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THE **PUSHING PLASTIC** ISSUE



ANYTHING FOR FREE STUFF

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Nearly naked shoppers rush into the Desigual boutique on the Third Street Promenade on Tuesday morning. About 150 people showed up in their underwear as part of a promotion. Those in undies were able to select two clothing items and take them home at no cost.

Traffic under control at start of school

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SUNSET PARK Parking Enforcement Officer Micah Mitchell came close to losing toes Tuesday morning as he helped a constant flow of cars navigate the narrow intersection at 20th and Pearl streets.

"No left turn!" he bellowed at stubborn drivers who seemed determined to follow their rote path down 21st Street and onto Pearl, either toward Santa Monica College, John Adams Middle School or Will Rogers Elementary.

Unlike previous years, all three schools began within a day of each other, creating a perfect storm of regular commuters, worried parents and new college students driving in from out of town.

And, despite cars backed up nearly three blocks along Pearl Street, the traffic is flowing better than it has in years, said Chief Albert Vasquez of the Santa Monica College Police Department.

"It used to be backed up a mile," he said, describing the usual start-of-school traffic at SMC.

The intersection at Pearl and 21st streets was of particular worry to residents in the neighborhood because of the sheer volume of traffic that goes through the small, neighborhood intersection.

According to City Hall figures, Pearl Street sees 4,178 daily car trips, and 20th Street has 25,247 car trips north of Pico Boulevard. The amount of trips earned the intersection an "F" on its service report card, and qualifies it as the most congested intersection that doesn't have a traffic signal.

The effect, wrote Zina Josephs, president of Friends of Sunset Park, is a dangerous situation for the over 100 kids that traverse the neighborhood to get to and from school.

This year is different.

SMC police partnered with the Santa Monica Police Department and planners to put in place a traffic management plan designed by Sgt. Jere Romano of the SMCPD.

It covers the city from freeway exits,

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These Ts have a lot to say

Sisters spread good vibes, ecologically

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Some people strive to reduce the number of plastic bottles in landfills by arming themselves with a filter and a Nalgene. Others go clothes shopping.

As unlikely as it sounds, both are worthy strategies.

A new brand called A Lot To Say got its first brick-and-mortar store recently in the Fred Segal building at Fifth Street and Broadway, and although its T-shirts, pet accessories and even yoga mat covers do come with messages written on them, it's probably the fabric itself that tells the bigger tale.

Each item in the store, which mixes the elegance of the Apple Inc. white and silver look with a 1960s wall paper pattern, is made entirely of plastic, snagged before it ever hit a landfill.

"It's truly ecological, and very, very revolutionary," said Alison Stanich Power, who started the business with her sister Jennifer Stanich Banmiller in 2008.

First, the bottles are chopped up into small pieces, and then cleaned. The plastic is then melted into liquid, and shaped into a long, thin fiber which is then spun into yarn.

By using the bottles instead of new petroleum, over 75 percent of the energy is saved without additional harm to the environment, the sisters claim.

A new dye method called AirDye uses no water to put the carefully crafted messages on the shirts.

It's green, but it's also relatively affordable. No item in the A Lot To Say store costs more than $100.

Power and Banmiller started A Lot To Say out of a simple desire to create awareness by spreading kind messages, ecological facts and inspirational text.

Each shirt or product has one large, bold word, and then a small explanatory paragraph that gives context to the eye-catching centerpiece.

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2011

Sweat together
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Palisades Beach Road, 8:45 a.m. — 9:45 a.m.
Looking to lose a few pounds? Check out the group fitness class at the Sand & Sea Room of the Annenberg Community Beach House. Drop in or go for the full session registration. This is for ages 16 and over. Cost: Full four-week session registration available for $122 or drop in for $20 per class. For more information, call (310) 458-4904 or e-mail beachhouse@smgov.net.

Family flicks
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 2 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Movie fun for everyone! Check out a screening of Disney's "Kung Fu Panda." Seating is limited and is first come, first served.

Circle of trust
Santa Monica Friends Meeting Hall
1440 Harvard St., 7 p.m.
Join the Activist Support Circle for its monthly meeting. The guest speaker is expected to be Mimi Kennedy, an actress, author, activist and founding member of Progressive Democrats of America. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free. On-site parking is free. The Activist Support Circle is an open and ongoing support group for progressive activists that began in February of 2005. For more information, call (310) 399-1000 or e-mail ActivistSupportCircle@earthlink.net.

Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011

Pilates in the park
Ocean View Park
2701 Barnard Way, 7:30 a.m.
Donation-based pilates mat class series in Santa Monica. Pilates is awesome for building core strength and getting an over all body toning workout.

'Yogawoman' in depth
Laemmle Monica 4-Plex
1332 Second St., 7 p.m.
Annette Bening narrates "Yogawoman," a documentary that delves into the growing world of yoga. There will be a Q&A with the filmmakers after the screening. Cost: $25. For more information, visit yogawoman.tv.

New Americana
Santa Monica Pier
6:45 p.m.
Week 9 of the Twilight Dance Series features a folksy night featuring Los Angeles-based band Dawes. Sonny & the Sunsets opens. For more information, visit santamonicapier.org.

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CORRECTION

The Aug. 26 article "SMMUSD exit exam scores exceed state, county" should have stated that special education students need to take the high school exit exam, but do not have to pass it to graduate.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITY HALL

CityTV wins Emmys, expands programming

Another year, another Los Angeles Area Emmy Award for Santa Monica's CityTV.

It's CityTV's 11th Emmy win and the second time in a row the public access station won the Public Service Announcement (PSA) category. The PSA for the Toy Loan Program, which was created in association with Los Angeles County, was produced as part of the Women in Film Public Service Announcement Production Program.

This is the third year for the program partnership, and its first Emmy win.

"The program provides non-profits with powerful PSAs to help raise public awareness of their cause, and it also [gives] aspiring women directors, producers and writers the opportunity to expand their skill set while giving back to the community," said CityTV Station Manager Robin Gee.

The Toy Loan Program PSA can be viewed on www.citytv.org.

This fall, CityTV will be offering new programming on its life-long learning channel, Forte Channel 99, that will allow viewers to earn college credits through Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Forte will broadcast almost 10 hours of live interactive programming each week during the fall, and viewers may be able to participate in on-air discussion with university faculty and guests by calling in during the broadcast via toll-free hotlines and sending text messages on the Internet. A complete schedule of programming can be found at www.citytv.org. Some classes include "Introduction to Public Relations," "Jazz in the Modern Era," and "Introduction to Marine Life."

