the attack, Lewis said, "It's hard to talk to somebody when they're sick."

Albertsons released a statement Monday offering condolences to the victim's family.

"Albertsons is deeply saddened by this terrible tragedy and extends its most sincere sympathy to the associate's friends and family," said Lilia Rodriguez, a spokesperson for Albertsons. "We are fully cooperating with the Santa Monica Police Department as they investigate this incident and further questions should be directed to them at this time. We also ask that the privacy of our store associates be respected during this extraordinarily difficult time."

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The extra funds will make it possible to meet the Community and Cultural Services department's commitment to plant 850 trees per year.

Staff wants to allocate $400,000 from the 2011-12 budget, and another $325,000 in subsequent years' budgets to pay for the service.

Trees comprise just under half of the $4,178,254 requested in the lengthy consent calendar.

UNFORESEEN COSTS

Once again, the construction of an administration building for Big Blue Bus has hit a snag, and the City Council is asked to approve $567,466 worth of contract changes for additional design services, construction work and temporary trailer leases.

Construction of the building began in December 2010, but a lack of plans for the original building meant that staff stumbled upon code corrections and new problems every time a new stage of the repairs began.

Workers had to relocate fire sprinkler, electricity, and plumbing lines in order to put in new heating, ventilation and air condition ductwork. In the process, they discovered fire shafts and stairwells that weren't up to code.

They also discovered water and termite damage, and had to replace mortar bed in the bathrooms that had been compromised.

The changes break down across three contracts. If approved, an additional $462,000 will be granted to the Harley Ellis Devereaux Corp. for design services, $76,544 to Thomco Construction, Inc. for construction and $28,922 to Design Space Modular for trailer rentals.

LIBRARY UPGRADES

The City Council will be asked to invest $400,000 in new software for the library computer systems, which officials hope will reduce complaints and bring the system into the 21st century.

According to the staff report, the library computer systems are currently managed using a software package called "Symphony," designed by SirsiDynix, Inc. Symphony was installed in 1996, and is out of date.

Library staff formed a committee and advertised for the new system in October 2010, and received five proposals. The committee judged each proposal based on a number of factors, including how easy it was for customers to use and how well the library's current records and information would transfer to the new system.

Polaris Library Systems won the $400,000 contract. It's a one-time expense.

LEASES

City Hall must put out $385,000 for a new space to house its print shop and mail room.

The landlord for the current location wants to redevelop the property, causing City Hall to seek out another spot that is a central location for the various offices used by city departments.

The new copy room will be in the one-story building on 1630 17th St. It's 805 square feet larger than the current space, and officials plan to cordon off the excess to use for another office or operation in the future.

City Hall will also see a rent increase on its BBB Transit Store, at 233 Broadway.

The lease is currently month-to-month. The new contract would extend the lease for six years, with the 2011-12 rent costing $20,467.80 more than the previous fiscal year for a total of $106,470.

City Hall retains the right to cancel the lease after the fourth year, keeping open the possibility to move the store to a permanent location near the transit-oriented development along the Exposition Light Rail corridor.

The current location sees 2,100 walk-in visitors, handles 6,300 phone inquiries and generates $1.1 million in sales, according to the staff report.

LANDSCAPING

Santa Monica comes loaded with visual appeal, but it isn't cheap.

City staff requested another $220,464 be added to its contract with TruGreen Landcare for landscaping services at seven additional sites within the city, bringing the contract total to just over $1.8 million.

The extra landscaping will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery, the Big Blue Bus campus and transit mall, the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Bundy Drive, the Santa Monica Water Treatment Plant, Longfellow streetscape project and the Annenberg Community Beach House.

Landscaping already takes place at these locations, but gets paid for using individual contracts that end up being more expensive than the larger contract with TruGreen.

PROMOTIONAL SERVICES

As the Big Blue Bus changes its routes in Culver City to accommodate the incoming light rail line, it plans to launch a number of new programs to bump up its ridership and increase revenues.

To do so, however, it needs capital.

BBB officials want another $226,000 to hire Trailer Park, a California-based campaign development and production company, to create promotional sales materials, information pieces about service changes, educate customers about various ways to access real-time bus information and trip planning services and increase ridership from Santa Monica College.

The products would take the form of exterior bus ads, digital and print ads and outdoor signage, which officials hope will bring in another $200,000 in promotional revenue and increase ridership by 4 percent, according to the staff report.

Staff selected Trailer Park out of 11 respondents.

The contract is for $171,000 over two years, with a third-year option for $55,000 for a total of $226,000 if they get used all three years.

BBB officials also want to contract with a separate graphic design firm, Robin O'Connell Design, to create print ads, signs, newsletters, reports, specialized fare passes, printed materials for festivals or special events and ride share programs.

That contract would be worth $80,000 over two years, with an option for a third year at $40,000.

STREET LIGHTS

Community process does work, after all.

The City Council is expected to approve $144,144 for new decorative streetlights on 15th Street between Alta and Montana avenues.

City Hall will pay upfront for the entire project, estimated to come in at $175,014, and eventually charge half of that to the Streetlight Assessment District, which was formed specifically to get additional lighting installed on the street.

The original $144,144 expenditure does not include design, construction management or administrative costs for the assessment district.

The lights will be 15.5 feet tall "New York" style fixtures produced by Antique Street Lamps. Photos can be seen linked to the staff report on www.smgov.net.

