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We have you covered

THE WE WILL NEVER FORGET ISSUE

School board weighs in on substance abuse policy

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS The Board of Education tried to walk a fine line between leniency and excessive force as it weighed in on a draft revision of the substance abuse policy presented at its meeting Thursday.

Over the summer, staff, led by Director of Student Services Marolyn Freedman, researched state recommendations on policy, as well as the punishments that other school districts already had in place.

School principals, parent groups and members of the district advisory councils also weighed in.

The result was two documents rather than one; a board policy outlining the general philosophy behind punishment, and an administrative regulation that gives administrators and teachers exact repercussions for actions.

"The format has been revised to include a philosophy statement and then administrative regulations that detail the steps to upholding that policy," Freedman said.

The original board policy was brought into question when three 18-year-old Samohi seniors on a choir trip overseas were found in a bar with beer on their table.

Although they were of legal drinking age in England, the girls were punished under school rules because they were participating in a school-sponsored trip.

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U.S. Navy Photo

GROUND ZERO: **A lone fire engine at the crime scene in Manhattan where the World Trade Center collapsed following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. Surrounding buildings were heavily damaged by the debris and massive force of the falling twin towers.**

9/11 hit close to home

Locals were part of relief effort

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

CITYWIDE When commercial airliners smashed into the World Trade Center, Pentagon and the Pennsylvania countryside on Sept. 11, 2001, Santa Monicans responded.

They worked on the recovery effort at ground zero in New York City, counseled those traumatized by the disaster and did what they could to provide for those who lost loved ones.

While the nation was shocked by the brazen terrorist attacks, there were those right here in the city by the sea who

SEE RESPONSE PAGE 8

Residents worried by anonymous survey

Questions involve City Council, airport

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITYWIDE Within the last two weeks, members of the Santa Monica community have received lengthy, anonymous phone calls from polling companies asking their opinions on politics and the Santa Monica Airport, but no one seems to know who is behind the effort.

The phone calls lasted approximately 35 minutes, said one resident who was polled, and include a battery of 30 questions, some with over 11 subcategories.

Questions range from the innocuous — are you a registered voter? — to the particular, asking if the person felt positively or negatively about various elected officials and agencies like the Chamber of Commerce or Airport Commission.

While most of the questions focused on either demographics or local officials, one-third addressed the controversial Santa Monica Airport.

Residents received calls as early as Aug. 19, prior to the Aug. 29 crash involving a student pilot and a Sunset Park home, which further fueled calls to close the airport because of safety concerns.

Interviewers questioned respondents about changes at the airport regarding noise abatement, operations, flight path changes and prohibitions on noisy planes.

The survey even included arguments for or against the airport, and asked residents if they found those statements convincing.

Zina Josephs, a resident of Sunset Park who received a phone call, said that the tone

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What's Up Westside

OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011

Short film, long memory
Sonny McLean's
2615 Wilshire Blvd.,
5:30 p.m. — 10 p.m.
Independent filmmakers are being honored by the Westside Film Festival today by showcasing their short films. A variety of films will be included and the winners are chosen by the audience. This is a free event so come on out and witness the creativity and passion involved. For more information, call (310) 449-1811.

Fake it 'til you make it
YWCA Santa Monica/Westside
2019 14th St., 10:30 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Do you have what it takes to be an actor or actress? Do you dream about being on television or in the movies? Well, here's your chance! Every Saturday for the next six weeks adult acting classes will commence. Only $48 for six class sessions, you'll come out with the fundamentals needed to be a star. Ages 18-98, commercial acting can jumpstart your career. For more information feel free to call (310) 452-3881.

Library alive
Main Library
601 Santa Monica Blvd.,
12 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Back by popular demand, the Living Library Project is an innovative program that allows library patrons to "check out" a living book for a 30-minute conversation in the library's central courtyard. Some of the books that are available this year include a Muslim, a homeless advocate and a transvestite. Reservations begin at 11 a.m. For more information, call (310) 434-2608.

By mothers, for mothers
Motheringminds
212 Marine St., Suite 102, 2:30 p.m. — 4 p.m.
Childhood can be rough, but so can being the mother of the child going through it. If you are a mother and want someone to talk to or someone to relate to, come join the discussion on motherhood. Mothers with children of all ages can discuss openly and honestly the struggles and joys of being a mother. All mothers are welcome and all are supported. For more information, please contact (310) 922-6969.

Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011

Observance of 9/11
Santa Monica Fire Department
Various fire stations, 6:45 a.m.
Commemorating the tragic event of Sept. 11, the fire department is hosting a remembrance ceremony at fire stations 1-5. Specific locations are available on their website at www.santamonicafire.org. Open to all, a gathering will commence at 6:45 a.m. and should last no longer than 20 minutes. Participating neighbors, the public, and city employees will all be there to recognize those who are now deceased. For questions call (310) 458-8288.

Together we remember
First United Methodist Church of Santa Monica
1008 11th St.,
4:30 p.m. — 5:30 p.m.
To commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, the community is joining together through prayer, sacred text, and speech by the Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities. To embrace a time of solace, First United invites you to come and help restore what was so tragically lost in the hearts of Americans 10 years ago. For more information, contact (310) 393-8258.

Support the students
Church in Ocean Park
235 Hill St., 6 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Meet with members of the community to discuss the alleged racial incident at Santa Monica High School, the impact it has had on the students, and what we can do about it. For more information, call (310) 399-1631.

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For help, contact Daniel Archuleta at 310-458-7737 or submit to editor@smdp.com

For more information on any of the events listed, log on to smdp.com/communitylistings



Elderly driver in Witherspoon accident ordered to retake driving test

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITY Santa Monica police have ordered the 84-year-old woman ticketed for hitting Oscar-winner Reese Witherspoon in a crosswalk to head to the nearest DMV and retake her driver's test.

SMPD Sgt. Richard Lewis said it is not uncommon for police to ask the DMV to conduct a full re-examination if they believe a driver shows signs of diminished ability or a lack of knowledge of the rules of the road.

The elderly driver, a Santa Monica resident, has 30 days to report to a DMV field office, where she will most likely have to take the written test, have an eye examination and get behind the wheel with a driver safety hearing officer. She may also have to go in for a checkup with her physician and give the DMV a list of any medications she's taking.

"The reexamination could result in a medical probation or the revocation of the license or a restricted license. It all depends on the findings," said Jaime Garza, a spokesman with the DMV.

Any driver, regardless of age, may be ordered by law enforcement to submit to a reexamination.

Drivers who are older than 70 are required by law to visit a DMV office every five years to renew their license, Garza said. This can involve a vision and written test. If the driver fails an eye test, they are given a chance to go to their eye doctor to get their vision corrected and then they are allowed to re-take the test.

Santa Monica police ordered an elderly woman to visit the DMV for a reexamination earlier this year after she drove onto the Main Street Fourth of July Parade route and struck a child, causing minor injuries, Lewis said. The woman was driving without a license after failing a reissuing test months prior.

The DMV has a Senior Ombudsman Office to help older drivers by offering tips and learning tools to keep them driving safely. The southern California office can be reached at (310) 412-6103.

"Every time an incident like this happens, everyone starts to question a senior's ability to drive," Garza said. "Perspective: A national study found that senior drivers are five-and-a-half times less likely to be involved in a crash as someone who is between 16-20 years old."


WITHERSPOON

US Weekly is reporting that Witherspoon, 35, who won the Oscar for portraying June Carter Cash in the bio-pic "Walk the Line," will not press charges against the driver who hit her while she was jogging on Georgina Avenue. Witherspoon sustained a minor cut to the forehead.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN
SM turns blue for prostate cancer

Many major Los Angeles landmarks, including some in Santa Monica, will be turning blue this month to raise awareness about prostate cancer.

Starting Sept. 12, businesses Downtown, including Fred Segal and the Fairmont Miramar Hotel and Bungalows, will use lights to turn their buildings blue. On Sept. 16, the Ferris wheel at Pacific Park on the Santa Monica Pier will light up as well.

The lights are part of a September campaign that is a partnership between the Prostate Cancer Foundation, a Santa Monica-based philanthropic organization, and Blue September, an international organization designed to education men about prostate cancer.

Dan Zenka, senior vice president of communication at the foundation, laments the lack of awareness about prostate cancer.

"We are grateful to the city of Los Angeles, Downtown Santa Monica, Inc., local property owners and Blue September for their support in this effort," he said.

For more information about the campaign, and things you can do to raise awareness, visit www.blueallover.org.

COLIN NEWTON

DOWNTOWN
SM groups receive settlement cash

Heal the Bay and Santa Monica Baykeeper are among some of the groups that are receiving money from a $2.9 million settlement with the owner and operator of SA Recycling LLC, an Anaheim-based metal recycler that shreds automobiles, household appliances and other metals.

SA Recycling and Sims Metal West were investigated by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control after being accused of violating hazardous waste and air pollution laws in 2007.

