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THE TGIF ISSUE



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LOADED: **Phil Marcus unloads his mixed paper and plastic bags of groceries into his car in front of Vons on Broadway and Lincoln Boulevard on Thursday afternoon. City officials said they will pass their own ban on plastic bags if a statewide proposal falls through.**

Council to vote on plastic bag ban if statewide measure fails

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL With the fate of a proposed statewide plastic bag ban still uncertain, Santa Monica officials on Thursday declared their intention to move ahead with a local version of the law should Sacramento legislators fail to pass the ban by the end of the legislative session on Tuesday.

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and officials in Manhattan Beach made similar announcements on Thursday.

The state bill, sponsored by Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica), would ban single-use carryout bags at grocery stores, drug stores, convenience stores and liquor stores. Affected stores could sell recycled paper bags at cost to shoppers who forget their re-useable bags.

Terry O'Day, a City Councilman and the executive director of the group Environment Now, said a statewide measure is the best strategy, but added Santa Monica is prepared to take action if Brownley's bill stalls.

"We bear the burden of dealing with this trash as a city," he said.

The bill in Sacramento would "provide a uniform standard throughout the state that would make it easier for businesses to comply and easier for consumers to understand the regulations," he said.

The Santa Monica City Council for years has pondered barring stores from giving out free plastic bags but last year delayed enacting a ban in order to conduct further environmental studies.

Representatives of the plastics industry had threatened to sue if Santa Monica would have moved ahead with its bag ban plans, said Dean Kubani, director of City Hall's Office of Sustainability and the Environment.

Having participated in a joint environmental assessment with other jurisdictions interested in enacting plastic bag bans and completed a separate study of a local bag

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Franz-Knight to leave pier director post

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SM PIER The Santa Monica Pier is losing perhaps its most ardent booster.

Ben Franz-Knight, executive director of the Pier Restoration Corp., is leaving his post to become the leader of one of Seattle's most popular tourist destinations, the historic Pike Place Market in the city's central business district.

It's "one of the few locations and few opportunities in the country that would get

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New jobless claims drop for first time in 4 weeks

BY CHRISTOPHER S. RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON New requests for unemployment benefits fell sharply last week, the first decline in a month and a hopeful sign after a raft of negative economic reports.

New claims for jobless aid dropped by 31,000 to a seasonally adjusted 473,000, the Labor Department said Thursday. Still, claims remain much higher than they would be in a healthy economy. Employers are reluctant to hire as economic growth appears to be slowing.

The drop comes after a steep rise the previous three weeks that sent claims to their highest level in nine months. Those increases raised fears that businesses were starting to layoff more workers.

Wall Street economists had expected a smaller drop, according to surveys by Thomson Reuters. Stock futures rose immediately after the report's release.

Even with last week's decline, the four-week average, a less volatile measure, rose to 486,750, the most since November 2009.

The department also said the total unem-

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Friday, Aug. 27, 2010

No need to sit in traffic today!

Main Street and Colorado Avenue, 12 p.m. — 9 p.m.

Community members who want to spend a day downtown are welcome to park their bike for free with the Santa Monica Bike Valet from 12 p.m. — 9 p.m. The valet is located at the corner of Main Street and Colorado Avenue.

Street smarts

Santa Monica Boys and Girls Club
1234 Lincoln Blvd., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.

The Boys and Girls Club of Santa Monica and KooDooZ will host an event to raise awareness about homeless families in Santa Monica. Learn how you can make a difference from a 7-year-old community member who helps assemble backpacks filled with supplies for homeless children in the local area.

War experience comes to Santa Monica

Powerhouse Theatre
3116 Second St., 8 p.m.

"Wounded," a play based on true stories of returning soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan, will be performed. For more information or tickets, visit www.laensemble.tix.com

Go back in time

Highways Performance Space
1651 18th St., 8:30 p.m.

The Highways Performance Space will present "The Emmett Till Project," a film that focuses on the murder story of the historical Mississippi teenager in 1955. A variety of art and mixed-media works will also be on public display.

A walk down Abbey Road

Santa Monica Pier, 10 a.m. — 7 p.m.

Come dance along to live entertainment, listen to Beatles music and take a trip down memory lane. The festival is free, open to the public and part of a three day series known as "Beatlefest," a three day event to celebrate the Beatles.

Glitz and glam

Santa Monica Place
1453 Third Street Promenade, 8 a.m. — 10 a.m.

Waiting for the new Nordstrom store to open? Come check out the cosmetics section from 8 a.m. — 10 a.m. to learn more about different products from beauty experts as well enjoy free consultations and demonstrations.

Saturday, Aug. 28, 2010

Become a part of the act

Miles Memorial Playhouse
1130 Lincoln Blvd., 8 p.m.

Join the Robin Cox Ensemble for a continuous one-hour event that invites the participation of all. Before the concert, dance improviser Stephanie Nugent will offer concepts for movement. Non-dancers welcome, come participate as a mover, listener or dancer. Dance tips at 7:30 p.m., music at 8 p.m. Reservations for this event only; (562) 243-0848 or at www.robincoxensemble.com. Tickets are $15.

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com and click the "Events" tab for the given day's calendar.



CABLE TV

Tune in so you don't drop out

WHOEVER SAID TELEVISION ROTS YOUR brain definitely isn't familiar with CityTV, Santa Monica's public cable television station.

Thanks to a partnership between CityTV and the California State University at Dominguez Hills viewers can take a break from watching mind-numbing reality television and enroll in college classes simply by tuning in. Starting today, CityTV will broadcast televised college -level classes hosted by the university. All classes will be aired live on cable channel 99.

Viewers can receive college credit for the 13-week long courses, as well as call a toll-free number during the class to participate in a live and challenging discussion with other viewers or guest lecturers.

Forbes Magazine named California State University at Dominguez Hills one of the leading higher education institutions for distance learning. The university serves more than 4,000 students enrolled in online and televised programs all over the world.

The classes that CityTV will broadcast come from a wide array of academic disciplines like science, communication, the arts and social science.

A few include, "Introduction to Marine Life," a class produced in association with the Long Beach Aquarium of The Pacific; "Gardens of California," a study of the environment and gardening techniques; "Introduction to Public Relations," which includes the principles of public relation practices and how they are applied to different organizations; and "Dimensions of Leisure," which examines the philosophy of leisure and its impact on society.

For a complete list of classes, schedules and descriptions, contact the Center for Mediated Instruction and Distance Learning at (310) 243-2288.

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photo by Tiffany Rose

NEW VENUE: **Guests at the new nightclub The Central: Social Aid and Pleasure Club on 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard enjoy a live performance. The new club combines indie music and electronica with social activism and top quality beer and whiskey.**

Pleasure, front and center

BY TAYLOR VAN ARSDALE
Special to the Daily Press

SM BLVD There's a new place for pleasure and social activism in Santa Monica.

Rory Lovett, along with partners Todd Christiansen and Casey Phillips, are looking to revitalize the Westside club scene with the renovation and roll out of a restored nightclub at the corner of 14th Street and Santa Monica Boulevard called The Central: Social Aid and Pleasure Club. The club, formerly known as 14 Below, has laid dormant for three years.

"Todd, Casey and I had done business together at The Mint. We had a really good working relationship and decided we wanted to open a venue on the Westside," Lovett said.

Christiansen, who at one time owned the club, had a strong relationship with the landlord and approached him, along with Casey and Lovett, with their new concept for the venue. The landlord agreed and thus "The Central: SAPC" was born.

Both Lovett and Christiansen — longtime Santa Monica residents — are looking forward to bringing live music back to our little city by the sea.

"What we're really trying to do is develop a venue on this side of town that really caters to the indie scene. Under that sort of larger umbrella we really want to develop the electronic music scene, and we really want to fuel some DJ culture as well," Lovett said.

While that is the general direction in which they would like to take the club, Lovett admits, "It kind of dictates itself."

"Whatever sticks to the wall here is what we'll go with — what people want to see and hear — but we think there's a demand for this type of music on this side of town that hasn't been tapped into yet."

The club has two rooms. Step down into the front room — where the vibe is warm, a fireplace, a cozy couch and soft lighting welcomes you while friendly bartenders mix up potent concoctions. Behind heavy curtains is the entrance — for an additional fee — to the bands/DJs/and dance floor. A second bar here insures you won't ever go thirsty. There are 12 beers on tap, a selection of high-end whiskey and even some Pabst Blue Ribbon tallboys.

"Our business model is sort of a three-headed monster: We really want to provide a nice watering hole for people in the neighborhood to come by, hang out, have a cocktail and listen to some great music," Lovett said. "We also want to put on great live music shows. That's our strength. And lastly, we really want to generate a fun type of party atmosphere for people who are involved in political causes and nonprofits,"

The club hosted a benefit for those impacted by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. The owners want the space to be welcoming to all points of view, a gathering place for social activism where community meetings and rallies can be held, with music being a unifying force.