GROUND WATER

In its quest to make sure that Santa Monica can produce all of its own water by 2020, officials are looking at supply as well as demand.

The City Council will be asked to approve an $89,870 services agreement with Richard C. Slade and Associates LLC to conduct a groundwater assessment to quantify how much water is there, how much Santa Monicans use and possible locations for new municipal water supply wells.

Richard C. Slade and Associates LLC was one of two firms that applied.

SOLAR POWER

Since the Solar Santa Monica program rolled out in September 2006, the number of solar installations in Santa Monica has more than quadrupled.

The Office of Sustainability and the Environment is looking to keep on EcoMotion, the company that has managed the program successfully since its inception, for $75,000 in fiscal year 2011-12.

EcoMotion was identified through a recent competitive process to continue to provide project management to the program. If the contract is renewed for two additional years, the total cost will not exceed $225,000.

Solar Santa Monica links businesses and home owners

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with pre-approved contractors to install solar power systems.

CUTTING PERMIT FEES

Santa Monica is putting "green" on sale.

The Office of Sustainability and the Environment has suggested eliminating permits for water reclamation systems on a trial basis to see if it encourages installation of grey- and rainwater systems.

According to the staff report, approximately 15 systems are anticipated to be installed each year, with a total estimated water savings of 325,000 gallons annually.

Encouraging people to install the systems, which will play a big role in helping Santa Monica be entirely self sufficient by 2020, is difficult because the retrofitted systems are not cost-effective when compared to the cost of normal, potable water.

It doesn't help with the permit, which typically costs $983 to cover staff time and inspection, is worth as much as the system itself.

City Hall can expect to lose $15,000 per year from the permit fees.

AIRSPACE MANAGEMENT

An additional $10,000 is needed to retain the services of ASRC Research and Technology for consulting services regarding the Santa Monica Airport, specifically expertise in dealing with the Federal Aviation Administration.

City Hall's relationship with the FAA has long been contentious, with disagreements arising over the eventual fate of the Santa Monica Airport, which some locals want closed but the FAA contests must stay open in perpetuity.

ASRC reviews FAA proposals and studies the potential impacts for City Hall, which also uses them for technical questions regarding FAA studies and communications.

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TALKS
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proposal show the chains how serious workers are about pushing for a better deal.

"I think the employers were testing us as to whether or not they would give us a strike authorization," Icaza said at a rally outside a Ralphs' market where dozens of workers, union staffers and supporters held signs calling on the markets to improve their offer.

The weekend vote automatically authorized union officials to call a strike 72 hours after the markets are given notice. Some 62,000 grocery workers in Southern California were eligible to vote, although the union did not disclose how many had cast ballots.

Bargaining, which has snagged over the chains' efforts to boost employees' health insurance contributions, were set to resume on Aug. 29, Icaza said.

Union officials say the health care proposal would significantly increase out-of-pocket costs for workers who already make relatively low wages and would lead to the depletion of the fund that supports the employees' health care benefits.

"We believe they're not negotiating in good faith and, unfortunately, that's going to cause a strike," he said.

A four-month strike and lockout that began in 2003 cost Ralphs and other grocery chains an estimated $2 billion.

Vons stressed the fact that negotiations were ongoing.

"The employers intend to stay focused and engaged in the bargaining process," a Vons release said. "We remain hopeful that we can peacefully reach a settlement that works for both sides. We would urge the union leadership to do the same."

To prepare for a possible strike, Albertsons has started to advertise for temporary replacement workers, chain spokesman Fred Muirhas said.

"Asking for strike authorization is a common tactic in negotiations and does not necessarily mean a strike will be called. Getting sidetracked by these tactics — especially when it is clear there is no complete contract offer on the table and because productive negotiations continue — will only delay our ability to reach a fair agreement for our associates," Muir has said. "The real work toward getting a fair contract will happen at the negotiating table and we hope that's where the union leadership will focus its attention when we return to bargaining."

Ralphs Grocery Co. spokeswoman Kendra Doyel has said her chain is committed to staying at the table to negotiate, and the grocers' proposal was affordable and good for employees and their families.

Union members have been working without a contract since March.

Both sides announced last month that they had reached a tentative agreement on the employers' contributions to pension benefits, but payments to the union health care trust fund have been a major sticking point.

Ralphs currently pays more than 90 percent of employee health coverage costs, Doyel said. Workers hired before 2004 pay nothing for health insurance while those hired later pay either $7 a week for single coverage or $15 a week for family coverage.

The companies' proposal would raise that to $9 a week for singles and $23 a week for families. That is much lower than the average cost of health care insurance in California, she said.

But union local spokesman Mike Shimpock said that the union is concerned about the long-term sustainability of the health care fund.

"With the amount they're offering now, the fund would go bankrupt by next September," he said. "We're worried about increased costs, of course. But it doesn't matter if premiums are $2 or $200 if the benefits are eventually eliminated."

Tom Hancock, a checkout cashier at one of Vons' Pavilions stores who took part in Monday's rally, said his concerns about the future of his health coverage were exacerbated when his company sent out a letter instructing employees on how to sign up for the state's Medicaid program.

He said he didn't want to vote in favor of a strike against the markets because the 2003 walkout was tough for him. But, he said, "they left us no choice."

