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THE BE SAFE ON THE STREETS ISSUE

Planners try to close holes in zoning code

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE In 2011, a house on the 2500 block of Third Street lost its lid. And somewhere close to 49 percent of its walls.

The single-family residence, built in 1895, exemplified "turn of the 20th century"-style architecture, one of five in a row of homes built around the same time that appear on the City Hall Historic Resources Inventory, a document of over 1,000 buildings in Santa Monica of varying degrees of historic significance.

No longer.

The architect in charge of remodeling the home stripped the old building down to its skivvies, baring the studs that form the basis of the home's structure and removing all of the exterior elements that indicated its age and architecture.

Members of the historic preservation community protested the loss, but to no avail — a clever reading of the zoning code allowed the architect to skirt a hearing before the Landmarks Commission that

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MAKING THE TEAM

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School held boys' soccer tryouts on Wednesday at John Adams Middle School. Samohi begins play in November.

Groups ask for support on statewide bag ban

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

PALISADES PARK Eco-groups Environment California and Heal the Bay joined forces Tuesday to call for the passage of a bill by a local legislator that would end the use of plastic shopping bags statewide.

The bill, put forward by Assemblywoman Julia Brownley (D-Santa Monica), is currently in the Senate Appropriations Committee. The committee must pass it on to the full Senate, which has only four days before the end of the legislative session to send it to the governor's office.

If not, another lawmaker will have to take up the cause — Brownley terms out before the beginning of the next session, and is in the middle of a congressional run for the 26th District.

"A uniform, statewide bag ban policy is inevitable," Brownley said. "It simply makes sense not to waste our resources on collecting plastic bag trash. The public can accelerate a ban by contacting their legislative representatives to demand one, and by rallying support across the state for a uniform bag ban policy."

Santa Monica city officials passed a ban on single-use plastic bags in January 2011. City officials started enforcing it in September of that year.

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Female jaywalker struck on Wilshire Boulevard

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

WILSHIRE BLVD A 42-year-old woman was in critical condition Tuesday afternoon after she was struck by a car while jaywalking across Wilshire Boulevard, police said.

The collision occurred around 1:30 p.m. near the corner of Wilshire Boulevard and Centinela Avenue, said Santa Monica Police Sgt. Richard Lewis.

The woman who was hit was walking north to south in the middle of Wilshire when she was struck by a driver traveling east.

The woman was transported to a local trauma center for surgery, but her condition was not available by presstime.

The driver of the vehicle did not appear to be under the influence and cooperated with officers, Lewis said.

Police closed a portion of Wilshire Boulevard. The road was reopened by 5 p.m., Lewis said.

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City Hall, City Council Chambers
1685 Main St., 7 p.m.
The Planning Commission will be discussing Downtown parking fees and the city's Bike Action Plan. This is a special meeting. For more information, visit www.smgov.net.

It's a wrap
Bergamot Station
2525 Michigan Ave.,
6 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Human Relations Council Santa Monica Bay Area invites you to attend the culmination program and reception for the Kids With Cameras Summer 2012 program. Kids With Cameras is a six-week workshop in photojournalism that took Santa Monica middle school youth to "people and places" of their city. Come and hear what they saw and view their photographs on exhibition. The youth represent the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica, Police Activities League (PAL) and Santa Monica Family YMCA.

Dance, dance, dance
Santa Monica Bay Woman's Club
1210 Fourth St.,
7 p.m. — 11 p.m.
Every Wednesday, the club hosts a night of ballroom dancing. There's usually a good crowd and you can even get lessons. Cost: $10 general admission; $8 students. For more information, call (310) 487-0911.

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Thursday, Aug. 30, 2012

Just for laughs
Westside Comedy Theatre
1323-A Third Street Promenade, 8 p.m.
Come out for a full night of stand up comedy from the likes of Baron Vaughn, Richard Bain and Andrew Lopez. Cost: $5. For more information, call (310) 451-0850.

Filling in with funk
Santa Monica Pier
7 p.m.
The Pimps of Joytime will be playing this week's Twilight Concert Series after the original act, Hot 8 Brass Band, had to drop out of the show because they are stuck in New Orleans due to Hurricane Isaac. For more information, visit twilightseries.org.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN

Conservancy rallies to save post office

The Santa Monica Conservancy is calling for a full court press on the United States Postal Service to prevent the closure of the historic post office on Fifth Street.

On Aug. 17, the USPS formally announced its decision to move services currently at the Fifth Street location to the carrier annex at 1653 Seventh St., south of Colorado Avenue and the future Exposition Light Rail Line.

The Postal Service would then sell the building on the open market.

The conservancy opposes the move out of fear that a future owner will not respect the historic nature of the New Deal-era building.

"The National Trust for Historic Preservation is so concerned about the failure of the Postal Service to provide adequate protections that it has named the historic post offices to its 2012 list of the Nation's Most Endangered Historic Places," the conservancy wrote in a release issued Tuesday.

City Hall has already announced that it will be working on an appeal with the support of Congressman Henry Waxman, and the conservancy asked the public to help support the effort by sending letters to the Postal Service by Aug. 31.

It also calls on the Landmarks Commission to prepare to nominate the post office for status as a recognized landmark. The commission can't move on a nomination until after the building is sold.

ASHLEY ARCHIBALD

Prosecutors reject burglary case against Lohan

Santa Monica police continue to investigate traffic accident

ANTHONY MCCARTNEY
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES Lindsay Lohan will not be prosecuted for a burglary at a home where she had been a houseguest, prosecutors determined Tuesday.

The decision came after Los Angeles police detectives presented a potential felony burglary case against the actress and two men who were reportedly at the Hollywood Hills home of a longtime acquaintance after several items went missing earlier this month.

Prosecutors cited lack of evidence to prove Lohan was involved in the thefts at the home. The items taken were described as keys, cash, sunglasses and a credit card holder. The homeowner, businessman Sam Magid, is an acquain-

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Photo courtesy Santa Monica Pier

THE PIMPS OF JOYTIME

Pier concert band cancels due to Hurricane Isaac

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

SM PIER As Hurricane Isaac bears down on the Gulf Coast the disruptions it's causing forced Hot 8 Brass Band to cancel an appearance at this Thursday's Twilight Concert Series at the Santa Monica Pier.

As the storm approached their native New Orleans the band's management scrambled to find a quick retreat for the act with buses, trains and planes hard to come by.

"I've been on the phone with [the band] for the past 24 hours," said a spokesman for Baylin Artists Management, which handles the band. "We were trying to get them there, but storms can be a tricky thing.

"That's how it goes with weather and touring."

As the hurricane approached landfall on Tuesday, airports and transit lines from southern Louisiana to Biloxi, Miss. were closed with trips either canceled or diverted. It left the band with little choice but to hunker down, which is what officials in New Orleans are urging residents to do.

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Brown reaches compromise on pension reform plan

JUDY LIN
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. With election politics in play, Gov. Jerry Brown on Tuesday announced systemic reforms to save billions of dollars in California's underfunded pension systems, but dropped key changes he had sought to avoid a showdown with labor allies.

As a result, pension reform advocates said the Democratic proposal fails to address the long-term costs of the state's pension liabilities, largely by leaving benefits for the state's more than 200,000 employees unchanged without contract changes negotiated with unions.

The reform deal does not include putting new govern-

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Remove the requirement

Editor:

State Assembly Bill 5 removes the requirement that increases in student test scores be included in teacher evaluations ("10th graders sail through exit exam," Aug. 23). Good idea.

A number of studies have shown that rating teachers using student test-score gains does not give consistent results. Different tests produce different ratings, and the same teacher's ratings can vary from year to year, sometimes quite a bit.

In addition, using test-score gains for evaluation encourages gaming the system, trying to produce increases in scores by teaching test-taking strategies, not by encouraging real learning. This is like putting a match under the thermometer and claiming you have raised the temperature of the room.

There is another problem. Studies show that children of poverty typically lose reading proficiency during the summer, while more advantaged children improve. This means that we would need pre-tests in the fall to measure the effect of school from fall to spring, without the effect of summer. This would double the already excessive amount of testing now required.

We are all interested in finding the best ways of evaluating teachers, but using student test-score gains is a lousy way to do it.

Stephen Krashen
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He's a saint

Editor:

Thank God Santa Monica has a Bill Bauer. Thank God someone cares about Santa Monica. Thank God someone is finding out and exposing the "clandestine," "citizen" and "neighborhood groups" and their true leaders and purpose; the ones that seem to occasionally materialize out of nowhere ("Is SMRG fabulous or phony?" My Write, Aug. 26).

