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THE BE CAREFUL ISSUE

Tourist killed by suspected drunk driver

Sixth fatal collision in '12; woman charged with vehicular manslaughter

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN An Australian tourist was struck and killed by a suspected drunk driver while crossing Colorado Avenue Tuesday evening with his wife and young daughter, Santa Monica police said.

The driver, identified as 26-year-old Cara Cameron of Westchester, Calif., was taken into custody and booked for vehicular manslaughter and felony driving under the influence. She posted $100,000 bail and is scheduled to be arraigned on Sept. 21 at the Airport Courthouse, police said.

It was the sixth fatal traffic collision in Santa Monica so far this year, said Chris Dawson, a traffic investigator for the Santa Monica Police Department.

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Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

DOING THINGS CORRECTLY: **Head Coach Adam Guerra goes over plays with his St. Monica Mariners on Tuesday at Airport Park.**

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

St. Monica ready to ground and pound

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

AIRPORT PARK It's ironic that St. Monica football practices at Airport Park.

As planes screech and motor into the sky overhead from Santa Monica Airport, the Mariner's second-year head coach Adam Guerra would rather stay grounded.

"Oh yeah, we're run-first," Guerra said. "It's going to be hard to beat us."

St. Monica, ranked No. 10 in the first CIF-Southern Section Northeast Division poll, is coming off a 7-4 season last year that ended in the first round of the Northeast Division playoffs.

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West Nile Virus found in SM

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE County health officials issued a warning to Santa Monica residents after two dead birds found in the past three months in the city tested positive for the West Nile Virus.

The country has been experiencing the biggest outbreak of the disease since it first appeared in the United States in 1999, although half of the cases of human infection have appeared in Texas.

So far, 34 people in California have been infected compared to 19 at this time last year, according to a state-run website. The number of dead birds reported has also risen from 229 as of Aug. 22, 2011 to 805 reported birds so far this year.

The most recent bird to test positive from Santa Monica was an American crow found on July 23 in the 90402 zip code. American crows are members of the corvid family, which are particularly susceptible to the

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Jewish group plans protest of Shangri-La

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

OCEAN AVE The Los Angeles branch of a national Jewish organization has called for a protest outside Hotel Shangri-La Sunday morning to spread word of a verdict which found the hotel's owner guilty of discrimination against Jews.

A jury decided that Tehmina Adaya, the Muslim owner of Hotel Shangri-La, had ordered her staff to shut down a party thrown by the Friends of the Israeli Defense Forces in July 2010.

In the complaint, the 19 plaintiffs in the case alleged that Adaya had forced them to take down banners and other materials referencing their organization and used profanity and derogatory language against them.

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012

Who's Mr. Wilshire?
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St., 7 p.m.
Lou Rosen, author of the book "Henry Gaylord Wilshire, the Millionaire Socialist" will use rare Los Angeles photos in his presentation on Wilshire the man. Find out how Wilshire decided to come to Los Angeles, and how a barley field he acquired became the site that later stretched 16 miles to become Wilshire Boulevard. For more information, call (310) 570-6100.

Talking food
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Linda Civitello, author of the Gourmand-award winning book "Cuisine and Culture: a History of Food and People," which is used to teach food history in culinary schools throughout the United States and Canada, will moderate a discussion about the history of food in civilization based on her work. The event is part of the Santa Monica Farmers' Market quarterly panel series. Cost: free.

Home on the waves
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
Cuban stalwart Alex Cuba headlines this week's installment of the Twilight Concert Series. He mixes tradition and pop sensibilities to create a unique sound. For more information, visit twilightseries.org.

For your health
Colorado Center
2425 Colorado Ave.,
11 a.m. — 2 p.m.
You are invited to the Colorado Center Health and Wellness Fair. Services will include body fat testing, blood pressure screening, cholesterol testing, table massages, dental services and chiropractor physical therapy. Free afternoon yoga offered on a first-come basis at 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 24, 2012

Nice mix
Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.
The annual MixMatch Dance Festival is geared toward promoting accessible, professional dance to the L.A. community. Originating at The Electric Lodge in Venice in 2006, MixMatch quickly became an area favorite and is now entering its sixth year with its second run at The Miles. This event also takes place on Saturday, also at 8 p.m. For more information, call (661) 755-2182.

Saturday, Aug. 25, 2012

More than just cardboard
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 PCH, 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.
Check out the beach house's first Cardboard Yacht Regatta. Build your own cardboard yacht to seat two people and test its seaworthiness in a race across the beach house's swimming pool. Pre-registration required. Cost: $15 per yacht. All ages welcome. Spectators welcome. For more information, call (310) 458-4904.

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Alex Cuba headlines tonight's Twilight Concert Series

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER Alex Cuba is industrious. His e-mail signature even reads, "Watch out, world, here is an artist managing himself." And he manages himself and his career very well.

His guidance of his career has led him to the Twilight Concert Series at the Santa Monica Pier tonight and though he's played Los Angeles venues such as The Mint many times, he's never played by the water.

"It's always been great in Los Angeles, but I've never played outside. I'm really looking forward to playing on the pier," he said. "Los Angeles is one of those places that I feel somehow very comfortable because they seem to know my music and my songs. There's a great Latino community here, the weather reminds me of my home in Cuba and it always makes me feel welcome. It's a very happening place."



Photo courtesy Santa Monica Pier

CUBA

The Artemisa, Cuba native who currently resides in Smithers, B.C. (14 hours north of Vancouver) has won two Juno Awards for World Music Album of the Year — in 2006 for "Humo De Tabaco" and in 2008 for his second album, "Agua Del Pozo."

In 2010, he won the Latin Grammy for Best New Artist, and he's collaborated with Nelly Furtado for her Spanish language debut album "Mi Plan" ("My Plan"), which was released September 2009, (Cuba co-wrote more than half of the songs on Furtado's album) but the success, if anything, has surprised him.

"It's been quite the journey for me. I came to Canada as a bass player and my original goal was to become a bass player for somebody famous. That was my drive. I wanted to play with Alanis Morissette. That was my goal."

From his earliest years in Artemisa (which is one hour west of Havana), he was immersed in music. Cuba's first stage appearance on national TV was at the tender age of 4, playing claves (a percussion instrument) in a group directed by his music instructor father. He went on to study guitar, percussion and bass, practicing eight hours a day during his teens.

"I spent many years in Cuba being a bass player. But slowly something changed in me while I was in Canada. I started to make my own CDs and when I won the Juno I said, 'Wow! I guess they really liked it,'" Cuba said.

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LOCAL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Samohi's Skaggs wins MLB debut

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

PHOENIX Former Santa Monica High School standout Tyler Skaggs won his big league debut on Wednesday against the Miami Marlins, 3-2.

Skaggs, 21, led his Arizona Diamondbacks to victory with 6.2 innings of work with 4 strikeouts, giving up 3 hits. The lefty's lone blemish was a 2-run home run off the bat of the Marlins' Justin Ruggiano.

"It was phenomenal," Skaggs told the Associated Press. "I mean, the greatest feeling I've had so far in my life."

He entered the game considered one of the top prospects in the minor leagues. Baseball America has him ranked No. 7 on its list.

Skaggs was originally drafted by the Los Angeles Angels with the 40th pick in the 2009 MLB Draft out of Samohi. He was subsequently traded to Arizona as part of a trade that brought Dan Haren to the Angels.

Since the trade in July 2010, Skaggs has shined in the Diamondback's organization, highlighted by two trips to the MLB Futures Game, which features the best prospects from the U.S. and overseas.

Before being called up, Skaggs was 4-2 with 45 strikeouts in 52.2 innings pitched while playing for the AAA Reno Aces. He left the minors with a 2.91 earned run average.

SAMOHI FOOTBALL OPENS WITH REDONDO UNION

Santa Monica High School's football team will open its season on Friday, Aug. 31 at Santa Monica College against Redondo Union.

Redondo Union is new to Samohi's preseason schedule and they join a list of heavy weights.

Samohi opens the season ranked No. 9 in the first CIF-Southern Section Western Division poll, it was announced on Wednesday.

The Vikings travel to traditional rival Palisades the following week with a murderers' row of Mater Dei, Valencia and Hart awaiting them before Samohi begins Ocean League play.

Samohi is coming off an 11-2 season that saw the Vikings reach the semifinals of the Western Division playoffs where they lost to Ocean League rival Culver City.

Culver City is ranked No. 4 on the poll with Serra holding the top spot.

The season opener against Redondo Union begins at 7 p.m. at Corsair Field.

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Hypocrisy

Editor:

I am stunned by the hypocrisy of the City Council candidates who signed the transparency agreement ("Council candidates steer clear of unknown groups," Aug. 21). It has only been a few weeks since the Daily Press wrote articles about the complete lack of transparency in Santa Monicans for Renters' Rights (SMRR), and that two of the transparency agreement signers got endorsed by SMRR because a secret SMRR steering committee used secret bylaws to circumvent the election of its membership.