"Each of us individually have our own particular slant, but we want this to be a home to everyone. We don't want to pigeonhole ourselves by saying, 'We only cater to the left of the political spectrum,' certainly we will, but we will also cater to the right wing, if they have something that they want to do," Lovett said. "That was part of the idea of calling it The Central, that and the fact that if you get out a map, it's right smack in the middle of Santa Monica."

Personally, I'm just glad it's close to my house.

For more information check out www.centralsapc.com.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Making too much money

Editor:

Re: "Top 20 salaries in City Hall all over $200K," Aug. 25, 2010.

It should be pointed out that the governor is paid a salary of $212,000. The average salary for men is $55,000 per year. Today's salaries are stagnant, and many who were laid off struggle to find employment in today's tough job market. The city of Santa Monica just held several fundraisers to try to hire back some critical teaching jobs, and City Hall struggles to find ways to get more money in the coffers through measures for property taxes or sales taxes to meet its deficit. I found that the article in the Daily Press on the top paying jobs to be excessive, and the titles very bureaucratic. I'm sure the police officer that made $224,000 had a "very special" assignment since he made more that the governor. These outlandish salaries represent a gross disconnect by the city management with regard to our current economic crisis. It will be a tough sell to get the citizens to pay more after reading this article. It looks like the city needs to work on the cost side of the equation.

Bob Gomez
Santa Monica

Noise level rising

Editor:

As a Santa Monica native who also enjoys private aviation, I must disagree with Reynold Dacon ("They don't speak for us all," Aug. 24, 2010). He misses the point that the noise from Santa Monica Airport has not remained at the 1919 level. We are disturbed by the increasing volume of flights by increasingly noisy aircraft. I live 2.2 miles from the airfield, yet we frequently have to pause our dinner conversation until the jet noise abates. Private aviation should move to a more rural setting, and commercial traffic should go through LAX.

Mr. Dacon is also off base in the frequency that properties are sold. My own house has been sold only once since being built in 1907 so we are well able to chronicle the change in usage and noise that Clover Field generates. My neighbors and I also vote, and airport noise is the number one issue for most voters living south of Pico Boulevard.

J. Siegel
Santa Monica

Hurting Hispanics here too

Editor:

Regarding your editorial "Arizona boycott a bad move," Aug. 20, 2010, it is ironic that the City Council's boycott hurts Cavco's Hispanic employees. But equally ironic is the fact that 40-50 percent of our Mountain View residents are Hispanic as well, and most live in old trailers that badly need to be removed.

Randy Walburger
Santa Monica

Stop this war

Editor:

Last week the last combat convoy left Iraq. By the end of the month, the remaining combat forces will also leave the country. This puts the Obama administration on track to reduce the U.S. troop level to 50,000 by Aug. 31. This is an important step, but does not by itself end the occupation of Iraq. The administration vowed to complete Iraq's occupation by Dec. 31, 2011. That is a deadline we must meet.

The last 20 years of war, sanctions, and occupation have broken Iraq. Millions of Iraqis have been killed, injured, traumatized, displaced or forced to flee and live as refugees. Breaking our promises and prolonging the occupation will not help solve any of the challenges the war-worn country is facing. In fact, our continued presence would exacerbate the Iraqis' woes.

It is time to focus on domestic priorities like helping people save their homes, job creation, and help in financing public education.

Bring our young men and women home now!

Julie Levine
Santa Monica



Your column here

Chon Lee

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A single story revisited

THERE IS NOT JUST A SINGLE STORY FOR Africa. It is truly a land beyond our initial stereotypes — that of hunger, poverty, crime, war, destitution, and HIV/Aids. Yes, I realize there is indeed truth behind all stereotypes, but I choose to focus on the successes not just the shortcomings as I believe there is a danger to trusting a single story. I learned this lesson as I journeyed for four weeks in Senegal, West Africa this summer on a Fulbright-Hays scholarship alongside 15 other diverse teachers from around the nation.

During our stay, we traveled across the country visiting various cultural and historical Senegalese locations; the bustling urban streets of Dakar, the former seaport capital of Saint-Louis, the beautifully lush mangroves and sanctuaries of Toubacouta, the statuesque religious mosques of Touba. All the while, we were fortunate enough to meet and dialogue with government officials, education specialists, musicians, artists, and NGO representatives.

As I walked around the capital city of Dakar and the surrounding neighborhoods, I became more and more inundated with the prevalent gap between the absolute rich and impoverished poor. It seemed like yet another story of the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer.

However, this time I was not only conscious but culturally sensitive for allowing myself to fall victim to this single story of poor Africa. I realized it was just too easy for me as a foreign American visitor to see and ultimately judge Senegal as merely destitute — the more we show people as one thing over and over again, then that's what they become. As a group, we studied the Nigerian storyteller Chimamanda Adichie's notion of the "dangerous single story". Adichie poignantly accounts how "the problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue, but that they are incomplete. They make one story become the only story."

I too have fallen in the trap of the single story. When I went to Azerbaijan last spring to share best practices with secondary Azeri educators, I was completely mind-struck with a land of contrasts: rich and poor, urban and rural, developed and undeveloped, technological and primitive, globalization and stagnation, the industrial and pastoral. I could not keep these single stories out of my mind and I felt ashamed for letting my consciousness overtake my better judgment to the point where I focused on how we are different instead of concentrating more energy and thought to how we are similar.

Every teacher on the Fulbright grant focused on an area of specialization ranging from Senegalese drumming to urban Dakar graffiti. I knew that I wanted to learn more about how exactly the Senegalese were helping to improve their lives and ultimately chose the concept of microfinancing as my research topic. The idea of microfinance started with a movement in the 1970s with Muhammad Yunus, who is most recognized with starting Grameen Bank in Bangladesh — he won the Nobel Prize for Peace in 2006.

Microlending banks provide official loans to people who would normally not have access to formal banking towards starting their own businesses, usually with very low interest rates. In Senegal, common businesses ranged from goat herding to fabric weaving to peanut farming, whichever the entrepreneur wants to invest his or her time in. I was pleased to learn that over 40 percent of Senegalese adults have taken out at least one microcredit loan and there is definitive economic growth given that roughly 34 percent of the population is living under $1.25 a day, which is the International Poverty Line. I discovered in my research that studies have shown how microfinance helps to not only provide basic financial services to low-income families for economic welfare and stability, but also supports women's economic participation, empowering women, thus promoting gender-equity and improving household well-being.

Since I have my students read the deeply resonant South African autobiography "Kaffir Boy" by Mark Mathabane, I wanted to create a unit to follow up on the deep poverty, violence, and racism of apartheid that Mathabane so vividly describes. Each year my students always ask how we can help, but that notion of the white outsider coming to save or rescue the African is another dangerous single story in and of itself. I wanted my students to learn how these single stories are indeed incomplete, that there are people changing their lives for the better in Africa through microfinance and how our help does not always have to be mere charity-giving.

That's why I love the concept of microlending because it is living proof how dedicated, responsible, and resourceful people can be when given access to something that should be a basic right for everyone — formal banking services. I want my students to realize that Africa is not just a country of dangerous single stories, but also hope, optimism, and progress both economic and social. In my travels, I was fortunate enough to talk to many women in rural villages who received microloans and see firsthand how it has deeply affected them. In particular, I remember meeting a lady in a small fishing village outside Toubacouta, originally living on 70 cents a day and struggling to feed her nine children. She started with a $30 loan, which to us might sound insignificant, but used the money to resell basic home goods (milk, snacks, and drinks) outside on the street next to her house.

Six years later she owns a market, employs three other people in her village, and is sending one of her daughters to the university in Dakar. It was truly touching for me to hear inspirational stories like this as it shows just how a relatively small loan can make huge long-term impacts.

Upon deep reflection, Senegal has made a definite mark on my thinking and teaching practices. I want to transfer the knowledge I've gained to all my students through our readings and texts, expanding our dangerous and incomplete single stories beyond the sheer stereotypical towards looking through a fresh, new lens of growth and positivity. I feel incredibly blessed and fortunate to have traveled to Senegal — it is truly a beautiful country with stories we can all learn from through universal themes of humility, resilience, and the grace of the human condition.

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Channeling Smokey Bear

UNTIL THIS RECENT MINI "HEAT WAVE" we've hardly had a summer. Sunday, I went to the beach and the water was 62 degrees! It was so cold people were wearing wetsuits … on the sand. (Drum roll, please.)

Because of dry conditions, forecasters are predicting a dangerous fire season. As it happens, many years ago I worked in the Forest Service in the San Jacinto Mountains above Palm Springs. I even put out a potential forest fire, though with a little "help" from Smokey Bear. (Smokey Trivia: he was created in 1944 because of potential forest fires from missiles shot by Japanese subs, as actually happened off Santa Barbara.)

But back to the Forest Service which, was divided into two competing divisions: Fire Control (prevention and suppression) staffed by macho types, and Recreation (campground maintenance) staffed by hippies. Fire Control had the glory, Recreation had the pot. I worked in Recreation.