Where do those groups come from?

Having resided in Santa Monica for nearly 55 years, when a new neighborhood group materializes out of nowhere (with no public call to arms, organizing for change or to start a group), you wonder how the group really started, and whether, once again, it's only one or two business owners claiming to be a "neighborhood group" only to obfuscate the facts of who they are, what they are and what they truly seek.

I applaud Mr. Bauer. He is the only one who seems to care enough to get to the bottom of this issue (and all the others he covers and tries to clarify for the good of the citizens of Santa Monica).

He seems to find out:

1. Who is running them?
2. Who they truly represent?
3. What they really want?

I applaud Bill Bauer for all his efforts to educate us, to inform us who these groups are and who is truly behind their efforts. Only that way can we understand their purpose and the true message they are attempting to communicate to us.

And then, and only then, can we make an educated decision on what our options are, to agree with them or disagree, which is what I think citizen and/ or neighborhood groups and how they influence our decision-making process is all about.

Thank you, Mr. Bill Bauer. Thank you for helping educate me. Thank you for bringing transparency, clarity to what seems to be others' obfuscation of the facts for their own good; not mine, yours, or others.

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The lies that bind Lance, Lindsay

"ALL OF THIS NEGATIVE PRESS IS BS," Lindsay Lohan tweeted last week. "Whenever I'm doing great, people fabricate lies. It's such a shame. I'm just sayin'."

The woe-is-me statement came on the heels of news that police questioned the oft-troubled actress in yet another alleged jewelry theft case. Which was on the heels of yet another after-hours incident in which witnesses said she threw a full-blown temper tantrum in a nightclub. This was on the heels of yet another car accident in which she cried the car was at fault, which was on the heels of yet a different car accident in Santa Monica in which she blamed another driver.

In virtually every case in which Lindsay has been accused of something — bad behavior, immature behavior, illegal behavior or immoral behavior — she cries foul and points the finger at everyone but herself.

Which is kind of the same thing with Lance Armstrong.

There's no question that people in the spotlight almost always have some number of detractors and people who wish them more failure than success. But at what point do Lance and Lindsay come to the self-realization that, when you meet multiple jerks and liars in a day, almost every single day, throughout the course of nearly your entire career, perhaps the jerk and liar is actually you?

Clearly Lindsay surrounds herself with parasites looking to nip away at or share in her tiny, but still present, slice of fame and infamy. Some of Lance's accusers are admitted dopers themselves.

However, in the case of both Lance and Lindsay, there are also plenty of credible handlers, doctors, teammates, acquaintances and friends who have allegedly come forward with what appear to be plausible statements in which they say they saw the troublesome, cheating or otherwise illicit behavior firsthand. While it's possible that some of them have lied, it seems even more likely that even more of them are telling the truth.

Lindsay isn't saving lives. And based on her career trajectory over the past several years, she's barely even entertaining them other than through tabloid fodder.

But Lance has touched and inspired lives through his cancer fights and Tour de France victories, and is helping improve even more lives through his Livestrong cancer foundation. Taking the latter into special consideration, it's hard to imagine that there are enough cold, heartless and calculating people trying to falsely undo him, knowing full well that if he fails, then his work on behalf of cancer sufferers will suffer likewise. Does Lance really think we believe that there are that many evildoers who, in effect, have it out for people trying to survive cancer?

While many athletes and celebrities will always have some amount of haters as a matter of course, the kind of hate Lance has engendered is staggering, especially if what's been said about him has been entirely invented, as he claims with a straight face. If every last one of Lindsay and Lance's accusers are really lying, surely Oliver Stone would have movies about them in the works because the conspiracies that both the actress and athlete have claimed about and against themselves are such that even the staunchest JFK-assassination theorists would be licking their lips.

Mary Wittenberg, chief executive of New York Road Runners, calls his situation "sad," and argued to the New York Daily News that Lance "missed an opportunity to 'really make a difference.'"

"I think he has the platform and the credibility to put that bully pulpit he has had to work in a positive way. If he had in fact cheated and would be willing to talk about it, the risk and the downside, and become a symbol that reminds people that it's not worth it. If it is a situation where Lance may have violated the rules and cheated, what an unbelievable opportunity it would be to tell the story of the importance of playing clean," she said.

What separates Lance from athletic dopers such as Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens is that he's been a hero to more than just sports fans. His fights against his own cancer, coupled with his astronomical career milestones and the staggering sums he's raised on behalf of his foundation, have made an impressive dent in the cancer-fighting community. Which means his failure to admit even an iota of wrongdoing is a failure on behalf of cycling fans and gravely-ill fans. And that's not just sad, but heartbreaking and possibly even life changing to those who might just not be able to bear any more unnecessary bad news.

While plenty are standing behind him and screaming that the system is flawed, probably even more would shout their support for him if Lance said the system is flawed, but also admitted he is too.

Until that day comes — and it seems unlikely it will, at least anytime soon — Lance has kind of shown he's no better, and maybe just as low as Lindsay Lohan.

Which is a sad day for cycling enthusiasts and cancer crusaders, albeit a doubly great one for the tabloids.

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The Taxman

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Guess who wants to raise your taxes

BACK IN THE DAYS BEFORE HE JOINED the dark side of "The Force," Arnold Schwarzenegger was a compelling advocate for taxpayers. He noted that "from the time they get up in the morning and flush the toilet, they're taxed. Then they go and get the cup of coffee, they're taxed. … This goes on all day long. Tax, tax, tax … ."

The Governator has come and gone, but Californians are still among the most heavily burdened taxpayers in the nation. We rank first in state sales tax and gas tax, second in income tax and, even with Proposition 13, we rank 10th in taxes per owner-occupied residence. You'd think this would be enough for the Sacramento politicians and powerful special interests, but, as always, it is never enough.

The current governor wants voters to approve Proposition 30, a $65 billion tax increase, and he has raised $11 million so far to pay for a massive campaign to convince voters they are not paying enough of their hard-earned money to government.

Not surprisingly, of the top 10 contributors to pass Proposition 30, six are government employee unions that expect to benefit from more government income. But many will find it curious that those who also want you to pay more include major industries in healthcare, tobacco, pharmaceuticals, insurance, entertainment, telecommunications, financial services, beverage manufacturers and distributors and Indian tribes, just to name a few.

Not only is it hard to go through the day without being taxed, as Arnold (version 1.0) pointed out, it is hard to go through it without using the services of companies such as Blue Shield, Aera Energy, Occidental Petroleum, America Beverage Corp., Disney, Warner Bros., Viacom, CBS, NBC, Sony, Dignity Health, Anthem Blue Cross, State Farm, California Cable & Telecommunications Assn., Pepsi Cola and Coca Cola. These and dozens of other major businesses are supporting the Sacramento politicians' efforts to raise taxes.

Back in 1978, when Howard Jarvis was working to pass tax relief for average Californians, he was frustrated by the level of support for the opposition from major business interests. Bank of America, Atlantic Richfield, Southern Pacific Railroad, Standard Oil of California, the Title Insurance Corporation, several large brokerage houses and many others, all made significant contributions to fund the campaign against Proposition 13.

The reason that so many large businesses are supporting higher taxes today, while so many opposed tax relief 34 years ago, is precisely the same. Howard would say that the principle inventory of these big businesses was cowardice, but he understood what was at stake for many of these firms. He explained it this way: "Actually, a number of people in a position to know told me that the Bank of America and other big corporations that came out against 13 wanted to support it. But Assembly Speaker Leo McCarthy let them know that if they didn't oppose 13, the Legislature would find a way to punish them."

Ironically, all the faces in Sacramento have changed but one. Jerry Brown was governor then and is governor now. Rumor has it he has been working the phones hard with a heavy-handed message. And any business that is subject to state regulation and/or is under threat of a potential tax increase is likely to listen very carefully to even a polite call from the governor.

Like Howard, I have been told personally by officers and lobbyists from many of the organizations and interests who have contributed to Brown's tax hike proposal that they have been threatened with harmful legislation if they didn't financially support the massive tax hike. Jerry's biggest weapon? The veto pen. So much bad legislation is on its way to his desk representing the worst of heavy-handed regulation and higher business exactions that he can "persuade" businesses to contribute lest he sign the offensive new proposals into law. With one party rule in California, the adage "absolute power corrupts absolutely," is in full play — especially in this last week of the legislative session.

As with Prop. 13, while many business interests will side with Brown publicly, privately they will vote against him with enthusiasm.