The problem in the last city election was that a pro-development PAC impersonated the Santa Monica police union, the Santa Monica firefighters' union, the Community for Excellent Public Schools, and the Santa Monica Democratic Club and sent mailings that lied about the endorsements of those organizations. It is likely that many of the signers of the transparency agreement will be accepting direct, or indirect, financial support from out-of-state corporations, who should have been punished for committing fraud in the 2010 City Council election.

Jeff Segal
Santa Monica

Boycott the post office

Editor:

To the United States postmaster general,

Never underestimate the power of citizens to put the United States Postal Service out of business, especially when it makes stupid decisions that are only about the money – dollars ("Downtown post office to close," Aug. 17).

I am urging all my friends and business associates to stop using USPS. And I have a lot of friends listed in the who's who in America finance and industry. You won't notice us getting less mail little by little. But we will put you out of business. You have upset way too many people.

Your decision is going to eventually cost you your job and all jobs at USPS. You wait and see. I am not the only one you have upset and as a retired person thank you for giving me a cause to spend 80 hours a week on. And I will spend 80 hours a week telling everyone to stop using you.

How? Good question. I subscribe to 40-plus magazines. I am converting all to electronic subscriptions and urging others to do so as well to put you out of business. For all of my bills I am turning to automatic bill pay and urging others to do likewise.

You are selling high-priced real estate to make ends meet. You are like a turkey with your head cut off, making irrational decisions that affect your clients, some of whom have supported you for half a century or longer in some cases. We will replace you with someone better like FedEx. Don't think it can't, won't happen.

One more stupid decision of USPS, closing the Fifth Street post office like thousands of others sold due to your lack of management skills. Santa Monica citizens please stop using the USPS. Let the USPS understand that the city of Santa Monica and its residents are going to help further put you out of business. You are out of touch with your clients. You failed us. Never underestimate what one person can do (let alone a whole city) to show you how big a mistake you made closing our post office.

Fiona Gonsier
Santa Monica



Your column here

Nan Grogan Orrock — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

Trim the bloated defense budget

IN THE MIDST OF THIS SUMMER'S HEAT wave, we still enjoy a measure of outdoor time, but certainly relish the air-conditioned relief indoors. As the toll of heat-related deaths continues to rise, how many of us know that Congress is proposing budget cuts to the federal assistance program for air conditioning and heating bills for hard-hit families? Yes, budget decisions in Washington come home to roost right here close to home. And the impact can be devastating.

What budget priorities will do the most to meet the needs of our people and guarantee American's freedom and strength for years to come? It's time to take a closer look at Pentagon spending, which includes funding for wars and nuclear weapons. This budget has grown unchecked since 1998 at a cost of trillions of dollars to taxpayers. And while Congress is proposing devastating, draconian cuts to essential programs, such as assisting families struggling with out-sized utility bills, the Pentagon gets yet another hand-out from the budget writers.

Our nation's greatness and future security are not aided by a bloated nuclear arsenal, unnecessary weapons systems and endless war. Our future will be best served with investments in education, jobs, healthcare, science and technology and a clean environment. To make those investments, we must cut excessive Pentagon spending.

As president of the Women Legislators' Lobby (WiLL) and a Georgia state senator I work with legislators across the country. In nearly every state they are battling budget shortfalls year after year. After 9-11, state budgets have taken on massive new costs for homeland security measures. National Guard and other returning veterans need state and local services. The women state legislators in our national WiLL network understand that increases in Pentagon spending mean their strapped state budgets get further shortchanged. With the impacts of this great recession and the end of stimulus funding, states cannot afford the devastating cuts that would come with the Ryan budget or the planned sequestration cuts to non-defense spending.

The Ryan budget increases Pentagon spending for the coming year by $8 billion more than what was agreed to last August in the Budget Control Act. That difference would be paid for by slashing even further every other funding priority. The result, among many others, would be suffering families who no longer can receive assistance to keep their air conditioning bills paid. A small consequence, you might think, unless you and your loved ones are smothering in an apartment or sun-baked house with no where to turn for help.

The House approach also exempts the Pentagon from the looming automatic sequestration cuts by taking more from all of the other programs and investments. Congress will have to slash from K-12 and higher education, national parks and clean water programs, medical and scientific research, clean energy — you name it. Everything would be cut while the Pentagon trough gets filled without a murmur.

We all want a common defense that works. We agree that veterans and their families deserve the best in recognition of their sacrifice. They also deserve to come home to a strong, vibrant economy with plenty of job opportunities.

What we don't want are redundant and unnecessary weapons that don't meet today's security needs, mismanaged projects that go far over budget and defense industry lobbyists lining their pockets at our expense. Former Defense Secretary Gates says, "We can't hold ourselves exempt from the belt-tightening. Neither can we allow ourselves to contribute to the very debt that puts our long-term security at risk."

What we do want are jobs. Some claim that cutting excessive Pentagon spending means losing good jobs. On the contrary, economic studies have shown that federal investments in other sectors, including education, healthcare and clean energy, create more jobs than federal dollars spent in the military sector. These are the sustainable jobs that we need for our future. Let's choose teachers, doctors, nurses, first responders, home weatherization and wind turbines over building bombs that we don't need and can't afford.

It's time to hold a magnifying glass to Pentagon spending. Other domestic spending is equally important to the future of our nation. Jobs, education, healthcare, a clean environment, safe roads and bridges and mass transit, are all a part of our national security. These are essential components of fulfilling our nation's obligation to secure a bright future for America.

Many domestic, religious and nonprofit groups agree and are speaking up. Even fiscally responsible conservatives are mobilizing. If we are ever to rid ourselves of enormous cost overruns, exorbitant contractor fees, no-bid contracts and massive, unnecessary weapons systems, we must insist that the Pentagon be held accountable for its spending. We could start by insisting that the Pentagon conduct an audit.

Congress must responsibly reduce Pentagon spending. How can we tolerate the wealthiest nation in the world having people die from lack of air conditioning while maintaining a military budget that outspends the rest of the world many times over? Let's send the message to our members of Congress that squandering our tax dollars on wasteful Pentagon spending is no longer acceptable. It's time to turn up the heat on Congress and demand accountability and budget priorities that put our people first.

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Metal thieves find buyers with illegal scrap yards

ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Metal thieves who have stripped wires from streetlights and statues from parks have found markets at illegal scrap yards in Southern California, authorities said.

With copper prices soaring, California authorities reported an epidemic of metal thefts. Crooks have torn up train tracks, stolen air conditioners from schools, and earlier this summer made off with a 200-pound brass bell from a Pico Rivera church. Modesto's airport lost its runway lights twice in recent years.

Burglars stealing copper wire also blacked out a quarter of the 40,000 streetlights in Sacramento over the past 18 months. The city spent more than $1.5 million on repairs and secured wiring access panels.

At least six people have been electrocuted while stealing wire in California in the last two years.

Officials said salvage yards without permits have sprung up in Los Angeles County to take advantage of access to ports so the metal can be resold to Asian factories. Even some legitimate scrap yards may be ignoring laws in order to cash in on the lucrative export trade.

"It's a tremendous problem," state Sen. Anthony Cannella, R-Ceres, said of metal thefts. "It's very expensive, and it's very dangerous."

Los Angeles police Detective Kevin Romine said he has shut down a dozen unpermitted yards in his year on the job. At least half of the non-iron metal in city scrap yards probably is stolen, he told the Los Angeles Times ((lat.ms/PvwGx6).

"I learned a long time ago, it's more than I can handle," added Los Angeles County sheriff's Detective Dave Chapman, who also tackles metal thefts.

California law requires metal sellers to provide photo identification to scrap yards and to wait at least three days for payment. Salvage yards can be fined up to $1,000.

Mars rover Curiosity makes first test drive

ALICIA CHANG,
AP Science Writer

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) The NASA rover Curiosity made its first test drive Wednesday on ancient soil of Mars.

"Wheel tracks on Mars," Jet Propulsion Laboratory engineer Allen Chen tweeted along with an image sent from one of the rover's cameras. "The EDL (Entry, Descent and Landing) team is finally done. Congrats to the mobility and surface teams!"

The rover moved forward about 15 feet, rotated to a right angle and reversed a short distance.

The drive was successful and means the rover's mobility system is fully functional, lead rover planner Matt Heverly told a JPL press conference.

"We're very excited to have this kind of milestone behind us," Heverly said. "We see that the system is performing very well and we're in a great place to do some science."

Michael Meyer, lead scientist for NASA's Mars exploration program, announced that Curiosity's touchdown site has been named Bradbury Landing in honor of "The Martian Chronicles" author Ray Bradbury, who would have been 92 on Wednesday. Bradbury, an inspiration to many on the Curiosity team, died in June.

The test drive is part of a health checkup the rover has been undergoing since arriving on Aug. 5. Eventually, the rover could roam hundreds of feet a day over the ancient crater where it landed.

Meanwhile, researchers discovered a damaged wind sensor while checking out instruments that Curiosity will use to check the Martian weather and soil.