KEVIN HERRERA

DOWNTOWN

New gig for O'Day

Santa Monica City Councilman Terry O'Day is moving on. The environmental activist who has led Santa Monica-based Environment Now since 2003 has accepted a job with eVgo to help develop California's electric car charging infrastructure.

O'Day made the announcement Monday night, sending out an e-mail to friends and colleagues.

"From my experience at Environment Now I take with me deep friendships and the inspiration of our indefatigable partners, who fight to protect our embattled ecosystems," O'Day wrote in an e-mail. "I hope to report success in this transportation revolution and am confident Environment Now will continue its critical mission to protect the state's environmental resources."

During his tenure with Environment Now, O'Day helped found 10 "Waterkeepers," now actively protecting over 1,000 miles of coastline. The organization also helped found Move LA and Los Angeles County's $40 billion transit initiative, Measure R, which raised the sales tax to help fund transit projects.

O'Day is expected to start his new gig today. He will still be working in Santa Monica.

eVgo is a subsidiary of NRG Energy, a Fortune 500 company with one of the largest solar portfolios in the U.S., according to its website.

eVgo is most known for its car charging network in Houston, billed at the time as the first privately-funded plug-in electric vehicle charging network in the U.S.

O'Day, along with Councilman Bob Holbrook, recently backed a proposal to allow alternative-fuel car showrooms on the Third Street Promenade. The council voted to direct staff to study the possibility.

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WALK THIS WAY

Daniel Archuleta *daniela@smdp.com*

Santa Monica High School students cross Pico Boulevard on Tuesday after their first day back on campus.

VA sends businesses packing

JACOB ADELMAN
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The Department of Veterans Affairs is booting a bus company, a car rental firm and a commercial laundry from its sprawling campus a few miles from the ocean as it tries to counter accusations that it puts commercial interests ahead of housing homeless vets.

The VA told the three longtime tenants, which are among some two dozen private entities holding land use agreements with the agency, that they must vacate the campus, apparently because they don't meet the requirements of a recently enacted master plan for the 387-acre medical center parcel.

Enterprise Rent-A-Car, which stores vehicles on a corner of the grass-covered campus in densely populated west Los Angeles, was instructed to move to a different part of the site by October to make space for a new mental health building and to leave the property entirely by May 2012.

Meanwhile, Los Angeles' Tumbleweed Charter Buses Inc., which keeps its fleet of more than 170 vehicles on the campus when they are not bussing children to nearby schools, was informed by the VA in May that it would only be able to use the facility for another year.

And Maryland-based food services and facilities management giant Sodexo Inc. was told in a letter late last year that it would have to vacate a building it uses as a commercial laundry for schools and hospitals by the end of this year.

"There's new rules about what can and can't be done at the VA," Sodexo spokesman John Friedman said the company was told by the agency.

The leases are central to an American Civil Liberties

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Playing ketchup

Editor:

To The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School Board,

I was green with envy today when I read about the plans LAUSD is implementing to serve fresh, nutritional food in their schools. Why can't we do this? This is Santa Monica and Malibu. Imagine a cafeterial utopia where the food preparers can, once again, prepare and cook healthy lunches for our children instead of reheating foods that some vendor has prepackaged and trucked over? Roast chicken and Greek salad, yes! Barely cooked pizza, no! Imagine an executive chef planning lunch menus based on what's fresh and ripe and not what's about to expire in a warehouse? This can be us, too.

Before you start telling me about the organic Farmers' Market salad bar, I'd like to ask, have you tried it? At the school my children attend there are more items that are diced and come from a can than there is fresh produce.

Are you worried about children not eating healthy food? Is it really better serving them something reheated and processed because that's what they'll eat? It's the whole wheat bread argument all over again. The kids will adapt and get used to it if that's what's available to them.

It is my opinion that in our district, the wealthier families will and do send their kids to school with homemade lunches and the issue of giving pre-assembled, reheated food becomes socio-economic. The at-risk kids, the kids who really do need the fresh vegetables and fruits aren't getting it, and aren't learning basic nutrition 101. It's really our fault.

I can't believe I'm writing this, but we need to catch up with L.A.

Lori Nafshun
Santa Monica

Why?

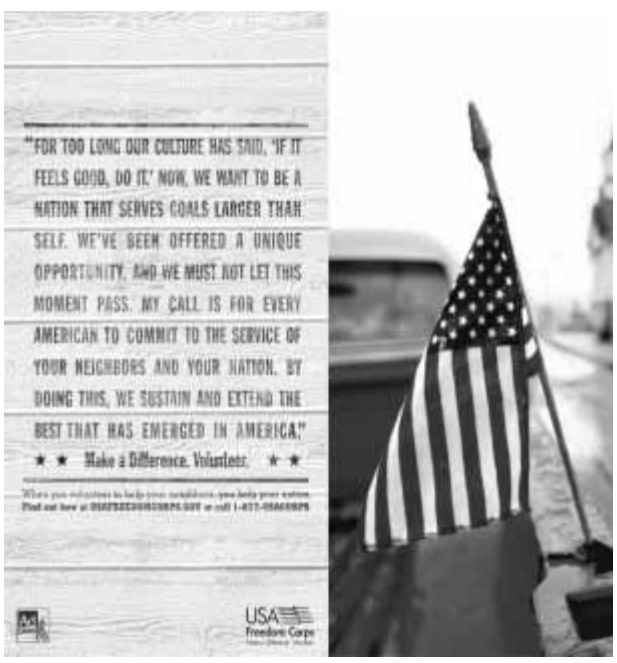
Editor:

Regarding the Bergamot Transit Village development agreement, I have been a Santa Monica resident all my life. The traffic that we currently experience is insane. When I was working at Saint John's Hospital three years ago, it took me 45 minutes to drive home to 32nd Street and Pico Boulevard at 5 p.m. (approximately 2 miles). This week, a trip on Pico from Trader Joe's to Sepulveda took one hour (approximately 5 miles). And Santa Monica College [wasn't] even in session yet!

In addition to the time wasted stuck in traffic, the aggravation, and the road rage, what about the environmental impact of these huge "villages?"

Why do a majority of the City Council members keep approving large development projects that will make the traffic congestion in our city even worse? And why do Santa Monica voters keep re-electing these pro-development people to the City Council?

Teresa Sullivan
Santa Monica





Meredith Pro Tem

Meredith C. Carroll — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Free tequila? Sign me up!

Editor's note: Meredith is on maternity leave. This column originally was published in 2007.

IF YOU WANT TO FEEL IMPORTANT, WALK around Puerto Vallarta looking older and slightly better (or more) dressed than a college kid on spring break — and with a wedding ring on your finger.

