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(Left)
Santa Monica firefighters responded to a structure fire on the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday. SMFD spokesman Judah Mitchell said that the fire began at 11:15 a.m. and was put out within 20 minutes once fire personnel arrived on the scene. No other structures were damaged. The building is being renovated into a new restaurant. Mitchell said that the fire began in the building's duct system and didn't spread to other parts of the structure. Arizona Avenue and the promenade were closed near the fire and was reopened shortly after 1 p.m.

(Above)
A construction worker cleans up after a structure fire on the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday.

Photos by Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Critical cameras on buses not working

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Robert Arroyo had a problem.

A frequent rider of Santa Monica's Big Blue Bus system, Arroyo was noticing what he considered to be poor driving habits amongst some of the bus drivers, which he dutifully reported to the Big Blue Bus administration.

When a complaint gets filed, BBB officials pull video footage from the cameras placed on board each of their buses and review it to determine whether or not the driver was in error, or the rider just over-sensitive.

Rather than getting a "yes/no" answer, however, administrators responded to Arroyo's complaints with a solid "I don't know."

For reasons that have not yet been deter-

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West Coast pokes fun at East Coast quake

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Soon after the lunch plates stopped rattling and books stopped thumping to the floor, shaken easterners could hear another sound from Tuesday's magnitude-5.8 quake: snickering emanating from the opposite side of the continent.

"Really all this excitement over a 5.8 quake??? Come on East Coast, we have those for breakfast out here!!!!" wrote Dennis Miller, 50, a lifelong California resident whose house in Pleasanton sits on an earthquake fault line.

On Twitter and Facebook and over email, people circulated a photo of a table and four plastic lawn chairs in a serene garden setting. One of the chairs flipped on its back. The mock image carried the title "DC Earthquake Devastation."

All the more laughable for some were the images of people fleeing buildings — the exact opposite of what you're supposed to do in a quake.

"Hey East Coast, the entire West Coast is

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Couple sues fertility clinic over missing embryos

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

DOWNTOWN A married couple in their 30s is suing a Santa Monica fertility clinic and its president for allegedly destroying or accidentally implanting their embryos, creating the possibility that a stranger is unknowingly pregnant with or raising their biological child.

Alex Walterspiel and Melanie Waters filed the lawsuit Aug. 17 in Los Angeles Superior Court against Santa Monica Fertility and its director, reproductive endocrinologist Dr. John Jain. They are seeking compensation to achieve another pregnancy and $500,000, plus punitive damages for professional negligence, breach of contract, emotional distress and fraud.

An employee at the clinic said Tuesday there would be no comment on the lawsuit.

"They are distraught, understandably," the couple's lawyer, Andrew Vorzimer, said. "Not only are they dealing with the loss of embryos, but the realistic possibility that those embryos could have been implanted in other patients and those women may be pregnant with a child that is not their own or have given birth to a child that is not genetically theirs.

"Their whole world has been turned upside down."

Walterspiel and Waters first came into contact with Jain and Santa Monica Fertility — located at 2825 Santa Monica Blvd. — in September of 2008 after they had trouble conceiving naturally. According to the complaint, the couple trusted the clinic and its staff to take proper care of and preserve embryos.

The couple believes that in October of 2008 nine of Waters' eggs were retrieved from her ovaries and that Walterspiel's sperm was used in an effort to fertilize the eggs. Of those eggs, the couple believes five were fertilized and two were eventually transferred to Waters' uterus for the pur-

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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.

Vikings and dragons and more
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Spend the end of the summer with the library's August Family Flicks. See "How to Train Your Dragon," a computer animated romp about friendship and dragons. Screening in the Martin Luther King Jr. Auditorium. Cost: free. Seating is limited, first come, first served. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

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Barnes & Noble Booksellers
1201 Third Street Promenade,
7 p.m.
Join Keith Fenimore and Mark Scherzer for an author event, where they give you a look inside the industry with their book, "Hire Me Hollywood!: Your Behind the Scenes Guide to the Most Exciting and Unexpected Jobs in Show Business." Cost: free. Open to all. For more information, call (310) 260-9110.

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.

It's in the bag
Fred Segal
420 Broadway, 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Pick up a durable, reusable bag, produced by Green Vets L.A. at Fred Segal's ZeroMinusPlus fundraiser for 5 Gyres, an environmental nonprofit. For more information, call (310) 395-5718.

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Armchair yogi
Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave.,
10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.
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1211 Fourth St., 2 p.m.
and 7:30 p.m.
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BBB rolls out changes Sunday

BY COLIN NEWTON
Special to the Daily Press

CITYWIDE If you ride the Big Blue Bus regularly, be prepared Sunday for changes to some of the public transit agency's most popular lines.

Changes will be made to routes 1, 2, 6, 7, Rapid 7, 10, 11 and 12, and a new "Downtown Ride" will be added to move people from the Civic Center Parking Structure to Santa Monica Boulevard.

Previews of new maps and schedules, including a downloadable "service changes" booklet, can be found at www.bigbluebus.com.

The changes are the result of ridership research the BBB conducted over the past year, said Linda Gamberg, marketing and public information coordinator for the Big Blue Bus.

Upcoming changes will increase seating capacity, decrease travel times along high volume streets and alter existing services

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

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PALpalooza at Pacific Park

Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier is once again hosting PALpalooza this evening, from 5 to 11 p.m.

The Santa Monica Police Activities League, and more than 100 PAL chapters from around the state, will participate in this free, back-to-school treat.

The Santa Monica PAL is a non-profit organization which provides free youth programs to help children develop discipline, respect, maintain a positive self image, and encourage them for the future.

"Pacific Park is a champion of all things PAL, and we are very grateful for their commitment and hospitality," said Eula Fritz, director of the Santa Monica PAL.

"We feel fortunate to have struck such a successful long-term relationship with Santa Monica PAL on behalf of all the kids in the city," said Jeff Klocke, director of marketing and sales at Pacific Park.

More than 300 children will enjoy the Pacific Park's rides, games and food court, all of which have been donated by the amusement park for the PALpalooza event.

COLIN NEWTON



Kevin Herrera *kevinh@smdp.com*

RIGHT WAY: **City Hall's James Conway with an example Tuesday of a home pickup package designed to properly dispose of waste.**

A new kind of door-to-door service

Residents now able to order pickup for hazardous materials

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY YARDS Everything is mobile these days, including toxic waste.

The Office of Sustainability and the Environment will launch a new program today that allows Santa Monica residents to call and request pick up of hazardous waste, including paint, motor oil and solvents.

Rather than asking Santa Monicans to cart old chemicals and electronics to the collection center at 2500 Michigan Ave., they can call (800) 449-7587 to get the bags, zip ties and information needed to package up chemicals or devices and place them in a secure location on private property for pickup by one of four state-of-the-art vans.

This should sound familiar. City Hall tried to get the Household Hazardous Waste Home Collection pilot program off the ground in February, even going so far as to print up promotional materials, but it hit an unexpected roadblock in the form of Los Angeles County.

City Hall thought that county officials would approve the permit to open up the mobile collection program without resistance given the existence of similar programs in other parts of California, but the county fire department, which issues the permits, took time to "dot its I's and cross its T's" because of the variety of materials that the office wanted permitted for pickup, said Dean Kubani, director of the Office of Sustainability and the Environment at City Hall.

The stated goal was to make sure the mobile units met all the requirements and could fit into the existing rulebook on hazardous waste disposal, but the effect was immediate.

"The county slammed on the brakes," he said.