The cause of the damage wasn't known, but one possibility is that pebbles thrown up by Curiosity's descent fell onto the sensor's delicate, exposed circuit boards and broke some wires, said Ashwin Vasavada, deputy project scientist for Curiosity.

A second sensor is operating and should do the job, but Vasavada said scientists may "have to work a little harder" to determine wind speed and direction, which are important factors that can determine when the rover is allowed to move.

"But we think we can work around that," he added.

Scientists also continued to test and calibrate Curiosity's 7-foot (2.1-meter)-long arm and its extensive tool kit — which includes a drill, a scoop, a spectrometer and a camera — in preparation for collecting its first soil samples and attempting to learn whether the Martian environment was favorable for microbial life.

The Q Line

Campaign issues

With the local election season upon us, there seems to be plenty to think about. There's development, budget deficits and as always funding for education.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
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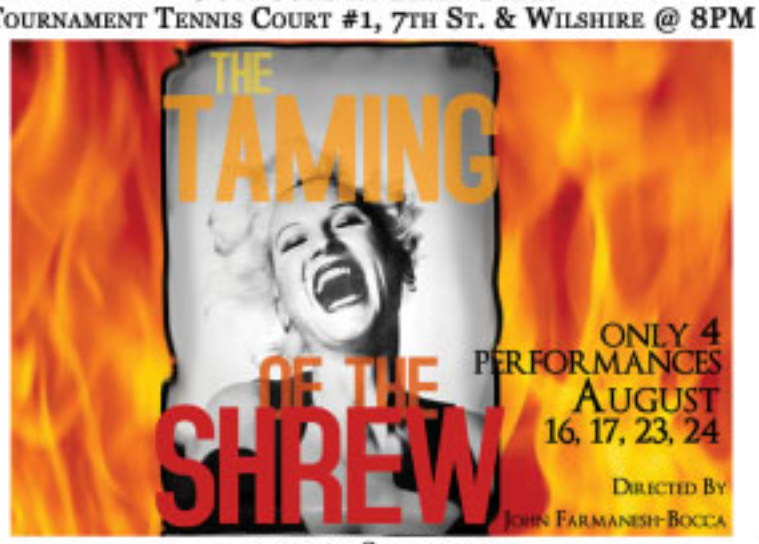


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House calls a growing trend among veterinarians

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LOS ANGELES Two kids, two pets, two jobs, too much.

That's how it felt to Erin McCarthy when it came time to drag her cat and puppy to the veterinarian. So she jumped on a growing trend among veterinarians and called the vet to her.

House calls are a growing trend among the country's 85,000 veterinarians, said Dr. Bonnie Beaver, a professor at Texas A&M University's College of Veterinary Medicine and director of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

It's been a life-saver for McCarthy, whose cat Duke was so afraid of the vet he had to be tranquilized to get there. When he was joined by a Shih Tzu puppy, Pooch, they found a vet who makes house calls, Elisabetta Coletti. McCarthy has made liberal use of text-messaging when a house call isn't necessary.

"When Pooch ate a peppermint patty last week, she was there with instant advice that got us through the night," said McCarthy, a teacher in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The trend is a return to tradition, Beaver said: "We used to call them farm calls." While the vet was taking care of cows and horses and other livestock, he would take care of the family dogs and cats too, she said.

"House calls used to be the bread and butter part of our business," agreed Dr. Margarita Abalos, a relief and concierge vet in Los Angeles.

Then clinics and hospitals, where X-rays could be taken and surgeries performed, became the norm.

Now house calls are making a bit of a comeback, at least in bigger cities and higher income areas, said Abalos, who handles several ranch pigs, goats and sheep in addition to smaller animals.

Seeing an animal at its home enhances the bond between vet, pet and owner, the veterinarians say.

It starts with less stress, said Lisa Beagan in Severna Park, Md., the Mobile Pet Vet. There is no waiting, driving, loading or getting hot and cranky for kids or pets, she said.

"For a lot of animals, it's stressful to go into a strange hospital with all kinds of smells. Cats and dogs are so smell-sensitive, it's like getting bombarded with a kaleidoscope of colors. At home, they don't realize they are having an exam or shots," she said.

House calls help vets solve behavior problems, too.

Beagan had a client who couldn't figure out why her cat was peeing outside its box. Seems the litter box was next to the cat's pet door and when it came through the door and went to the box, the flap on the door would hit it on the behind. Removing the flap solved the problem, she said.

Other pet owners may need a reality check.

"I had a client who, bless her, had these fat, fat cats. I had been at her for years to deal with their weight. She kept saying they were only getting a certain measured amount of food each day," Abalos said. So she made a surprise house call. "There were bowls of food everywhere. I caught her red-handed." They were able to start working on the problem together.

Beagan said many of her pets and owners are geriatric and have trouble getting in and out of cars, so house calls help them all.

House calls can cost twice as much as an office visit, but every vet is different. Charges have to be higher because sometimes the vets can only make it to three or four homes in a day and they have to limit client numbers.

In New York, house calls may be as necessary as they are convenient, Coletti said, because many cab drivers won't stop for someone with a dog or cat and many New Yorkers, including Coletti, don't have cars.

Coletti makes her house calls on bicycle, with her cocker spaniel Milo in the front basket and supplies and equipment in a rear trailer.

Coletti helped Carrie Dirks Amodeo through the death of her cat, Delphi, several months ago. At the same time Delphi got sick, Dirks Amodeo had her second son. She had to leave Delphi's care to Coletti.

"She would come after the kids went to bed and take care of the cat, then she'd let herself out," Dirks Amodeo said.

When Delphi had to have surgery, Coletti went with Dirks Amodeo and the boys.

And when the time came, Coletti put Delphi down.

Vets who make house calls say home euthanasia is one of the most important parts of their practices.

"That was so important. We were heartbroken. She was able to come so we could have our time with the cat without being rushed and pulled in a lot of directions," Dirks Amodeo said. "She was as invested in respecting him as we were."



CHARGES
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The victim, 50, and his family were illegally crossing Colorado Avenue near Santa Monica Place mall and Sears around 8:15 p.m. when Cameron, who was traveling approximately 40 miles per hour, swerved, side-swiping the 8-year-old girl and throwing her to the ground, while striking the father with the front of the car, Dawson said.

He died hours later at an area hospital. The wife told police that the family walked against the red light after looking both ways and seeing no traffic, Dawson said.

The girl suffered minor injuries, including a few scrapes to her knees.

Dawson said the driver stopped her car and cooperated with officers.

"She basically said she didn't see them until it was too late," Dawson said. "She had a green light."

Santa Monica has been the site of two fatal hit-and-run collisions in the last few months. Another hit-and-run involved cartoon producer Roger Slifer, who is still in the hospital in a coma, Dawson said. So far no suspects have been arrested in connection with those crashes.

The first took place on June 23 around 1 a.m. at the intersection of Fifth Street and Colorado Avenue. Witnesses said the driver struck Slifer while he was in the crosswalk. Slifer produced the television cartoon "Transformers."

Police said they are looking for a late 1990s or early 2000s white sedan that was last seen going north on Fifth Street.

The second hit-and-run took place on July 10 around 11:15 p.m. on Pacific Coast Highway. Venice resident Erin Galligan, 30, was struck by a pickup truck after she swerved into an adjacent traffic lane while riding her bicycle. The driver fled the scene, last seen heading east on Interstate 10 in a 1999 Chevy Silverado 1500 or GMC Sierra, Dawson said.

Just six days later another 30-year-old woman was hit and killed while crossing 21st Street at Wilshire Boulevard. Claire Rose was hit shortly after midnight on July 16 after celebrating her birthday.

Witnesses said the driver was in a black 2009 or 2010 Toyota Corolla S.

Dawson said investigators are vigorously following up on leads received but the task can be daunting given that they have little information to work with. Even when investigators have partial license plates there can be thousands of possible combinations.

"It's a huge number," Dawson said. "We are hoping people come forward. We are hoping that the drivers develop a conscience and realize they should do the right thing and turn themselves in."

Officers are distributing fliers throughout the community and in residential areas nearby to see if anyone has heard or seen anything since the collisions.

Dawson, a 30-year-veteran of the SMPD, isn't giving up hope. He has made arrests months after a crash. In one accident in 1996 at the corner of 16th Street and Ocean Park Boulevard, a neighbor of the suspect caught a glimpse of his car, which was partially hidden under a tarp. She saw damage to the front of the car and had recently read a flier distributed by police about the hit-and-run.

The woman notified police and they arrested the car's owner, who later plead guilty, Dawson said.

Those who walk or ride a bike around town should do their best to make themselves visible to drivers, Dawson said. Wear light or bright colors, make eye contact with drivers before stepping into the roadway and plan routes beforehand so you can pick those streets that are less traveled and potentially safer for cyclists.

Having the proper lights on one's bike and wearing a helmet are also recommended.

"You cannot teach people to do the right thing if they don't learn it as children," Dawson said of drivers who flee the scene of a crash. "A lot of times people panic. It could be drugs or alcohol-related and they just don't want to stick around for it."