My husband, Rick, and I were in Mexico last month and were surprised and somewhat flattered that despite having quibbled for a full 10 minutes over whose turn it was to get the window seat on the plane, we gave the impression of being mature and respectable enough to garner solicitations to buy timeshares from roughly five out of every seven people we encountered.

The last I'd heard about timeshares was in the early 1990s, when my dad announced that hurricanes had ravaged the one my Uncle Herbert and Aunt Anita owned in Cancun. Invented in Europe in the 1960s and peaked in the 1980s, the timeshare industry today, as far as I knew, was nothing more than a little piece of nostalgia. Sort of like Demi Moore's youth.

But not in Mexico. The come-ons started moments after our flight landed. Before clearing customs, a man in uniform whisked us away to a counter lined with brightly colored maps and plastic palm trees wearing miniature sombreros. A woman behind the counter told us she worked for the government and that out of the goodness of the hearts of Mexican people everywhere, she wanted to offer us a discount card that would be valid at participating souvenir shops, car rental agencies and Hooters.

"All you need to do is give me a $20 deposit, and I will pick you up at your hotel tomorrow morning and take you to breakfast. Then I will give you the card," she said, her eyes sparkling and her arms open wide like Ricardo Montalban greeting visitors to Fantasy Island.

"I don't eat breakfast. We'd actually just like the card now, please," I said. Then I thought back for a split second to the page in the Fodor's guidebook we had thumbed through on the plane warning about timeshare pitches. "Hey, this isn't some sort of a timeshare thing, is it?" I asked.

She dropped the smile and looked in an instant less like Julie McCoy playing shuffleboard on the Lido Deck of the Love Boat and more like Chucky with a freshly sharpened ax. "Well, excuse me for thinking you might want to see a brand-new property in the area. It's a whole lot nicer than where you're staying," she said with a sneer.

We were also solicited by the cab driver who drove us to our hotel, the boat captain who took us on a half-day fishing trip, the cashier at the convenience store where we bought a bag of chips, the proprietor of a ceramics shop in which we browsed, the busboy at the restaurant where we stopped for a late lunch, and every fourth person with whom we did or did not make eye contact while walking down most every street.

Sitting down at a bar for a drink after dinner one night, we met a guy from Texas who had moved to Puerto Vallarta 10 months earlier. He chuckled at our timeshare stories. And then we told him we actually agreed to attend a 90-minute timeshare presentation after getting a written guarantee that we'd receive $300 in cash, a bottle of top-shelf tequila and two massage gift certificates.

He stopped laughing. "Seriously, if you're going to do a presentation, then let me take you."

We started laughing. "Ha, ha. No, really."

"I can't offer you cash, but," he said, lowering his voice and looking around dramatically. "Are you a Ratt fan? My buddy over there is in the band and you can party with him." He motioned for a guy in a Hawaiian shirt and hat shaped like a volcano to join us.

A closeted '80s heavy metal fan who probably would have chosen a Trans-Am over a Ford Explorer and a mullet over a normal guy haircut had he ended up settling anywhere south of the Mason-Dixon line, Rick's jaw dropped. "Wow. I saw you guys at Hirsch Coliseum in Shreveport in 1986."

The dude cleared his throat. "Well, actually, you wouldn't have seen me then. I was the third lead guitarist in the Ratt reunion tour in 2004 when the band played some state fairs. But the sound engineer on that tour was also with the original band."

Rick gave him a high-five. "Cool." Then he turned to me and pleaded, "Honey, can we do this timeshare thing instead? Then we can party with a guitarist from Ratt!"

We ultimately chose to honor our original presentation commitment and were taken around a sprawling resort called the Mayan Palace in a golf cart with a guy named Lolo who had spiky peroxide-blond hair and fashioned himself to be the Mexican Henny Youngman.

"Next I show you the alligator pond. Where the wives send the husbands who drink too many margaritas," Lolo cracked.

One hundred seventy-five minutes, four sales managers and 19 offers requiring down payments ranging from $50,000 to $649 later, we were unceremoniously shown to the back door. Those departing timeshare-less, as we were, were not invited for another ride in the golf cart, but given walking directions created by Mr. Magoo on how to navigate our way back to the property entrance. And, despite the 45 minutes it took us to find the dungeon where we collected our booty, we were poolside at our hotel by 2 o'clock that day.

Which was OK with us, because we had the satisfaction of knowing that people in some countries — or at least one — think we look pretty important. We still have (most of) a bottle of tequila to prove it. Salud.

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Raising wages for a real recovery

THIS SUMMER WE'VE SEEN WILD SWINGS in the stock market, a last-minute debt deal, and even a rocking east coast earthquake. But one thing we haven't seen — from Memorial Day to Labor Day — is any improvement in the economy.

There are 14 million Americans officially counted as unemployed — many of them for over six months. If you count people who have given up looking for work, the number of Americans out of work climbs to over 17 million. Even people fortunate enough to keep their jobs have seen wages frozen or even cut. Families across the country are struggling to make ends meet.

The future promises even more pain. As the funds from the federal stimulus package expire, state budgets are collapsing. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the total budget deficit from 42 states and the District of Columbia is $103 billion. One of the worst states is New Jersey, whose $10.5 billion gap is nearly 40 percent of its budget. Nearly every state is facing a budget crisis this year brought on by evaporating tax revenue. State governments across the country will be forced to cut local jobs — teachers, state troopers and nurses — to balance their budgets. So will municipal governments. Hundreds of thousands of laid-off state and city employees will join the 14 million already on the unemployment rolls.

But one group is doing better than ever: corporations. By the third quarter of 2010, non-financial corporate profits had recovered to $776 billion, or 5.3 percent of GDP — the highest level since the dot-com bubble. Profits for large corporations have recovered more quickly and more strongly than any other part of the economy. Businesses that pay minimum wages are especially profitable right now. Wal-Mart, McDonald's, Sodexo, Yum Brands (the operator of Pizza Hut, KFC, Taco Bell and other fast food chains) and Target all made greater profits last year than they averaged from 2002 to 2006. Why are corporations making record profits but not hiring new workers? It's an economic problem: lack of demand.

The average American has over $10,000 in debt. Their house value has plummeted and they see no chance of getting a pay raise in the near future. As a result, they're not likely to spend a lot of money. Businesses know that, so they aren't investing in new technology or new employees. Instead they're just hoarding cash, waiting for the day when consumers start spending again. But consumers aren't going to start spending again until businesses start hiring and raising wages.

It's a classic collective action problem. Everyone — including the corporations — would be better off if they started hiring again, but each business is maximizing its own short-term profits by being thrifty. Their hoarding has put the economy in a hole.