In May 2007, an explosion at the company's Port of Los Angeles facility destroyed its air pollution control system. The facility was accused of continuing to operate for about 120 days without the system.

The complaint also charged that shredder residue was stored on the site beyond the time permitted, and that the company illegally disposed of hazardous waste.

A Los Angeles County judge accepted a settlement agreement resolving the complaint. Part of the settlement will go to various academic, environmental, community and research organizations – $20,000 will be awarded to Heal and the Bay, and $25,000 will go to Santa Monica Baykeeper.

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WHERE YOU ARE: **Visitors check out the new Mobile Visitors Center on Thursday afternoon.**

MAIN STREET
CVB launches mobile visitor center

Don't be too mystified if you see a candy-striped car bearing a familiar phrase around Santa Monica in the months to come. That car is the Santa Monica Convention and Visitors Bureau's "I Love Santa Monica" Mobile Visitors Center, which was launched this week.

The Mobile Visitor Center was designed to bring SMCVB's tourist services to key locations throughout the year, such as Farmers' Markets, outdoor concerts and holiday events.

"Taking our services on the road will allow us yet another opportunity of extending the visitors' stay," said Misti Kerns, president and CEO of SMCVB.

The Mobile Visitor Center, a Ford Escape Hybrid brightly branded with the organization's logo, was provided by Santa Monica Ford.

The hybrid vehicle was chosen for environmental and sustainability reasons, Kerns said.

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Word play

Editor:

In your Sept. 8 important front page story by SMDP staff writer Ashley Archibald, "Day at the airport event called off," Robby Robotham, president of Friends of the Santa Monica Airport, said airport staff were worried that the event would draw too many people, and overwhelm the security personnel. I'd suggest that one word (and probably more accurate) amendment to that would be to change the word "people" to "protesters."

Jerry Rubin
Santa Monica

Lousy reasoning

Editor:

So Steve Schwab ("Money, money, money," Letters to the Editor, Sept. 3-4) wants Santa Monica Airport closed down because of "lousy pilots." I hope he also campaigns to have hospitals closed down because of lousy doctors, schools because of lousy teachers, banks because of lousy investment advisers, Courts because of lousy judges, legal firms because of lousy lawyers, restaurants because of lousy waiters, automobiles in the hands of lousy drivers, etc. Guns in the hands of lousy citizens kill more people in the USA than lousy pilots in little airplanes.

George Philipson
Sydney, Australia

Much appreciated

Editor:

Dear SMPD and neighborhood resource officers,

Thank you so much for the traffic control assistance you are providing at the Pearl Street intersections during the morning crunch with SMC and the local public schools ("Traffic under control at start of school," Aug. 31).

Our local Sunset Park streets are heavily stressed with the thousands of extra cars coming in and out of the city every day, between Santa Monica College and nearby corporate offices. I, for one, really appreciate the assistance.

Ellen Mark
Santa Monica

Sick of development

Editor:

I'm sickened by the proposed Bergamot Transit Village, and have repeatedly urged the City Council to bring it down to an acceptable height and mass and to mitigate the impact on the surrounding community ("Papermate project gets past council," Aug. 25). The number of additional car trips through my Sunset Park Neighborhood will be ridiculous. The building heights are also a concern of mine, as well as impact on air quality, water and sewer for that entire Olympic corridor being developed.

The vote on Aug. 23 by Councilmembers Bloom, Davis, Holbrook, O'Connor, O'Day and Shriver to enter development agreement negotiations for this project, and their failure to direct staff to work the developer, Hines, to further reduce the scope of the project is disturbing.

John Reynolds
Santa Monica



On the Beat

NRO Marilyn Amiache — **Send comments to editor@smdp.com**

The whole nine yard sales

Q: IT SEEMS LIKE MY NEIGHBORS ARE having garage/yard sales every other weekend. It attracts a lot of people as we are located on a busy corner. Oftentimes it backs up and impedes traffic. Is that legal?

A: That's a good question. Garage/yard sales are legal, however, the city limits the amount any individual can have in the span of a year. Every Santa Monica resident is permitted to have two garage/yard sales every calendar year, but if the building has multiple units, there could be far more than two per property. For example, in an apartment complex with 12 units and each unit is occupied by one tenant, that building is allowed to have 24 garage/yard sales per year. So, in answer to your question, if each tenant uses their allotted number of garage/yard sales per year (2) then they could legally have one every other week.