And that goes for minor accidents as well.

"About 30 percent of our crashes are hit-and-runs," Dawson said.

Anyone with information on the unsolved cases are urged to contact Dawson at (310) 458-8954 or the watch commander at (310) 458-8495.

Anonymous tips can be submitted to Crime Stoppers by calling (800) 222-TIPS (8477) or by visiting their website at www.lacrimestoppers.org. If the information leads to an arrest, the tipster is eligible to receive a reward up to $1,000.

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Frequently after a husband and wife determine that their marriage has come to an end, they still have respect for one another and do not want to end their marriage in a courtroom fighting with their respective attorneys. They prefer to retain the good memories of their marriage instead of making new painful memories through their divorce proceedings.

A divorce can be carried out in the same manner that marriages are entered into, with good intentions. Mediation is a more cost and time efficient method for divorce, as opposed to a court-based dissolution. It is a healthier option for parties who are willing to compromise and to end their marriage as positively as possible.

Mediation provides a solid foundation for parties who will continue to communicate in the future, especially when they have children together. The manner in which the dissolution process is handled sets a tone for how the relationship between parties will carry out post-divorce.

Alternatively, mediation is a valuable tool for those parties who have chosen not to remain in contact at the conclusion of their marriage, given that mediation allows parties to express their goals and expectations after their divorce, and may in turn provide closure to their relationship.

Mediation: The Process

Mediation serves the public policy of encouraging the resolution of disputes by alternative means to judicial proceedings where parties undergo an evidentiary hearing of contested factual issues. Mediation allows parties to conclude their divorce amicably in good faith and without acrimony.

Confidentiality is essential to mediation. All communications, negotiations and settlement discussions should remain confidential not merely to keep the parties' disputes out of the public limelight. The parties must also feel confident that whatever writings and statements they reveal privately in good faith to the mediator, or to each other in mediation, will not be used against them in court should their mediation be unsuccessful. Confidentiality also encourages parties to make offers and concessions which pave the way to settlement.

In mediation, parties can think outside of the box to come to agreements on specific disputes in their divorce, because not all divorces are the same. They can also address matters which may not get the appropriate attention in Court, such as how to share management of a family business or the division of personal property.

Mediation: Children

There is enormous potential emotional and psychological harm that can be caused by a divorce to both parties and their children. In many court-based divorces, the children are often placed second to other factors of the divorce. Mediation is the ideal option for parents that wish to put the care and needs of their children first.

The ultimate goal in mediation in relation to children is to provide a healthy and effective environment for parents to plan their children's future. Both parents can be involved in the decisions that will affect their children's lives, in order to provide them with a sense of normalcy and love from both parents. The collaborative process in mediation allows parents to find the healthiest and most effective solution to their children's needs.

Mediation: Logistics

The cost of mediation is often times shared equally by the parties. Sharing the cost does provide the clients an equal sense of investment and responsibility, which produces a fruitful mediation for both parties.

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It was the Mariners' second consecutive playoff appearance and Guerra would like to see that streak continue on the shoulders of his running backs led by senior Kevin Holubowski, who emerged last season as the team's primary ball carrier.

Keeping with his offensive philosophy, Guerra has developed a stable of backs who'll be counted on for a change of pace and to spell Holubowski, who figures to carry the ball nearly 20 times a game.

Holubowski finished last season with 11 rushing touchdowns, 1 receiving and added one on defense. He amassed 600-plus yards and averaged a robust 8 yards a carry.

He didn't begin the season as the main guy, but once Guerra and Co. saw what he could do, he was handed the rock more often as the year progressed.

Seniors Nick Pegnato and Laurence Major will be Holubowski's primary back-ups, but Pegnato is nursing a broken wrist that will keep him out of the opener against Village Christian on the road this Saturday.

Pegnato figures to return to the field against Malibu in St. Monica's home debut. He'll be fitted with a cast that allows more mobility. Pegnato said he expects to be fine once he carries the ball a few times.

The combination of Holubowski's power game, Pegnato's speed and overall quickness and Major's more traditional make-up will be what Guerra will depend on to move the ball, but this year's edition of the Mariners should be more comfortable in the passing game.

Senior Luke Cain returns at quarterback with his favorite receiver Lukas Dretzka slated to recover from a leg injury for the Malibu game, which will be played at Santa Monica College's Corsair Field.

While Guerra waits for some of the Mariners' top play makers to heal, he expects a lot out of Holubowski and an improved offensive line anchored by junior Angel Galdamez.



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STICKING TOGETHER: **St. Monica running backs Nick Pegnato (left) and Kevin Holubowski will be called on to carry much of the load for the Mariners this season.**

Guerra thinks his burly running back is ready for the challenge.

"He's even bigger and stronger," Guerra said. "He's just hard to bring down."

As for this week's opponent — Village Christian — Guerra isn't sure what to expect. He's seen game film from last year and noted that Village Christian plays a bit of the spread offense, but aren't afraid to line it up in the I-formation with a full backfield.

"They are an historically strong program," Guerra said of Village Christian, a team that finished 5-5 last season without a playoff appearance. "They are one of our toughest non-league opponents, which is a different tact for us. We usually don't open with a team this strong."

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PROTEST
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The plaintiffs were awarded $1.2 million in statutory damages on Aug. 15.

The wider community should know about the hotel's actions, said Steven Goldberg, the national vice chairman of the Zionist Organization of America and chair of the Los Angeles region chapter.

"The community at large … would not be supportive of the establishment owned by a bigot," Goldberg said.

The Shangri-La released a statement last week saying that they would appeal the decision.

The plaintiffs were not hotel guests and used the property without a written contract, and the testimony regarding foul language came from a disgruntled former employee, said Ellen Adelman, a development consultant with the hotel.

"We are absolutely, terribly disappointed by the verdict," Adelman said.

Adelman, who is Jewish, said that Adaya has always treated her and other Jewish employees with "the utmost respect," and described the hotel as a multicultural environment with staff from 14 different countries, races, religions and beliefs.

The trouble on July 11, 2010 stemmed from a "huge misunderstanding" which could never be repeated after the hotel changed its policies regarding food and beverage operations at the site by bringing that work in-house rather than contracting it out, Adelman said.

The FIDF party had not contracted for the private event space, and had arrived to use the pool and hotel facilities on a busy weekend when hotel guests were also there.

Now, there is only one way to rent space at the hotel — through its event planner, who is also Jewish, Adelman said.

"The point we're trying to make is that it had nothing to do with the group's profile, it had everything to do with guests' privacy at the pool during peak hours," Adelman said.

In Goldberg's eyes, the hotel and its staff reinforced a negative stance toward Jewry by not denying the statements strongly.

"It seems like the defense played technical games," Goldberg said. "If they had said it was outrageously false, we would never do such a thing, we would never discriminate, you always have the risk of an innocent person being falsely accused. It doesn't look like it in this case."

If the call against the Shangri-La goes on as planned, there will be at least one person protesting the protesters.

Matthew Gibbons, a Jewish member of the Santa Monica business community, intends to be out by the protesters with a bullhorn.

Gibbons has been dealing with the Shangri-La for over a decade, and describes the experience as "lovely."

"There's never been any sort of bigotry or prejudice," Gibbons said.

He doesn't appreciate the expected presence of the protesters.

"If they're coming into my city to cause trouble during the height of tourist season and mess with any property in Santa Monica, they're going to have me in their face," Gibbons said.

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West Nile Virus.

The other, of unknown type, was found in May.

The presence of the two birds means that the virus could be in the community, said Dr. Nick Komar, a vertebrate ecologist with the arbovirus branch of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Officials from the Los Angeles County West Vector and Vector-Borne Disease Control District, based in Culver City, say that birds can die as many as 10 miles away from the actual infection site.

"I think we are lucky that the crows serve as the canary in the coal mine," Komar said.

The virus causes multiple organ failure in the birds, killing them.

"It allows us to see that there's activity out there," Komar said. "It takes something that's microscopic and turns it into something macro."

Scientists believe that the increase in the number of cases seen this year may have something to do with the heat.

Mosquitoes breed more quickly when it's hot outside and the virus itself grows more quickly in warm conditions, Komar said.

The two factors increase the chance that a person will be bitten by an infected mosquito.

Even so, chances of contracting the disease and showing symptoms are low.

People infected with West Nile Virus can have headaches, high fever, tiredness and body aches or a skin rash with swollen lymph glands anywhere between two and 15 days after they are infected.

According to the Control District, around 80 percent of the people who are infected with the virus will show no symptoms at all, and up to 20 percent will have mild aches or fever.

Only 1 percent will contract a severe infection, which results in convulsions, muscle weakness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, paralysis and sometimes death.

An 88-year-old woman in Kern County was the first reported fatality from the virus this year.



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

BAD BUZZ: **Culex quinquefasciatus, a representative of the culex genus of mosquitoes.**

People can avoid the virus entirely by mosquito-proofing their lives.