THE ECONOMIC POLICY INSTITUTE ESTIMATES THAT PRESIDENT OBAMA'S 2008 CAMPAIGN PROPOSAL TO RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE TO $9.50 BY 2011 WOULD HAVE GENERATED MORE THAN $60 BILLION IN NEW CONSUMER SPENDING.

This was the same problem America faced during the Great Depression, and the government solved it with a massive fiscal stimulus. The government paid people to build bridges and tunnels and dams, which then gave them money to go out and spend. Unfortunately conservatives in Congress have decided to focus on the debt instead of the economy — the equivalent of mowing the lawn while your roof is on fire — and the large fiscal stimulus the country needs faces strong opposition in the House of Representatives. State governments, most of which are constitutionally mandated to run a balanced budget, are likewise unable to spend.

But there's a policy tool that costs the government nothing and could get the economy moving again: the minimum wage. The Economic Policy Institute estimates that President Obama's 2008 campaign proposal to raise the minimum wage to $9.50 by 2011 would have generated more than $60 billion in new consumer spending.

Without some help, American workers can't get themselves out of this hole, and each month we delay sees greater numbers of American workers losing their employment, more families depending on low-wage jobs, and greater numbers of American children going hungry. If we want to help Main Street recover, we should raise the minimum wage. Even if we are politically unable to do so at the federal level, raising the minimum wage state by state would still make a great difference.

MARKHAM is a researcher with The National Employment Law Project.



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The Q Line

Preparing for the bag ban

The city's ban on single-use plastic bags, which find their way into oceans and streams, goes into effect Sept. 1. People who do not bring reusable bags to grocery stores and other markets will have to pay 10 cents for a paper bag.

So, this week's Q-Line question asks:
Are you prepared for the bag ban? If so, where did you get your bags and how much did you pay for them? If not, why not?

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Possible stimulus lifts stocks

CHIP CUTTER
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK The mere discussion of more economic stimulus from the Federal Reserve was enough to send stocks higher Tuesday. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 20 points, its third day of gains.

Minutes from the Fed's latest policy meeting on Aug. 9 showed that central bank officials discussed a variety of options to bolster the economy, including buying more Treasury bonds. In the end, they decided to keep interest rates low until at least mid-2013.

The news that more aggressive action was being considered gave investors a reason to buy stocks. "They want to see stimulus and they hope stocks will go higher," said Joseph Saluzzi, co-head of stock trading at Themis Trading.

The Federal Reserve has purchased Treasury bonds twice in the past as a way to keep long-term interest rates low. The Fed's first bond-buying program was in 2008, at the height of the financial crisis. The second, announced last August, helped to push the Dow up 28 percent through April 29. Lower interest rates on bonds give investors an incentive to move money out of bonds and into stocks and other assets.

Stocks were mixed for much of the day Tuesday after an index of consumer confidence plunged in August to the lowest level since April 2009. Trading volume was also lighter than normal because many investors are on vacation.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 20.70 points, or 0.2 percent, to close at 11,559.95 Tuesday. The Dow was down as many as 109 points five minutes after the consumer confidence report came out at 10 a.m. It traded mixed for most of the day and turned higher in the last hour of trading. The Dow has risen for three days straight, and six out of the last seven.

Boeing Co. rose 2.2 percent, the most of the 30 companies in the Dow, after the aircraft maker said it received approval from its board to build a version of its workhorse 737 jet with a redesigned engine. That should help it compete better with rival Airbus.

The Standard & Poor's 500 rose 2.84 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,212.92. The Nasdaq composite index rose 14, or 0.6 percent, to 2,576.11.

Companies that rely most heavily on consumer spending had some of the biggest losses. Retailers Kohl's Corp. and Lowe's Cos. each fell 2.2 percent. Best Buy Co. Inc. fell 0.8 percent.

The sharp fall in the measure of how U.S. consumers feel about the economy could mean weaker sales for retailers and makers of consumer goods like clothes and shoes. Retailers are in the midst of the critical back-to-school shopping season, which can account for as much as 25 percent of their annual revenue.

Trading volume, or the number of shares bought and sold, was lower than usual. About 3.97 billion shares exchanged hands on the New York Stock Exchange, almost a third less than Aug. 8, when stocks plunged on massive volume after the U.S. government's credit rating was downgraded.

Low volume is worrisome because it suggests that relatively few investors are driving the stock market's gains or losses. That creates the risk for bigger price swings, said Stephen Carl, principal and head of equity trading at The Williams Capital Group. A lack of volume also indicates that some investors don't believe that stocks are worth buying right now.

Stocks have swung widely in August. The Dow was down as much as 7.4 percent for the year on Aug. 10, but it is now down 0.2 percent. On Monday the Dow soared 254 points, its fourth-largest gain this year. Insurers rose the most after it became clear the damage from Tropical Storm Irene wasn't as bad as analysts had feared.

Bond prices have also been volatile. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note briefly fell to a record low below 2 percent on Aug. 18 on a very weak report on manufacturing in the Northeast from the Philadelphia Federal Reserve. On Tuesday, the yield fell to 2.18 percent, down from 2.27 percent late Monday.

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LAUSD may limit charters from new schools

The Los Angeles Unified School District board is considering a proposal that would curtail the district's landmark program that allows outside groups to run selected new and underperforming schools.

The board is expected to vote Tuesday afternoon on the amendment to its 3-year-old "public school choice" program in which charter organizations and teacher-led teams submit plans to operate brand new and failing schools. The school board chooses the group with the best plan.

School board member Steve Zimmer wants to amend the program so that district teacher and administrator teams are given preference to operate new schools. He says new schools shouldn't be given to charters until district educators have had a chance.

Charter school advocates, parents and community organizers are expected to speak against the proposal.

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LOS ANGELES

Man convicted of raping 69-year-old in Hawthorne

A Los Angeles jury has convicted a man of choking and raping a 69-year-old woman who was attacked as she collected cans from trash bins.

Prosecutors say jurors deliberated only one day before convicting Gary LaBon on Tuesday of rape, kidnapping for rape and attempted first-degree murder. He could face life in prison.

Authorities say the 50-year-old LaBon attacked the woman two years ago as she rode her bicycle in the Hawthorne area, collecting cans for recycling.

Police found LaBon with his pants down, lying on top of the unconscious woman. She'd been choked and raped.

The Torrance Daily Breeze says LaBon, acting as his own attorney, told jurors that he believed the woman was a gang member and he feared for his life.

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LOS ANGELES

District attorney frets over parolee transfer

Los Angeles officials are voicing their concerns about the upcoming transfer of thousands of parolees and inmates from state supervision to county supervision.