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With a slumping economy, ensuing global conflicts and our own personal dilemmas, a few drinks come as a welcome respite for many. But before you have that extra glass of wine at dinner, make sure you are aware of some new laws and issues that may drastically affect your driving privileges. California has some of the toughest DUI laws in the country, and while no one plans to get arrested for DUI, here are 5 helpful tips to remember if you find yourself at the wrong end of a DUI checkpoint this year.

1) Submit To FSTS: When arrested for DUI many people look for a quick and easy way out of it such as refusing to submit the officer's tests. Well, truth be told, this doesn't really work. Refusing to submit to field sobriety tests (FSTS) will almost always earn a year suspension from the DMV regardless what happens with your court case. Refusing to submit to FSTS might weaken the State's evidence against you, but is it worth risking an automatic one year suspension? This includes submitting a breathalyzer test at the scene of the arrest (called a PAS test). A PAS test might not even be admissible in the criminal case, but if you are below a .08 it will save you a ton of hassle…and probably earn a get out of jail free card. Submit to testing and let a skilled lawyer take it from there. Even if the test results appear "bad," by hiring the right attorney there are many legal arguments and challenges that can be made to the manner in which the tests weand administered, your statements, and the results of the tests.

2) Request A Hearing: if arrested for DUI you will receive a temporary driver's license that is good for 30 days before your license is suspended. However, you have the right to request an administrative hearing with the DMV in order to challenge the suspension. This hearing might also yield valuable testimony from the arresting officers that could help you later on when fighting your case in court. Administrative hearings are conducted either in person or telephonically, are far less formal than a court proceeding, and have a lower evidentiary standard of proof required to sustain a suspension. Administrative hearings must be requested within 10 days of arrest, so make sure to act fast if you are arrested. A trained experienced lawyer is also advantageous in order to help navigate through the complexities of the DMV.

3) Know The Penalties: In most Los Angeles County courtrooms a "standard" first time DUI conviction carries with it a $390 fine, 3 month alcohol program, 3 year probation, and mandatory installation of an ignition interlock device (a new 2010 law that L.A. County D.A.'s and C.A.'s are widely enforcing). Typically, prosecutors will not seek jail confinement on a 1st time conviction. In addition to the fines, the court will add on various penalty assessments and fees that could raise your final bill to upwards of $1,750. Depending on the circumstances of your case (under 21, high blood alcohol, refusal) the court could also order you to complete community service, caltrans work, attend AA meetings, and complete a MADD or hospital/morgue program. A first time DUI conviction is priorable, meaning it will be used to enhance punishment on any subsequent DUI in a 10 year period. A second time DUI begets similar punishment with heightened fines and a mandatory minimum of 96 hours (4 days) in jail. Of course, all of these penalties and punishments are subject to change based on varying circumstances, and it should be noted that there are additional restrictions that the DMV can enforce on top of all the court required punishments.

4) Be Polite & Courteous: No matter what crime you are arrested for, be it for DUI or some other offense, dealing with police officers in a calm, respectful, and appropriate manner is always the best approach and will reward you in the end. Officers will note your behavior in their reports, and any belligerent outburst or tirade will likely be used against you as a sign of intoxication and could also earn you additional charges. Of course the opposite is also true meaning if you are calm and collected it could be used as a sign of non-impairment. Even if you didn't do anything wrong always remember that you attract more bees with honey!

5) Don't Drive!: The easiest tip of all...drink to your heart's content and enjoy the holidays, and when you're done take a cab, ride a bus, or call a friend...just don't drive!

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Stocks end day with modest gains

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AP Business Writer

NEW YORK It was another day of big swings in the Dow Jones industrial average, but at least Monday ended with a modest gain.

The Dow soared 200 points in the morning, an encouraging start after four weeks of losses. By noon that gain shriveled to just 2 points, then came a rise of another 100 in the afternoon. At the end of the day, the Dow closed up 37 points.

Compared with the even wilder fluctuations over the past two weeks, Monday's trading looked relatively calm. The Dow has gained or lost at least 200 points eight days in August, including a 419-point plunge last Thursday. A flare-up of Europe's debt crisis and fears of a new U.S. recession have shaken investors, taking the Dow down 15 percent in one month.

Hewlett-Packard Co. rose 3.6 percent, the most of the 30 large companies in the Dow Jones industrial average. H-P sank 20 percent on Friday after saying it planned to sell its PC business and stop selling other products.

Bank stocks, which have been clobbered over worries about Europe's debt crisis, took another fall. JPMorgan Chase & Co. dropped 2.7 percent. Bank of America lost 7.9 percent, the biggest drop among the 30 Dow companies. Analysts at Wells Fargo cut their price target on the stock, citing fears that the U.S. could slip back into a recession.

Sam Stovall, chief investment strategist at Standard & Poor's equity research, cautioned against reading too much into the market's early jump Monday. "A two-hour rally isn't enough to change the trend," Stovall said. "It's natural in a declining market to have some days that run counter to the overall trend."

The S&P 500 index has fallen 16 percent since July 22 and 13 percent this month, putting the broad market measure on course for its worst August since 1998. After falling four weeks in a row, some stocks are appearing too cheap for investors to pass up, Stovall said.

Investors are still worried that the U.S. may fall into another recession. Some hope the Federal Reserve announces some kind of action to help the economy when it holds its annual retreat in Jackson Hole, Wyo., on Friday. It was at the same conference a year ago that Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke hinted that the central bank would buy Treasury bonds to push interest rates lower.