One day our wilderness ranger got injured when his horse spooked at a rattlesnake. He was replaced with our garbage truck driver who had horse experience. When our foreman asked for volunteers for the garbage job, I raised my hand. The day before I had accompanied a cesspool pumping truck to a campground outhouse. Garbage collecting seemed like a promotion.

The truck was a beautiful 2 1/2 ton International Harvester. But never having had to rely solely on side rearview mirrors before, I was petrified I was going to back into something. I would circle an entire campground rather than go in reverse. (Puzzling many a camper.) Practicing on my days off, I finally mastered it. Forget my bar mitzvah, that's when I became a man!

At the end of that sweltering August, the Forest Service was on high fire alert. They even took the radios out of Recreation's vehicles so they could employ more Fire Patrol technicians. So it was that one blistering hot afternoon, I suddenly smelled smoke. As I proceeded cautiously, peering left and right, the smell kept getting stronger. There was obviously a major fire smoldering and, paraphrasing Smokey Bear, only I could prevent it!

Finally, I got out on foot to investigate. To my horror, I discovered that my garbage truck was thoroughly engulfed in flames shooting 20 feet in the air! I had found the forest fire, only it was me! Two thoughts raced through my mind: this can't be happening, and I gotta quit smoking pot.

Panicked, I dashed over to a confused camper and, in a voice higher than Pee-wee Herman's, I "deputized" him to drive to a fire station. Fearing an explosion any second, I drove the flaming garbage away from overhanging tree limbs. I sprayed the fire extinguisher into the inferno but the flames swallowed the foam like it was an appetizer.

As though on orders from on high (Smokey) I grabbed a shovel and, like a machine, mindlessly began heaving dirt on the fire. Meanwhile, 50 miles away, the district dispatcher spotted the smoke and sent every Forest Service truck, plane, and helicopter heading my way.

FIRE CONTROL HAD THE GLORY, RECREATION HAD THE POT. I WORKED IN RECREATION.

After 20 minutes of adrenaline-driven dirt flinging, I somehow put out the fire before the first truck arrived. Dizzy, and with my lungs burning, I feigned calm as I greeted the firefighters, most of whom I knew. (Then I almost passed out.)

The tanker foreman had me lie down to wait for an ambulance. As water-dropping planes circled above, it was like a scene from "Apocalypse Now." I kept hearing radio traffic blaring the status of the "Jack Fire." The what fire? As a joke, the comedians in Fire Control had named the blaze after me!

A distraught camper later confessed that he'd carelessly put hot ashes in the garbage can. But, from that day on, whenever I'd pick up garbage from a Forest Service station, the guys would start a small fire in a trash can and have a good laugh. Hilarious. Not.

As fate would have it, the following spring, a Hollywood agent contacted me. While on vacation in town he had read one of my columns in the paper. It was about my Jewish mother's not-so-subtle displeasure with my hippie lifestyle. He was wild about it. "You're gonna be the J.D. Salinger of your generation!" My head was spinning.

So in summer 1975, full of hope, I moved to Santa Monica. I soon discovered that the agent was a manic-depressive who was in a manic phase when he met me. In his depressed state he'd stay in his robe all day for weeks at a time. Eventually he stopped returning my calls. That was my introduction to show biz. And it's been downhill ever since. (Or is it uphill?)

Occasionally, I reflect on how different things would have been had I remained with the Forest Service. Then again, if I had, I wonder what you would have just read.

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The Q Line

A message to Arizona

The City Council recently agreed to boycott Arizona over its controversial illegal immigration law, but that decision may end up costing them a couple million dollars on a contract to purchase mobile homes.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Do you think the council was right in boycotting Arizona, or do you think they missed the mark?

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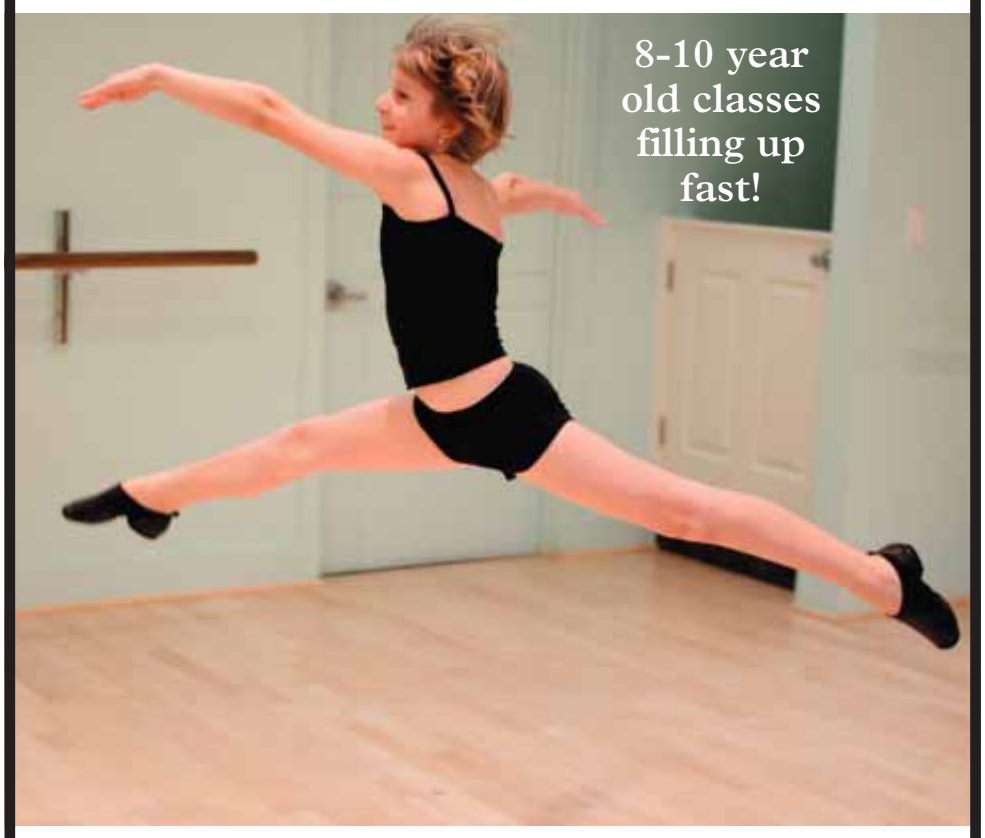
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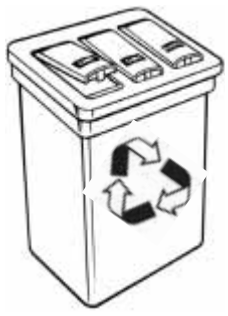
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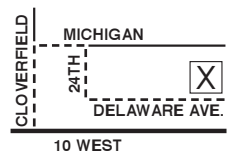


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Mitsubishi tries to bring back the fun of driving with new EV

"IT'S NOT EASY BEIN' GREEN."

Thus sangeth (singeth?) Kermit the Frog several decades back, and as it turns out, he was not kidding. Especially when it comes to cars.

Car companies worldwide should have paid heed to those simple words many years ago.

Both Nissan and General Motors will be selling, in the U.S., green cars towards the end of this year.

But Mitsubishi is also bringing out their own version of a green car. i-MiEV (Mitsubishi innovative electric vehicle, pronounced "eye-meev") has been for sale for about two years in Japan and some 20,000 units have left showroom floors at a cost of around $23,000 U.S.

People who stopped me as I was getting into or out of the car during the week I had it had a natural inquisitiveness, but very few noticed the car was a Japan-only model, with the steering and gauges and controls on the right hand side.

My i-MiEV could be charged by 110 or 220 household current or by using a quick charging station, not yet available in the U.S. market (though it sounds similar to the quick charging station which Leaf buyers will usually have installed in their garages).

i-MiEV weighs-in at 2,376 pounds, and charging times vary from 12 hours for 110 volts to six hours using the 220 volt plug-in option and using the quick charge system which will charge i-MiEV to 80 percent capacity in just 25 minutes.

The Lithium ion (Lion) battery pack powers a 64 horsepower/113 pound feet of torque Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor and it's all expected to have a range of 80 to 100 miles as fast as 80 mph. Not much at all, really, especially for a family's primary car.

Both Japanese EVs are "pure electric" with relatively low and slow outputs. Both i-MiEV and Leaf will be marketed as a second or third car and its price (around $25,000 U.S.) won't sting the wallet too much.

Only Volt is aimed at being a family's primary car with its (claimed) 600-mile range and more spacious interior than the Japanese competition. Leaf claims a 100-mile range and i-MiEV, well, poor little i-MiEV needs a lot of changes before it will sell here.

Like Nissan's Leaf, i-MiEV is a "pure EV" which uses no gasoline or fuel other than electricity to go a wandering.

GM's Volt sets apart from other "pure green" vehicles because it has a small gasoline engine on board. That engine keeps the lithium ion battery pack charged. All a driver need worry about is the amount of fuel — gasoline — remains in the gas tank.