Use repellents like DEET, picaradin or the oil of lemon eucalyptus — all long-lasting products suggested by county health officials — to ward off the bugs, particularly at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

Make sure that there are no bodies of standing water near the home, like water bowls for pets, rain gutters or old car tires in which mosquitoes can breed, and ensure that doors and windows have tight-fitting screens to keep them out.

Residents can also help by calling 1-877-WNV-BIRD to report dead birds, said Robert Saviskas, executive director of the Control District.

"What happens is that they'll get an operator who will take information about how long a bird has been there and what city it's in," Saviskas. "The bird cannot be dead for more than 24 hours for us to detect the virus."

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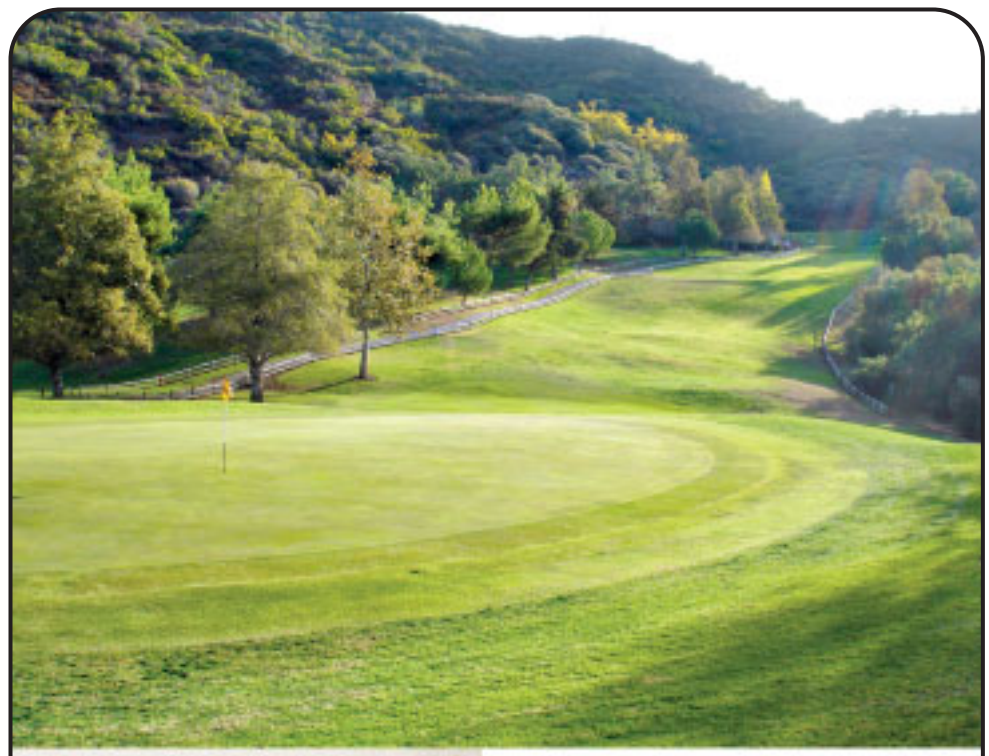
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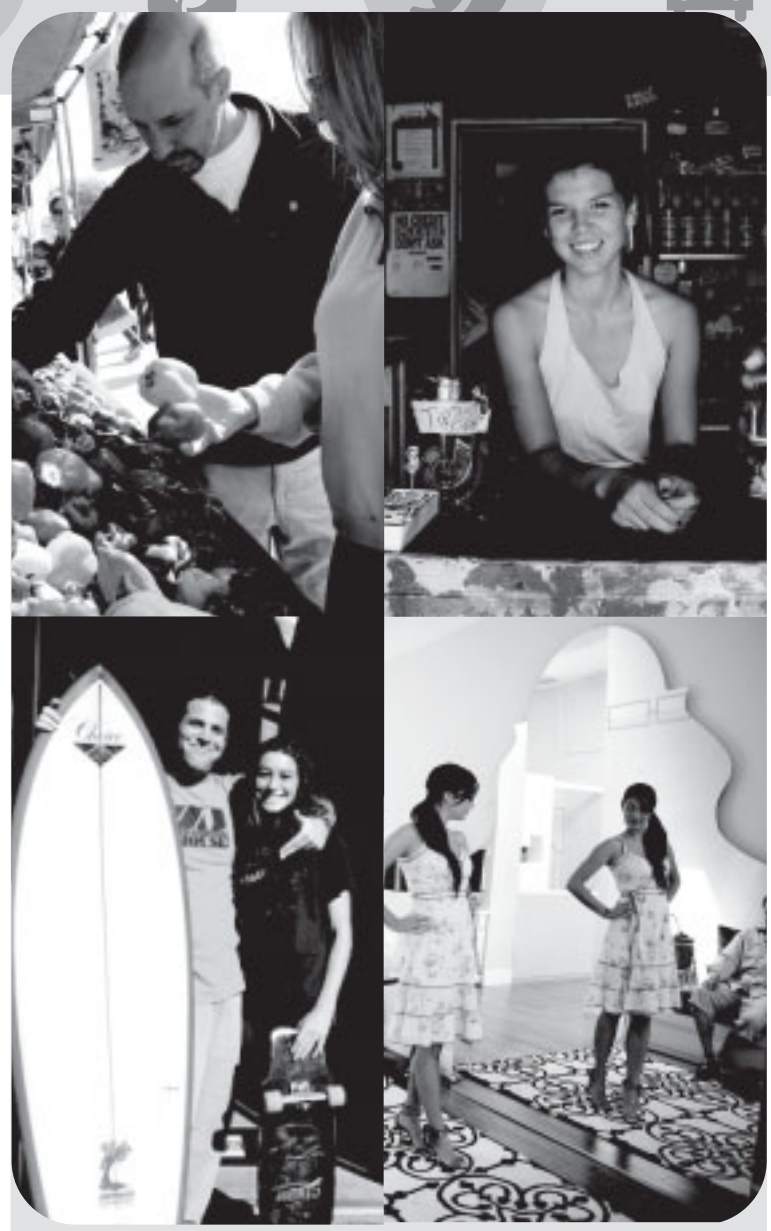


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Rise in U.S. home sales reflects steady improvement

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WASHINGTON The recovery of the U.S. housing market is looking steadier and more sustainable, a trend that will likely add to economic growth in 2012 for the first time in seven years.

Purchases, construction and prices are gradually but consistently increasing, though they remain far below levels seen in a healthy economy.

Sales of previously occupied homes rose 2.3 percent in July from June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.47 million, the National Association of Realtors said Wednesday. Over the past 12 months, sales have jumped more than 10 percent.

New-home sales have been strengthening, too. Toll Brothers, a builder of high-end homes, said Wednesday that it's enjoying its most sustained demand in more than five years.

The "evidence that the housing market is recovering ... is fairly clear across a wide range of reports," said John Ryding, an economist at RDQ Economics, a forecasting firm. Housing "is now becoming a small positive for the economic outlook."

That's a big change for an industry that has been a major drag on the economy since the housing bubble burst more than five years ago. Michelle Meyer, an economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, forecasts that home construction will add 0.2 percentage points to growth this year. That would make 2012 the first full calendar year in which housing has added to growth since 2005.

Other recent reports add to the picture of an improving housing market, though one that's recovering at a painfully slow and uneven pace.

Home prices are rising nationwide. They increased 2.2 percent from April to May, according to one leading index. That was the second straight increase after seven months of flat or declining prices.

The median U.S. home price rose 9.4 percent in July compared with a year earlier to $187,300, the Realtors' group said. That was the biggest annual gain in 6? years. One reason for the increase is that foreclosed homes, which usually sell at steep discounts, are making up a smaller proportion of sales than they did a year ago.

Builders, meanwhile, are growing more confident because they're seeing more traffic from potential buyers. An index of builder confidence rose to its highest level in five years in August.

Builders responded by applying for the largest number of building permits in nearly four years last month. They broke ground on slightly fewer new homes in July than in June. But that was after the number of housing starts had reached a 3?-year high in June.

In May, sales of new homes reached a two-year high, then declined in June. Economists are forecasting that sales rebounded slightly last month. The figures for July will be released Thursday.

Still, the housing market has a long way to go to reach a full recovery. Some economists forecast that sales of previously occupied homes will rise 8 percent this year to about 4.6 million. That's still well below the 5.5 million annual sales pace that is considered healthy.

But the trend remains positive. Modest economic growth and job gains are encouraging more Americans to buy homes. And homes are more affordable: Prices remain about one-third lower than they were at the peak of the housing bubble in 2006.

And home loan rates are near record lows: The average on a 30-year fixed-rate loan was 3.62 percent last week, mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said. Three weeks earlier, the rate was 3.49 percent, the lowest since long-term mortgages began in the 1950s.

Rising demand for luxury homes is contributing to higher sales. Recent stock market gains have added to wealthier Americans' spending power.

Sales of homes that cost $1 million or more rose 18.6 percent in July, the Realtors' group said. In July 2011, sales in that range had barely increased.