For those who want to know more about who is working to raise their taxes can go to www.hjta.org and look under "Hot Topics." Maybe a phone call or two to these business interests from their customers might remind them that "doing the right thing" is the right thing to do.

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

Grubbin' on the go

The Planning Commission last week voted in favor of new regulations for off-street food truck lots, allowing them on Main Street one day a week while letting them set up shop on Santa Monica, Lincoln and Pico boulevards for four. They'll have to set up restrooms and provide parking, among other things. Some restaurant owners are none too pleased.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
What should the City Council do now, allow the food truck lots or curtail their operations to only street parking?

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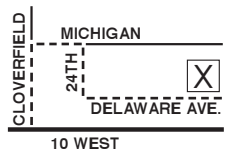
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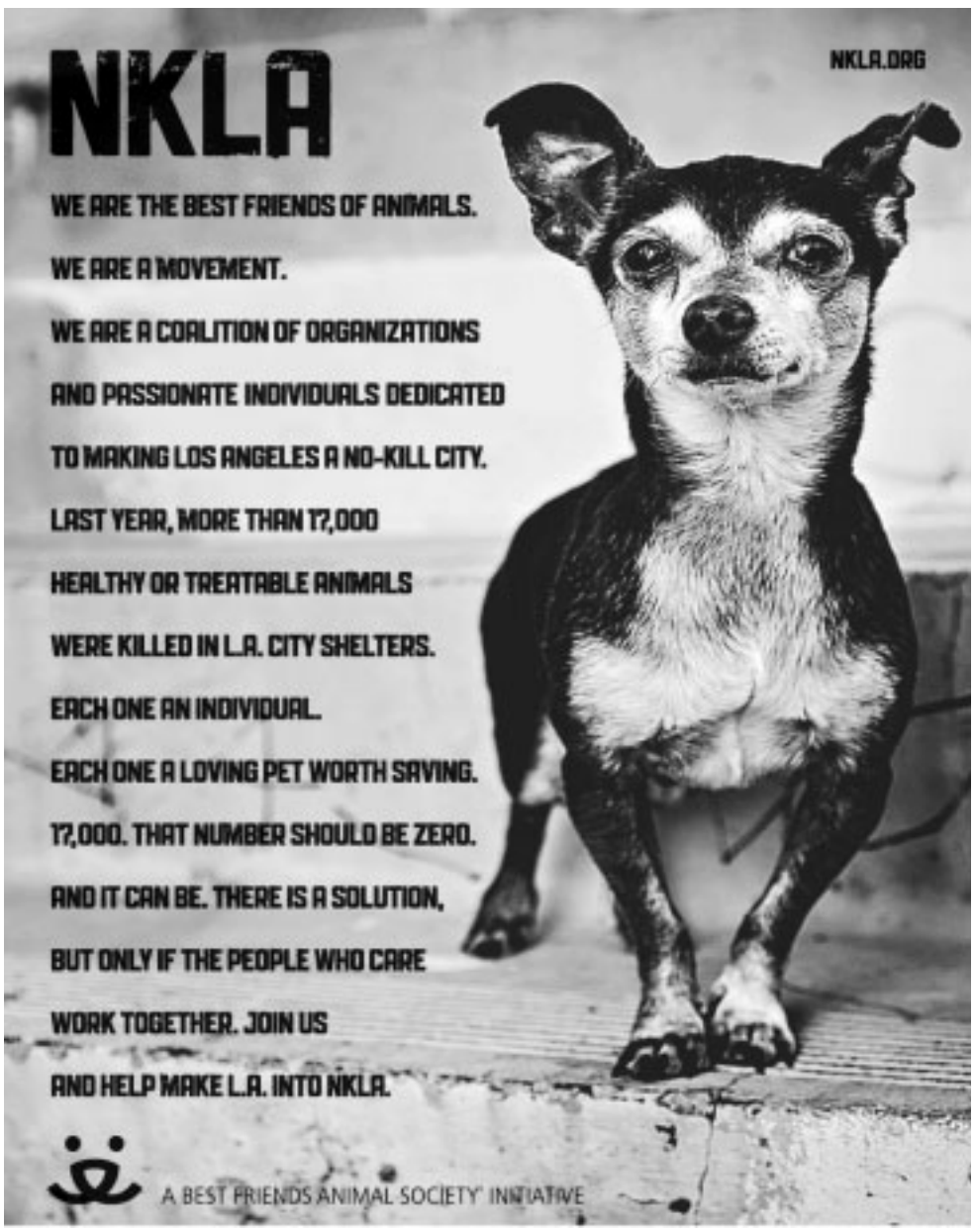


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Yosemite officials say 1,700 visitors risk disease

BY TRACIE CONE
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FRESNO, Calif. The rustic tent cabins of Yosemite National Park — a favorite among families looking to rough it in one of the nation's most majestic settings — have become the scene of a public health crisis after two visitors died from a rodent-borne disease following overnight stays.

On Tuesday, park officials sent letters and e-mails to 1,700 visitors who stayed in some of the dwellings in June, July and August, warning them that they may have been exposed to the disease that also caused two other people to fall ill.

Those four people contracted hantavirus pulmonary syndrome after spending time in one of the 91 "Signature Tent Cabins" at Curry Village around the same time in June. The illness is spread by contact with rodent feces, urine and saliva, or by inhaling exposed airborne particles.

After the first death, the park sanitized the cabins and alerted the public through the media that the cause might have been diseased mice in the park.

However, officials did not know for sure the death was linked to Yosemite or the campsite until the Centers for Disease Control determined over the weekend that a second visitor, a resident of Pennsylvania, also had died.

After every park tragedy, officials stress that Yosemite is a wilderness area and with it come some dangers.

"We're very concerned about visitors and employees," park spokesman Scott Gediman said. "But we feel we are taking proactive steps in both cleaning the affected areas and in public education. But it's absolutely impossible to eliminate all risk."

On Sunday night, health officials with the National Park Service sent out an alert asking public health authorities to be on the watch for more potential rodent-related cases of acute respiratory failure.

Yosemite receives 4 million tourists a year from around the world, and national park officials were trying to determine if the warning should be expanded to include foreign countries.

"We're discussing whether to do that and how to do that," said Dr. David Wong, chief of the epidemiology branch of the National Park Service Office of Public Health.

The disease can incubate for up to six weeks before flu-like symptoms develop. It's fatal in 30 percent of all cases, and there is no specific treatment. It is not spread human-to-human.

Wong said the Yosemite cases are unusual because hantavirus illnesses are most often isolated events.

"We are seeing more than one person who got it in a narrow space and time," he said. "It makes us wonder why, and those are questions we don't have the answers to."

All the victims stayed in the cabins between June 10 and June 20, and all four known cases were contracted by people who stayed within 100 feet of each other but not necessarily in the same cabins.

The National Park Service currently has assigned two epidemiologists to work in the park trapping rodents for testing. Additional studies are being done to determine if the Yosemite rodent population is higher than normal after a record snowpack in 2011 provided ample water for the grass seeds mice favor.

"Rodents and mice are native to the park, but we are looking at the populations and working with our wildlife biologists to determine if the population is too high," Gediman said. "There are rodents here, and we could never trap them all so that's not going to mitigate it."

As the Labor Day weekend approaches, some people have canceled reservations at Curry Village after hearing about the outbreak, Gediman said.

The camp sits at the base of the 3,000-foot Glacier Point.

After boulders rained down in 2008, the park permanently closed some cabins. The newer, insulated Signature Cabins were built in 2009 to replace them. Investigators are trying to determine why those cabins were involved in the outbreak.

Park concessionaire Delaware North Co., which oversees the cabins, did not immediately return phone calls seeking comment.

Rangers are handing out information brochures at the park entrance warning people to avoid mice in general and mouse droppings in particular.

People with reservations in the affected cabins are not being notified before arrival, but they are being warned during check-in to report any sightings of mouse feces.

"This is a serious public health issue and we want to be transparent, but at the same time we don't want people to alter their plans, because we are taking the necessary precautions," Gediman said.

Since the first illness was reported earlier this month, employees of Delaware North disinfected all 408 canvas-sided and wood-sided cabins in Curry Village. Workers are in the midst of shoring up the cabins in an attempt to keep mice from have easy access.

Epidemiologists say none of the victims had anything in common other than staying in Yosemite cabins.

A 37-year-old man from the San Francisco Bay area was the first person to die. Further details have not been released because of medical privacy laws.

Of the 587 documented U.S. cases since the virus was identified in 1993, about one-third proved fatal.