Since, Santa Monica has acquired the necessary permits, and has already begun pickup for the people who made reservations when the system originally opened up the phone lines.

City Hall chose to try out the program to make hazardous waste drop off more convenient, and to save between $90,000 and $100,000 per year in personnel costs, Kubani said.

That money isn't pulled from thin air.

As of Sept. 17, City Hall will shut down the drop-off location at the City Yards six days a week. Residents will only be able to bring hazardous materials directly to the facility on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The eventual goal is to shut down the facility completely, possibly as early as January, 2012 if the six-month pilot program goes well.

"We want to transition," said Andrew Basmajian, communications coordinator with the office. "We don't want to cut people off cold-turkey."

The vans are like hazardous waste collection yards, but in miniature, with all the same facilities, safety procedures and even

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Arm yourselves

Editor:

Dear females everywhere, please consider carrying mace, pepper spray, stun guns! My dear mother was a murder victim. I read the article in the Santa Monica Daily Press, about the cashier getting stabbed, and then dying later ("Grocery worker dies from stab wounds," Aug. 23, page 1). Please, please protect your lives!

A. Sanchez
Los Angeles

Keep on writing

Editor:

This is a plea to Ron Lowe – please disregard the Cooper letter ("Uniter, not a divider," Letters to the Editor, Aug. 19, page 4) and continue to write your letters which always "hit the nail on the head."

As a survivor of the Great Depression, I remember well the WPA that gave more benefits, especially in the arts, than before the depression, to the poor. For a few cents a lesson I took tap dancing lessons. Because of them as a counselor at summer camp I was able to make more money because I could teach tap dancing on rainy days.

I was also able to go to college free. Even my books were loaned to me free each semester. It was because of this education that I was always able to get jobs that I liked as well as earn a decent wage in those miserable times.

And taxes were raised – but only for the very wealthy. And not once, but several times, over time an income went up so did their taxes. My uncle was in the top bracket and I never heard him complain! He and his family never had to change their ways of living in spite of it.

And so would be the case today if our greedy wealthy were taxed fairly. Because of lobbyists, campaign costs, a biased Supreme Court majority and greedy leaders, I see no hope for our poor, our children and our youth. And if the national health and Medicare laws are destroyed by the Republicans, I see no help for the ill.

And as for the Tea Party, no good can be expected from a group whose chant, "Dig baby dig" was led by a governor of Alaska!

Cecilia Rosenthal
Santa Monica



Your column here



Rochelle Fanali — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Another mother for chocolate milk

AS A MOTHER OF A MIDDLE SCHOOL girl attending the neighborhood public school, I found myself very interested that a small group of parents have asked the school board to ban chocolate milk. This prompted some research and what I found was alarming. I learned that my daughter, who doesn't like the taste of plain milk, is not getting as much calcium as she needs to build strong bones to last a lifetime.

I also learned a few things about chocolate milk: Chocolate milk is actually a very important source of protein, vitamins, and calcium — so much so that flavored milk is on every credible medical association's list of foods that schools are encouraged to offer.

There is no study linking chocolate milk to obesity. There are studies that link the consumption of soda, sweetened teas and sports drinks to obesity, but not chocolate milk, which was already served in schools long before the obesity crisis hit.

The facts are that a container of non-fat chocolate milk is not the same as a Hershey bar or "soda in can," as the proponents of banning it like to claim. Soda or a chocolate bar each contain three times as much added sugar as the chocolate milk offered in our schools; soda and candy don't contain milk's nutrients either.

There is well-documented medical community concern over calcium and vitamin D deficiencies in children, particularly pre-adolescent and adolescent girls, like my daughter.

This is why the American Academy of Family Physicians, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Heart Association, American Dietetic Association, National Hispanic Medical Association, National Medical Association and School Nutrition Association all support the valuable role of low-fat or fat-free milk — including chocolate milk — in getting the daily servings of milk recommended by the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Calcium and vitamin D deficiencies exist in American children even with chocolate milk on the menu of nearly every school district in the country.

The problem would surely worsen were they all to remove what is the only type of milk that many children are willing to drink.

While milk isn't the only source of these important nutrients, it is without a doubt the most effective way to deliver them — one would have to consume 4 cups of tofu, more than 3 cups of broccoli, or nearly 4 cups of kidney beans to get the same amount of calcium as in one cup of milk. My daughter isn't crazy about these foods either, and I think that's pretty common.

Data reported by California's Department of Education shows that 25.6 percent of the students in the SMMUSD qualify for free/reduced lunch.

Why should this matter in the debate? Because, to qualify even for reduced price meals, a family of four (two adults, two kids), has to make less than about $41,000 a year, which means these children are living in families with incomes close to the poverty level, in nutritionally-insecure homes, and who may not be getting much else in the way of balanced meals, including milk, other than at school. How will removing a ready source of calcium from their kids' diets help these families, and how will trying to replace that calcium affect their grocery bills?

BANNING CHOCOLATE MILK WOULD ELIMINATE A HEALTHY FOOD CHOICE, AND PUT EVEN MORE KIDS AT RISK FOR CALCIUM AND VITAMIN DEFICIENCIES.

Are there empty calories in our school menus? I would argue there probably are. However, instead of arguing about milk, we as parents should be working together to suggest ways to improve the overall menu.

There are a number of much more likely culprits, like fruit juice with little value, cinnamon rolls at breakfast, unnecessary desserts like churros, cookies, and frozen yogurt, refined grains like white rice and pasta, Pinkberry lunchtime fundraisers, and the like. And how about those birthday party treats that parents are always sending to school?

Banning nutrient-rich, non-fat, chocolate milk wouldn't address the overall concern here. In fact, it would create more concern, especially for the lowest income families who may not be able to afford all of the extra food necessary for their kids to get sufficient calcium to replace the plain milk they may not choose at school.

Banning chocolate milk would eliminate a healthy food choice, and put even more kids at risk for calcium and vitamin deficiencies.

Let's be the community that took the thoughtful approach to this issue, not the one that jumped on a bandwagon driven by ill-informed commandeers.

By the way, on my pediatrician's recommendation, we are now offering chocolate milk at my house.

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The Taxman

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Villaraigosa's voodoo tax plan

LAST WEEK, LAME-DUCK LOS ANGELES Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa came to Sacramento to audition as the far-left candidate for governor in 2014. His performance at the Sacramento Press Club included not just touching the third rail of California politics, but grasping it firmly with both hands. His winning formula for winning California's highest office? Destroying Proposition 13.

Villaraigosa promised to restore California's prosperity and fully fund government programs like schools, by eliminating Proposition 13's protections for business, imposing new taxes on services and eliminating the two-thirds vote required to increase state taxes, local special taxes and parcel taxes on homeowners. Under his voodoo tax plan, if government takes a bigger slice of the pie, he believes everyone will have more pie.

During his speech, Villaraigosa also attacked Gov. Brown and Democrats in the Legislature for not taking bolder action to impose new taxes, even if it means dismantling Proposition 13. This of course exemplifies the disconnect between Villaraigosa and regular folks who view Proposition 13 as a protection, not an obstacle. In his manifesto, the mayor did not declare war just on Proposition 13, but on all California taxpayers.

If the mayor gets his way, everything from taking a jacket to be dry cleaned to calling a plumber to repair a toilet will cost more because he would tax these and hundreds of other services. And under his plan, working families can expect to pay more at the store for products, as businesses boost prices to cover the increases in their property taxes. Or the price hike may be the result of shipping charges to bring items, previously produced in California, in from other states and countries, since higher costs will spur even more business to flee the state. Then there are those jobs, which homeowners count on so they can pay their mortgages and feed their families, that will disappear with the exodus of businesses.