The Dow rose 37 points, or 0.3 percent, to close at 10,854.65.

The S&P 500 rose 0.29 points, or less than 0.1 percent, to 1,123.82. It had been up as many as 22 points. The Nasdaq rose 3.54 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,345.38.

Stocks have fallen for four weeks on signs that the U.S. economy is slowing. The sharpest drops came Thursday with news of weaker manufacturing in the mid-Atlantic states and an increase in the number of people who applied for unemployment benefits.

The Chicago Board of Options Exchange's volatility index has soared 68 percent this month. That's a sign investors are anticipating more wide swings in the S&P 500, the index most professional investors use. The index fell 1.4 percent Monday to 42. The VIX index was below 20 for much of this year but spiked as high as 48 on Aug. 8 as the stock market's swings accelerated.

Treasury bond prices and gold have been rising this month as investors seek refuge from the turmoil in stocks. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note dipped below 2 percent last week, a record low. The yield ended the trading day at 2.10 percent Monday. Yields on bonds fall when demand for them increases.

Gold jumped $39.70, or 2 percent, to $1,892. Gold has gained 16 percent so far in August. It reached $1,900 in after-hours trading.

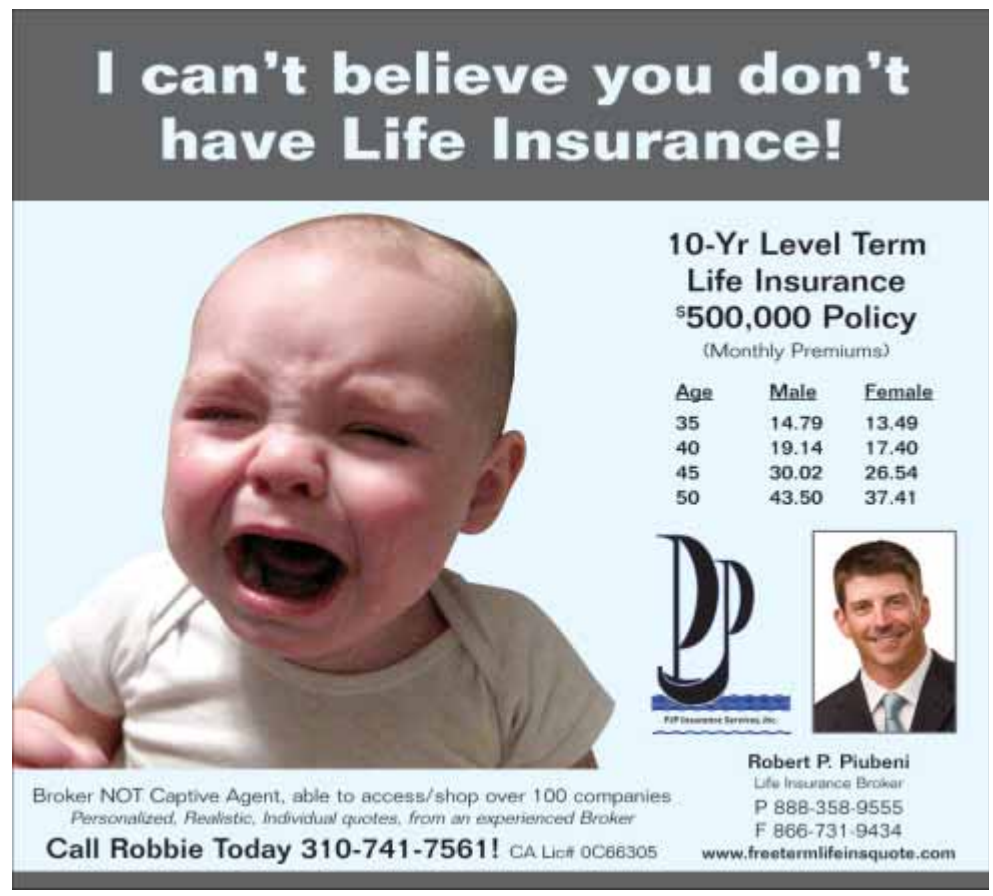
Six of the 10 industry groups in the S&P 500 rose. Telecom stocks rose almost 1 percent, the most of any industry in the index.

Boeing Co. rose 1.5 percent after Britain's Royal Air Force said it would buy 14 Chinook helicopters for $1.6 billion.

Lowe's Cos. rose 1.1 percent. The home improvement retailer said it will buy up to $5 billion of its stock over the next two to three years. Last week, Lowe's lowered its sales forecast for the second half of the year as shoppers grow more worried about the economy.

No major economic reports came out Monday. Later in the week, traders will be sorting through figures on new home sales, chain store sales, durable goods orders and weekly claims for unemployment benefits to see if another recession could be on the way. The government will also release a second estimate of second-quarter economic growth Friday. Another significant revision downward could alarm investors.

Three stocks fell for every two that rose on the New York Stock Exchange. Trading volume was above average at 4.8 billion.