However, there are restrictions when having a garage/yard sale. The items being sold must be on private property, meaning the sidewalk, city greenbelt (the grassy area located between the sidewalk and street) or any other city property may not be used to display items. Also, the person having the sale needs to monitor customer traffic and make sure shoppers are not impeding pedestrians' use of the sidewalk. Pedestrians should not have to walk out into the street to get by.

Some additional safety issues that present themselves as a result of garage/yard sales occur when people driving by become distracted and focus their attention on the sale. In turn, the driver can impede traffic, and/or continue driving while not paying attention to the road in front of them. Taking one's eyes off the road for any amount of time is unsafe and could potentially result in an accident.

So, garage/yard sale shoppers that want to check it out should find a safe/legal place to park and walk over. People will often park in a red zone, double-park or block someone's driveway to quickly take a look at the garage/yard sale. This can be very frustrating for residents and others in the area, not to mention the possibility of getting a parking ticket for illegally parking your vehicle. So remember when shopping at garage/yard sales, be neighborly and safe while doing so!

Q: I really enjoyed the information about the SWAT officers in a recent article. Are these the same officers that wear the tan and green uniforms I see Downtown and in the parks?

No. The Santa Monica Police personnel who wear tan shirts with green pants are park rangers, Animal Control officers, Downtown service officers or community service officers. It can be confusing as they do carry some of the same equipment that police officers carry such as a police radio and pepper spray; however, they do not carry a firearm.

Although they are not police officers, they also respond to radio calls related to their duties and sometimes work directly with police officers.

• Park rangers spend a lot of time patrolling the different parks in the city. They make sure the residents can enjoy the parks by enforcing park rules and regulations, such as prohibitions against smoking, camping, littering and drinking. Most of the violations observed are corrected with a warning by advising the person, but if warranted, sometimes a police officer will respond and a citation will be issued.

EVERY SANTA MONICA RESIDENT IS PERMITTED TO HAVE TWO GARAGE/YARD SALES EVERY CALENDAR YEAR, BUT IF THE BUILDING HAS MULTIPLE UNITS, THERE COULD BE FAR MORE THAN TWO PER PROPERTY.

• Downtown service officers can be seen on the Third Street Promenade patrolling on foot and/or bikes. They help monitor the performers and enforce ordinances that pertain to the promenade and parking structures, such as smoking, leaving property unattended over a certain period of time, loitering in a parking structure and they also respond to reports of suspicious activity in Downtown.

• Community service officers respond to traffic collisions, hit and runs, as well as other report calls where the suspect is not present.

• Animal control officers respond to and investigate calls such as reports of animal bites and enforce municipal codes involving animals. They also pick up stray animals and take them to the shelter and care for them while they are there.

Those officers are not armed. They represent the police department and are very knowledgeable in their particular field. It is important to be able to distinguish them from police officers and know how they can assist you.

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The Q Line

Make way for the gangway

City officials plan to build a gangway and 2,160-square-foot barge on the southern side of the Santa Monica Pier to expedite evacuations in case of an emergency. Although bringing boats back to the pier is not in the cards right now, the gangway will be constructed with the future in mind.

This past week, Q-line asked:
Would you support returning recreational boating back to the pier, helping the landmark reclaim some of its past glory?
Here are your responses:

"YES, I DO SUPPORT RETURNING recreational boating back to the pier. It would be great to be able to just motor up to the pier and drop off people, and it would maybe save the parking from being too crowded."

"ONE OF THE FAVORITE SNOW JOBS BY city government when trying to spend money on really dumb ideas is to always have an emergency to spend on, or a safety issue like injuries or death. You can get killed walking your doggy. A boat dock is just an incremental approach to spending $20 million for a new breakwater. This is so the politically and financially connected pier vendors can further support pier business. The pier is a huge white elephant. You will never see a break even year on costs, and never a repayment for millions already spent. Tear it down and have a nice, continuous beach."

"I THINK IT WOULD BE WUNDERBAR TO have a gangway built here in the city of San Malicious, particularly on the pier. I'm a former landlord in this lovely city by the bay, and I think it would be great."

"IF THEY HAVE TO EVACUATE THE PIER due to high waves, the gangplank would be dangerous. For other uses, it would be OK. Maybe they can bring back one of those casino ships."

"YES, I WOULD WELCOME THE RETURN OF boating to the pier. My family and I had great memories on the fishing boats, and I miss those glory days. On my wish list also is the return of the indoor roller skating rink on the pier. It's a shame all the fun stuff is gone (but not forgotten)."

"YES , ABSOLUTELY! IT MAY NOT BE realistic to re-establish the old harbor without reinforcement of the breakwater, but water taxis, excursion boats for curious tourists and the revival of the sport fishing boats are a distinct and realistic potential use of the pier. Bring them all back. Why not?"