Taxpayers find it ironic, in addition to threatening, that this failed mayor of a failing high-tax, high unemployment city, wants to work his "magic" on the entire state. Taxpayers know from bitter experience that when liberal progressives get new taxes, it is never enough. When businesses respond by voting with their feet and tax revenue declines, homeowners will be in the crosshairs. Villaraigosa and his liberal sympathizers are always looking for more taxes to fuel the machine of government and they will take money from anywhere they can get it.

And, as if his remarks to the Press Club did not already sound foolish enough, in an effort to clear the way for his tax increase offensive, Villaraigosa repeatedly told reporters not to talk to the "Tea Party." Again, the mayor is out of touch with reality. There is no third party called the "Tea Party." Although a number of disparate groups use the name "Tea Party," the name actually identifies a frame of mind. It represents the thinking of those who believe government should be the servant, not the master, that politicians and government employees should respect those who must work hard to pay their taxes and that these same politicians should make efficient and honest use of the money they receive. Proposition 13 is a manifestation, in law, of this thinking.

IN HIS MANIFESTO, THE MAYOR DID NOT DECLARE WAR JUST ON PROPOSITION 13, BUT ON ALL CALIFORNIA TAXPAYERS.

If Villaraigosa would get out a little more often, he would find that millions of people throughout the state share these values. It is these commonly shared beliefs, not just Proposition 13, that barred Brown and his tax hungry allies in the Legislature from imposing higher levies this year, not — as the mayor implies — their lack of effort.

Telling reporters not to talk to the "Tea Party" is like telling them not to talk to friends, neighbors, co-workers and even family members. We are everywhere, our voice is strong and we will continue to be heard in spite of the best efforts of the professional politicians.

JON COUPAL is president of the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association -- California's largest grass-roots taxpayer organization dedicated to the protection of Proposition 13 and the advancement of taxpayers' rights.

The Q Line

Up and down

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

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

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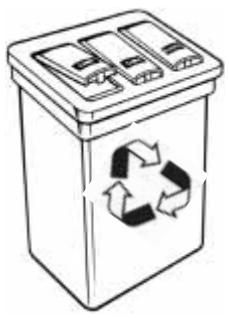
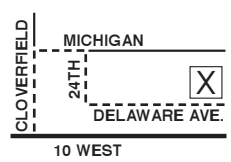
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Back-to-school comes with bigger price tag this year

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK Stores are trying everything they can think of to disguise the fact that you're going to pay more for clothes this fall.

Some are using less fabric and calling it the new look. Others are adding cheap stitching and trumpeting it as a redesign. And the buttons on that blouse? Chances are you're not going to think it's worth paying several dollars more for the shirt just to have them.

Retailers are raising prices on merchandise an average of 10 percent across-the-board this fall in an effort to offset their rising costs for materials and labor. But merchants are worried that cash-strapped customers who are weighed down by economic woes will balk at price hikes. So, retailers are trying to raise prices without tipping off unsuspecting customers.

"Let the consumer trickery begin," said Brian Sozzi, Wall Street Strategies retail analyst

Retailers have long tried to mask price hikes — for instance, jacking them up more than needed so that they can offer a "sale" on the higher price. But the new strategies come as merchants' production and labor costs are expected to rise 10 percent to 20 percent in the second half of the year after having remained low during most of the past two decades. Costs can quickly add up: Raw materials account for 25 percent to 50 percent of the cost of producing a garment, while labor ranges from 20 percent to 40 percent, analysts estimate.

Stores already have passed along their rising costs to customers by raising prices on select items. The core Consumer Price Index, which includes spending on everything except food and energy, rose 0.2 percent in July, the Labor Department said Thursday. But now that production costs are going up even higher, merchants are increasing prices on a broader range of merchandise. Because of their concern that shoppers will retreat, though, retailers are treading the line between style, quality and price.

Some merchants are making inexpensive tweaks __ additional stitching, fake button holes, fancy tags __ to justify price increases. Those embellishments can add pennies to $1 to the cost of a garment, but retailers can charge $10 more for them, said Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst with market research firm The NPD Group.

"We're not seeing deflation or inflation; we're seeing con-flation," he said. "Stores are making consumers believe their getting more for their money."

After the price of the fabric for its girl's corduroy pants almost doubled, catalog retailer Lands' End, based in Dodgeville, Wis., raised the price of the pants by $7 to $34.50. The company, a unit of Sears Holdings Corp., also added buttons and stitching on the pockets to dress them up.

"Consumers are going to notice the price differences," said Michele Casper, a Lands' End spokeswoman. "But they are also going to get a lot of added benefits so they know they're not getting short-changed."

Others are taking away things, but marketing it to customers as the latest trend.

Spencer Elmen, owner of Cupid's Lingerie, which operates five stores in Arkansas, said he is seeing more items in his store that are even skimpier than usual, from underwear to mini dresses. He says that's because designers are finding clever ways to conceal the fact that they're clothes have less fabric.

Elmen said $39.99 teddies, which are $5 more than that they were last year, feature a studded heart that gathers up the material to disguise the fact that less fabric is being used. He also noted that the corsets with fishnet patterns are priced about 5 percent more at about $49, even though they also have less material.

"They're just being more creative with less fabric," Elmen said.

Teen retailer Abercrombie & Fitch is advertising "Redesigned 2012" jean collection in its stores and on its website, touting that the jeans are "softer, with the perfect amount of stretch." They're also mostly priced between $78 and $88, about $10 more than last year, according to Jennifer Black, who heads up research firm Jennifer Black & Associates.

Sozzi, the Wall Street Strategies retail analyst, examined the jeans and believes they are "thinner" and of "cheaper quality." That extra stretch, he says, simply could mean the retailer is saving costs by using less denim.

Eric Cerny, an Abercrombie & Fitch spokesman, declined to comment. But Cerny reiterated what executives told investors in recent months: the bulk of increases on items will start to happen in September and the chain will not sacrifice quality to achieve cost reductions.

Bill Melnick, director of strategic planning at SAI Marketing, which studies consumer behavior at major consumer brands, said most shoppers may not notice retailers' tactics to disguise prices. But he says shoppers won't buy if they can't afford it.

"Shoppers are being pragmatic," he says, nothing that they think "'If it fits into my budget, then it's a sale.'"

Rhonda Sayen, a Stephens City, Va., resident, said she checked out prices on new fall items and noticed jeans that were about $40 a year ago are now closer to $60. She also said she's spotted lower quality T-shirts at some of the stores.

"I know prices have changed," said Sayen, who added that she and her husband are sticking to a $400 budget for clothing and supplies for her four children ages 3 to 18. "You ain't fooling me."



WASTE
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similar permitting processes.

The floors of the vans have no holes in them, and are shored up by 4-inch plates along the sides so that no chemicals can escape.

"It's essentially a bath tub," said William Anderson, senior manager with Waste Management's "At Your Door Special Collection" service, which contracts with City Hall.

The vans come equipped with the same tubs and disposal areas as the collection facility itself, as well as safety features like eye-washing stations.

Four of the vans are already operating, with two more on order.

When a resident calls the 800 number, they will order a kit which consists of a sturdy plastic bag, zip tie and information on what can be picked up and what can't. At the same time, they will work with Waste Management to set a secure location where they can leave the sealed bag of chemicals.

On the appointed day, trained hazmat technicians will be deployed to pick up devices and chemicals.