Speaking before the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, District Attorney Steve Cooley said the transfer would be a disaster that would lead to spiking crime rates. He also questions whether LA county has the jail space to house inmates who'd otherwise be in state custody.

The state will start to transfer responsibility for supervising non-violent, non-sex offender inmates and parolees to the county level Oct. 1.

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TRAFFIC

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where incoming students will see signs directing them to Pico Boulevard and the various off-campus parking lots and their associated shuttles to ferry commuters to the main campus in time for class, to the intersections where officers on motorcycles block traffic to ease congestion.

The signs help prevent pile ups from forming by telling students which parking lots are full to keep them from queuing up like vultures as they wait for the empty spaces that will never come.

The results have been palpable.

"It's so much better with the college's help," said Christy Chism, lead crossing guard with City Hall. "It used to be one big mess, with horns honking and cars blocking intersections."

Regula Ziegler, who heads the Friends of Sunset Park College Committee, approved of the changes.

Tuesday was Ziegler's second day monitoring the intersection, and watching how an increased deployment of police officers controlled the swarm of cars as they tried to zip through the tight neighborhood streets, often bottoming out on the dip in the street as they did so.

"We can definitely see the results of the cooperation," Ziegler said.

City Hall put out wayfinding signs and contributed police officers to the traffic control effort. SMC and Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District officials attacked the problems from another front — getting commuters out of cars altogether.

Both districts encouraged students to try public transportation or bicycles to get to school, and Vice President of Student Affairs Michael Tuitasi said that the college had also instituted a ride-share program called "ZimRide" so students can carpool more easily.

The school also handed out passes to students for the "Any Line, Any Time" program, which allows them to board any city bus for free.

"It's a car culture," Tuitasi said. "This is about changing the mindset."

Ride sharing is particularly important for a school like SMC. According to school officials, only 15 percent of the over 30,000 students enrolled at SMC live in Santa Monica.



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FREE FLOW: **Officer Micah Mitchell and Sgt. Alberto Echeverria, both with Santa Monica College, wave car after car through a controlled intersection at Pearl and 21st streets.**

SMMUSD's push was also evident. Over a dozen parents passed the intersection both going east toward Grant Elementary or west to JAMS and Will Rogers Elementary with children, some walking and some bicycling, in tow.

This year's efforts have made the process work more smoothly, but each new school term has garnered some improvement, Vasquez said.

"My first year, there were 84 complaints just from the opening days of school," Vasquez said. "Last year there was just one."

SMC and City Hall hope to keep those numbers low, even with the influx of extra commuters.

The additional police will be on hand for the first two weeks of school. Then, the department will take a look at traffic and operations and see if they want to leave the extra officers out on the street.

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NEW TREND: **A sales clerk with A Lot To Say explains some of the virtues of the company's plastic-based clothing. The store is located inside of Fred Segal on Fifth Street and Broadway.**

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Neither sister has a background in fashion. For the last 22 years, Power wielded her talents in the advertising and marketing industry in New York, while Banmiller worked at Wingtip Communications, Inc. seeking out clients for class action lawsuits or drug recalls.

Both were looking for more, and landed on clothing, specifically T-shirts, as a vehicle for their message.

"At the end of the day, I felt that I could do more. You can be as truthful as you want in advertising, but how do you help change things?" Power said.

For the first six months of its existence, A Lot To Say printed on organic cotton fabric. The sisters thought that was the height of green, until further research revealed the dirty truth about cotton.

Each shirt took 15 to 25 gallons of water

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to color using traditional methods, a method which also employed toxic dyes. The fabric itself required so much processing that it negated the value of the "organic" label it came with.

"We said we can't be greenwashers," Banmiller said. "We don't want to be Barney's green, we want to be green on every level."

They were introduced to the plastic bottle method by a producer that used it for textiles and other industrial-type fabrics. When they tried it out, the sisters discovered that they could make soft, silky T-shirts that outperformed the cotton product on every level.

"Because of the properties in it, it wicks moisture, breathes well, uses less electricity and takes nothing to dry," Banmiller said. "It even lasts five to eight times longer than organic cotton, because wash and wear is so much easier on it."

The past two and a half years have been a long road for the sisters, who went from manufacturing virgins to esteemed divas of the ecological, buy local and karmic communities.

Power and Banmiller own their own processing plant, and all of the fabrics and clothes are made in plants in the United States.

"It's been a real challenge to keep things here in the USA," Banmiller said.

A Lot To Say seeks to make yet another statement. The company donates 15 to 25 percent of the cost of each item sold to charities, including Stand Up to Cancer, International Green Energy Council, Animal Rescue Foundation and Haiti Relief.

Up until they opened the store at Fred Segal, the products have only been available online at www.alottosay.com. The duo decided to make the jump and open up in Santa Monica because it fit the company profile.

"Santa Monica is a great market," Power said. "It does a lot with organizations that we're already working with."

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VA

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Union complaint filed against the VA in June that accuses the agency of neglecting homeless veterans who need care after traumatic military experiences.

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of disabled, homeless veterans, accuses the VA of breach of fiduciary duty for leasing much of the property to businesses although it was donated by private owners in 1888 to provide housing for disabled war veterans.

The suit, which names four veterans as plaintiffs and seeks class action status, says the land was used to permanently house vets until the 1960s and 1970s, when the VA stopped accepting new residents and allowed buildings that had provided permanent housing to fall into disrepair or be used for other purposes.

While the property hosts veterans' medical clinics, ACLU lawyers said its in-patient services are not sufficient for Los Angeles' massive population of homeless veterans. There were 7,000 homeless vets in the Los Angeles area in 2010, about 10 percent of the country's total population of 71,609 homeless vets, according to the VA's most recent tally.

The ACLU has criticized the VA for not publicizing how much it is receiving for renting out space on the campus — nestled in the upscale community of Brentwood, not far from the University of California, Los Angeles — and what specific programs the proceeds are used for.

VA spokeswoman Wileen Hernandez said all of the money goes toward veterans who come to the campus for medical care. The VA has declined to release details of how the lease income is spent, citing the pending ACLU lawsuit.

Veterans' groups have long criticized the VA for allowing private entities and outside organizations to rent parts of the campus. The ACLU said it filed its lawsuit after the VA failed to live up to previous promises to increase services for homeless vets.

The VA said in a statement that it was evaluating its leases in light of a recently released master plan for the campus, which requires the agency to look at whether the contracts directly benefit vets or are otherwise consistent with the VA's mission and whether they are compatible with the surrounding community.