"I HAVEN'T BEEN TO THE PIER IN YEARS, aside from walking to the end to soak in the view. There is nothing on the pier, as far as attractions, that would entice me. By bringing the gangway back and opening up the possibility of having sport fishing and day excursions to Catalina, I think the pier would become a much more attractive venue. I say restore the breakwater, bring the old casino ships back and restore some of the history that is missing from the iconic pier."

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THE SPOT: **Big Dean's on Ocean Front Walk is a favorite of locals and tourists alike, serving up classic Buffalo wings, burgers and beers.**

Big Dean's cooks up kick ass wings

THE PASSING OF LABOR DAY IN SANTA Monica means many changes but no more noticeable than down by the Santa Monica Pier. The Twilight Dance Series has come to a close, the beaches are much less crowded, and the leaves on the palm trees started to turn (well not really). With the unofficial end of summer amongst us, the droves of tourists seem to subside, but never completely dissipate from the pier.

With less crowd congestion, post Labor Day is a great time for us locals to see what is happening at the pier or in this case, below it. At the base of the pier, situated on Ocean Front Walk underneath most of the street musicians, gyrating silver mimes, and other hoopla, is a hot spot for both tourist and locals alike, Big Dean's "Muscle Inn" Cafe. Before Big Dean's, it was Sidney's Cafe back in the 1970s, and it has been running as a cafe since 1901, making it older than the pier itself.

Big Dean's claims on their menu that The Big Dean's Burger is, "The burger that made Santa Monica famous." Could it be possible that Santa Monica gets its world acclaim not from the beach, pier, or city itself, but from a burger? The answer is no. Big Dean's sarcastically coined their burger "world famous" in a way to play with tourists as well as poke fun at the idea that nowadays almost everything and anything is historic and or famous.

World famous or not, locals and regulars know that the Big Dean's burger is a goody. Double the meat, double the cheese, and grilled onions makes for one fantastic burger. The only problem with the burger was its height to width ratio. Let's just say it is a tall burger and problematic like an SUV on a curvy road. The high center of gravity, melted cheese, and slick onions made it a tough burger to hold onto. Thankfully the 32-ounce beer special washed away any control issues I may have been experiencing.

One thing that should be noted about the burger and beer is that they are very reasonably priced, especially being in such a prime location where everything seems to be jacked up.

"You have to cater to your regulars, you can't jack up the price just because tourists are in town," General Manager T.J. Sorady said.

T.J. realizes that if you gouge your customers then Big Dean's becomes just another tourist trap along the boardwalk. Big Dean's prime sightseeing location juxtaposed with its local customer base is what makes it so unique, and a fun place to hang out. It is a place to go with your friends as well meet some random couple from Sandusky, Ohio. It is an embassy that serves cold beer and from what I learned a really good hot wing. T.J. went to college in Buffalo and brought his wing sauce recipe here to the West Coast.

"I've had people from Buffalo in here eating our wings telling me that these are the best wings that they have had outside of Buffalo" T.J. said.

The wings are indeed meaty, have a decent crunch, and have a fantastically tangy and spicy sauce. Leave it up to the guy from Buffalo to bring some kick ass wings to the party.

Big Dean's offers up good deals on beer, has a "world class" burger, and makes some of the best wings outside of Buffalo, and all just in time for the start of football season. Some general food and beer for thought if you decide to venture out to the Santa Monica Pier.