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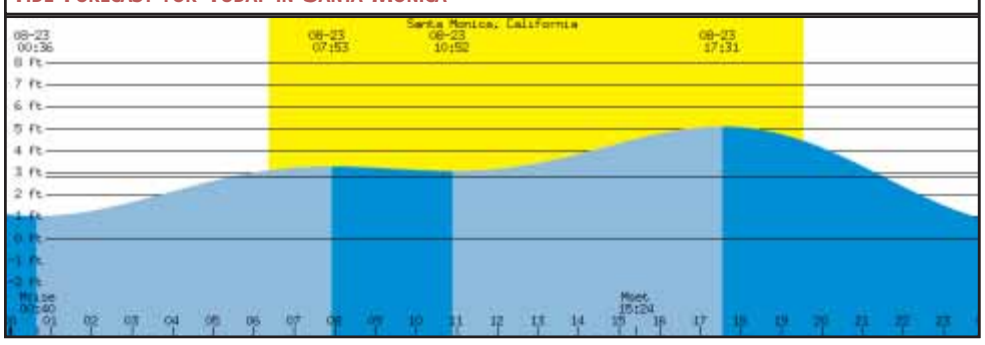
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisa creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad 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.	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	C	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.	B	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	B	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

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OLYMPICS

U.S. won't pursue 2020 games

EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

This time around, the United States is saying no to the Olympics.

Locked in a dispute over millions of dollars, the U.S. Olympic Committee pulled the plug Monday on a bid for the 2020 Summer Games before the International Olympic Committee could say no to the Americans, as it has the last two times. The two sides have been at odds over a revenue-sharing agreement for years.

By not submitting a bid, the USOC assures at least a 20-year gap between Olympics on American soil for only the fourth time.

Chicago, New York and Dallas were among the cities interested in the 2020 games, but any bid was contingent upon a new deal with the IOC.

Recently, negotiations had picked up in an effort to meet a Sept. 1 deadline for countries to submit a city's name for consideration. But with so much money and a long-term commitment at stake, the USOC decided not to rush.

"I think it's one of the smartest things they could do right now," said Steve Penny, president of USA Gymnastics, one of the country's most important, and successful, Olympic sports. "It's very important they get this revenue-sharing deal done the right way. Having an Olympic bid hanging over your head is going to change the way you think about one of the most important business decisions you're going to make for the USOC in the foreseeable future."

At the heart of the disagreement is the USOC's long-standing 20 percent share of global sponsorship revenues and 12.75 percent cut of U.S. broadcast rights deals. The IOC wants more of that money.

Because of the revenue generated in the United States and the success of its teams, the Olympic movement needs the USOC more than any other national body. It's a delicate dance, however, because there are some in the IOC who resent the United States for the power it holds.

There won't be any deal soon. Publicly, at least, the IOC did not sound distressed.

"The United States and its athletes have made, and continue to make, a huge contribution to the Olympic Movement," IOC spokeswoman Emmanuelle Moreau said. "We always welcome a bid from such a key partner and look forward to a bid in the near future."

The IOC was asking for more than the USOC leadership was willing to give. The USOC simply wasn't willing to slap together a deal to allow a city — many insiders thought it would be Dallas — to start the bid process.

"With such little time left in the process, we don't believe we could pull together a winning bid that could serve the Olympic and Paralympic movement," USOC spokesman Patrick Sandusky said.

At one time, New York was considered a favorite to host 2012, but it lost in embarrassing fashion, finishing fourth of the five finalists. Two years ago, Chicago finished fourth of four finalists for the 2016 Games, and that humiliating loss was viewed by many as more a reflection on the USOC's relationship with the IOC than the city's viability as an Olympic host.

The last games on U.S. soil were the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics in 2002 and the last Summer Olympics were the Atlanta Games in 1996. Both were troubled. Salt Lake had a bid scandal and critics perceived Atlanta as the over-commercialization of an event that, at its core, is supposed to celebrate the purity of sports.

The United States has twice waited 28 years between games — from 1904 in St. Louis to 1932 in Los Angeles and Lake Placid, and then not again until 1960 in Squaw Valley, Calif. Then, there was a 20-year lapse before the 1980 Lake Placid Olympics. But all of those stretches were before the Olympics became a money-generating machine, thanks mostly to the rise of sports on TV.

America's next chance to host an Olympics would be the 2022 Winter Games. Denver and the Reno-Tahoe area are interested, though the USOC has put the same caveats on a bid: a revenue-sharing deal and a better relationship with the IOC.

The IOC will award the 2020 Games in 2013. So far, Rome, Tokyo, Madrid and Istanbul, Turkey, say they will bid.

There has been very little talk about the 2024 Summer Games, which won't be awarded for another six years.

Former USOC chairman Peter Ueberroth was a hard-liner when it came to the money, famously stating in 2008, "Who pays the bill for the world Olympic movement? Make no mistake about it. Starting in 1988, U.S. corporations have paid 60 percent of all the money, period."

Ueberroth's successor, Larry Probst, has been trying to soften that stance, knowing that IOC President Jacques Rogge has made an agreement with the USOC on revenue sharing a main priority in this, his final term.