Deer mice were determined to be the main carriers of the virus, though other rodents can be infected, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Most of the cases occur in the West, though researchers are not sure why.

This year's deaths mark the first such fatalities of park visitors, although two others were stricken in a more remote area of the park in 2000 and 2010.

There have been at least two other fatal cases in national parks in the past few years, including a deputy superintendent at Glacier National Park who died in 2004, and a tourist at the Grand Canyon who was stricken in 2009.

Wong said health officials never were able to determine whether the victims contracted hantavirus inside the park grounds.

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Paw testing could be fun for pets

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LOS ANGELES Could your dog or cat be a southpaw?

Paw preference won't make a dog or cat walk, talk or wink like a human. You won't even get a high-five or a fist pump out of it, said Dr. Nick Dodman, director of the Animal Behavior Clinic in the Department of Clinical Sciences at Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University in Massachusetts.

There's the curiosity factor though, he said. "Wow, I thought that was something unique to people, and how weird to think the dog could be" left- or right-pawed.

Vets and owners agree that pets, including horses, have right and left preferences.

Researchers are studying things like right brain-left brain connections, genetics and sexual orientation that may one day change the way dogs and cats are bred, raised, trained and used, said Dr. Stefanie Schwartz of the Veterinary Neurology Center in Tustin, Calif., and a member of the American College of Veterinary Behaviorists.

Some horses have to be ambidextrous, said Dr. Sharon Crowell-Davis, a behavior and anatomy professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Georgia.

A 1991 study at Ataturk University in Turkey showed 50 percent of cats were right-pawed, 40 percent were left-pawed and 10 percent were ambidextrous. That study might be out-of-date, Schwartz said, but it does provide percentages.

A 2006 study from the University of Manchester in England showed dogs were split half-and-half.

About 90 percent of humans are right-handed and 10 percent are left-handed.

Laterality — the textbook term meaning one side of the brain is dominant over the other — may someday help breeders predict which puppies will make the best military, service and therapy dogs, Schwartz said, and that could be lifesaving.

But for now, here are a few simple tests you can do to determine your pet's preference, she said. Doing it 100 times (over several days) should give you an answer, she said.

• If you teach a dog to shake, which paw does it offer you first and most often?

• Fill a toy with something delicious and put it in the center of the dog's visual field. Which paw does it use to touch the toy first? Which paw does the dog use to hold the toy?

• Put something sticky on a dog or cat's nose. Which paw does the animal use to remove it?

• Place a treat or a piece of cheese under a sofa, just beyond a dog or cat's reach. Which paw does it use to try and get it out?

• Dangle a toy over a cat's head. Which paw does it lift to bat it?

• Put a treat under a bowl. Which paw does the cat or dog use to move it?

• When a dog wants in the backdoor, which paw does it "knock" with?

Schwartz said there are a few things that might alter test results:

• If a dog has arthritis or an injury in a shoulder or leg, it could use the other to compensate.

• When a cat really wants something, tests show it uses its dominant paw, but when it's just fooling around, it may use either or both.

• It's possible that handedness in dogs, and maybe cats, will change over time as the animal's motivation changes.

Luckily, the well-being of dogs and cats doesn't depend on preference. The same cannot be said for horses, Crowell-Davis said.

In U.S. racing, horses only have to lean left because all races are run counterclockwise on tracks, but in some competitions and in some other countries, horses have to race and canter both ways. "They have to be able to circle right and left. If not, they can trip," Crowell-Davis said.

"You have to work to get them to take the lead they prefer less," she said.

Crowell-Davis has never seen an advertisement promoting right- or left-pawed dogs or cats. "The only time you see it used in advertising is with horses. If a horse if being offered for sale, because of issues on the lead, it may say 'Works well on both leads' to emphasize the horse has had training."

Robin A.F. Olson of Newtown, Conn., founder and president of Kitten Associates Inc., a rescue organization, said her cats are always reaching for toys or treats with one paw or another.

Olson said she was born left-handed, but her mother didn't want her growing up left-handed in a world of right-handed people. "She always handed things to me close to my right hand. She always put the crayons in my right hand."

There won't be any such lessons for her cats, she said. "I try not to be judgmental of my cats' abilities or lack thereof. We will never worry about the anti-paw."

It appears that Nora, an internationally acclaimed 8-year-old piano-playing tabby from Philadelphia, owned by piano teacher Betsy Alexander and her artist-photographer husband, Burnell Yow, is right-pawed. Yow studied her videos and "determined that she appears to lead with her right paw, then follow with her left," Alexander said.

But she has her ambidextrous, headstrong moments.

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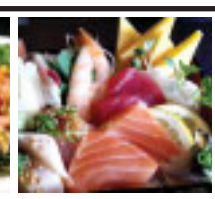
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ZONING

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might have preserved the exterior of the home.

That provision is called "substantial remodel," and states that a remodel rises to the level of a demolition when 50 percent or more of the exterior walls are removed, a definition which does not include the plaster or other defining features of those walls that are so prized by preservationists.

It's one of the many aspects of Santa Monica's zoning code that's getting a look-over as the Planning Department and its consultants from Dyett & Bhatia Urban & Regional Planners, a San Francisco-based planning firm, embark on an update they expect to finish by 2013.

The zoning code is the flesh that hangs on the skeleton defined by the Santa Monica community in the Land Use and Circulation Element, a tome of a document meant to provide guidance on development, circulation and other critical elements of Santa Monica.

Whereas the LUCE provided the outline and form, the zoning code fills in the details of policies, providing the "how" to go along with the LUCE's dictates.

It is, therefore, long, complicated and often tedious to the layperson, but it governs aspects of how the city looks and moves that many people care about, and it hasn't seen an update since 1988.

"[T]here have been many significant changes in the way we live, work and play since that time, and the Zoning Ordinance needs to be updated to reflect those changes," wrote planners on a website dedicated to the zoning update.

In some cases, like the substantial remodel definition, the language of the old zoning code has created unintended consequences.

It's meant to prevent homeowners from effectively demolishing their homes without the appropriate permits in the name of "remodel," said Planning Director David Martin.

That could be preferable to homeowners to avoid the trouble of getting a permit, and also because some homes have aspects — like inadequate parking or setbacks — that would no longer be allowed under the municipal playbook.

Skirting the review process by avoiding the need to pull a permit for demolition or substantial remodel would save them the headache. If the building is 40 years old or older, it also means they don't have to visit the Landmarks Commission for a review of the house's potential historic nature.

That end run around the process is one of two things that led to the stripping of the home on Third Street, and it's an outcome that preservationists have been trying to overcome since 2004, said Nina Fresco, a Landmarks commissioner.

"It came up in the work plan to look at that definition because people were abusing it back then," she said.

Commissioners at the time were advocating for "skins" of buildings to be included in the calculations, meaning that leaving the bare wooden supports would not be enough to constitute the preservation of a wall.

"You can't remove the siding and change all of the windows and not trigger a substantial remodel," Fresco said.



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RIPPED: **This historic house on Third Street was stripped to the studs during a remodel.**

While the Planning Department and its consultants recognize that the definition has been used creatively, it must step cautiously to balance the desires of the preservation community with that of homeowners, said Jory Phillips, a city planner brought on in mid-2011 specifically to deal with the zoning code update.

"We do want the average homeowner to be able to remodel their home without too much trouble," Phillips said.

The goal is to create a definition that speaks more to the character of the building and less to the structural members that remain underneath the surface and also retains enough subjectivity to make sure "good things" don't get held up in the bureaucratic process.

So far, neither the department nor its consultant from Dyett & Bhatia, Vivian Kahn, have decided how to accomplish that.

Many areas don't require even this level of review unless the structure is already designated a landmark, while others, like San Francisco, require almost everything to come before a deciding body, Kahn said.

"One of the issues that jurisdictions are constantly grappling with is how much of a burden to impose on homeowners," she said.

In Pasadena, a city with a large number of historic homes and buildings, planners have a separate definition of demolition that speaks directly to historic preservation.

A structural wall that faces the street cannot be changed in such a way that has "an adverse effect" on the significance of the property without review, said Kevin Johnson, a planner in the city.

"In Pasadena, most of the people here are knowledgable of or embrace historic preservation," Johnson said. "In most cases, it's not an issue."

If Santa Monica's new definition means throwing the breaks on de facto demolitions long enough for the commission to review them, it's done its job, Fresco said.

"We want to protect those until we can research them properly," Fresco said.