The plan, which was finalized in June, also provides for more veterans housing on the site and other new facilities.

Hernandez declined to comment beyond the statement, citing the lawsuit. She was not immediately able to explain why Sodexo was told it would have to leave months before the final draft of the plan was released. Sodexo's notice was received months before the ACLU filed its lawsuit.

ACLU attorney Mark Rosenbaum said he interpreted the suspension of the leases as an acknowledgment that they had never been lawful under the terms of the original intent of the lands' donors.

"It really is an admission of liability," he said. "It's got nothing to do with the master plan."

Tumbleweed CEO Erin Benfield said she was hoping to convince the VA that her business meets the agency's criteria for the campus, since the buses are regularly used to transport veterans for free.

Friedman said Sodexo would not seek to remain on the campus and was scouting for a new location nearby.

Enterprise Spokeswoman Laura Bryant released no details about its plans concerning the VA campus apart from confirming that it was being forced to vacate.

Several of the parcel's tenants are apparently being permitted to remain.

The Brentwood School, a private school that uses an athletic complex built on the site, has received no notice from the VA, said Gennifer Yoshimaru, a school administrator.

University of California, Los Angeles athletics spokesman Mark Dellins said his department had received notice from the VA that it would be able to continue using a baseball stadium on the medical centers' property.

The campus also hosts organizations that directly offer veterans' services, including the American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles, the Salvation Army and New Directions Inc., a transitional housing and substance abuse counseling provider.

Representatives for those organizations said they have received no communications from the VA about the continuation of their leases but did not think their presence would be a problem for the VA.

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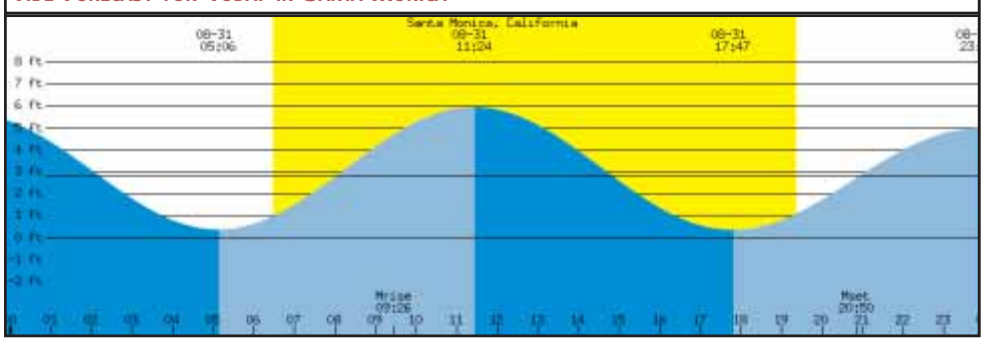
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Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Rennier Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
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Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	F	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	D	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	F	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A+	ns
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Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
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Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Kenter storm drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restrooms).	A+	ns
Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice City Beach, at the Rose Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Venice Beach- projection of Topsail St..	A+	ns
Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach- lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Ballona Creek mouth.	C	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	B	ns
Dockweiler Beach- opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns

LEGEND

DRY -- each location is graded on an A – F scale based on bacterial pollution levels present in the surf zone

WET -- grades for days of recorded rainfall and the following 3 days

ns -- no sample taken

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Gophers safety back for USC game

DAVE CAMPBELL
AP Sports Writer

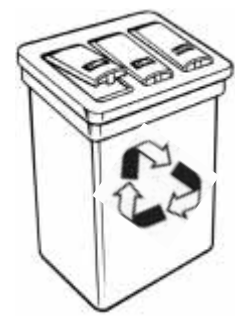
MINNEAPOLIS Minnesota strong safety Kim Royston has been awaiting for the football season to start for a long time.

Royston has returned to the lineup after sitting out last year because of a broken left leg. He was granted a rare sixth season of eligibility by the NCAA because of his medical hardship.

Royston says he began feeling full strength again this summer after first injuring himself during spring practice in 2010. New head coach Jerry Kill says he's relying on Royston a lot for his leadership.

The Gophers play at USC on Saturday.

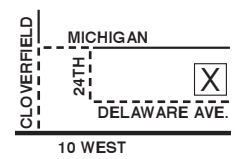
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11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

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Fright Night 3D (R) 2hrs 00min
11:20am, 1:55pm, 4:30pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:05am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Colombiana (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:45am, 3:10pm, 6:45pm, 10:05pm

Spy Kids: All the Time in the World 3D (PG) 1hr 28min
1:30pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

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11:00am, 4:00pm

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Mozart's Sister (Nannerl, la Soeur de Mozart) (NR) 2hrs 00min
1:20pm, 4:10pm, 7:10pm, 10:00pm

Amigo (R) 2hrs 08min
1:30pm, 7:00pm

Our Idiot Brother (R) 1hr 30min
12:30pm, 2:55pm, 5:20pm, 7:45pm, 10:10pm

Midnight in Paris (PG-13) 1hr 28min
4:30pm, 9:55pm

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11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:50pm, 7:45pm, 10:35pm

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11:20am, 1:40pm, 4:00pm, 6:20pm, 8:30pm, 10:45pm

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10:00pm

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Do your thing tonight, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Allow a partner to take over. He or she might be overly serious and driven. Curb your temper at work or when dealing with others. Being hot under the collar simply doesn't help. Allow greater give-and-take at home. Tonight: Go for something peaceful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You are still dealing with a situation in your daily life. It could be health related. Before making any major decisions, check in with a doctor or dentist. Keep up with your yearly check-ups. Don't react to someone at work. Tonight: Busy doing errands, catching up on news, etc.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Reach out to a key person. He or she could be unusually somber. Don't take this person's mood personally. Could fatigue be playing a role in your decisions right now? Don't push yourself. Tonight: All smiles after a power nap.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be aware of a tendency to limit yourself or someone you live with. An investment might be slow to come to fruition. You might wonder what is happening with a family member. Don't make any decisions until you get a sense of the big picture. Tonight: Play it cool.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keep conversations moving, despite an awkward moment or two. You can deal with others, but also look within. You might be a lot angrier than you realize. Verbalize what you think. At the same time, don't push too hard. Tonight: Speak your mind.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Your finances could have you feeling restricted. You want to join a friend, but it will cost you. Keep a conversation involving your home and potential responsibility moving. Note fatigue; consider taking a nap. Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ If you can get past negativity, much that is of value will greet you. A partner or associate would like to share good news, but not at the expense of a bah-humbug response. A professional opportunity comes through a meeting. Tonight: Remain open to several different options.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Follow through with a boss or higher-up. Don't keep the same discussion going over and over in your head. Take a walk and move through a problem more quickly. You could be misreading a situation. Tonight: Do your thing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Zero in on what you want, and don't sell yourself short. Meetings could be more important than you think. You draw many people toward you. An associate might be wanting more from a project. This rigidity makes you uncomfortable. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Follow your instincts. Don't be a back-seat driver, whether at work or in a social setting. Step up and lead. A partner could be a bit difficult, and no matter what you do, it makes no difference. Stay mellow and centered. Brainstorm with a trusted associate or friend. Tonight: Could be late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You might be thinking about the weekend. Try to stay grounded in the moment, or else you might not accomplish what you feel is necessary. Someone could be difficult to speak to. Share your feelings in an appropriate manner. Tonight: Let your imagination go.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could handle a personal matter differently if you work with a key individual. Walk away from a power play where you might feel left out. A conversation could be misleading, though the other person might not intend it to be. Tonight: Togetherness.