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1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:50pm, 8:10pm, 10:20pm

Future (R) 1hr 31min
1:40pm, 7:20pm

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Pay bills tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Suddenly you become even more serious about work. Perhaps the cooler nights are having an impact on you. You feel better because you are more in the mood to deal with details. A partner respects your approach; he or she knows you are mentally prepared to tackle an issue. Tonight: Working late.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Know how much you can spend. Focus on your budget, and turn a situation around once and for all. In some way, you might feel grumpy or touchy because of this financial awareness. Let it go and just do. Tonight: Pay bills first.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Your spirit soars. You know exactly what you want. Rather than overanalyze, go off and get just that. Others are highly responsive, except perhaps for a child or new friend. What is ailing this person has nothing to do with you. Tonight: Beam in exactly what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Back off for a while, especially if you are reviewing a situation over and over in your mind. Listen to your sixth sense when dealing with a vulnerability. Could you be making a big deal out of nothing? Know what you desire. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what is important. Don't over-intellectualize. You naturally say the right words to whomever you speak to. A meeting could point to a new friendship. Worry less about what is happening. Tonight: Hang with friends.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be willing to take a stand with a boss or someone you care about. You need not be so worried about your first impression. Say "no" to a financial commitment that makes you uptight. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: A must show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You are unusually serious once more. Detach and look past the immediate. Then and only then can you see the big picture. Understand what someone is looking for. Take your time rethinking a situation. Know what you want. Tonight: Do a vanishing act.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Take your time making a decision. Zero in on a friendship that means a lot to you. A meeting could be very important, playing a role in creating what you want. Remain supportive of key friends, even if they want to head down a different path. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Understand the dynamics between you and key people. Right now, you might feel as if you are playing sidekick, but this is only a phase. Try letting go of a need to control, and just go along for the ride. Tonight: Let someone entice you to join him or her.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might want to revise your plans with an eye to settling a situation that a boss or you are highly concerned about. Be careful with an overly serious person. He or she easily could misunderstand a comment. Tonight: Burning the candle at both ends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Let someone know just how much you care. Indulge those you love. Though you might not think you have time for so much attention, you will feel better as a result. Reach out to someone at a distance who you care about. Tonight: Let your hair down.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might want to stay close to home right now. If you can, get to the bottom of a problem through a discussion. A discussion could help you feel better. Tonight: Enjoy company and dinner.

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 have high visibility. Others observe you more than you realize. Keep your focus on your job and commitments involving your community and your parents. If you are single, someone you meet late spring onward could knock your socks off! If you are attached, the two of you need to be more visible. GEMINI puts you on a pedestal.



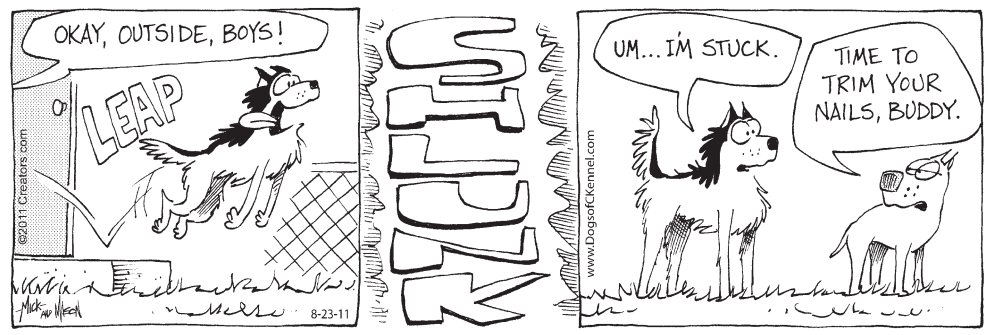
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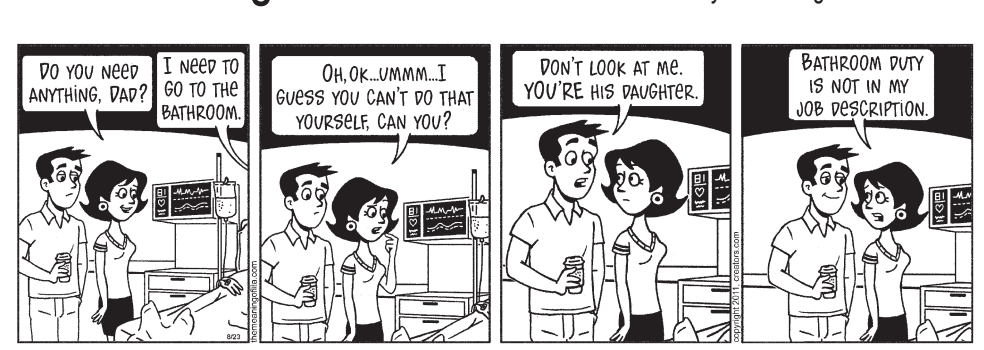
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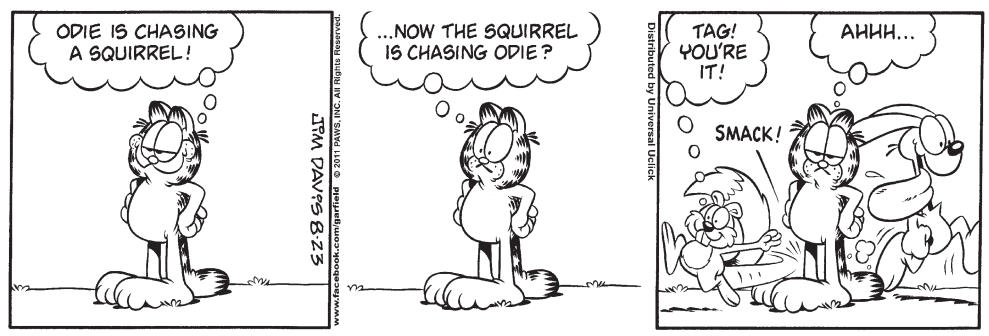
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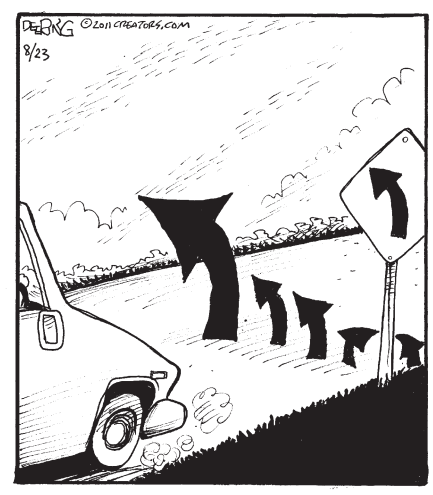
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Sudoku