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The idea was to put a stop to the approximately 26 million single-use plastic bags given out every year in Santa Monica, bags that contributed to litter and green house gas emissions and cost residents and other taxpayers in clean-up and landfill fees.

Santa Monica's contribution is only a drop in the bucket compared to the 19 billion bags used each year in California.

While over 50 cities and counties have passed their own bans, including the city and county of Los Angeles, a statewide ban like the one Brownley proposes would make a major impact.

Only 5 percent of plastic bags are actually recycled, according to the Office of Sustainability and the Environment. Many of the others find their ways into the ocean, where fish and other wildlife mistake them for food.

Those bags leach chemicals into the water, and could be impacting humans that eat the fish, said Heide Chuek, a clean energy associate with Environment California.

"Nothing that we use for a few minutes should pollute our oceans for hundreds of years," she said.

While the ban on plastic bags seems to be gaining steam, so does the opposition.

A conservative think tank called the National Center for Policy Analysis released a study this month declaring that the ban on plastic bags had delivered a major blow to businesses in Los Angeles County.

According to the study, 80 percent of the stores in unincorporated parts of the county reported a decrease in sales averaging 5.7 percent.

The study also concluded that paper bags create more landfill waste than plastic, and plastic bags use 71 percent less energy during production than paper bags.

The study struck Dean Kubani, the director of the Office for Sustainability and the Environment, as fishy.

"It reads to me like a study prepared to fit a predetermined conclusion," Kubani said.

Only 3 percent of the almost 800 stores contacted actually returned a survey, and the report uses very selective data regarding the environmental impacts of various types of bags while making definitive statements about the information.

"Those statements are (simply) untrue and are not borne out by rigorous scientific analysis," Kubani said.

The report tries to make the case that businesses will suffer if areas no longer allow plastic bags. Jim Cragg, a businessman in the sewing industry and founder of Green Vets LA, begs to differ.

Green Vets LA is a nonprofit that employs veterans to sew reusable bags out of old military materials. Banning plastic bags would create thousands of jobs, Cragg said.

"Sustainability is a good business practice," Cragg said.

Santa Monica has ordered 26,000 bags from Green Vets LA since 2009.

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The massive storm comes on the seven-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans and swaths of the nearby coast. Isaac is not expected to cause the same level of damage, but the closures of major transportation lines were still warranted due to the expected strength of the storm.

Isaac was upgraded to a category 1 hurricane on Tuesday afternoon with winds gusting to 100 mph as of presstime.

There was talk of having the band travel to Houston to make the trip to Los Angeles, but just two of the band's eight members made the journey.

"Securing their homes and families was more of a priority for the band, and I understand that," said Rum & Humble's Martin Fleischmann, the concert series' promoter. "We had to make the decision to find an apt replacement."

It was the second time during this year's series that a band canceled. Jamaica-based The Mighty Diamonds were unable to secure visas and missed the July 12 show.

Fleischmann worked his connections in the music industry and found The Pimps of Joytime, a funk and soul band out of Brooklyn that happened to be in California to play a show in Santa Cruz.

They will headline the show. Leo Nocentelli, one of the founding members of New Orleans rock/funk band The Meters, is opening. The concert is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday.

"It's a difficult situation all around," Fleischmann said. "It was an act of God, but that doesn't make it less disappointing."

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LOHAN
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tance of Lohan and later told authorities that he did not want to pursue a case.

"Lindsay is glad this matter has been cleared up so she can focus on her upcoming projects," her spokesman Steve Honig said in a statement Tuesday afternoon.

One of the men police interviewed was Lohan's assistant, who told authorities that he, the actress and another man went into the home early Aug. 18. Some items were taken, but the assistant refused to say who stole them, according to a memo rejecting the charges.

"We do not have sufficient evidence to prove this case beyond a reasonable doubt," the prosecution memo states. The document also noted that none of the missing items were found in the possession of Lohan or the two men who were believed to be at the house on the day of the burglary.

Los Angeles police say their investigation into the thefts will continue.

Lohan remains on probation for a 2011 case in which she pleaded no contest to taking a $2,500 necklace without permission. After completing a strict counseling and morgue cleanup duty program implemented by a judge, Lohan no longer has to report to a judge, but she faces jail time if she is charged with another crime.

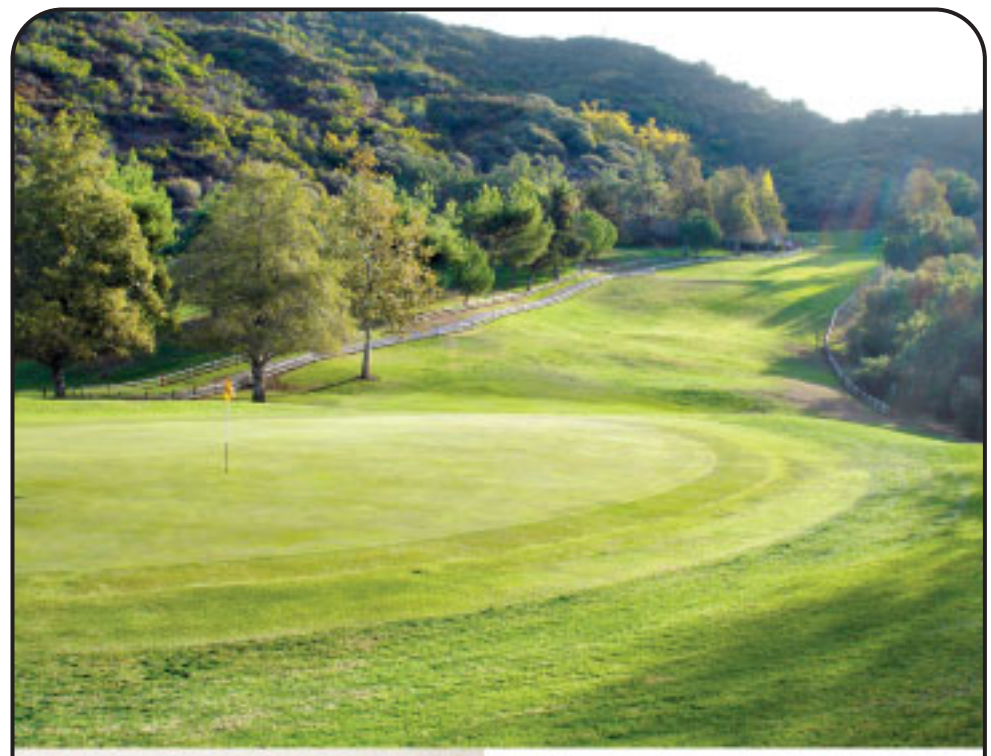
In recent months she has resumed acting, portraying Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime movie about the actress' love affair with Richard Burton.

She also recently filmed "The Canyons," a film by "Less Than Zero" author Bret Easton Ellis. That film has Lohan playing opposite James Deen, who is best known as an adult film star with thousands of movies to his credit.

Police in Santa Monica continue to investigate a crash involving Lohan and her assistant on the Pacific Coast Highway earlier this year. Lohan was on her way to the set of the Lifetime film "Liz and Dick" when she slammed into the back of a dump truck and had to be briefly hospitalized.







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ment workers in a hybrid system that includes a 401(k)-style plan, greater independence for the board that oversees the state's main pension fund or a reduction in retiree health care costs, which are skyrocketing.

Still, Brown hailed the deal as a landmark achievement and said it will make pension benefits for public employees lower than they were during his first term in office, in 1975.

"These reforms make fundamental changes that rein in costs and help to ensure that our public retirement system is sustainable for the long term," the governor said in a statement. "These reforms require sacrifice from public employees and represent a significant step forward."

Labor leaders also were not pleased by what they saw as a violation of collecting bargaining rights. The reforms for new employees include an annual pension cap, contributions of at least half of their pension costs and a higher retirement age for full benefits.

"We are fighting back and we're struggling, and in this case it appears like we're losing," said Dave Low, chairman of Californians for Retirement Security, a labor coalition representing more than 1.5 million public employees and retirees.

The changes that will save the most money apply primarily to new workers, rather than existing ones, so the greatest financial benefit to the state will be decades in the future.

"We've lived beyond our means. The chickens are coming home to roost," Brown said during a news conference in Los Angeles, referring to the difficulty of negotiating pension reforms with the Legislature's Democratic majority and the public employee labor unions that fund their campaigns.

Pension reform has been an undercurrent throughout the entire legislative session this year, in part because the state's two main pension funds, the largest in the nation, are so badly underfunded — by at least $150 billion.