This goes a long way to relieving "range anxiety," or the fear of not knowing how many miles are left in the car's electric motor. It's the electricity remaining in the battery pack which tells an owner how many miles they have left. GM says there's no real connection between the gasoline engine and the drivetrain itself.

i-MiEV will not be on-sale in the U.S. until at least winter of 2011, but enthusiasts might think it's worth waiting for. That's because i-MiEV has rear-wheel drive and handles, quite literally, like a go-kart. Of course silence is the golden rule here, except for that ubiquitous and irritating beeping when "Reverse" is the automatic gear chosen.

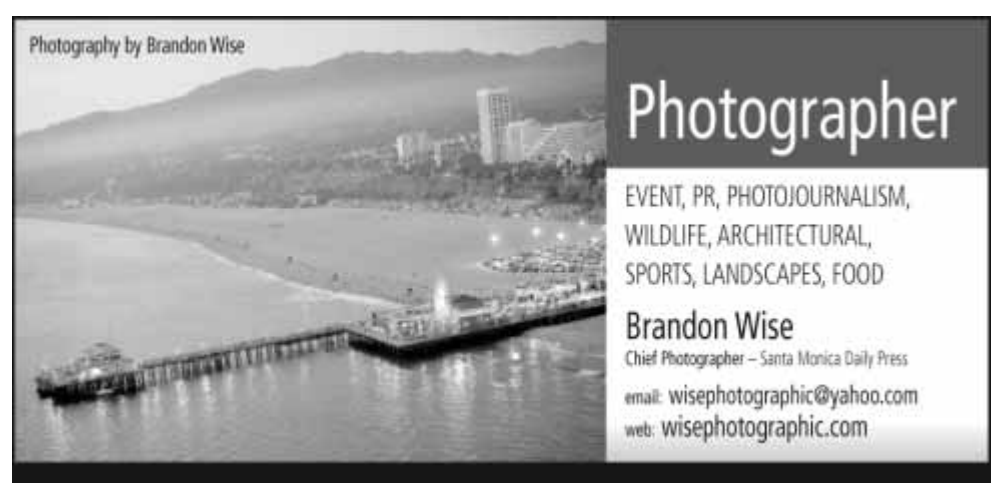
As is the case with most gas/electric hybrids and especially pure EVs, i-MiEV can beat just about any other car off the line at the stop light Grand Prix. That's because electric motors display their torque almost instantly, and torque is also what we call "launch." So figure for the first 25 yards, you'll beat almost anything in i-MiEV. After that, we take no responsibility.

This Mitsubishi is a true four-door, four-passenger auto with room in the back for two real human beings. Bucket seats up front make for comfortable seating for driver and left seat passenger. The large battery pack is in the trunk, where you'd expect to find the spare tire. The radio in the center console is a last-minute toss-in, Mitsubishi folks telling me that by the time the car goes on-sale here, it will have a large video screen with all the expected bells and whistles.

With what appears to be the lowest going-in price of the two EVs and one extended range hybrid the first three cars making their electric intentions known, i-MiEV seems to have the corner on price.

At this point, engineers need to figure out how to give the car more mileage range; 40 mpc (miles per charge) is already unacceptable when Nissan's EV claims 100 mpc and GM saying their Volt will hit 600 miles per tankful of gas thanks to its on-board gasoline-fired battery charger. The most miles I achieved on a fully-charged i-MiEV was about 70 miles in a combo of in-town and highway driving. There is an "electric gauge" which goes down fast when you step on the gas the second you hit the freeway, and it'd be nice if all three of these cars could make some improvement in that department.

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CRIME WATCH
BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Parking Downtown can be dangerous

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

THURSDAY, AUG. 19, AT 9:22 P.M.,
Santa Monica police officers responded to the 1400 block of Second Street regarding a disturbance between two people in the parking structure. Upon arrival, the victim stated he was driving in the structure looking for a parking spot. A space looked like it was opening up. The victim stopped his vehicle. The suspect, who was behind the victim, honked his horn. The suspect then allegedly approached the victim's vehicle and asked him to move. The suspect went back to his vehicle. The victim exited his vehicle and started to take pictures of the suspect's car. The suspect exited his car and an altercation ensued. The suspect forcibly grabbed the victim's phone, police said. A struggled ensued over the phone and the suspect allegedly struck the victim. The suspect, Timothy Ricotta, 32, of Torrance, was booked for robbery and battery. His bail was set at $50,000.

TUESDAY, AUG. 17, AT 8:10 A.M.,
Officers responded to the corner of Main Street and Pico Boulevard regarding a subject running in the street. Upon arrival, officers observed a subject matching the description of the suspect exiting a business at Main and Bay streets. Upon contacting the individual, officers saw signs that the suspect was under the influence of a controlled substance. Officers arrested the suspect, Larry Pompa, 41, of the Pacific Palisades, for being under the influence of a controlled substance, giving a false name and a parole hold. He was not eligible for bail.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18, AT 2:45 P.M.,
Officers responded to the 2000 block of Olympic Boulevard regarding an unknown trouble call of a female screaming for help. Upon arrival, officers went to the door where the screaming was coming from. There was no answer inside. Officers went to get a master key to check the status inside. As officers came back with the key, the victim exited the apartment. She stated that she and her boyfriend had been in an argument regarding finances. He became physically violent with her and choked her and slapped her, police said. She stated she heard the officers at the door, but the boyfriend would not let her come to the door. Officers arrested the suspect, Anthony Vaughn, 21, of Santa Monica, for kidnapping, corporal injury of co-habitant and assault with a deadly weapon likely to produce great bodily injury. No bail information was available.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18, AT 3 A.M.,
Officers were on routine patrol in the 2100 block of Lincoln Boulevard when they observed a subject riding a bicycle in the wrong direction on the roadway. Upon contacting the subject, officers recognized him as someone who was on formal probation for narcotics-related offenses. Further investigation revealed that the suspect was in possession of methamphetamine and hypodermic needles. The suspect, Julien McGovern, 21, a transient, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a hypodermic needle, being under the influence of a controlled substance and a probation violation. He was not eligible for bail.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 18, AT 11:57 P.M.,
Officers were patrolling in the 2000 block of Montana Avenue when they observed a subject riding a bicycle on the sidewalk in violation of Santa Monica Municipal Code. Officers stopped the subject. The individual did not have any identification with him. Officers placed him under arrest and subsequent investigation revealed that the suspect, Nicholas Albarino,18, of Santa Monica, was in possession of cocaine, marijuana and narcotic paraphernalia, police said. His bail was set at $10,000.

FRIDAY, AUG. 20,
Officers responded to the 500 block of Olympic Boulevard to assist an officer who was detaining three subjects. Upon arrival, officers asked one of the subjects if the backpack next to him was his. The subject at first said, "No," then stated, "Yes." He gave officers permission to search the backpack. Officers located a small prescription bottle filled with less than an ounce of marijuana. Officers arrested the suspect, Candeo Valdez, 38, a transient, for possession of marijuana. His bail was set at $75.