The client has no obligation to be present for pick up.

The current Hazardous Waste Center sees roughly 5,000 drop-offs each year. Officials hope that the vans will be able to handle 4,000 of those in the first year, and expand the service as needed.

At present, paint reigns as the most popular drop-off, with 40,000 pounds of the stuff left at the center each year, said James Conway, a senior environmental analyst with the Hazardous Materials Center.

Household batteries are fairly common as well, particularly since the office put collection tubes in public locations like the Farmers' Market, grocery stores and municipal offices.

"Imagine 36, 55-gallon drums of batteries," Conway said.

After the materials reach the collection center, employees divvy them up into categories and send them to their respective disposal sites, where they can be reused in new products like fuels or asphalt, or cleaned and reused, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

The disposal program is technically free for Santa Monica residents, and officials are pushing for state legislation that will keep costs contained by forcing manufacturers to take back used products or pay for their disposal.

Ultimately, the consumer still pays, either through the trash or back-end municipal programs like this.

Legislation like that could be costly for California businesses and products.

According to 2009 statistics compiled by the EPA, California has the most hazardous material producers in the nation, although it ranks 11th amongst states in terms of volume of materials created.

Texas, with the fourth-most manufacturers in the United States, gets the dubious honor of being the number one producer of hazardous materials in the country.

Santa Monica's collection trucks accept all the same materials as the physical location, including aerosols, art supplies, auto products, all kinds of household batteries, cleaners, electronics, lubricants, poisons, light bulbs, thermometers, propane tanks, kerosene, sharp items and prescription medications.

Neither will accept explosives or radioactive materials.

A complete list of acceptable materials can be found at sustainablesm.org/hhw.



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INNOVATION: **City Hall is rolling out a new program that will collect hazardous materials from Santa Monica residences and return them to the City Yards for sorting and disposal.**

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SUIT
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pose of getting pregnant.

The remaining three fertilized eggs were frozen and placed in specialized "straws," which were then placed into a cryo-preservation tank for the couple in case it wanted to have more children in the future.

The couple successfully gave birth to a son.

In January of this year, the couple went back to the clinic in an attempt to get pregnant a second time. It was then that they were told by Jain that the remaining embryos had been accidentally destroyed, according to the complaint. When the couple pressed for more information, they were told that the cryo-tank containing the straws holding their embryos was thoroughly searched and that no broken straws or glass was found.

"Plaintiffs were also told by defendants that the other cryo-tanks could not be searched to determine whether or not their straws were there, without jeopardizing the integrity of other patients' embryos, and that no further search would be conducted," according to the lawsuit.

That led the couple to believe the embryos were not destroyed, but rather lost. The couple insists that the most logical explanation is that the embryos were mislabeled and later implanted in another woman.

"This is not about the money," Vorzimer said. "This is about finding the whereabouts of those embryos."

Ultimately, Vorzimer said the only solution may be to have every child born via in vitro fertilization treatments at the clinic after 2008 take a DNA test.

In vitro fertilization — the most common kind of assisted reproductive technology — was pioneered in 1978 by doctors in the United Kingdom, and has been used in the United States since 1981.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 146,244 assisted reproductive technology (ART) cycles were performed at 441 reporting clinics in the U.S. during 2009, resulting in 45,870 live births and 60,190 infants.

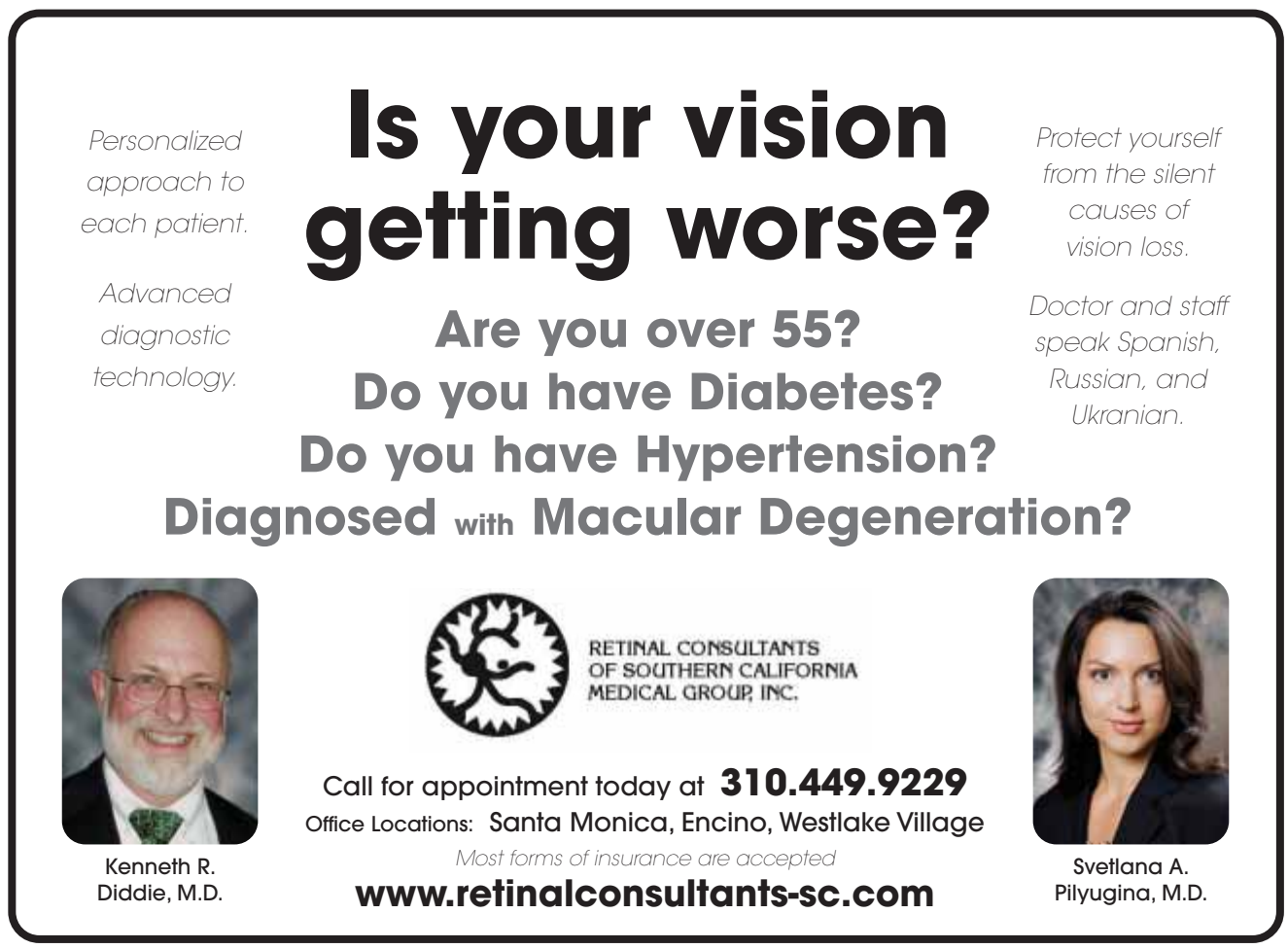
In general, ART procedures involve surgically removing eggs from a woman's ovaries, combining them with sperm in the laboratory, and returning them to the woman's body or donating them to another woman. They do not include treatments in which only sperm are handled or procedures in which a woman takes medicine only to stimulate egg production without the intention of having eggs retrieved.

Embryo mix-ups at fertility clinics are said to be extremely rare.