Happy birthday

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

This year, open up to life's possibilities. You maintain a cautious attitude, especially concerning finances. A boss or parent might push you beyond your limits. Discussions and meetings play a role in your decision making. Detach, and you'll gain even more of a perspective. If you are single, someone from a very different culture could become important. Ask yourself if you can accept this lifestyle before diving in. If you are attached, the two of you gain by detaching and walking in the other person's shoes more often. LIBRA can be possessive.



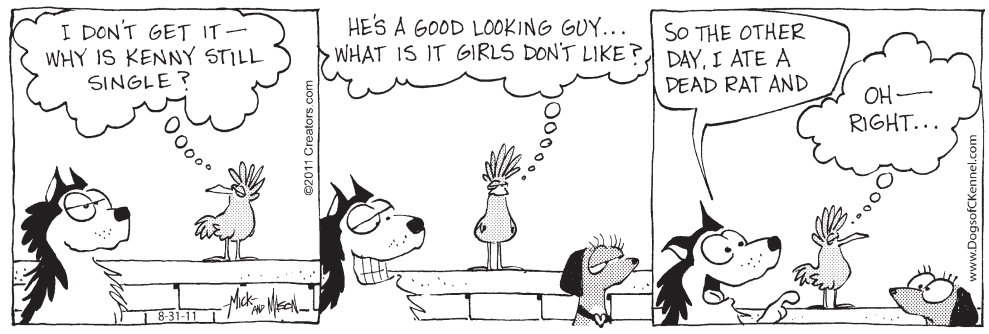
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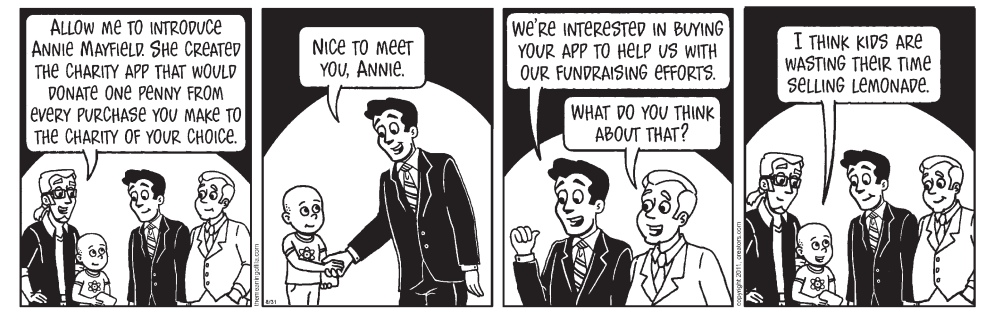
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Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column, and 3x3 block. Use logic and process of elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from ★ (easiest) to ★★★★★ (hardest).

Difficulty Level ★★★

	5	4				9	2	
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4					1			
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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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



CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Terrarium growth
5 Bent out of shape
11 Vault part
12 2002 animated film
13 Give a hoot
14 Made use of
15 Quarterback Manning
16 Chess castle
17 Catty comments
19 Cry loudly
22 Godzilla's home
24 Unstressed vowel
26 Eye part
27 Valuable rocks
28 Talents
30 Move smoothly
31 Slump
32 Coffee add-in
34 Young horse
35 Tennis star Shriver
38 Bee activity
41 Leslie Caron film
42 Right away
43 Adam's grandson
44 Failed
45 Quiche base

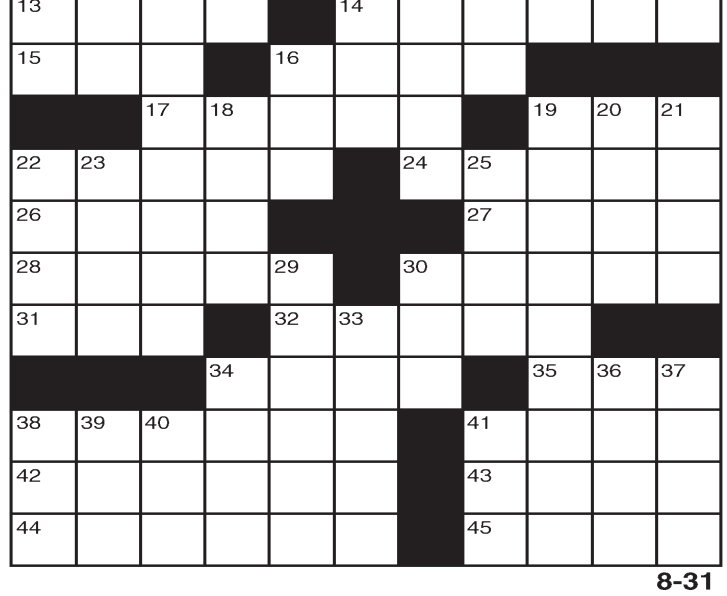
DOWN

1 Spiked club
2 Uttered
3 Miserly activity
4 That lady
5 Extra set of cards
6 Opposite side
7 Smell awful
8 Pussy foot
9 Freud topic
10 Lion's home
16 Friend of Harry and Hermione
18 Sunup site
19 Gulf industry
20 Had debts
21 Diamond corner
22 Triangular sails
23 Vicinity
25 Rum mixer
29 Torch holder
30 Salon stuff
33 Was irate
34 Squealer
36 Excited
37 Feel nostalgic for
38 Was inactive
39 Greek letter
40 Was victorious
41 "Golly!"