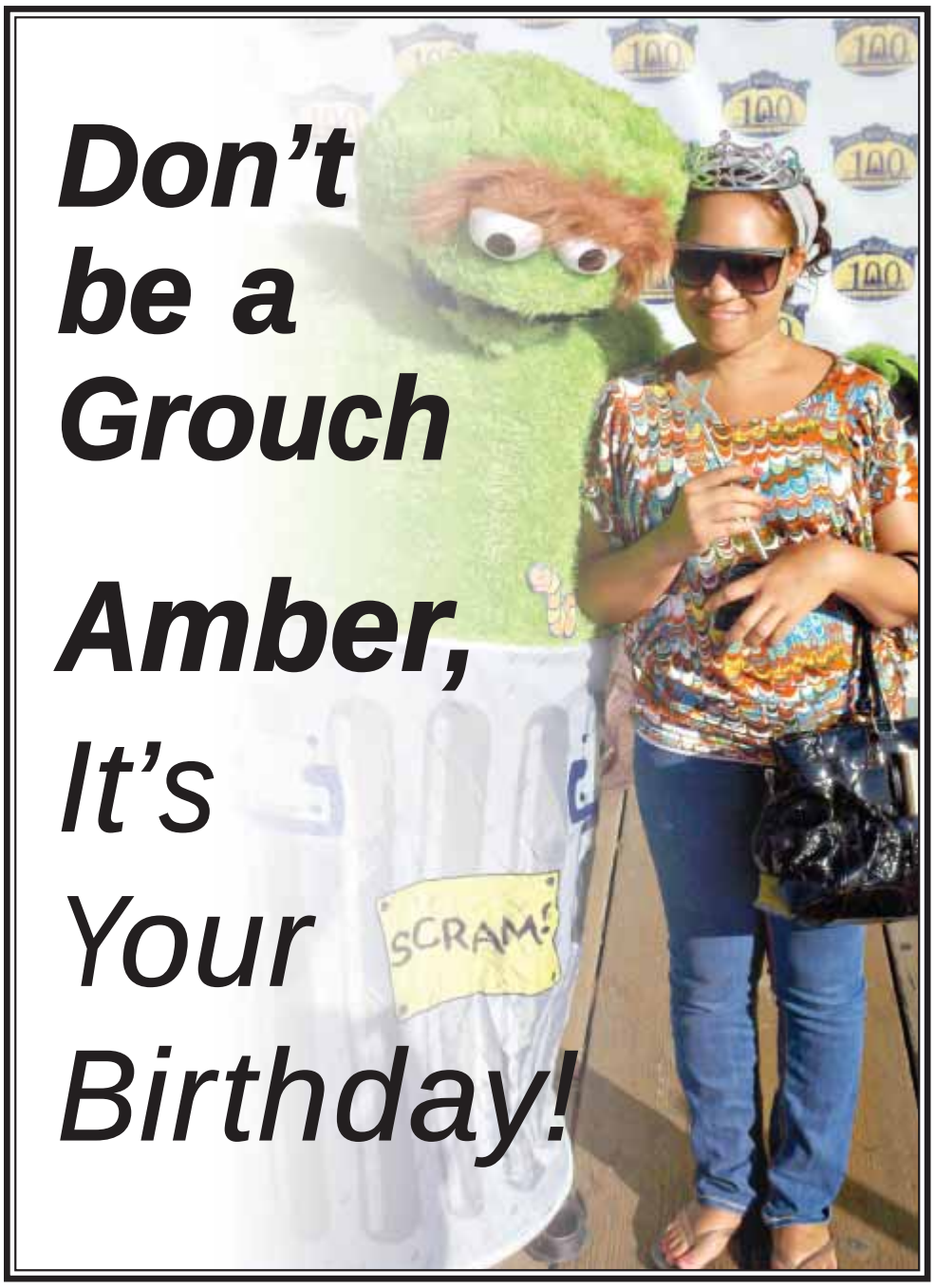
SUNDAY, AUG. 22, AT 2:18 A.M.,
Officers on routine patrol in the area of Sixth Street and Ocean Park Boulevard saw to people riding bikes without lights. Officers stopped the two for a vehicle code violation. During an interview with the suspects, officers said they located tools that are commonly used to commit burglaries (bolt cutters, latex gloves, screwdriver, lights and wrench) in the suspect's backpacks. Officers also located narcotic paraphernalia (crack pipe) inside the backpack. The suspects admitted they were attempting to steal copper wiring, police said. The suspects were arrested and transported to the jail. During the booking search, narcotics (meth) were found on each of the suspects. The suspects were identified and charged:
Jose Kazama, 38, of Venice — burglary, possession of a controlled substance, possession of burglary tools, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, bringing narcotics into jail, probation violation and a warrant. His bail was set at $75,000.
Sylvia Nunez, 43, of Bell — burglary, possession of a controlled substance, possession of burglary tools, possession of narcotic paraphernalia, bringing narcotics into jail and two warrants. Her bail was set at $36,550.

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BRITISH INVASION

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Beatles collector and dealer Ruben Padilla (center) talks shop with customers interested in his memorabilia during Beatles Fest at the Santa Monica Pier on Thursday. The Beatles celebration will be at the Pier until Saturday.

BAGS

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ban in July, Kubani said the issue could come before the council again in October.

The state Legislature's passage of the ban, though, would make further local action moot.

Backed by a coalition of environmental groups including Santa Monica-based Heal the Bay as well as by the California Grocers Association, the bill, AB 1998, has passed the state Assembly and is pending before the state Senate's rules committee, where amendments are being proposed.

An ad campaign sponsored by the American Chemistry Council, the bill's chief opponent with members in the plastics and oil industries, in the past week has targeted the measure, criticizing it as a an economic drag and a tax on consumers — characterizations supporters deny.

Brownley this week said she expects the full senate to vote on the bill before the end of the session on Tuesday.

Supporters say AB 1998 would greatly reduce a source of trash that kills and maims marine wildlife, pollutes fish with toxic chemicals and costs Californians more than $25 million a year to collect and truck to landfills.

> **"WE BEAR THE BURDEN OF DEALING WITH THIS TRASH AS A CITY."**
>
> Terry O'Day, City Councilman

Less than 5 percent of the 19 billion single-use plastic bags handed out annually in California are recycled, according to Brownley. Using paper bags instead, she said, is not a good alternative because they contribute to deforestation, greenhouse gas emissions and waste.

Several changes were made to the bill on Thursday, but Brownley said none of them weakened its intent.

"The bill continues to be a bill that bans single-use bags and the amendments that we have put in only strengthen the bill further," she said.

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me to consider leaving the pier," Franz-Knight, 37, said. "This has been one of the greatest opportunities in my life to date. There's only one Santa Monica Pier and I'm proud to be a part of its history."

The new position as executive director of the Pike Place Market Preservation and Development Authority is both a chance to manage a larger tourist attraction and an opportunity to live close to extended family members in Seattle, he said.

"I'm really sad to see him go. This is a guy who, for the time that he's been there, has lived and breathed and every day of his life loved the pier. He treats it as if it were part of his family," said City Councilman Richard Bloom.

Added PRC Board Chairman Ken Smith: "It's a testament to the work he's done at the pier to have him have that great, great opportunity."

Smith credited Franz-Knight with bringing vendors and attractions to the pier that have prompted local residents to embrace, rather than ignore, Santa Monica's most famous tourist attraction.

Franz-Knight established a much-needed capital improvement program for the pier that has made the city a better steward of the historic landmark, Smith said, and also excelled at achieving consensus among PRC board members and other pier stakeholders.

"He has a passion for the pier and I think that's what was the key ingredient for him to be successful, along with all the other skills he brought to the table," Smith said.

> **"THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITIES IN MY LIFE TO DATE. THERE'S ONLY ONE SANTA MONICA PIER AND I'M PROUD TO BE A PART OF ITS HISTORY."**
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> **Ben Franz-Knight,**
> Executive director of the PRC

Franz-Knight first started working at the pier as a temporary employee in 1999. He became acting director in 2002 and was appointed full-time PRC director in 2003.

A timetable for Franz-Knight's departure has not been announced and there's no plan yet for finding a replacement. Smith said the PRC board will discuss whether to appoint an interim executive director or immediately conduct a search for a permanent PRC leader at its next meeting Sept. 8.

"We want to get the best candidate we can get, wherever that person resides," Smith said.

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ployment benefit rolls climbing steeply, as more people join extended unemployment aid programs that were renewed last month by Congress. During the recession, Congress added up to 73 weeks of emergency aid on top of the 26 weeks typically provided by the states.

All told, about 10.1 million people were receiving unemployment checks in the week ended Aug. 7, the latest data available. That's up about 260,000 from the previous week.

The economy has grown for four straight quarters. But the pace has slowed from a 5 percent annual rate in last year's fourth quarter to 3.7 percent in the January-to-March period. It has weakened even further in the past several months.

Many economists expect the government Friday to revise lower its growth estimate for the April-June quarter to below 2 percent. That's weak in normal times and even worse after such a steep recession.

The housing sector, which usually helps power economic recoveries, is now acting as a drag. New home sales fell 12.4 percent in July to the lowest level in nearly a half-century, the government reported Wednesday. And another report this week showed that sales of previously occupied homes fell to their lowest level in 15 years. Sales are plummeting after a popular homebuyer's tax credit expired April 30.

Jobless claims fell steadily last year as the economy began expanding, dropping from a peak of 651,000 in March 2009 to about 460,000 at the beginning of this year. After fluctuating around that level for most of this year, claims started climbing again last month.

In a healthy economy, claims generally fall below 400,000.

Some companies are still cutting workers. Northrop Grumman Corp. said Wednesday that it will lay off 642 workers at its shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss., by the end of the year. The shipyard currently has 11,000 employees.

And in late July, a NASA private contractor, the United Space Alliance, began telling 1,400 employees that they would be laid off in the fall as the U.S. space agency ends the space shuttle program.

The United Space Alliance is owned by Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp. and has 8,100 employees.

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Migrants turn to the sea to enter US illegally

BY ELLIOT SPAGAT
Associated Press Writer

SAN DIEGO The speedboat is about three miles offshore when a U.S. Customs and Border Protection agent cuts the engine to drift on the current in quiet darkness, hoping for the telltale signs of immigrant smuggling — a motor's whirr or sulfur exhaust fumes.

"It's like trying to find a needle in a haystack, and the haystack is the Pacific Ocean," agent Tim Feige says, minutes before sunrise.

This is a new frontier for illegal immigrants entering the United States — a roughly 400-square-mile ocean expanse that stretches from a bullring on the shores of Tijuana, Mexico, to suburban Los Angeles.

In growing numbers, migrants are gambling their lives at sea as land crossings become even more arduous and likely to end in arrest. Sea interdictions and arrests have spiked year-over-year for three years, as enforcement efforts ramp up to meet the challenge.

While only a small fraction of border arrests are at sea, authorities say, heightened enforcement on land, and a bigger fence, is making the offshore route more attractive.