Toll Brothers' net income jumped 46 percent in the May-July quarter, the company said Wednesday.

"We are enjoying the most sustained demand we've experienced in over five years," CEO Douglas Yearley said.

The number of first-time homebuyers, critical to a housing rebound, rose to 34 percent of sales, up slightly from June. In a healthy market, first-time buyers make up about 40 percent of sales.

Purchases are being restrained by low levels of homes available for sale and tight credit standards, economists said. Many would-be buyers are having trouble qualifying for loans or can't afford larger down payments being required by banks. A Federal Reserve report last month showed that many banks tightened their mortgage credit standards this summer.

There were 2.4 million homes for sale in July, down 24 percent in the past year. That's helping to push up prices. It would take about 6.4 months to exhaust that supply at the current sales pace. That's just above the six months' inventory that typically exists in a healthy economy.

Hiring picked up a bit in July, which could support more home sales in the coming months. Job growth helps consumers feel more secure about their finances and typically encourages more of them to buy a house.

Employers added 163,000 jobs last month, the most since February. Job gains had averaged only 73,000 in the April-June quarters, raising fears that the economy was faltering and might even slip into recession.

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BID #4006 PROVIDE MOTOR AND ATF OIL AS REQUIRED

The bid packet can be downloaded at:

- http://vendors.planetbids.com/SantaMonica/QuickSearch.cfm
- **Submission Deadline Is September 10, 2012 at 3:00 PM Pacific Time.**

Request for bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Santa Monica, 1717 4th St., Suite 250, Santa Monica, California, or by e-mailing your request to Kellee.macdonald@smgov.net. Bids must be submitted on forms furnished by the City of Santa Monica.

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SURF REPORT



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SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP:** 71.4°

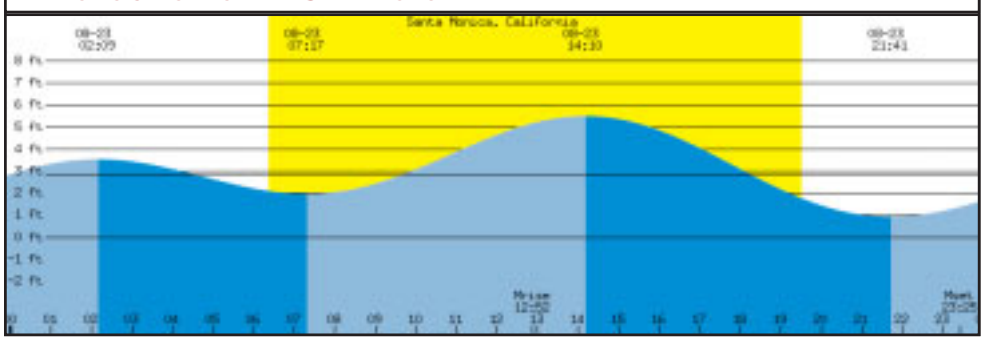
SWELL FORECAST

Waist to chest high surf at south facing breaks, knee to waist at west facing spots.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

LOOKING AT WAIST MAX WAVES AT SOUTH FACING BREAKS KNEE HIGH AT WEST FACING SPOTS.

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 15, 2012**

HEAL THE BAY - 1444 9th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401 - www.healthebay.org - brc@healthebay.org - 800 HEAL BAY

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 -- 26 / 10
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Goodbrook Family Foundation, simplehuman, LazerGUY, SBBA

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 Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	ns	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	D	ns
Corbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Los 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.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
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.	B	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CIWW 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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Class of '16 tuning TV, radio out

DINESH RAMDE
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE Remember when suitcases had to be carried instead of rolled? Or when an airline ticket was a booklet of pages separated by carbon paper? Maybe you remember when Lou Gehrig held the Major League record for consecutive baseball games played.

This year's college freshmen don't.

They never lived in a world where Kurt Cobain was alive or an NFL team played its home games in Los Angeles. The class of 2016 has no need for radios, watches television everywhere except on actual TV sets and is addicted to "electronic narcotics."

These are among the 75 references on this year's Beloit College Mindset List, a nonscientific compilation is meant to remind teachers that college freshmen, born mostly in 1994, see the world in a much different way.

The students are also accustomed to seeing women in position of leadership. They came of age at a time when Madeleine Albright was serving as the first female U.S. secretary of state, and women have held the position for most of their lives.

And the old Hollywood stereotype of ditzy blonde women has given way to one of "dumb and dumber males," according to the list.

"In general, there was always the complaint that it was too slow for women to get to positions of responsibility," said Ron Nief, one of the two Beloit College officials who compiles the list. "Now the question is, 'What took so long?'"

The compilation, released Tuesday, has been assembled every year since 1998 by Nief and Tom McBride, from the private school in southeastern Wisconsin. Over the years it has evolved into a national phenomenon, a cultural touchstone that entertains even as it makes people wonder where the years have gone.

The lists have begun attracting attention from government agencies, athletic organizations and other groups that want to know how the younger generation thinks. Nief and McBride will be sharing their insights with employees of NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., in October.

The new generation gets a lot of its news from Jon Stewart's "The Daily Show." But if they miss an episode, they can always get instant news from YouTube (No. 5 on the list).

Here are some other items to make you feel old: These teens weren't born when "Pulp Fiction" came out. Instead of asking who shot J.R., they wanted to know who shot Montgomery Burns. And to them, "Twilight Zone" is about vampires, not Rod Serling.

Thorin Blitz, 18, disagreed with that last item. He said it's 13-year-old girls who watch "Twilight."

"I've seen quite a few 'Twilight Zone' episodes," said the incoming freshman from Charleston, Ill. "Most of us know what that is."

Blitz's comment reflects a common criticism of previous lists. Some teens were insulted by the insinuation that they had no knowledge of events that happened before they were born, as if they had never studied history. So Nief and McBride have softened the tone, replacing "They don't know about..." with "They never experienced..."

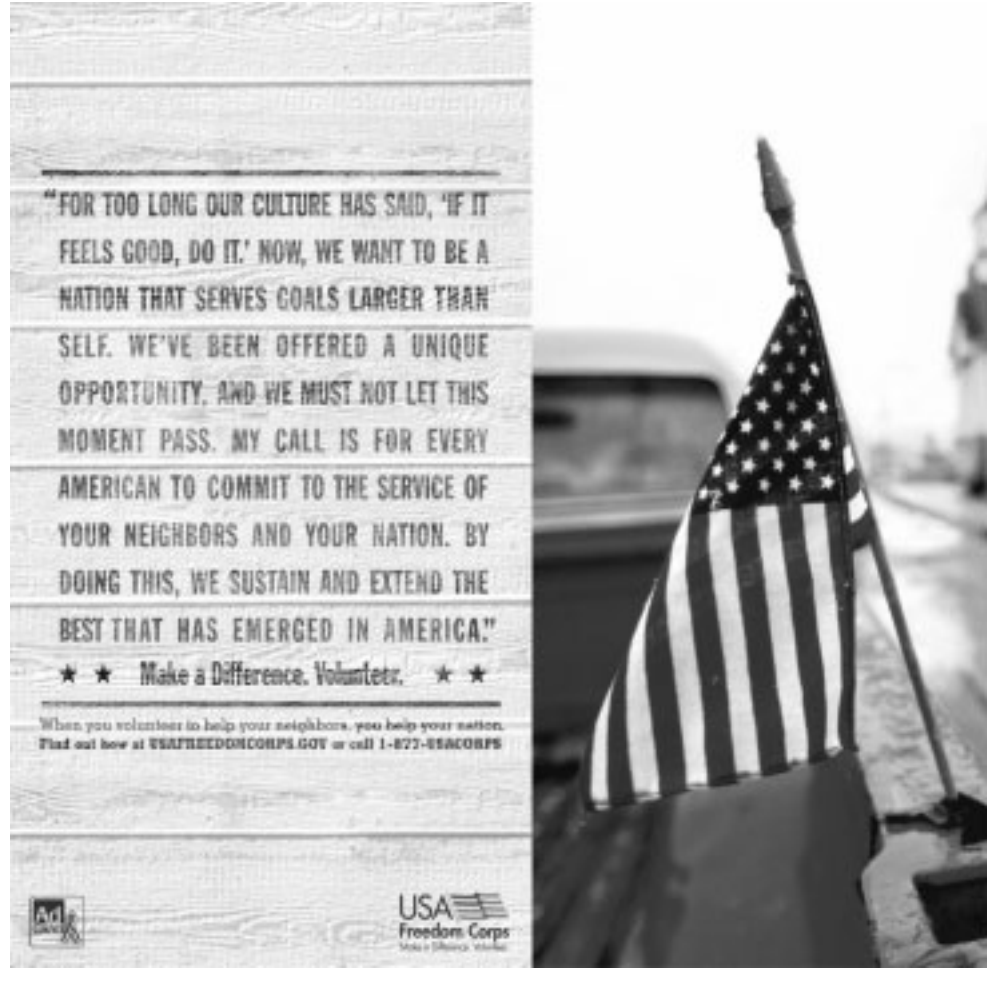
The theme of last year's list was how wired the incoming class was. This year's class includes students who might be bitter at the previous generation, Nief said. While their elders went to college in good times and had jobs waiting for them, these students grew up watching their parents worry about unemployment and foreclosures.