But the governor also had a lot at stake: He has promised reforms since rolling out a 12-point plan last October and is trying to persuade voters that he is fiscally responsible at a time when he is asking them to increase the sales and income taxes in November.

Although pension payments account for a fraction of state spending, the cost has been growing in recent years.

Republicans note that the state's main pension system cost $370 million in 2001, but the cost went up to $1.7 billion in 2011, nearly the amount the state spends to fund the 23-campus California State University system.

Brown's original plan was projected to save $4 billion to $11 billion over 30 years. On Tuesday, the governor said the changes, if enacted by the Legislature, would save $30 billion, although the time period for that savings was not clear.

Republican Sen. Mimi Walters said the savings in the Democratic plan are just a fraction of the state's overall unfunded public pension liability.

"The voters need to see that this is not true pension reform, and the reason that I believe the governor is putting forward this pension reform act, if you will, is because he knows that he cannot ask voters in the state of California to increase taxes if he doesn't take on this critical issue," Walters, of Lake Forest, said in an interview.

The reforms include a cap on annual pension payments for new employees at $110,100 for most workers and $132,120 for employees not covered by Social Security, such as teachers and some public safety workers. They also require new employees to contribute at least half of their pension costs.

Reflecting longer life spans, the reform plan also raises minimum retirement ages for new employees. A civil service worker will now have to work until age 67, rather than 55, to receive full benefits. For public safety workers, that goes from age 50 to 57 and the maximum benefit formula is reduced.

The plan also ends some of the most egregious abuses of the pension system, including a practice known as "spiking" in which employees are given big raises during their last year of employment as a way to inflate their pensions.

"Those items may be worth addressing for other reasons, but they have little to do with rising retirement costs," said David Crane, who served as economic adviser to former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and is now president of Govern for California, which advocates for government changes.

Crane said the proposal doesn't address the current long-term unfunded liability of the state's pension systems because it leaves benefits for current employees unchanged. Courts have ruled consistently that governments cannot make unilateral changes to existing pension benefits.

Jim Wunderman, president and CEO of the business-backed Bay Area Council, applauded the deal as a "big first step." However, some public employee unions were upset by the reforms, which must be acted upon by the Legislature by Friday.

"This is a one-size-fits-all approach that really does not work for all the different bargaining units and situations," said David Miller, president of the California Association of Professional Scientists, which represents scientists throughout state government.

He said guaranteed defined benefits are the best way to deliver a secure retirement for public employees.

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U.S. home prices show consistent 12-month gains

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WASHINGTON U.S. home prices are finally starting to increase consistently.

A gauge of national home prices rose in June compared with the same month last year, according to the Standard & Poor's/Case Shiller index released Tuesday. The year-over-year increase was the first since September 2010, a year when housing benefited temporarily from a federal home-buying tax credit.

The report also noted that all 20 major metro areas tracked by the S&P/Case Shiller index posted gains in June from May. That's the second straight month in which prices rose in every city measured.

"I think we have turned the corner on prices," said David Blitzer, chairman of the S&P's index committee. "It looks very good."

A decline in foreclosures and the lowest mortgage rates in decades have helped some of the cities hardest hit by the housing bust. Prices have surged nearly 14 percent, for example, in the Phoenix area in the 12 months that ended in June. In Miami, they've risen 4.4 percent.

The steadiness of the price increases is helping bolster a nascent housing recovery that began earlier this year. Last week, the National Association of Realtors said sales of previously occupied homes jumped 10 percent in July compared with the same month last year.

Builder confidence rose this month to its highest level since the housing market went bust five years ago. And the average rate on a 30-year fixed mortgage has been below 4 percent all year.

As prices rise, more Americans will likely be inclined to put their houses up for sale. That could further energize the market, which has been hampered by a low supply of available homes.

"The best news on the housing front is that prices have turned," said Patrick Newport, U.S. economist at IHS Global Insight.

Newport said rising prices could help many Americans who owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth now. It could also boost consumer spending if people feel wealthier. Consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of economic activity.

Even with the gains, prices have a long way to go to recover from their plunge during and after the housing bubble burst in late 2006 and early 2007. Nationally, prices in June were 31.6 percent below the peak hit in April 2006, based on the S&P/Case Shiller index. In Phoenix, they were consistent with levels from 2002. In Minneapolis, prices are near 2001 levels.

Some markets may have yet to bottom. Prices in Atlanta fell 12.1 percent in June compared with June 2011. Las Vegas home prices dropped 2.1 percent in that period. Prices in both cities are consistent with 1998 levels.

The S&P/Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. It measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The June figures are the latest available.

Real estate agent David Hicks, the owner of Century 21 Premier Group in Minneapolis, said business at his firm is up about 20 percent over a year ago.

"I am optimistic that the sales increases we are seeing are part of a trend that will continue," Hicks said.

But further gains, Hicks noted, will depend on whether banks can sell off their backlogs of foreclosed homes, which continue to depress prices.

Phoenix and Las Vegas have been foreclosure hotbeds throughout the housing downturn. In each area, home values plummeted after bank-owned homes hit the resale market.

Investors and other buyers have been buying foreclosed properties in both markets, creating bidding wars for properties in some cases. That demand, plus a slowdown in the pace of new foreclosures coming onto the market, has led to a sharp drop in the supply of homes for sale.

Prices typically rise once foreclosure sales decline. That's what's happened in Phoenix. Several factors beyond housing make Phoenix an attractive market for real estate investors, who are driving much of the sales there, said Paul Habibi, professor of real estate at the Ziman Center for Real Estate at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Phoenix has a more diverse economy than, for example, Las Vegas, which relies on travel and tourism. The Phoenix-area population is rising, and it's enjoying growth in new infrastructure investment spending. It also was less overbuilt than Las Vegas, Habibi said.

That means it's going to take a lot longer for the Las Vegas market to recover.

"It doesn't have a lot of resiliency in down markets to weather the storm, and I think a lot of investors when they look at that get a little bit skittish about investing in Vegas," Habibi said.

Some economists expect sales of previously occupied homes nationally to rise 8 percent this year to about 4.6 million. That's still well below the 5.5 million annual sales pace that is considered healthy.

Many would-be buyers are having trouble qualifying for loans. Or they can't afford larger down payments being required by banks. A Federal Reserve report last month showed that many banks tightened their mortgage credit standards this summer.

Still, the housing market is steadily improving and is poised to contribute to economic growth this year. Modest growth and job gains are encouraging more Americans to buy homes.

Jonathan Basile, an economist with Credit Suisse, said improving prices should boost sales further in coming months.

"When Americans become more comfortable with selling their home, they also become more comfortable with buying another one," Basile said.

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SURF CONDITIONS **WATER TEMP:** 68.4°

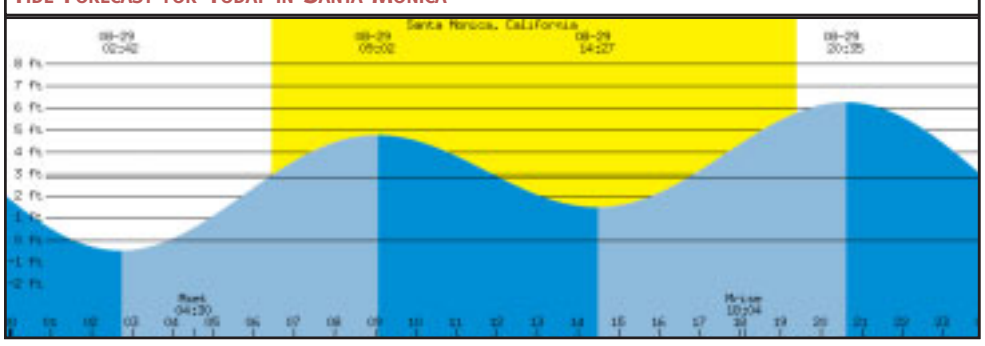
SWELL FORECAST

Knee to maybe waist at south facing breaks, waist high at west facing spots.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

SHOULD SEE WAIST TO CHEST HIGH WAVES AT SOUTH FACING BREAKS, WAIST HIGH AT WEST FACING BREAKS. SOUTH FACING BREAKS COULD SEE ROGUE WAVES RUNNING MUCH BIGGER.