The number of Border Patrol agents doubled to more than 20,000 since 2003, and President Barack Obama is dispatching the National Guard after clamor for a crackdown in the desert led to Arizona's tough new immigration law.

"I think they found that going west through the ocean is probably their best bet," said Michael Carney, deputy special agent in charge of investigations for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in San Diego.

U.S. agents arrested 753 suspected illegal immigrants on Southern California shores and seas between October and Aug. 24, up from 400 the previous 12 months and 230 the year before. They spotted 85 watercraft since October, up from 49 during the previous 12 months and 33 the year before.

The smugglers use old, single-engine wooden vessels known in Mexico as "pangas." They're several feet wide and about 25 feet long. If they are found on U.S. waters, they're almost invariably smuggling people or drugs.

U.S. authorities have stepped up sea patrols near the border, forcing pangas loaded with illegal immigrants and sometimes with marijuana farther offshore with landings farther north.

An abandoned vessel was found in November in Laguna Beach, 85 miles north of Mexico. A boat with 24 people was found 43 miles off the San Diego coast in May.

Six boats have landed at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base, more than 50 miles north of the border, since November, including two that were abandoned. The base, only a short hike to Interstate 5, has stepped up security.

Authorities believe smugglers put their passengers ashore and return to Mexico, when possible, to avoid losing their boats and leaving evidence behind. But they also quickly abandon the boats and run for it if they sense they're about to be caught.

Smuggling on California waters dates back to the alcohol trade during Prohibition, but authorities noticed a change in late 2007 when pangas began traveling without lights at night with up to 25 people packed on open decks.

At up to $5,000 a person — roughly twice the fee to cross illegally over land — one overnight trip can generate $100,000.

Some arrests at sea may be a result of heightened enforcement. This year, the Orange County Sheriff's Department joined in boat patrols on a 32-mile coastal stretch south of Los Angeles.

Only two immigrants are known to have been killed crossing in U.S. waters, their boat overturning in the San Diego surf in January. Two months earlier, eight were rescued atop an overturned boat that was adrift for a day.

Smugglers have been arrested on both sides of the border, with those in the U.S. being sentenced to a year or two in prison.

In Mexico, the boats launch from a poor fishing village named Popotla, about 15 miles south of the border. It sits between Playa de Rosarito's high-rise hotels and condos that cater to American tourists and expatriates and next to the studio where the 1997 blockbuster "Titanic" was filmed.

Squatters live in about two dozen shanties crammed on a hillside. There is no electricity, paved road, sewage or garbage collection.

But it is easy to understand why smugglers are drawn to the village. It's out of view from the highway only 200 yards away. Its crescent-shaped beach invites gentle waves and it is the only public boat launching spot on a 50-mile stretch south of the border.

A restaurant worker, Victor Estrada, said he saw about eight migrants being led to a boat on the beach one recent night after they waited several hours inside a sports utility vehicle, but about a dozen other workers and residents insisted they knew nothing about smugglers.

Jose Eduardo Montero, public safety chief of Playas de Rosarito, offers a different view: "The place is invaded by criminals, drug traffickers, undocumented immigrants, drug dealers. It's all mixed in with the fishing business."

One January night, Montero said, his officers detained 23 people as they were preparing for a crossing, including two alleged guides who were arrested on smuggling charges.

Authorities have failed to pierce the top ranks of smuggling organizations. Boat drivers offer little information when captured and toss their GPS devices and radios into the water before agents reach them.

The low-slung boats, when weighed down with people, can float only about one foot above water, making them difficult to see on radar. Night-vision binoculars have limited reach.

"They're beating us with low-tech," said ICE's Carney. "I'm not saying they can't be detected, but I'm saying they're very hard to detect."

On a recent night off San Diego shores, two CBP speedboats prowled the coast. A CBP helicopter with infrared surveillance equipment was down for repairs, which happens pretty often, said CBP supervisory agent Mark White, his boat idled with Tijuana's lights behind him.

"We're one step behind," he says.

White spent much of the night near two unlit beaches that are popular with smugglers. He described the positioning as educated guesswork. Just because boats have been landing north, he can't afford to neglect beaches close to the border. Some migrants dash one mile from Tijuana on Jet Skis, hugging the shore.

"We're trying to smell, we're trying to see, and we're waiting," White said.

Agents got lucky the following night, arresting 23 suspected illegal immigrants from Mexico on a boat about five miles offshore from San Diego's tony La Jolla area around 3 a.m.

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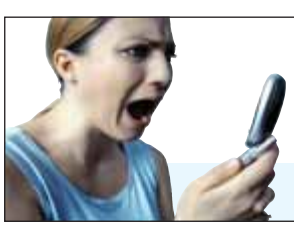
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Mayor seeks to calm cabbie, NYC after knife attack

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NEW YORK A Muslim cab driver whose face and throat were slashed in a suspected hate crime attack appeared with Mayor Michael Bloomberg on Thursday as city officials sought to ease tensions in the debate over a plan to put a mosque near the site of the 2001 terrorist attacks.

Meanwhile, investigators sought to unravel contradictions in the life of the suspect, a baby-faced college student who had traveled to Afghanistan with a group that seeks to promote interfaith understanding.

The Bangladeshi driver, Ahmed H. Sharif, said the proposed mosque and Islamic center north of the World Trade Center site did not come up in his conversation with the passenger who allegedly used a folding knife to slash Sharif's neck and face after asking whether he was a Muslim.

"Of course it was for my religion. He attacked me after he knew I was a Muslim," Sharif said at a news conference at City Hall.

Bloomberg said it is impossible to know the motive of the attack. But he made a pointed connection to the debate about the planned Islamic center, which has ignited intense emotions worldwide.

"This should never have happened and hopefully won't happen again," Bloomberg said. "Hopefully, people will understand that we can have a discourse. That's what the First Amendment is all about. That's what America is all about."

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said authorities did not believe the cabbie's attack signified any trend in anti-Muslim crimes.

"We see it as an isolated incident," he said.

Passenger Michael Enright, of Brewster, N.Y., remained jailed without bail on charges of attempted murder and assault as hate crimes, and weapons possession.

Sharif and one of his advocates at City Hall, the leader of a taxi drivers' labor group, said the conversation in the taxi turned from pleasant to disturbing as Enright began to make jokes about Ramadan.

Investigators were still trying to make sense of what they know about the 21-year-old visual arts student who once volunteered with a group called Intersections that promotes interfaith tolerance and has supported a proposal for the downtown mosque.

Robert Chase, Intersections' director, said the organization had helped pay to send Enright overseas to Afghanistan in April, a trip he took as part of a senior video project he was doing at the School of Visual Arts. As part of the work, Enright spent time embedded with U.S. troops.

Chase said Enright did not appear tormented or different when he returned from Afghanistan, but said "we knew he was witness to some really awful things over there."

"We could tell that he'd had an intense experience, but he was the same Mike we knew," Chase said. "He's always been professional, always been courteous, always been diligent."

Authorities say Enright uttered "Assalamu aleikum," Arabic for "Peace be upon you," and told the driver, "Consider this a checkpoint," before attacking him Tuesday night inside the yellow cab in Manhattan.

Enright was carrying two notebooks that contained details of his experiences in Afghanistan but did not appear to contain any anti-Muslim rants. The journals were in a backpack along with an empty bottle of scotch, Kelly said.

Enright told police he had been drinking since 2 p.m. Tuesday before his 6 p.m. arrest. He accused the arresting officers of violating his constitutional rights and falsely claimed to be Jewish, Kelly said.

Enright's attorney said at a court appearance Wednesday that Enright was an honors student, lived with his parents in the New York City suburbs and had volunteered in Afghanistan.

Sharif praised New York as a city where "all color, races, all religion," live "side by side peacefully." But he said the attack had made him feel unsafe and lonely. He said meeting with Bloomberg helped him feel more secure, and he welcomed the support from the city.

Supporters of the mosque — a group that includes Bloomberg — say it's a matter of religious freedom. Opponents argue that the site is too close to the place where Islamic terrorists attacked the World Trade Center site nine years ago.

Muslims have been worshipping at the Islamic center site since last year, but it received new attention after developers sought to move ahead on a planned expansion that includes a community center.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations, a Washington-based advocacy group, said anti-Islam sentiment has bubbled up with new fervor during the debate about the mosque, leading to more bias incidents nationwide.

In addition to the cab driver stabbing, a mosque in Madera, Calif., was vandalized, and anti-Muslim graffiti was discovered in the parking lot of a Texas Islamic center, the group said.

"Hate rhetoric often leads to hate crimes, and I think that's what we're seeing now," spokesman Ibrahim Hooper said.

Including the attack on Sharif, there have been 10 hate crimes reported against Muslims in the city so far this year, up from six total last year, Kelly said. By comparison, the top hate-crime categories this year are 93 anti-Semitic, 36 anti-gay and 23 anti-black incidents, according to the NYPD.

The anti-Muslim total is so low, "I don't think you can draw any conclusions from these numbers," Kelly said.