One of the most dramatic mix-ups was in 2009, when the frozen embryos of Shannon and Paul Morell were mistakenly implanted in the womb of Carolyn Savage of Sylvania, Ohio. Savage had to return the baby boy to his biological parents after giving birth.

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POSTED: **A Big Blue Bus sits at the corner of Fourth Street and Arizona Avenue on Tuesday.**

BBB

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that are repetitious, she said.

One of the changes that is taking place is to decrease local service on route 7 and increase Rapid 7 service, Gamberg said.

The decrease should only reduce service between 1 and 4 minutes, depending on the time of day, she said.

"It's one of those things that aren't necessarily visible to the rider, but can make a big change for us over the year's budget," Gamberg said.

Changes will also be made to expand Rapid service on route 10 and decrease local service.

Some groups are worried that decreases in local service could impact frequent riders.

"We believe that local service should not be on the chopping block when trying to provide Rapid service," said Espiranza Martinez, lead organizer at the Bus Riders Union, a Los Angeles group that advocates for bus riders.

In fall of 2010, the group filed a complaint with the Federal Transit Authority concerning cuts made by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to local service on existing lines.

"It provides bus service for a lot of elders, people with disabilities, mothers with children, students," Martinez said of local service.

Gamberg defended the changes to route 7 by stating that over 60 percent of riders already use Rapid stops to board the bus.

The BBB has also tried to make the changes with as much feedback from the community as possible, Gamberg said

Representatives from the BBB reached out to senior centers and to residents with disabilities to customize the proposed routes, said Stacy Rowe with the Santa Monica Senior Center.

Planned changes to routes 1 and 2 were altered after public feedback, Gamberg said.

Originally, route 1 would have been the only BBB route to Venice, and route 2 would have stopped at Pico Boulevard.

"When we took that proposal out to the community last March and April, there were some resident south of Pico who were concerned about the walk to Pico," Gamberg said.

The BBB's final proposal compromised to accommodate the senior housing on Fourth Street and run route 2 as far as Hill Street to make sure riders maintained easy access, Gamberg said.

"We thought we were addressing everyone's concerns, but feedback came back with an alternative proposal," she said.

Further changes are being considered by the BBB for routes 5, 12 and the Super 12.

The changes will be made to accommodate the upcoming Expo Light Rail system, Gamberg said.

Route 5 will be changed to connect with the Expo station, and route 12 will be changed to help transport riders from the Expo station to Westwood and UCLA, Gamberg said.

"Expo riders can utilize the BBB for their intermodal commutes when it takes more than one transit per rider," she added.

The proposals for those routes will be presented to the public on the BBB website and in a series of public meetings occurring:

• Saturday, Aug. 27 from 2 p.m. — 4 p.m. at the Main Library, multi-purpose room;

• Tuesday, Aug. 30 from 12 p.m. — 2 p.m. at UCLA, Ackerman Union, Room AU 240;

• Wednesday, Aug. 31 from 6 p.m. — 8 p.m. at the Ken Edwards Center, Room 100A, and;

• Tuesday, Sept. 6 from 6 p.m. — 8 p.m. at the Main Library, multi-purpose room.

The BBB encourages the public to give input on the proposed changes, Gamberg said.

"Feedback is really valuable and helps us maintain more riders," she said.

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QUAKE
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mocking you right now," tweeted Todd Walker, an Anchorage TV anchorman.

The tough earthquake talk comes from a coast that is apparently jaded by its own seismic activity — or perhaps not as experienced as it imagines itself to be.

Tuesday's quake was the East Coast's largest since 1944. California alone has seen 35 quakes of that size since then.

The flippancy partly disguises how serious the quakes are taken in California, Alaska and other earthquake-prone parts of the country.

Many West Coast residents are trained to dive under desks and tables when the shaking starts and there is a recognition that temblors of similar size to the one that hit Virginia on Tuesday have caused deaths and millions of dollars of damage here.

Despite the frequency of middling temblors, many people haven't experienced a truly earth-shaking quake. The last major metropolitan-scale disaster was all the way back in 1994, when the magnitude-6.7 Northridge quake ravaged greater Los Angeles.

Joanne Razo, a legal assistant who lives in Washington D.C., has lived through an earthquake in Los Angeles and said she knows that a 5.8 quake is mild by West Coast standards. But for her, the scary part was not the ground shaking but that "this area is not equipped to handle anything like this."

Andrew Lakoff, a University of Southern California anthropology and sociology professor who studies cultural responses to disasters, said West Coasters seemed to be reacting to scenes of East Coasters losing their cool over the quake. In California, where there is firsthand knowledge of what large quakes look like, something magnitude-5.9 is a relatively minor threat.

"A perverse consequence of living with the ongoing specter of catastrophe is this sense of pride," he said.

Beer, who moved to Los Angeles in 2002 after growing up in the seismically stable British nation of Wales, said he didn't unleash his smart-alecky tweet until he saw that the quake hadn't caused any major damage or harm.

He said he was amused by how much media attention was being seized by a quake of a size that — barring serious damage — would prompt little more than a few nervous chuckles on the West Coast.

"For me, it was just ironic that the major news centers being based on the East Coast finally got hit by what we consider a temblor and it's, 'Oh my God!'" Beer said. "We get those all the time and we're so used to them."

Some East Coasters seemed to understand the eye-rolling from the West Coast. On Foursquare, a service that lets people tell others where they've been, users all over the East Coast checked in to made-up locations such as "Earthquakepocalypse," just as they checked in to "Snowpocalypse" during winter storms.

Sarah Atkinson, a manager for a marketing firm in San Jose, was unimpressed by all the excitement.

"5.9? That's what us Californians use to stir our coffee with," she tweeted.

CAMERAS
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mined, the cameras placed in six strategic locations on each Big Blue Bus have been on the fritz, erasing or simply not recording material throughout the day.

It might never have been discovered if not for Arroyo, said Fred Gilliam, acting director of the BBB.

“We were having an unusual number of incidents reported, and were pulling a lot more video than we normally would have,” Gilliam said. “That number creates opportunity for more to fail. The odds of us identifying this as a problem without pulling that many are small.”

That “unusual number” was 107 complaints in the month of July alone, 85 of which originated from Arroyo.

It’s BBB policy to inform the person who files complaints about their status, specifically if the matter has been closed out, either through dismissal or driver discipline.

In Arroyo’s case, the complaints were getting closed but on the basis that the cameras weren’t working. Incensed e-mailing ensued.

“We started inquiring and asking questions and discovered that, particular to this case, eight or nine stated that the cameras did not work,” Gilliam said. That was nine complaints in a single day.

Although the cause of the malfunction hasn’t yet been confirmed, the administration has some guesses.

One is the relative age of the cameras.

In July 2004, the Santa Monica City Council approved a $1.3 million expenditure for security cameras for 125 buses.

The stated goal, according to city staff, was to reduce vandalism and graffiti, improve security, provide information on driver and passenger disputes and lower fraudulent claims.

Even then, the cameras got some push back.

Then Mayor Pro Tem Kevin McKeown resisted the expenditure on moral grounds.

Prior to the installation of the cameras, the administration relied on undercover police officers and other passenger testimony to substantiate complaints.

Although those techniques are still used, the BBB is highly reliant on the cameras to deal with complaints, Gilliam said.

A second theory revolves around the BBB’s policy of shutting down the bus while waiting to go out for service rather than polluting the air with long idling times. Each time the bus starts up again, the cameras reboot, which can take several minutes.