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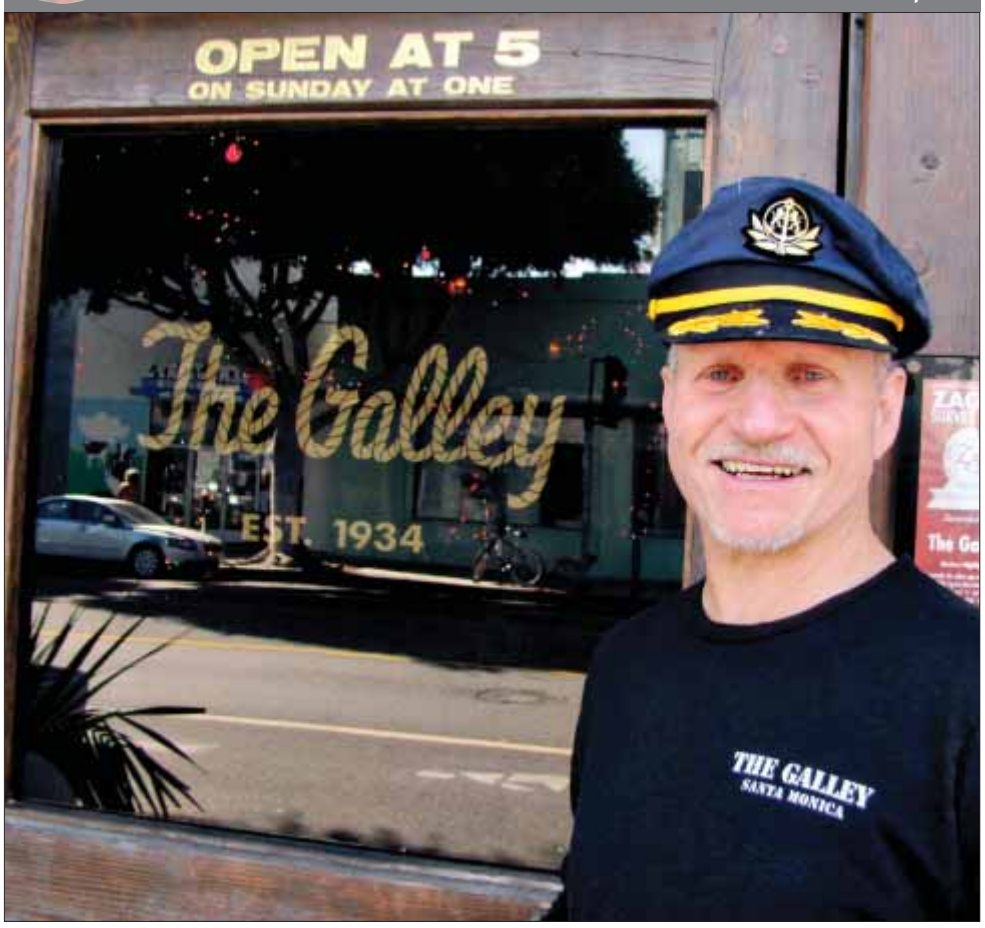
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NO MUTINY HERE: **'Captain' Ron Schur in front of his Main Street restaurant The Galley.**

Old Timers, Vol. 1: The Galley

WITH HOT NEW RESTAURANTS OPENING up all the time, we tend to forget some of the old standbys that have stood the test of time. If a restaurant has been in the same location and under the same management for 20 years or more, it must have something special. And so it is with such favorites as Valentino, Michael's, Chez Jay, Chinois on Main, and a few others, including what is perhaps the oldest of the old, The Galley on Main Street.

This restaurant has been in the same location since 1934, although Captain Ron, the current owner, only took over in 1989. There is sawdust on the floor, pin up girls from the '40s on the walls of the men's room, and snappy service without attitude. What now seems like funky decor might have been very modern at the time, with bamboo and vinyl booths and lots of pictures from the '40s and '50s on the wall. Retro music completes the scene. All of that is a nice break from the new hot spots, and it's rare now to find a restaurant with real booths. Of course that makes it more difficult to meet the people at the next table.

The last two times I was there the bar was completely full at dinner time, and all three rooms were just about full. We got one of the last tables for three. Joni showed up to serve us, and we were quickly served three Anchor Steam beers at $6 each. Then came the salad with creamy Caesar dressing. OK, it's not like the Caesar dressing in Tijuana; there are no anchovies, unless ordered extra for $2, and not much lemon flavor, but it's good anyway. Very good bread came with it, although I would have preferred it warm.

While there are other selections on the menu, the Galley is basically a steak house. For $13 there's an excellent hamburger, and for $32 a good filet. Last time I was there I had the jumbo porterhouse for $31, and it was a good cut and cooked to perfection. Big spenders can order the steak and lobster tail combo for $59. Spinach, heavily breaded onion rings, and lots of vegetables come on the plates, just like in the old days. Large portions for those in the market for a good solid meal, the old fashioned way. There's a typical wine list, with bottles marked up at about three and one-half cost, but when ordering cheap wine the mark-up is less significant anyway. For me this is the kind of place where I drink beer.

For any non-steak person who happens to find his or her way here, order the bucket of steamed eastern clams for $17 and you will have a happy ending, as the saying goes.

A visit to the Galley is nostalgic for those of us who were here in the old days (but even I wasn't here in the '30s) and a great tourist destination for visitors. But the reason it's still here is not because of the decor, nor the location. This is a very good steak house with reasonable prices and good service.