The Anti-Defamation League said it had been tracking "an intensified level of anti-Muslim bigotry" in public forums over the past few months.

It cited scores of incidents involving either harassment, hate speech or outright violence, including a pipe bomb explosion at an Islamic center in Jacksonville, Fla., in May and a July fire at an Islamic center in Mareitta, Ga.

"The mood in the country, in general, is one of lack of civility and anger and rage," said ADL director Abraham Foxman. "When you raise the rhetoric on hate, there is always potential for violence."

The ADL itself opposes the construction of an Islamic community center near ground zero at the World Trade Center site, saying the location would unnecessarily agitate some 9/11 victims and families and would be "counterproductive to the healing process."

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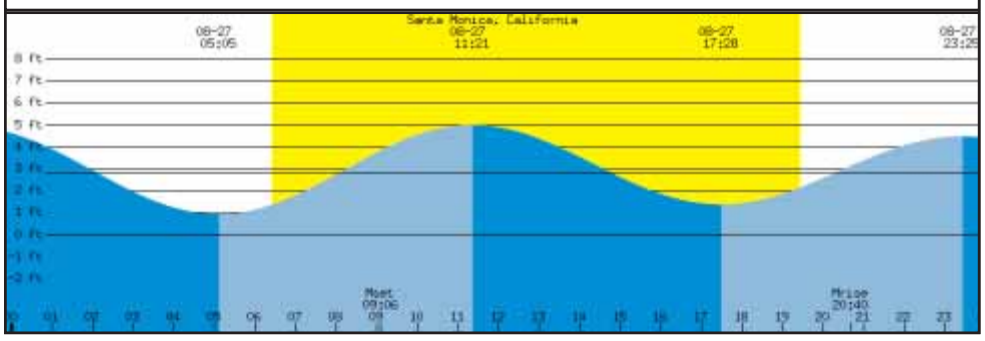
Swell Forecast

Looks a bit smaller, about head high with a few pluses now and again.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks smaller, around chest+ for south facing breaks. Looks like we should see some wind swell on Saturday as well, perhaps waist to chest at west facing breaks.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous 30 days up to the ending date of **August 18, 2010**

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 -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 44 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 4 / ns

The Beach Report Card is made possible by: The Diller – von Furstenberg Family Foundation, Grousbeck Family Foundation, simplehuman, SIMA, Carlson Family Foundation, Inc.

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 Blacker County Beach.	A	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon 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.	D	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	A+	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 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.	C	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

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

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

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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC stripped of 2004 Grantland Rice Trophy

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Southern California has been stripped of the 2004 Grantland Rice Trophy, which is awarded by the Football Writers Association of America to the nation's top college football team.

The organization said Thursday that a committee of current and former officers voted to revoke the honor after USC was penalized for NCAA violations. It did not award the trophy to another school.

In June, USC received a two-year bowl ban, four years' probation, loss of scholarships and forfeits of an entire year's games. The punishment was for improper benefits to Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush dating to the Trojans' 2004 national championship.

The BCS has said it will likely force USC to vacate its title but won't act until the NCAA hears the Trojans' appeal.

USC said it is in the process of returning the Grantland Rice Trophy.

"Due to the NCAA penalties, we understand the actions taken by the Football Writers Association of America, and we will abide by that ruling," new USC athletic director Pat Haden said in a statement.

ON THE HORIZON

Texas and Southern California, who last met in the Rose Bowl in 2006, have scheduled games in 2017 and 2018.

The Longhorns will travel to Los Angeles in 2017 with the Trojans going to Austin the next year.

Texas beat the Trojans 41-38 in the 2005 season BCS championship game to claim the Longhorns' first undisputed national championship since 1969. USC holds a 4-1 edge over the Longhorns, with the last regular-season meeting in 1967.

USC completed its 2013 schedule with the addition of a home game against Utah State on Sept. 21. The Trojans are 4-0 all-time in the series.

NOTICE OF GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION TO CULTURAL DESTINATIONS

City of Santa Monica

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Applications are now available for trips between Sep '09 and Jun '10. Deadline for submission: 5 pm, Friday Nov 20, 2009. To apply, contact Santa Monica Cultural Affairs at 310.458.8350, or nathan.birnbaum@smgov.net

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Lottery Ticket (PG-13) 1hr 39min
2:10pm, 4:45pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

Nancy McPhee Returns (PG) 1hr 49min
1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

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2:20pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
1310 Third St.
(310) 289-4262

Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:45pm, 4:00pm, 7:15pm, 10:30pm

Piranha 3D (R) 1hr 29min
12:30pm, 2:55pm, 5:25pm, 7:50pm, 10:15pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 10:05pm

The Switch (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:10am, 1:45pm, 4:25pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Takers (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:40am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 8:00pm, 10:45pm

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

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11:00am, 2:30pm, 6:15pm, 10:00pm

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Cairo Time (NR) 1hr 43min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

Get Low (PG-13) 1hr 40min
1:30pm, 4:10pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

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1:40pm, 4:20pmm 7:10pm, 9:50pm

The Wildest Dream: Conquest of Everest (PG-13) 1hr 45min
1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 9:40pm

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Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:45am, 2:30pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:25pm

The Expendables (R) 1hr 43min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 4:50pm, 7:25pm, 10:05pm

The Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Vampires Suck (PG-13) 1hr 28min
12:20pm, 2:20pm, 4:40pm, 7:00pm, 9:20pm

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

It's going to be a late night, Cancer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ The Moon in your sign gives you an edge, even when dealing with a cold, difficult person. You could be uncomfortable with what is coming up at the workplace. You cannot count on someone like you have in the past. Tonight: As you like. This is your weekend!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Much is going on that is making you uncomfortable. You have not isolated some of the elements as of yet. You just know that you would prefer to pull back and do less until you are sure of yourself. Tonight: Vanish if you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You might want to zero in on basics, knowing your limits. Friends and several meetings could punctuate your day, making accomplishing what you want difficult. Stay focused, and you will be smiling. Tonight: Where the action is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Though you might want to take a stand or make a decision, others could be challenging. Take another look at an associate. Have you noticed a change in this person's demeanor? Understanding evolves. Tonight: Working late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Detach and get away from what might be a ritualistic approach. You need to break past former barriers. A novel approach will open doors. Be willing to change courses, even if you're nervous. Take a risk. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Be smart and let someone you trust handle a personal matter. This person has proven him- or herself trustworthy over and over. You could be more difficult than you realize. A risk right now is not a good idea. Tonight: Meet up with a dear friend.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Others want to run with the ball. You might question what is enough personally with a certain situation. You might need to make an adjustment. You could be a bit more cynical or distant than you realize. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Though you might feel a bit down, rethink a decision with care. Try not to make a point right now; somehow a conversation could backfire. A meeting could feel awkward. Know that there will be a better time. Tonight: Get some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Stay on target with a project. You are unusually creative. Funnel this energy into work, knowing you want to get out of the door. Delay a meeting if possible, especially as a key person might be negative. Tonight: Let go of the week. Join fun friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might feel squeezed -- in many ways you are. Don't push someone too hard, or else it could backfire. If you can, work from home or make it an early workday. A family member will be thrilled to have you home. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Open up conversations with those who impact your daily life. You might be overworking a problem and making more out of it than need be. News from a distance could feel like someone closed you off. Tonight: Hang out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Realize the cost of pursuing a certain path. A friend could be the source of disconcerting news. Think twice and see if there is a better route. Understand where a partner is coming from. You don't need to agree. Tonight: Your treat.

Happy birthday

This year, you will be challenged once more to walk a new path and give up what is no longer workable. Financial changes remain on the horizon, but you will have the wherewithal to handle them. Do avoid risking emotionally and financially. It is one issue to let go of what isn't working; it is another issue to take wild risks. If you are single, date for a while before even considering that a bond is forever. If you are attached, passions ignite. Knowing which fires to quench could be strategic. ARIES pushes your buttons but can be helpful.