TIDE FORECAST FOR TODAY IN SANTA MONICA



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 1
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 8
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 26 / 16
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 0 / 10

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Leo Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	as
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Los Alisos creeks.	as	as
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	as
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	as
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	as
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	as
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	as
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	as
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	B	as
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	as
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 21672 Malibu Rd.	A	as
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	as
Surfrider Beach (breach location) - daily.	A	as
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	as
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	as
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	as
Big Rock Beach at 19648 PCH stairs.	A+	as
Pena Creek at Los Tunas County Beach.	A+	as
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	as
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at 17208 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A	as

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	as
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	as
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	as
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	as
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A+	as
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	as
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	as
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	as
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St.	A+	as
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	B	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	as
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of CBW jetty).	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A+	as
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	as
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	as

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
as -- no sample taken

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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC's Robert Woods wants to make even bigger plays

BY GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES Robert Woods' goal for the upcoming season sounds fairly modest.

"Just trying to make more plays than I did last year," he said.

Except that last season, the All-American receiver made more plays for top-ranked Southern California than anybody in school or conference history. Woods made 111 catches, breaking Keyshawn Johnson's records in just 12 games — even without the benefit of a Pac-12 title game or a bowl game for the postseason-banned Trojans.

So just how can Woods top the most prolific season ever produced by a receiver at a school with decades of stellar offensive tradition? By improving the quality of his plays, not the quantity.

"If you check out some of the games, I had a big drop against Stanford," Woods said. "That was a big play right there. Some missed opportunities in the Cal game, the Washington game. Those are the type of plays I need to make, and those are the plays I need to capitalize on."

Woods clearly pays attention to details, even on plays that happened 10 months ago. Nothing has changed about his meticulous preparation and work ethic, which have pushed him above receivers with greater physical gifts at USC.

And though Woods has set a deceptively daunting goal for himself, he says he's close to fully healthy after rehabilitating an injured ankle throughout the offseason. USC limited Woods to one practice on many two-a-day sessions, attempting to keep him in the best shape possible for Saturday's season opener against Hawaii at the Coliseum.

If Woods can stay healthy, the Trojans think there's no limit to what he could accomplish as a junior.

"This is the best he has looked since last year or so," USC coach Lane Kiffin said. "It's good to see him push a little more, make five or six plays in a row."

With 176 receptions in two seasons, Woods already is the sixth-leading receiver in USC's rich history, even without ever playing in a postseason game. He's also just 40 catches shy of Dwayne Jarrett's school-record 216 catches, which means Woods easily could be the leading pass-catcher in USC history by the midway point of his junior season.

But after two years of youthful overachievement, Woods seems confident in his status as an upperclassman and a team leader. He's among the core of young talent that never considered leaving USC during its two-year postseason ban, and he's poised for the high expectations that come with the preseason No. 1 ranking.

"It's the same," Woods said of the Trojans' preparations for a season with much higher expectations.

"Last season, we didn't have the ranking, but we still had a lot to prove, just to prove that we still are SC and on the top," he added. "Now, we are on the top, but we still have to prove that we're the top team every week. It's a constant battle. Nothing really changes."

That consistency is just one reason Woods and Marqise Lee are among the top receiving duos in the nation. The former high school teammates' rivalry is strictly friendly, even after Kiffin said Lee had the potential to be the greatest receiver in USC history last season.

"We're a very close group," Lee said. "We're always together for the most part, always going places together, even walking each other to class. There's no bad feelings. We're all working toward the same goal."

Woods and Lee were the fourth tandem of 1,000-yard receivers in school history last year, while Matt Barkley set the conference record with 39 touchdown passes with an offense that scored at least 30 points in each of its final 10 games.

Woods is considered the technician of the receiving corps, while Lee is thought to be the most gifted athlete, as evidenced by his weekly production of jaw-dropping highlights in practice. Woods is a low-key, humble star in interviews — yet his Twitter handle is still @HeismanWoods.

Woods doesn't shy away from those labels, seeing them as a compliment to his work — yet he also produces one-handed, diving fireworks on a regular basis. Woods' work ethic reminds new Trojans receivers coach Tee Martin of Jerry Rice.

But Woods isn't getting caught up in outside expectations. He'll stick to his own goals and the Trojans' week-to-week process of improvement, even while his fans await his next superlative achievement.

"We definitely don't listen to any of the hype," Woods said. "The hype is always going to be there. If you get in the game and you make a big play, that's when you get hyped. It's always going to be around. You keep the hype around, but if you just make your plays, the hype will come with it. We're not even really allowed to talk about it."

NOTES: Kiffin named QB Max Wittek as Barkley's backup Tuesday morning, not really citing a reason for his selection over Cody Kessler. Wittek and Kessler are in their second year of competition for the job, with Kessler nominally holding the backup role last season. Neither QB has ever taken a snap in a game. Kiffin said the decision has no impact on next season's competition, when Washington high-school star Max Browne also is expected to be in the mix. ... The Trojans moved to their regular-season schedule of morning practices, which meant 6 a.m. reporting times. Kiffin said the team was a big sluggish, which he expected. ... CB Brian Baucham returned to practice after being ruled academically eligible last week. Baucham is even more important to the Trojans after CB Isiah Wiley was declared academically ineligible.

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MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave.
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The Great Gatsby (NR) 1hr 31min
The Gangster (NR) 1hr 24min
Discussion between films with writer Alan K. Rode and Jenny Sullivan, director and daughter of Barry Sullivan.
7:30pm

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

Moonrise Kingdom (PG-13) 1hr 33min
1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
1:45pm, 5:30pm, 9:15pm

Red Hook Summer (R) 2hrs 01min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm

Cosmopolis (R) 1hr 45min
2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:00pm

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

Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
12:40pm, 3:50pm, 7:00pm, 10:15pm

Total Recall (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
11:45am, 2:45pm, 5:30pm

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

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

Dark Knight Rises (PG-13) 2hrs 44min
8:20pm

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

Hit & Run (R) 1hr 40min
11:55am, 2:45pm, 5:20pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

Lawless (R) 1hr 56min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:55pm, 7:50pm,10:30pm

Oogieloves In The BIG Balloon Adventure (G) 1hr 23min
11:15am,1:30pm, 3:45pm, 6:00pm

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

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

Killer Joe (NC-17) 1hr 43min
1:50pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:55pm

Awakening (R) 1hr 46min
9:30pm

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

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

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

AMC Criterion 6
1313 Third St.
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Apparition (PG-13) 1hr 22min
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Premium Rush (PG-13) 1hr 31min
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Bourne Legacy (PG-13) 2hrs 15min
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ParaNorman (PG) 1hr 33min
11:45am, 5:00pm, 10:20pm

Hope Springs (PG-13) 2hrs 01min
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Sparkle (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:25am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

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

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Up late tonight, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Communication excels. You might not be able to meet everyone's requests or needs. You also might not be able to respond to all the activity going on around you. Tonight: Don't be too serious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Stay on top of a situation, and know full well that you might be making a decision for someone else. Don't worry -- others trust your judgment. Expect the unexpected. Excitement marks a financial matter. Drive a steady course. Tonight: Up late.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You tend to see all sides of an issue. You are unusually serious and dedicated when looking at a creative venture. Be open to more innovative thinking; be willing to break a barrier. Listen to an associate's feedback. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You sense that what a partner needs is way beyond what you originally thought. You might want to go beyond the obvious and deal with the basics. Make a decision as to how committed you need or want to be; let decisions stem from there. Tonight: Be a duo.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. Unexpected news comes forward that might force you to regroup. Knowing what you want could make a big difference in your decision-making process. Let go, and try not to worry about a serious situation. Tonight: Go with a suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your even pace helps you follow through when others let go and do the unexpected. You might find everything that is going on to be a bit humorous on some level. Be smart and keep this perspective to yourself. Be direct. Tonight: Time for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Allow more playfulness into your day. Detach, and look at the big picture. You'll gain much more understanding, which will allow your creativity to mount. Tonight: Finally, time to party away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Make sure to stay on top of your obligations. Listen to news with enthusiasm, and make this information work for you in your day-to-day life. You make a unique impression on others without having to reveal all of your thoughts. Tonight: Head home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ You might want to debate the pros and cons of a situation. Others could be slightly more impulsive than you might have imagined. Try to hold back some, as you could be concerned about a potential error. Tonight: You know what works; follow that path.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Order might be nice in the face of the unpredictable. Your grounded nature allows you to accept a lot, but there is a point at which you can take no more. Efforts to stabilize your finances and a domestic issue will not happen with ease. Tonight: Your treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You can't help but smile at the excitement that occurs when you open up to others. You'll see choices being made far more easily than in the past. You're always spontaneous, and you often blaze a new trail. Tonight: Whatever suits you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You might want to revamp your plans more than once. You could be overwhelmed by a personal matter, as positive as it might be. A partner supports you and gives you a lot of feedback. Tonight: Vanish early!