If You Go

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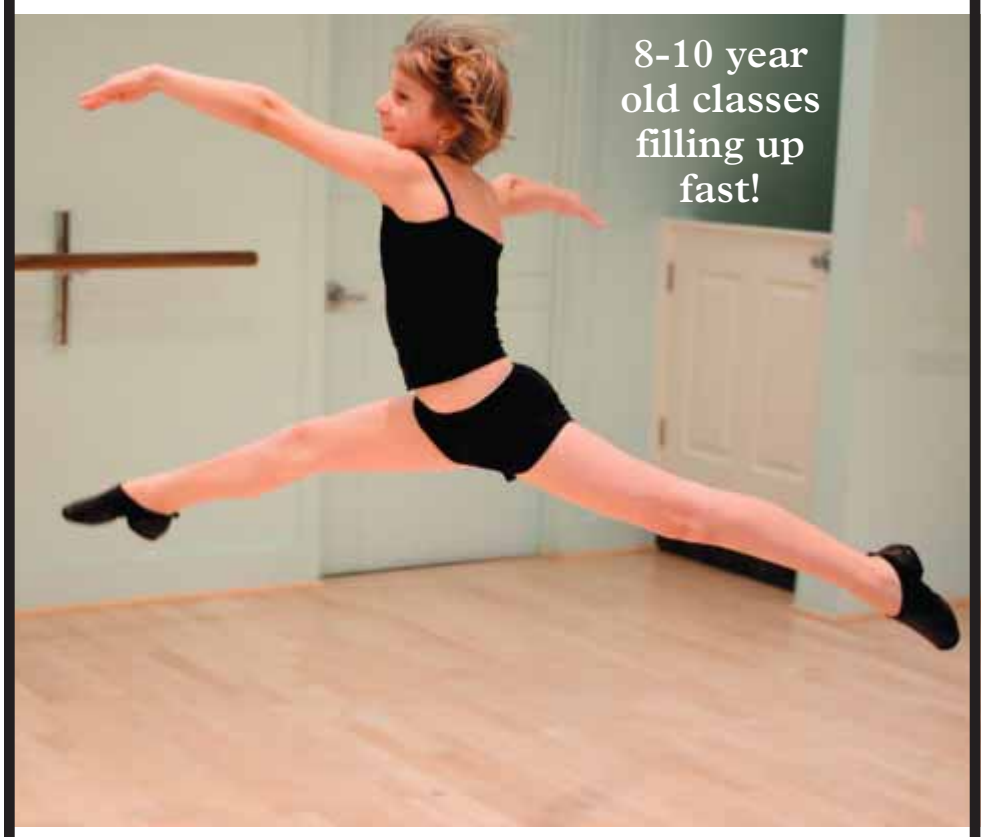
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RESPONSE
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couldn't think of anything else but service.

A number of members from the local chapter of the Red Cross were among those who took the call to heart.

"The minute I saw what happened at the towers, I thought they are going to need people," said Victoria Mendoza, a Red Cross volunteer at the time. "We went in and decided that we needed to do something."

Mendoza, who had cut her teeth assisting Santa Monica in the aftermath of the Northridge earthquake in 1994, was so moved by the attacks that she left her job at a local mortgage company after her boss denied her request to take time off to assist the recovery in NYC.

"I took a leap of faith," she said. "I knew I had to do this."

Once being approved by the Red Cross' national office, Mendoza traveled to NYC roughly a month after the attack.

After hitting the ground, she quickly realized that there was more to the recovery effort than just picking up the debris of the World Trade Center.

There were families of the fallen to consider, first responders to console and those living in nearby areas who were so traumatized by the event that many didn't leave their homes for months following the attacks.

Those were the people that needed the most help.

Mendoza was assigned to family services and was dispatched to buildings around ground zero to find people who were having trouble coming to grips with what occurred. In groups of four, they would go door to door checking in on residents to see how they were coping and if they needed food, water or other necessities. They found people who secluded themselves, afraid to travel out. They would sit with them, asking them what they needed or just listening to their fears. Mendoza excelled at this in part thanks to her training with the Red Cross and her control of the Spanish language.

The work was exhausting for some volunteers. They heard stories of horror, solitude and anguish. The work took its toll on some of the volunteers, but Mendoza soldiered on. She knew that the work that they were doing was worthwhile.

"While I was there, I noticed that people didn't know what to do," Mendoza said. "I realized that I could organize this mess."

The "heavy duties," as she called them, would come to her to determine what needed to be done next. She reveled in the situation, taking charge of the counseling services. It wasn't long until she was dispatching crews to locations around Manhattan to do what they could.

"We dealt with actual victims," she said. "People who were affected emotionally, financially."