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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GETTING STARTED

There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work. Eliminating numbers will eventually lead you to the answer.

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Dilutes
6 Mixes
11 Accumulated, as debt
12 Venice sight
13 George Harrison hit
15 Had lunch
16 Lion's home
17 Toe count
18 Adjective for Alaska
20 Rink material
21 Museum contents
22 Lukas of "Witness"
23 Bangkok natives
26 Swallows
27 Sunset setting
28 Shiverer's sound
29 Tolkien baddie
30 Colorful seashells
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37 Jennifer Lopez hit
40 Almanac section
41 "— Pretty"
42 Stopwatch button
43 Like Thor

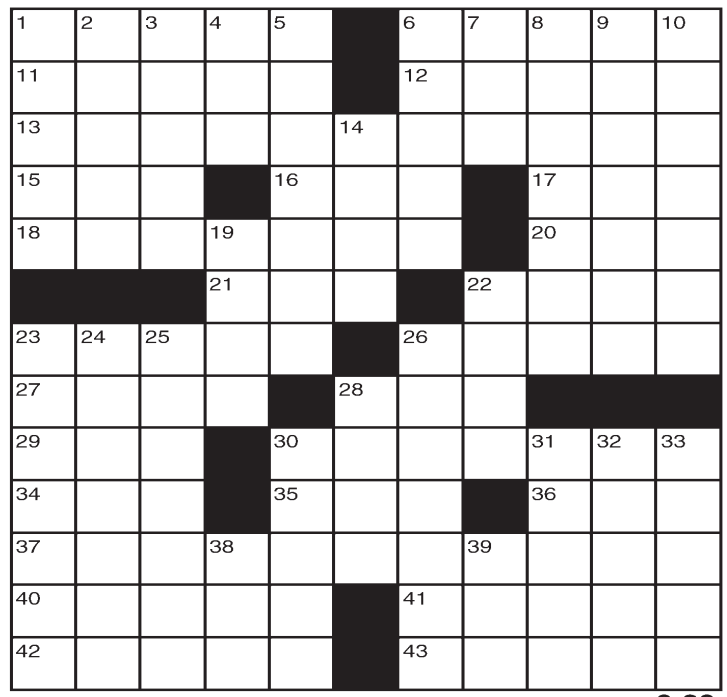
DOWN

1 Court event
2 "— la vista!"
3 Central
4 Squirrel snack
5 Web spinners
6 Meager
7 Spigot
8 Monogram part
9 Mortgage limit
10 Guile
14 Try out
19 Trot or gallop
22 Impair
23 Three of a kind beats it
24 Sheena or Xena
25 Climbs
26 Winged lion of myth
28 Rotten kid
30 Between
31 Deed holder
32 Low cards in pinochle
33 Fashion
38 Golf peg
39 Sky sighting

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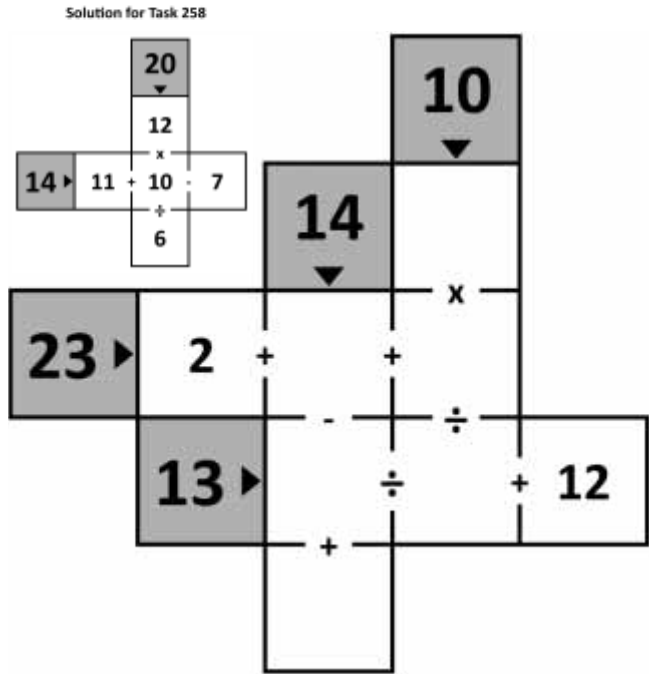
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Carole Green was fined $1,000 in July by a court in Leavenworth County, Kan., for littering the property of the same Bonner Springs resident "most afternoons" for the past two years. Green apologized and said the charge was a complete surprise. She said when she starts out in her SUV every day, and drinks a bottle of tea, it just happens that she finishes it at about the same spot on her journey -- in front of Gary Bukaty's property -- and that's where she tosses the bottle. She promised to stop.