It appears that some cameras are either rebooting slowly or failing to reboot, which is likely causing some of the discrepancies, Gilliam said.

Arroyo is not so sure.

“Half of the eight complaints involved buses that were on the road for quite a while,” Arroyo told Gilliam in an e-mail, which he forwarded to the media.

In response, Gilliam said, the BBB will seek out a contractor to run an analysis on the cameras to see if the problem can be diagnosed.

That will take approximately a month to get through City Hall’s requisition process.

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No recession but economy still considered to be weak

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON Another U.S. recession is not likely over the next 12 months. Neither is any meaningful improvement in the economy.

That's the picture that emerges from an Associated Press survey of leading economists who have grown more pessimistic in recent weeks. They say high unemployment and weak consumer spending will hold back the U.S. economy into 2012.

Their gloominess comes at a time when Europe's debt crisis threatens to infect the global financial system. It also coincides with an annual economic conference late this week in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and speculation about whether Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke will unveil any new steps there to help the economy.

Worries that another recession is nearing and that the European crisis will spread have led to a roughly 15 percent drop in U.S. stock prices in the past month. Economists say the Great Recession ended in June 2009.

What makes a solution so difficult is that the fear gripping investors isn't just a symptom of economic distress; it's also a cause of it. Sinking stock prices frighten consumers and businesses. They then spend and invest less. Investors respond to lower corporate sales by selling stocks, worsening the market declines.

Each day that the stock market sinks "puts another nail in the coffin of the recovery," says Beth Ann Bovino, senior economist at Standard & Poor's.

"I had been saying it was a half-speed recovery; now, it's a quarter-speed recovery," Bovino says.

She is among 43 private, corporate and academic economists surveyed this month by the AP. As a group, they are more downbeat than when surveyed eight weeks ago. Among their conclusions:

— The likelihood of a recession within the next 12 months is 26 percent. In June, the economists had put the likelihood at 15 percent.

— The economy will inch ahead at an annual rate of 2 percent in the July-September quarter and 2.2 percent from October through December. Though stronger than the growth for the first half of 2011, that isn't enough to lower the unemployment rate much, if at all. And next year will barely be stronger.

— Weak consumer spending poses a "major" risk to the economy. In June, Americans cut their spending for the first time in nearly two years. And consumer spending fuels about 70 percent of the economy.

— The unemployment rate will end this year at 9 percent and 2012 at 8.5 percent. Those rates are slightly less than July's 9.1 percent. But they're more consistent with a recession than a recovery.

— The Fed's efforts to keep interest rates at record lows may not succeed in promoting growth or easing unemployment. But its low-rate policies will likely boost stock prices.

The economists do foresee economic growth, job creation, consumer spending and home prices all rising over the next year. But the gains they expect are so slight that many Americans won't notice.

For months, the Fed and private economists had clung to hopes that a slowdown in spring and early summer would prove temporary. They initially blamed temporary factors — especially higher oil prices and an earthquake and nuclear crisis in Japan that disrupted factory production.

But the economy has kept worsening. U.S. home prices remain depressed. Job growth is weak. Workers' pay is barely rising. The economy grew at an annual rate of just 0.8 percent in the first half of 2011 — much less than expected.

The benefits of the government's $862 billion stimulus are fading. No more stimulus is likely. And in June, the Fed ended a $600 billion Treasury bond-buying program that was designed to help keep rates low to spur spending and increase stock prices.

Then Europe's intensifying debt crisis and Congress' standoff over raising the debt ceiling undermined consumer confidence and spooked the markets. Consumers and investors foresee more gridlock ahead as a congressional committee seeks ways to cut at least $1.2 trillion in debt.

That means government spending, which normally helps economies climb back from recessions, will likely instead restrain growth.

A committee from the National Bureau of Economic Research decides when recessions begin and end. They define recession as "a significant decline in economic activity (that) spreads across the economy" and lasts for a "few months to more than a year."

Earlier this month, the Fed pledged to keep short-term rates near zero until mid-2013 if necessary to combat economic weakness. The Fed also seemed to suggest it might be open to another round of bond purchases.

Many are waiting with anticipation for Bernanke's speech Friday in Jackson Hole at a conference held by the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. At last year's conference, Bernanke set the stage for the Fed's $600 billion Treasury-buying program.

But the economists in the AP survey are skeptical of the Fed's ability to improve economic conditions substantially.

"The Fed can't do anything at this stage that's going to be meaningful," says Joshua Shapiro, chief U.S. economist at MFR Inc.

The Fed can influence interest rates, Shapiro noted, but "the level of interest rates is not the impediment to growth."

A bigger obstacle is tepid demand across the economy. And even with rates at record lows, many companies and consumers can't or won't borrow. Consumers don't want to take on more debt while the economic outlook remains so dim and their job security uncertain.

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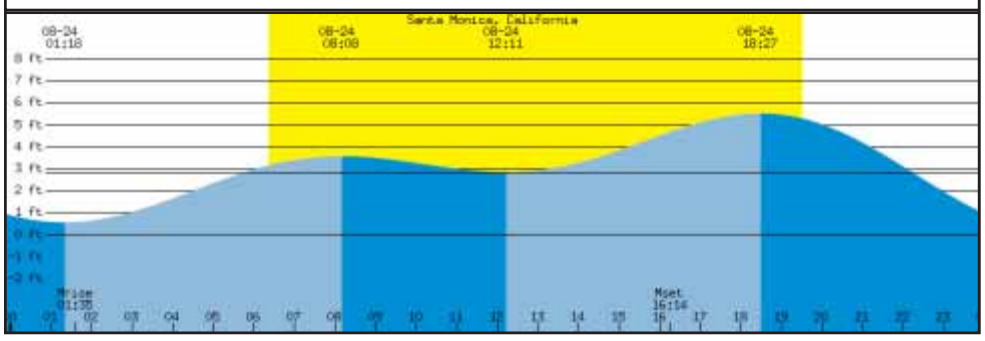
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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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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
Los Cerrillo 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 Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at 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.	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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D.U.I. Do's & Don'ts

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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Aero Theatre
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Peter Falk tribute!
Murder by Death (PG) 1hr 34min
The Cheap Detective (PG) 1hr 32min
7:30pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
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(888) 262-4386

Change-Up (R) 1hr 41min
1:45pm, 7:00pm

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:40pm

Horrible Bosses (R) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 4:30pm, 9:50pm

One Day (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:00am, 1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Smell of Success (PG-13) 1hr 36min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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Smurfs 3D (PG) 1hr 42min
9:45pm

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Final Destination 5 3D (R) 1hr 35min
1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Fright Night 3D (R) 2hrs 00min
10:35am, 1:15pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
10:45am, 1:50pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
10:50am, 12:40pm, 4:05pm, 7:30pm, 10:40pm

Smurfs (PG) 1hr 42min
10:40am, 2:05pm, 4:35pm

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
12:45pm, 5:45pm, 10:30pm

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World (PG) 1hr 28min
10:30am, 3:15pm, 8:15pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
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Sarah's Key (Elle s'appelait Sarah) (PG-13) 1hr 51min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 9:45pm

Amigo (R) 2hrs 08min
1:00pm, 4:00pm, 7:00pm, 10:00pm

Another Earth (PG-13) 1hr 32min
1:10pm, 3:30pm, 5:50pm, 8:10pm, 10:20pm

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

Sex and Zen: Extreme Ecstasy (NR) 2hrs 09min
4:20pm, 9:40pm

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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10min
11:30am, 2:35pm, 5:40pm, 8:45pm

Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
10:40am, 1:40pm, 4:35pm, 7:35pm, 10:40pm

Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min
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30 Minutes or Less (R) 1hr 23min
10:30am, 12:50pm, 3:15pm, 5:40pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

Conan the Barbarian in 3D (R) 1hr 52min
10:50am, 1:45pm, 4:45pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

Glee the 3D Concert Movie (PG) 1hr 40min
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Head home tonight, Aries

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Pressure builds once more. Unless you have learned ways of releasing stress, you could act up in an unexpected manner. You will take manipulation personally. Pull back and refuse to allow agitation and frustration to get to you. Tonight: Happily head home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You are likely to express your thoughts and ideas. Are you ready to hear the reactions? People act in the most unexpected way. Stay secure, knowing your choices are right-on. Don't question another person's actions so much. Tonight: Visit and catch up on others' news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Listen to what is being shared. You need to know more and handle a situation in a clear, adequate fashion. Finances could be an issue. Try to grasp where another person is coming from and his or her perspective. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ You are all smiles, just because. Others might test their boundaries, especially if they have been considering crossing one lately. The unexpected could cause quite a reaction. Try to detach before you react. Take the space needed to form a response. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Everyone needs time off from the drudgery. You could be very tired of your routine and whatever you deem uninteresting and/or stressful. A child or loved one could be provocative. Use your imagination. Tonight: Get into the unexpected.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ You know what you want. Understand where others are coming from. Keep a long-term goal in mind, and you won't go wrong. Deal with an eccentric associate or family member lightly. You cannot change this person. This person alone can change him- or herself. Tonight: Where the fun is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Pressure builds to an unprecedented level. Your follow-through counts, as so much is dropped on your plate. Just when you think you are done, something else shows up. Try not to react when someone creates uproar. Tonight: Working late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Your ability to get past a problem emerges. Know that one of your strengths is your ability to distance yourself from others. When you take a second look, you might want to move away permanently, if possible. Tonight: Make escape the theme.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ A partner makes an overture that you cannot resist. Your decisions force your hand with another person. Expect a little uproar. Use care with spending. A mistake could be very costly. Be sensible but optimistic. Tonight: Dinner with a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others seek you out, knowing full well what they want, and you respond perhaps in a stunning manner. Relax and remake that decision. In the long run, you want this person to understand where you are coming from. Tonight: Defer to another person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Focus on clearing out a problem that might have reared its ugly head. You might be surprised by a call or someone's action. Accomplish what you can, but don't take on any pressure. If you want a change, look at your life. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ A risk could backfire. Be aware of that fact before leaping in. Your creativity, while wonderful in some areas of your life, can backfire when you least expect it. A friend could change his or her tune, causing a problem. Tonight: Just enjoy yourself.

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

Happy birthday

This year, you have an opportunity to move forward and make waves in your immediate circle. You will be updating your perspective. The unexpected could create quite a kick and cause an issue within a key relationship. New beginnings become possible if you stay grounded and use your sixth sense. Don't worry so much about your decisions. If you are single, someone quite exotic could enter your life. This person also might be a foreigner, helping you understand different lifestyles. If you are attached, socialize as a couple more. CANCER understands you.



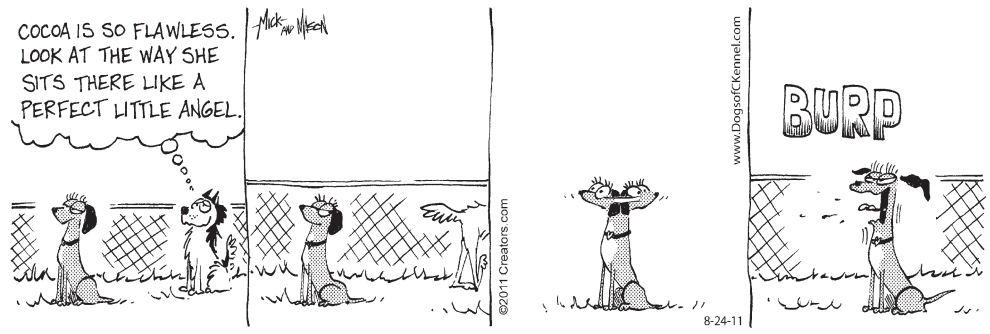
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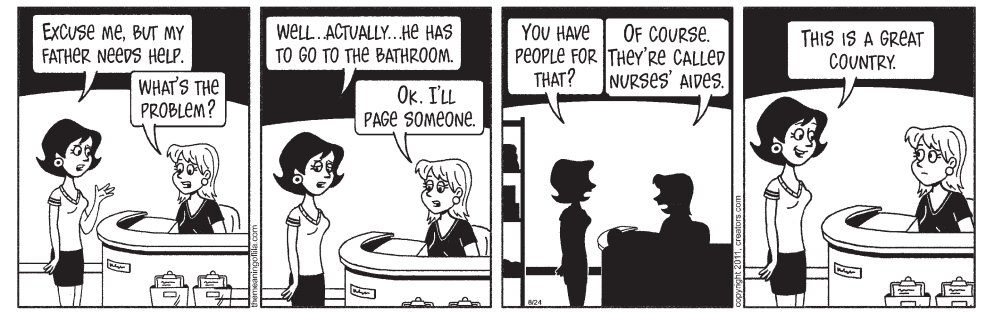
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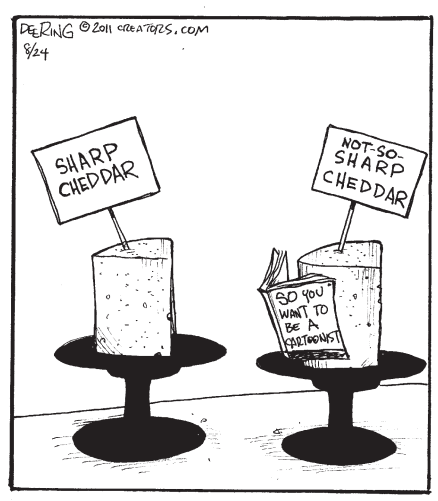
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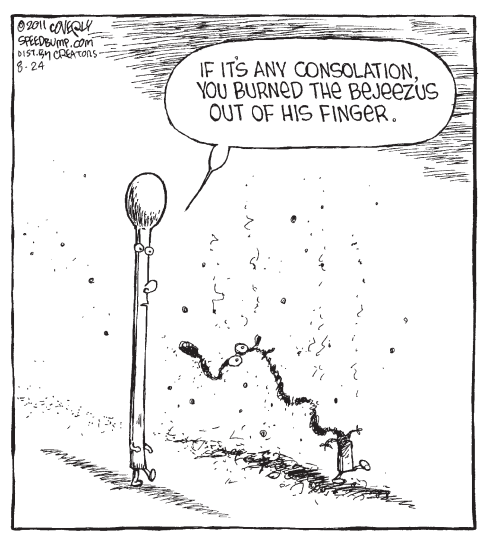
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Sudoku

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

9	3	4	8	2	1	7	6	5
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1 Rancher's rope
6 Radar screen dot
10 Stevens of 1960s TV
11 TV ad
12 Stories
13 Comics Viking
14 Iowa State setting
15 Get by
16 Buck's partner
17 Charged particle
18 Homer's neighbor
19 Wi-Fi locations
22 Car part
23 Bible book
26 Cheap criticisms
29 Buddy
32 Silent
33 Groan cause
34 Offshore sight
36 Rover's pal
37 Singing groups
38 Potato-preparing gadget
39 Edgy
40 Ridiculous
41 Pindar poems
42 Karate levels