That sentiment was captured in item No. 16, which notes unemployment has risen 2 percentage points in their lifetimes.

But they also live in an era of potential. Gene therapy has always been available, and they don't waste time with outdated technologies like radios and point-and-shoot cameras.

They're also less likely to identify with a specific religion. As item No. 3 notes, biblical terms such as "forbidden fruit," "the writing on the wall" and "good Samaritan" are unknown to most of them.

"When I teach Shakespeare or Milton there are a lot of biblical allusions," said McBride, an English professor, "and I have to explain them all."



MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
(310) 260-1528

Something Wicked This Way Comes (PG) 1hr 35min
Fahrenheit 451 (NR) 1hr 52min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade
(888) 262-4386

Ted (R) 1hr 46min
1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

The Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:45pm, 10:15pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
1:55pm, 5:30pm, 9:15pm

Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG) 1hr 34min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 451-9440

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:55am, 3:20pm, 6:45pm, 10:10pm

Expendables 2 (R) 1hr 42min
11:30am, 12:15pm, 2:15pm, 3:00pm, 5:00pm, 5:45pm, 7:45pm, 8:30pm, 10:30pm

Campaign (R) 1hr 37min
11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
11:20am, 2:50pm, 6:30pm, 10:05pm

Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:15pm

Hit & Run (R) 1hr 40min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 7:55pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 478-3836

Intouchables (R) 1hr 52min
1:40pm, 4:30pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

Awakening (R) 1hr 46min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Beasts of the Southern Wild (PG-13) 1hr 31min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Queen of Versailles (PG) 1hr 40min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

Ruby Sparks (R) 1hr 44min
4:10pm, 9:30pm

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
(310) 395-1599

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
11:20am, 2:45pm, 6:10pm, 9:30pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
12:30pm, 3:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:30pm

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
11:55am, 2:40pm, 5:15pm, 7:55pm, 10:25pm

ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:20pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Sparkle (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 4:55pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

ParaNorman 3D (PG) 1hr 33min
2:25pm, 7:45pm

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

Be more reasonable, Aquarius

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ How you focus your energy will change substantially. You suddenly will concentrate on joint financial matters and agreements. You might find that a partner can be very difficult. The good news is that this, too, will pass. Tonight: A discussion does not need to turn into a fight.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Your popularity seems to soar. Do not question the moment; simply enjoy it. You also discover that someone is on your case, whether you feel this is fair or not. Remember, there always are alternatives. Tonight: Who, where and what?

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your ability to do research and find answers emerges, perhaps by necessity. Confusion seems to surround a key question. You might very well decide to find your own solutions. Tonight: Take a walk by water, or choose some other stressbuster.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You have a big imagination. Often, that can be a positive thing, and other times this gift can be a double-edged sword. Use your ingenuity to figure out how to handle a financial matter. Tonight: Let the fun begin.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Stress has a way of building if you are not careful, especially if there is a misunderstanding between you and someone else. Stay centered by paying attention to your general feelings toward that person. Tonight: Express your fieriness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might be more out of sorts than you realize. Could you be misinterpreting others' words? Don't read too much into what is being said. Remain caring, and initiate a conversation to clear out a problem later today. Tonight: Talks over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Keep expressing your feelings, but do not be surprised if you get an odd reaction midway. Be generous when dealing with this person. Your compassion will come back tenfold. Tonight: Buy that special item.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You are in your element. You could be confused by a boss or older friend. This person not only is confusing you, but also him- or herself, the more he or she talks. Be diplomatic. Tonight: Whatever you do, choose a physical activity. You need to let off steam.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Know when to pull back. You might feel as if you must do something, but in reality you do not know what that is. You will figure it out if you can stay centered. Tonight: Take some much-needed time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You know what you want, and you know that you have no interest in stopping. You will be more centered than you have been in a while. A meeting proves to be most instrumental in helping you focus on a long-term goal. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Note how much pressure builds to get you to do certain things in a particular way. Explain why you do what you do. The more you are pushed, the more you push back. That trait cannot help you in the long run. Tonight: Try to be more reasonable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ You want more information, and you are determined to get it. An initial attempt at being direct might not work, and actually could backfire. Detach from the immediate problem; the answers will appear. Tonight: Let your mind wander to good music.

Happy birthday

This year you will become far more assertive than in years past. Often, a misunderstanding develops out of nowhere, or people distance themselves. Others simply might be responding to your attitude. Accept responsibility for this, and others might change their perception of you. If you are single, you will want to meet a like-minded person. This possibility becomes more of a reality in spring 2013. If you are attached, the two of you seem to have a natural pace. You understand each other well. Dote on this person. SCORPIO can hold you back.

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

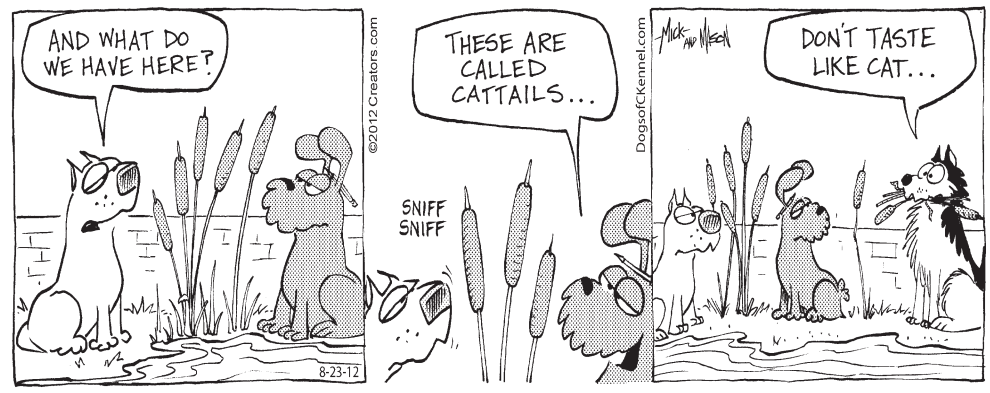
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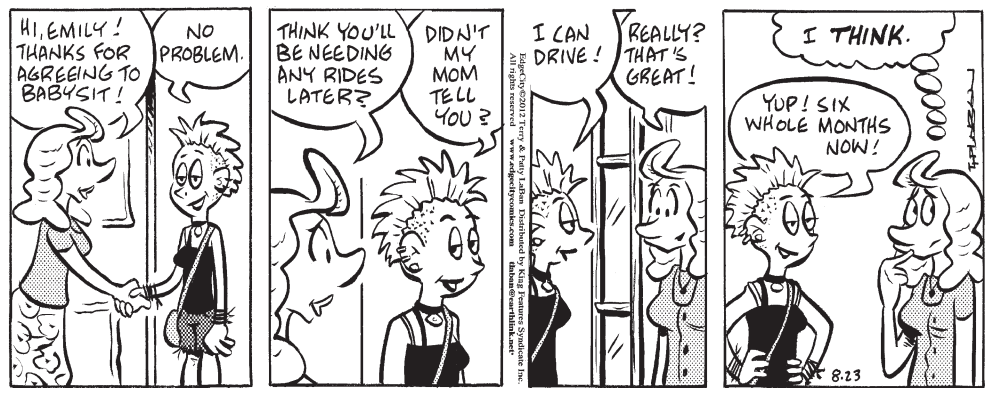
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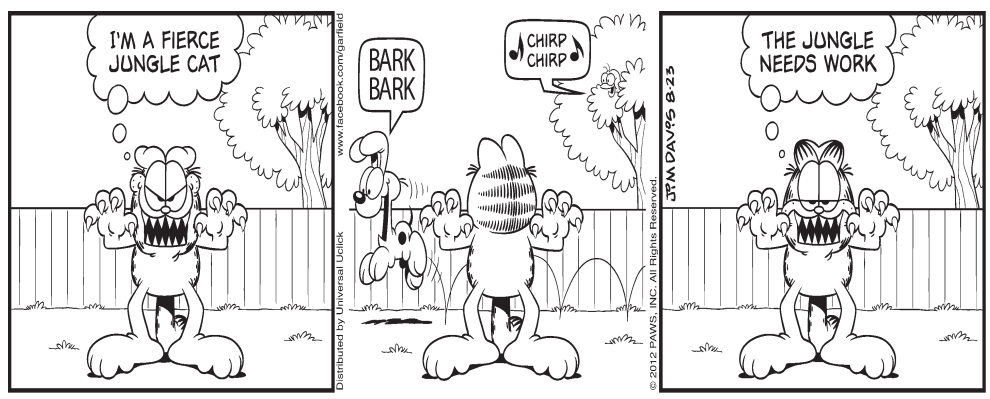
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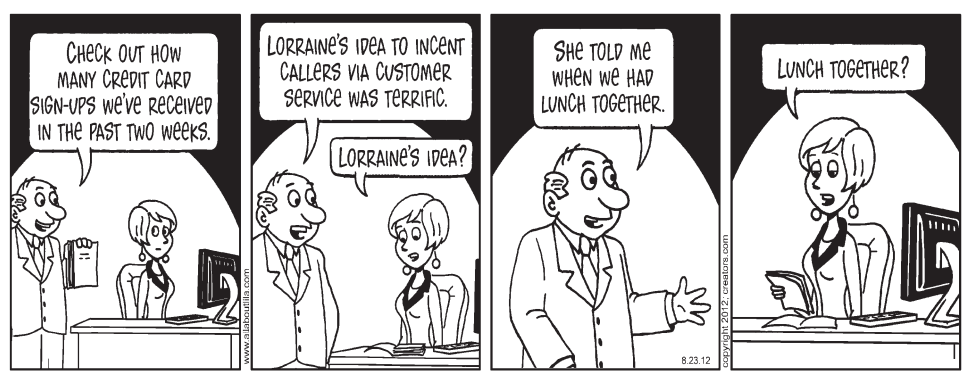
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By Terry & Patty LaBan