■ The Perfect Society: Rules to assure correct, "progressive" behavior were recently proposed by the San Francisco Commission of Animal Control and Welfare and the Colorado Department of Human Services. The San Francisco agency would ban the sale of all pets in the city limits, from dogs to gerbils to goldfish. ("Why fish? Why not fish?" asked one exasperated commission member, bristling at criticism.) Animals sold as food for other animals would be included but not animals sold as food for humans. Day care centers in Colorado would be required, if it made dolls available at playtime, to have dolls of three different races.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1927 Sacco and Vanzetti are executed.

1929 Hebron Massacre during the 1929 Palestine riots: Arab attack on the Jewish community in Hebron in the British Mandate of Palestine, continuing until the next day, resulted in the death of 65-68 Jews and the remaining Jews being forced to leave the city.

1938 English cricketer Len Hutton sets a world record for the highest individual Test innings of 364, during a Test match against Australia.

1939 World War II: Germany and the Soviet Union sign a non-aggression treaty, the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact. In a secret addition to the pact, the Baltic states, Finland, Romania, and Poland are divided between the two nations.

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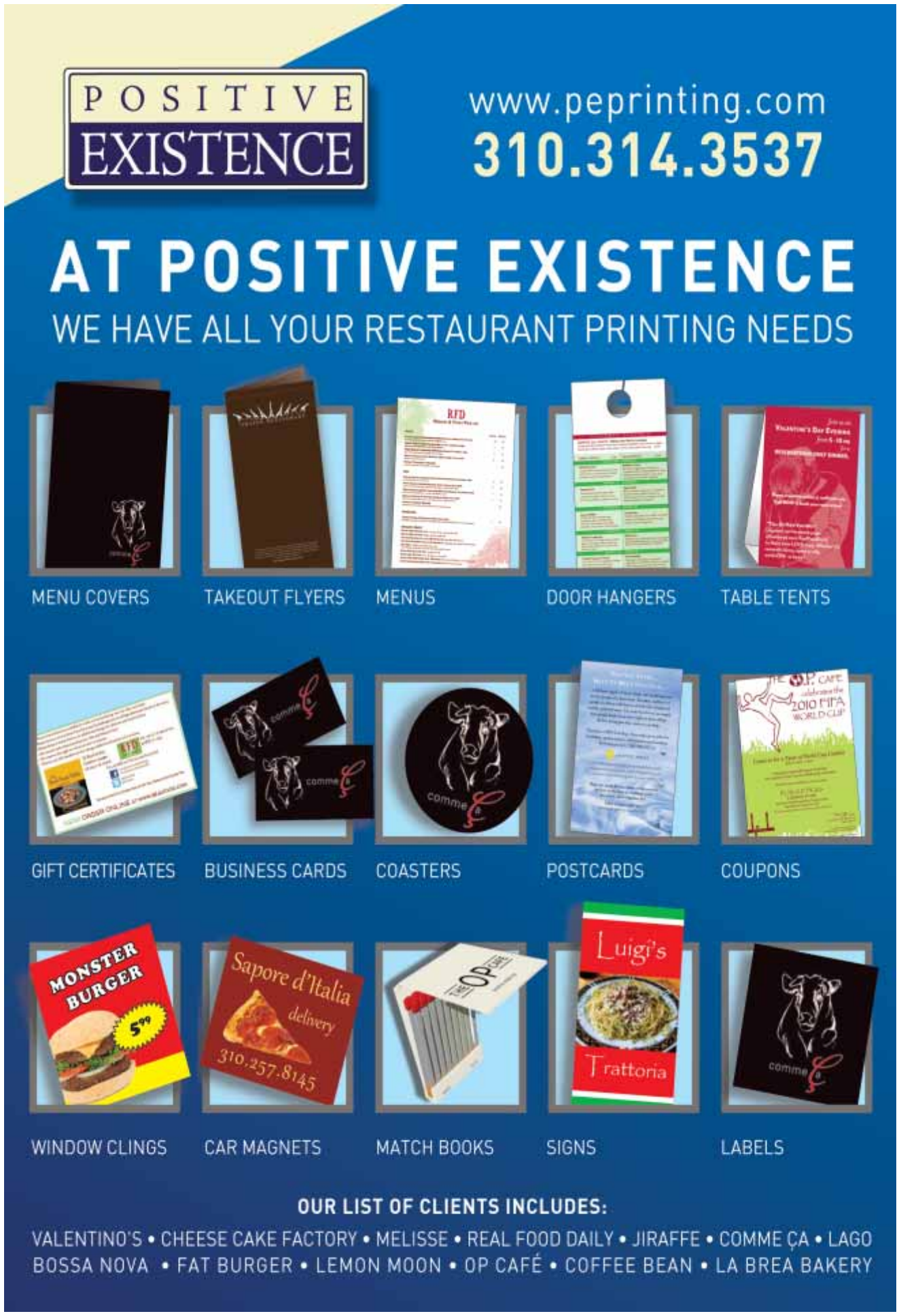
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