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

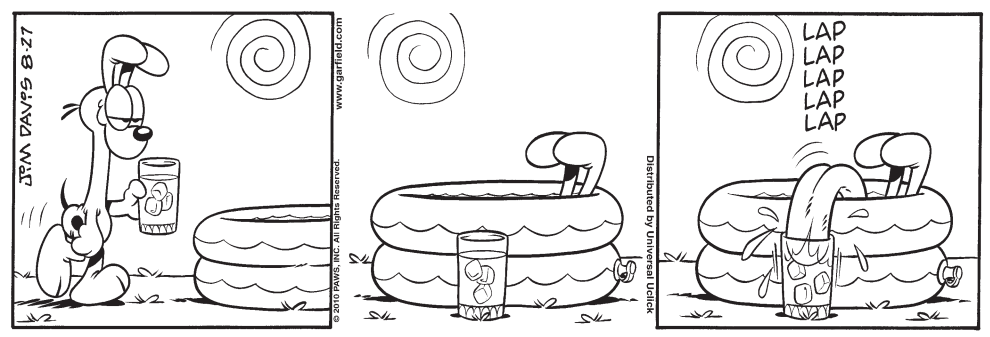
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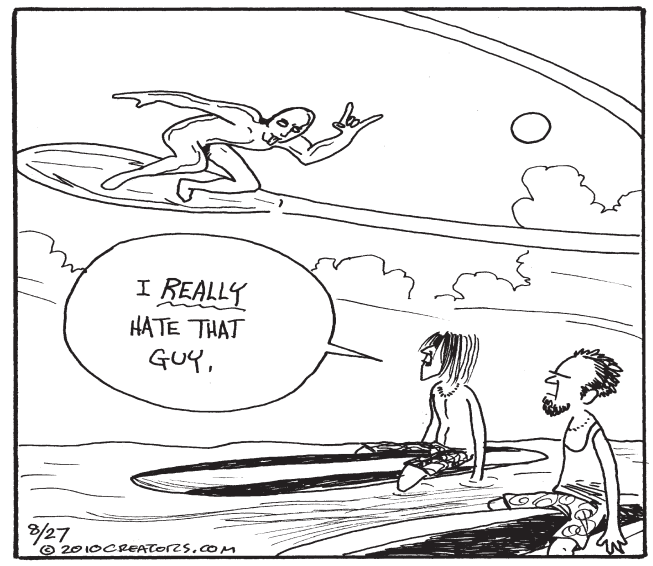
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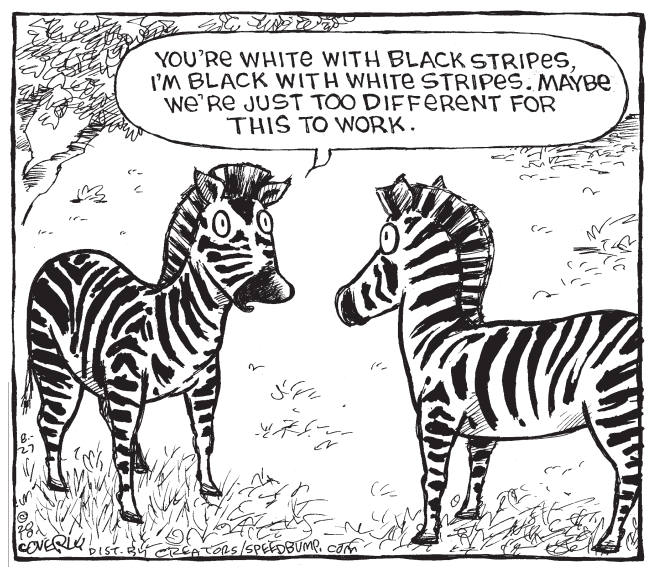
Garfield
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Strange Brew
By John Deering



Speed Bump
By Dave Coverly



Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

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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

4	9	8	7	3	6	5	2	1
2	7	5	8	4	1	6	9	3
1	3	6	2	9	5	8	4	7
9	8	2	6	1	3	4	7	5
3	5	1	4	7	9	2	6	8
6	4	7	5	8	2	1	3	9
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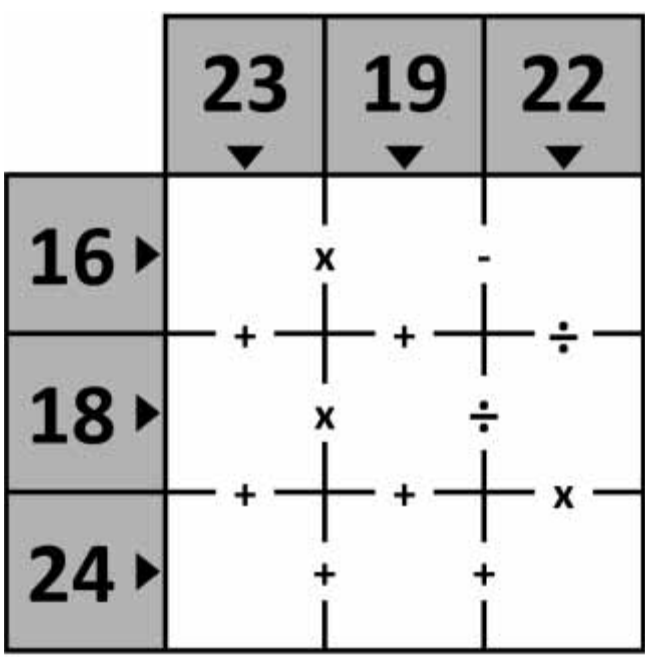
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• Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
• Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand to satisfy. Each empty square in the grid dictates the math operation (addition +, subtraction -, multiplication X, and division ÷) that must be performed to meet the demands.
• You must follow the given math operations for each square and you must make sure all the numbers satisfy the demands in the shaded boxes when connected in adjacent threes and calculated together from left to right, and top to bottom.
• The numbers you insert into the grid must satisfy the Equa demands both horizontally and vertically.

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

3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 8, 8, 11, 12





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Indiana player
6 Track doings
11 Kitchen come-on
12 Stood
13 Accrued
14 Dancer's boss
15 Hosp. sections
16 Little devil
18 Fix seams
19 Squealer
20 Calendar box
21 Pot fill
22 Unwavering
24 "Ratatouille" hero
25 Stop between flights
27 Humdinger
29 Gilda of "SNL"
32 "Rose — rose ..."
33 Night flier
34 One of Frank's wives
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36 Boxing great
37 Male turkey
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42 Ham it up
43 In the sky
44 Force units
45 Inverted sixes

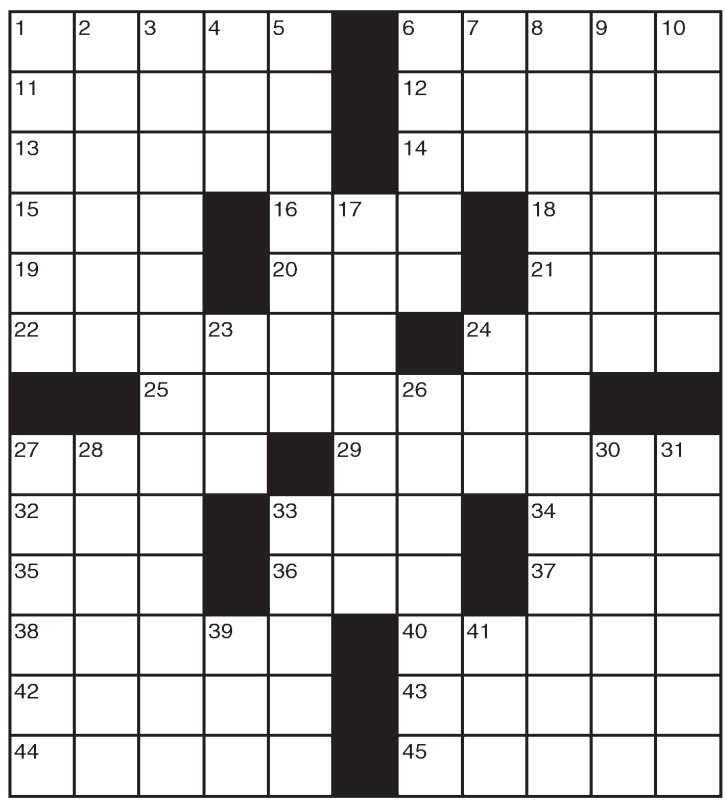
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1 Kitchen gadgets
2 Turkish peak
3 Leo, for one
4 Outback bird
5 With speed
6 Hoarse
7 Notre Dame's Parseghian
8 Dismay
9 Prize
10 Ocean lane
17 Like some elections
23 Water, in the Seine
24 Warning color
26 Papal place
27 Raised
28 Company org.
30 Change over time
31 Noted pharaoh
33 Hay units
39 Put away
41 Kimono cinch

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ In March, four NYPD officers, acting on department intelligence, went to the home of Walter and Rose Martin in Brooklyn, N.Y., looking for a suspect, and broke a window as they worked their way inside. The Martins, retired and in their 80s, were clean, and a police spokesman later admitted that officers had wrongly visited or raided the Martins' home more than 50 times since 2002 because of a stubborn computer glitch. When the software was originally installed, an operator tested it by mindlessly typing in a random address, but that happened to be the Martins' house, and thus the visits and raids began. The Martins say they have been assured several times that the problem had been corrected, but evidently their address has wormed its way too deep into the system.

■ Recurring Themes: Eugene Palmer, 40, wearing a ski mask and carrying a gun, was arrested in Brunswick, Ga., in March as he tried to rush into a SunTrust bank during business hours but became frustrated by the locked doors -- in that it was a drive-thru-only branch. (2) Danny Spencer, 31, and a partner were arrested in Bridgeport, Conn., in December as they called attention to themselves by driving through the city dragging a half-ton safe they could not crack open at the Madison Auto store they had just burglarized. (3) Ethan Ayers, 18, and a partner were arrested in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in March after an alleged mugging. Police found them easily, as their transportation that night was a relative's van advertising in large lettering, "Big Earl's Gold Mine," a Des Moines strip club.

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