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By Jim Davis



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By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



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

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

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Stroll
6 Church sight
11 "Splish Splash" singer
12 Nephew's sister
13 Intense fear
14 "Keen!"
15 Tickled
17 Bible boat
19 Gender
20 Flock sound
23 Cavalry soldier
25 Debate group
26 Conversation starters
28 Min. parts
29 Make void
30 Reproachful sound
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32 Krazy —
33 Countless
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42 Narnia's creator
43 Moon of Saturn
44 Beach bits

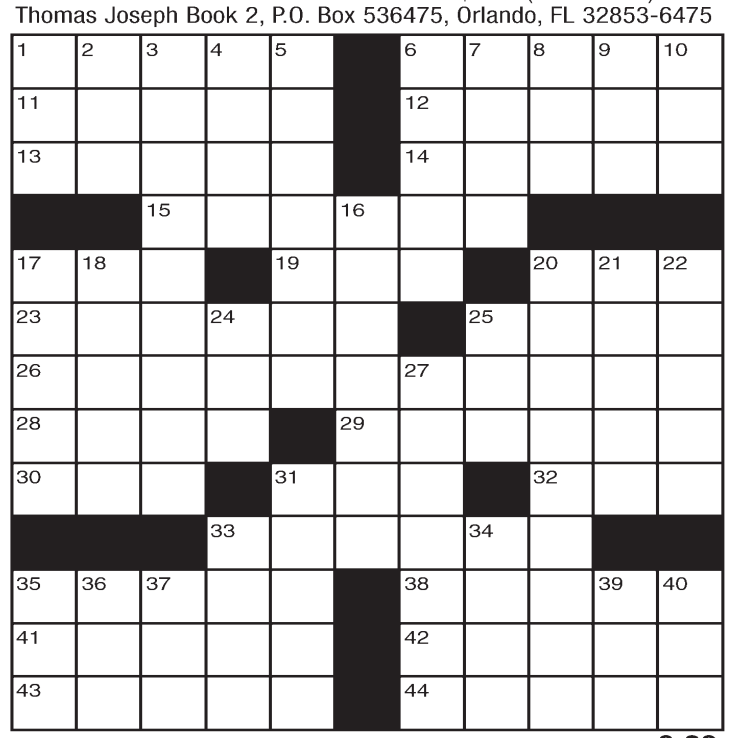
DOWN

1 Say further
2 Spoil
3 Dangerously fast
4 Neeson of "Battleship"
5 Ultimate consumer
6 Building wing
7 Told tales
8 Brit's brew
9 Play division
10 Early auto
16 More placid
17 Hollywood's elite
18 Indy events
20 Reason for a tow
21 Heart outlet
22 Useful skill
24 "Survivor" network
25 USPS parcel
27 Skateboarding tricks
31 Powerline support
33 Doll cry
34 Region
35 Plopped down
36 Bulldog backer
37 Contrived
39 Central
40 Cart puller

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Yesterday's answer

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8-23

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/21
5 13 20 23 33
Meganumber: 30
Jackpot: $65M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 8/18
4 18 19 42 43
Meganumber: 25
Jackpot: $14M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/22
3 6 15 18 23

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/22
MIDDAY: 7 4 0
EVENING: 1 4 1

SANTA ANITA DERBY
Draw Date: 8/22
1st: 11 Money Bags
2nd: 07 Eureka
3rd: 10 Solid Gold
RACE TIME: 1:42.19

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Forgetful: (1) USA Today, quoting a Pentagon official, reported in July that, during the last decade, the Pentagon had paid "late fees" totaling $610 million for not returning leased shipping containers by the due dates. (2) A Government Accountability Office report in July revealed that the federal government's vast properties include about 14,000 offices and buildings that are vacant (or nearly so), but which the government still pays to maintain (at about $190 million a year). (A large building in Washington, D.C.,'s Georgetown -- among the most valuable real estate in the city -- has sat mostly unused for more than 10 years.) (3) The Miami-Dade County, Fla., government confirmed in April that it had discovered, in storage, 298 brand-new vehicles that had been purchased in 2006-2007, but which had never been used.

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UNLIMITED JUR1SDICTION

AMENDED VERIFIED PETITION TO ASCERTAIN AND ESTABLISH STANDING AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION UNDER GOVERNMENT CODE §§ 6000 AND 6020

CASE NO. BS138034

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF "PETER" PENGFEI WEI TO HAVE THE STANDING OF THE EPOCH TIMES AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ASCERTAINED AND ESTABLISHED.

Petitioner, "Peter" Pengfei Wei, alleges:
1. Petitioner is the manager of the newspaper known in English as The Epoch Times and in Chinese as Da Ji Yuan (which means "The Epoch Times").
2. The Epoch Times is a newspaper of general circulation published, in both English-and Chinese-language editions, for the dissemination of local or telegraphic news and intelligence of a general character (concerning statewide, national and international news, as well as local) in Los Angeles County, California (hereinafter referred to as "the newspaper"). The business address of the newspaper is 9550 Flair Dr. #411, El Monte, CA 91731.
3.The newspaper has a bona fide subscription list of paying subscribers in Los Angeles County and the surrounding area, and the English- and Chinese-language editions of the paper have a combined average weekly circulation of 112,000 in Los Angeles County and neighboring areas.
4.For more than one year preceding the filing of this amended petition, the newspaper has been established under the name of The Epoch Times in both English and Chinese ("Da Ji Yuan"), and has been printed and published regularly in Los Angeles County, every Thursday for the English-language edition and every day of the week for the Chinese-language edition.
5.During the whole of the one-year period preceding the filing of this amended petition, the mechanical work of producing the newspaper - that is, the work of typesetting and impressing type on paper - has been performed in Walnut, California, which is in Los Angeles County; the newspaper has been issued from the same county in which it is printed and sold; it has been both printed and published in the same county; and the English-language edition has been published as a weekly newspaper on each Thursday of each calendar week, and the Chinese-language edition has been published as a daily newspaper each day of each calendar week.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays for judgment ascertaining and establishing The Epoch Times, in both its English- and Chinese-language editions, as a newspaper of general circulation, as defined in Section 6000 of Government Code, for the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Dated: August 20, 2012. /s/ "Peter" Pengfei Wei Petitioner

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VERIFICATION
I, "Peter" Pengfei Wei, am the petitioner in the above-entitled proceeding. I have read the foregoing amended petition and know the contents thereof. The same is true of my own knowledge, except as to matters which are therein alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters, I believe it to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on August 20, 2012, at El Monte, California. /s/ "Peter" Pengfei Wei

"Peter" Peng Fei Wei, In Pro Per
The Epoch Times
9550 Flair Drive, #411
El Monte, CA 91731

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
UNLIMITED JURISDICTION

AMENDED NOTICE OF INTENTION\
TO APPLY FOR ORDER
DECLARING STATUS OF NEWSPAPER
AS ONE OF GENERAL CIRCULATION

CASE NO. BS138034

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF "PETER" PENGFEI WEI TO HAVE THE STANDING OF THE EPOCH TIMES AS A NEWSPAPER OF GENERAL CIRCULATION ASCERTAINED AND ESTABLISHED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 7, 2012 at 1:30 P.M., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in Department 90A (formerly Department IA) of this Court, located on the Fifth Floor, Room 548 of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012, petitioner intends to apply for an order declaring the newspaper known as The Epoch Times (in Chinese, "Da Ji Yuan"), in both its English- and Chinese-language editions, to be a newspaper of general circulation for Los Angeles County, California.
Dated: August 20, 2012. /s/ "Peter" Pengfei Wei Petitioner

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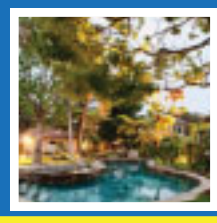




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