Happy birthday

This year you acquire a new ability to visualize and create. Tap into your dynamic imagination more often, and you'll achieve long-desired results. In the same vein, take risks only if they are grounded. Trust yourself the way others trust you. Pace yourself, as much is on your plate. Question what you must eliminate. If you are single, you could meet The One. Keep your distance from anyone who seems to be controlling. If you are attached, your significant other at times could be jealous or insecure. Do what you need to eliminate discomfort here. AQUARIUS seems contrary to your ideas.

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

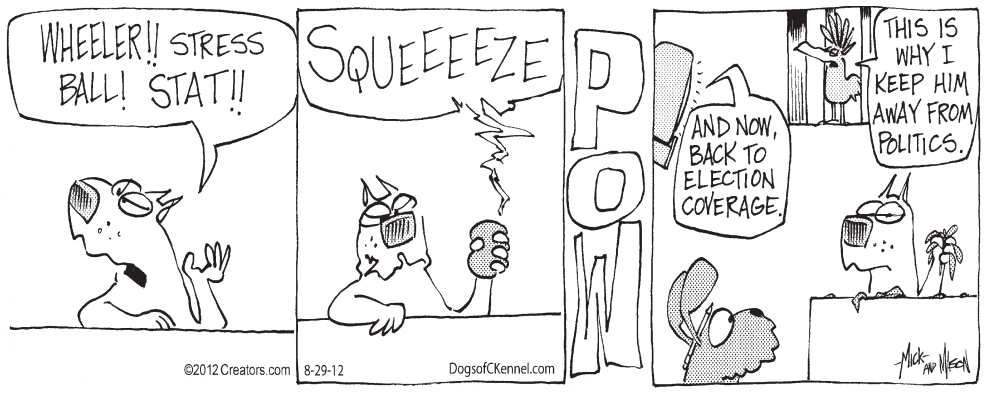
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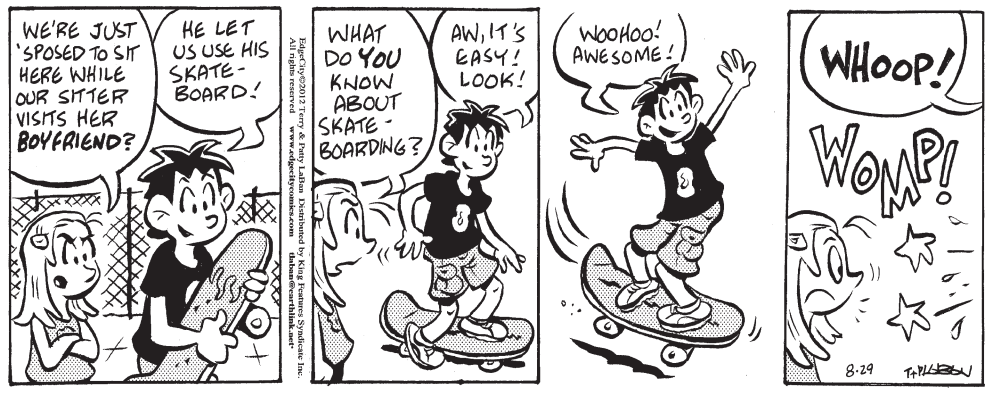
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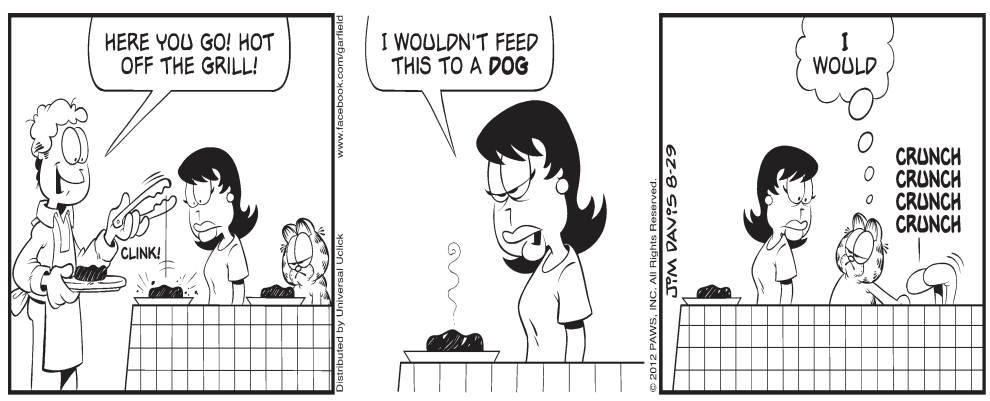
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Edge City
By Terry & Patty LaBan



Garfield
By Jim Davis



The Meaning of Lila
By John Forgetta & L.A. Rose



Sudoku

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

7	2	4	6	5	3	9	1	8
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Owed amount
5 Layers
11 Car bar
12 Neptune's neighbor
13 Small bottle
14 Dull finishes
15 List-ending abbr.
16 Tempo
17 Rap on the door
19 Lingerie item
22 Given the boot
24 Sun-powered
26 First person
27 School grade
28 Car part
30 Confronts
31 Overhead trains
32 Arkansas' — Plateau
34 Couplet creator
35 Tavern quaff
38 Cockpit occupants
41 Nest setting
42 Brunch choice
43 List-ending abbr.
44 Damp
45 African serpents

DOWN

1 Humorist Barry
2 Way to go
3 Dark rodents
4 — Aviv
5 Ornamental tree
6 Train course
7 Assess
8 Industrious insect
9 Cal. abbr.
10 Farm animal
16 Cacao holder
18 Animated fish
19 Witchcraft
20 Steak choice
21 Sacred chests
22 Renown
23 Fan's favorite
25 Poet Khayyám
29 Fan
30 Dieter's no-no
33 Full of flavor
34 Barber's symbol
36 Spring
37 Snaky swimmers
38 Punch sound
39 "— Believer"
40 Rent out
41 Chinese export

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Yesterday's answer

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8-29

DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS
Draw Date: 8/24
25 34 45 46 49
Meganumber: 34
Jackpot: $73M

SUPER LOTTO PLUS
Draw Date: 8/25
4 7 11 15 38
Meganumber: 4
Jackpot: $16M

Fantasy 5
Draw Date: 8/28
1 4 14 20 26

DAILY 3
Draw Date: 8/28
MIDDAY: 9 4 9
EVENING: 5 5 4

SANTA ANITA
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Another Absent-Minded Musician:** The most recent musician to carry a rare, expensive instrument on public transportation but then forget to take it with him was the person who in July left a borrowed Stradivarius violin on a train when he got off in Bern, Switzerland. Initially, the musician panicked, but the violin was eventually turned in by a good Samaritan. (The last News of the Weird report of such a Stradivarius was the one accidentally left in a New York City taxicab in 2008. That instrument, reported as worth $4 million, was also returned.)

■ Several inventors have attempted over the years to transport bodily sensations over the Internet so that couples separated by distance can simulate personal affections to each other. Now comes Hooman Samani of the Singapore company Lovotics, introducing his "Kissenger" at a design conference in Newcastle, England, in June. Kissenger is a large, soft ball with human-like lips and many pressure points, connected in tandem by the Internet, so that the unique lip movements by one lover are received precisely by the other as if their mouths were actually working the kiss. (In May 2011, Kajimoto Lab in Tokyo introduced a machine with a straw-like device that, when rotated by one lover's tongue, theoretically rotated one in the partner's device, thus simulating a "French kiss." That simulator, though, lacked the pillow-like facial feel of the Kissenger.)

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

CASE NO. BS138034

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CASE NO. BS138034

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

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

"Peter" Peng Fei Wei, In P00054556ro Per
The Epoch Times
9550 Flair Drive, #411
El Monte, CA 91731

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NUMBER: 2012147570 ORIGINAL FILING This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES on 07/23/2012 The following person(s) is (are) doing business as REFINE FOR MEN. The full name of registrant(s) is/are: EDGAR OSORIO 16 1/2 N GRANADA AVE ALHAMBRA, CA 91801. This Business is being conducted by: an Individual. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above. /s/:EDGAR OSORIO. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 07/23/2012. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 08/22/2012, 08/29/2012, 09/05/2012, 09/12/2012.

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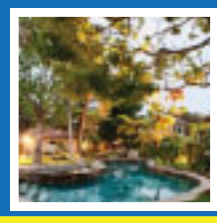




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