DOWN

1 Saudi Arabia's capital
2 Grumpy
3 Sanction
4 Addition column
5 Horace's "— Poetica"
6 Muffin makeup
7 Boston airport
8 Mirror sight
9 Studied (over)
11 Apparition
15 Cow call
17 "You have my word"
20 Bribe
21 Univ. or acad.
24 In the news
25 School attendee
27 Harbor boat
28 Night sounds
29 Catch-phrase
30 Broadcast
31 Singer Patsy
35 Flag creator
36 Excellent
38 Umbrella part

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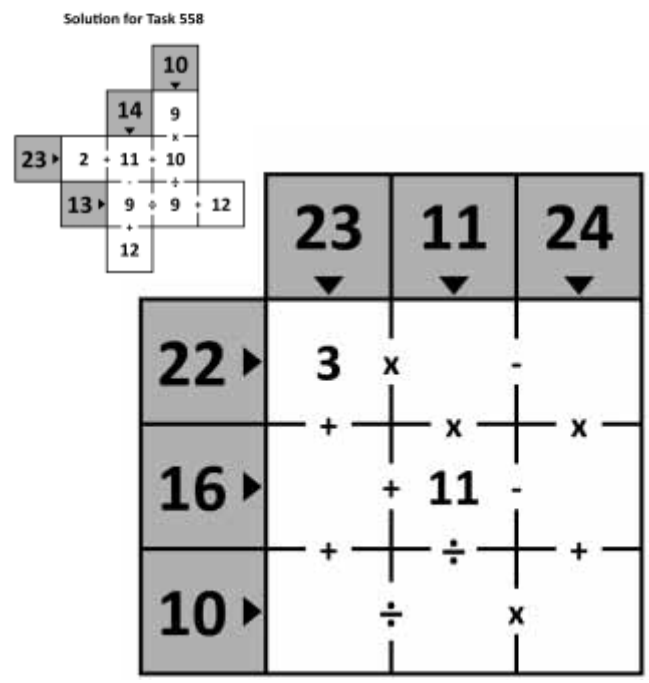
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Fantasy 5: 11 14 20 21 37

DAILY 3 MIDDAY: 2 3 7 EVENING: 1 7 3

DAILY DERBY 1st: 02 Lucky Star 2nd: 09 Winning Spirit 3rd: 08 Gorgeous George RACE TIME: 1:42.65

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ A Southampton (England) University researcher told an academic conference in Stockholm in July that his work, demonstrating that women who stop smoking even after becoming pregnant will have healthier babies, is important because he found that pregnant women rationalize continued smoking, in part to have smaller babies that will be less uncomfortable to deliver.

■ Small Town Democracy: The City Council of Gould, Ark. (pop. 1,100), voted in July to make it illegal for its citizens to form "groups" without written permission from the council. (The mayor and the city council are feuding over the budget, and the council, attempting to stifle lobbying by a group supporting the mayor, has taken down all "groups" -- except that the ordinance appears to blatantly violate the First Amendment.)

■ Inmate Johnathan Pinney, 26, petitioned U.S. District Court in Chicago in July, demanding that state and federal officials stop arresting him (because he did nothing illegal, he wrote, despite his current four-year sentence for aggravated battery on a police officer). Pinney helpfully suggested a way for the federal government to compensate him for all the grief it has caused him: The government should give him $50 billion "restitution" and award him uninhabited land so that he can start his own country, with sovereign and diplomatic immunity. WBBM Radio noted that Pinney appeared to solicit romance on his MySpace page by writing that he "hopes to get into a committed relationship with a woman, but wouldn't mind if it meant 'leaving this world and marrying an alien with similar attonomy (sic) and genetics.'"

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Clyde M. Ragsdale
Clyde Merton Ragsdale, 85, of Stevensville, passed away on Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at home surrounded by family and his dogs.
He was born June 21, 1926, in Rose Hill, CA, to John and Daisy Ragsdale. He was raised in Santa Monica, CA, with 6 brothers and 3 sisters.
He joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1944 and proudly served his country during World War II and the Korean War, where he was one of the surrounded Marines at the Chosin Reservoir. He was released from active duty on July 5, 1951, and he married his sweetheart, Doris, two days later in Santa Monica, CA. He was honorably discharged August 14, 1951.
Clyde and Doris lived in Los Angeles, CA, where Clyde was a Plant Manager for American Ceramics Products, Winfield Division, in Santa Monica, CA, and Painter Working Supervisor for L.A. County at USC Medical Center. He earned his diploma by attending night classes at University High School. He raised four children: Robert, Judy, Beverly, and James. In 1993, he moved to Stevensville, where he was actively involved in the Marine Corps League and the American Legion.
His hobbies were fishing, traveling, drawing, and spending time with family and friends. He recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary and his 85th birthday.
He is survived by his wife, Doris, Stevensville; sisters, Ollie, Seaside, OR, Daisy, Granada Hills, CA, and Donna, Red Bluff, CA; daughter, Beverly, Stevensville; son, Robert, Kansas City, MO; and 18 grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his brothers, Irvin, Kelly, Vernon, Lyle, Leonard, and Clarence; daughter, Judy; and son, James.
Services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, August 27, 2011, at Veterans Park in Stevensville. A reception following the service will be held at the American Legion Hall in Stevensville. A private burial at Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery in Missoula will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Marine Corps League, Bitterroot Valley Detachment #937, or to the American Legion Post #94.

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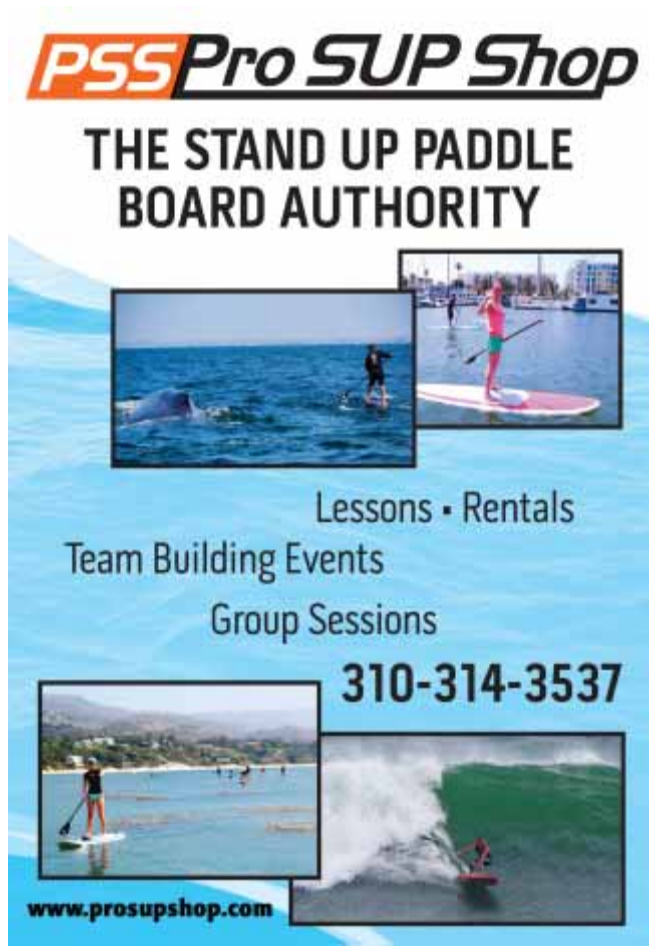
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