S	A	G	A	■	■	E	M	A	I	L
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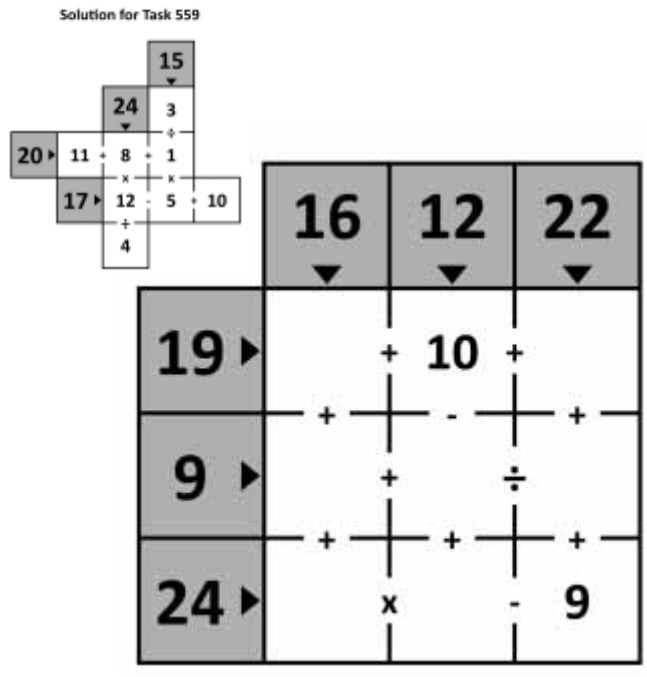
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Catch-22: NYPD officer James Seiferheld, 47, still receives his $52,365 annual disability pay despite relentless efforts of the department to fire him. He had retired in 2004 on disability, but was ordered back to work when investigators found him doing physical work inconsistent with "disability." However, Seiferheld could not return to work because he repeatedly failed drug screening (for cocaine). Meanwhile, his appeal of the disability denial went to the state Court of Appeals, which found a procedural error and ordered that Seiferheld's "disability" benefits continue (even though the city has proven both that he is physically able and a substance-abuser).

■ Unclear on the Concept: In April, Robert Williams conscientiously completed his San Diego police officers' application, answering truthfully, he said, questions 172 (yes, he had had sexual contact with a child) and 175 (yes, he had "viewed or transacted" child pornography). Three weeks later, the police had not only rejected his application but arrested him. Williams' wife, Sunem, said the police department has "integrity" problems because "telling the truth during the hiring process brings prosecution. ..."

■ Beginning in 2002, a man was reported sidling up to women on crowded New York City subway trains and rubbing against them until he ejaculated. Police were unable to identify him but were concerned enough that they obtained an indictment -- "naming" the suspect only as whoever's DNA it was who committed the subway crimes. In July 2011, they finally obtained a match, to Darnell Hardware, 26, who had been in the system repeatedly (drug and indecent-exposure charges) but not until July in offenses that obligated collection of DNA.

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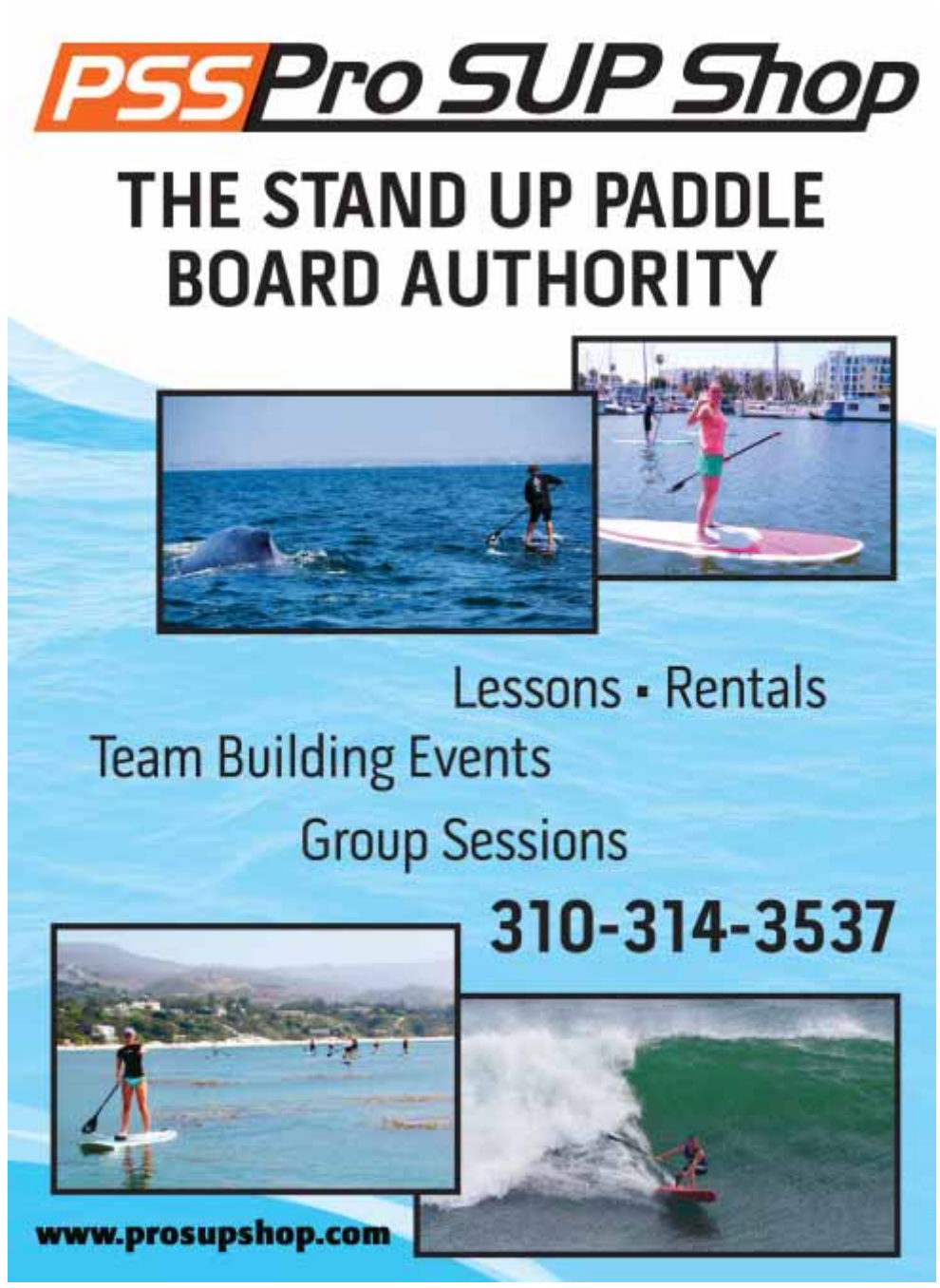
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