Her stories could fill an encyclopedia. Aside from her own experiences, she recalled the tales of fellow volunteers devastated by what they discovered during their treks into buildings near ground zero. One volunteer shared the grisly tale of finding an actual victim from the World Trade Center, whose body was found in an apartment nearby.

It was that sort of experience that prompted the Red Cross to limit the amount of time volunteers could spend in the hot zone. The realities of what they saw and heard was too much for many, Mendoza said. It wasn't uncommon for a volunteer to opt out of service and return home.

For Mendoza, the deployment couldn't last long enough.

After just over a month of service, Mendoza returned to Santa Monica with a wealth of experiences and a heavy heart.

"I wish I could have stayed longer," she said. "It meant so much to me."

Mendoza wasn't alone in responding. Former Santa Monica Fire Department Chief Jim Hone was one of the first to head to New York. He was assigned to the pile of debris at ground zero, working as a member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Urban Search and Rescue Team. His experience responding to the bombings in Oklahoma City in 1995 made him an obvious choice.

He spent months at ground zero helping gather the pieces of what was left of the World Trade Center. His work was felt deeply by those in Santa Monica. Capt. Judah Mitchell of the SMFD said that he was in the "thick of things." Hone was one of the first people allowed to travel via airliner in the days following the attacks.

"He's a real hero," Mendoza said. "He's so humble, but what he did was incredible."

Aside from Mendoza and Hone, there were others who heeded the call.

Santa Monica Daily Press columnist and Red Cross Volunteer Bill Bauer was among those who couldn't help but respond.

He too was assigned to family services, trying to make a difference. Bauer was sent to Pier 94 in Manhattan.

"The site offered counseling and various services to families of WTC employees including victims of the collapse," he said.

Bauer would spend months in Manhattan.

"I think the thing that affected me most was sitting down with New York Police and Fire Department personnel in the center's dining room and hearing their stories," he said. "These were incredibly emotional moments."

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POLICY
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Under the old policy, students were required to serve a five-day suspension, complete 40 hours of community service and 24 hours of drug and alcohol counseling and were placed on academic probation, which barred them from all school events, including graduation.

Parents and students complained that the punishment did not fit the crime, and that the problem reached farther than just the three girls on a school choir trip.

Dr. Lisa Golden Balfous, a psychiatrist and parent in the district, said that the revision was necessary to make sure that students were not punished so excessively that they couldn't recover academically and risk alienation.

"If intervention can be done in a positive way, i.e. counselors and house administrators follow up with kids in a regular and constructive context, then kids are more likely to build trust and want to come to school," she wrote in an e-mail.

In June, the board decided to suspend the old policy and allow the three girls and all others under academic probation for drug or alcohol offenses to attend graduation if they had already met the other terms of the punishment.

That policy expired on June 30, however, and reverted back to the original system under which all students had been punished previously.

Since then the school district has been trying to reform the policy and get it in place despite the start of the new school year.

The version that Freedman brought back to the board had a few key revisions.

Under the new administrative policy, students would only have to complete 24 hours of community service rather than 40. The 24 hours of counseling would remain the same, although parents would have to also attend 12 hours of counseling focused on them.

Students would also no longer be prevented from taking part in co-curricular activities like sports and music during their 10-week academic probation, as long as they prove that they are making headway on the counseling and community service.

They can also attend graduation as long as they either complete or provide proof of progress on that work.

Extra-curricular activities are still a no-go under the policy. That includes fun things that are not connected to course work, like dances, rather than the after school activities including sports and music which, technically, require students to be enrolled in a class.

Administrators also get more flexibility. They would no longer be required to put students up for expulsion on a second offense.

Students that sell drugs get a short shrift. They would be suspended for five days, and administrators would have to call the police. The student would also be up for expulsion unless a principal intervenes.

In large part, board members focused on cleaning up language to clarify key points, like the applicability of the rules to students on school trips or how the regulation would apply to a student caught in the act versus one that came to a teacher or administrator for help with a problem.

Board President Jose Escarce hit a wall with the realization that student athletes and musicians would be allowed to participate in their after-school activities with no interruption.

"In truth, nothing will be lost because there aren't that many dances," Escarce said. "If you're not losing dances, concert performances or ball games or anything else, what are we losing? Very little."

The five-day suspension component also worried board members, who put forward the concept of in-school suspension as a way to prevent students from falling behind in their classes.

Freedman said that it was possible, but that the board should make sure to draw a distinction about which students would be allowed on campus.

"Students don't want to be next to someone who is intoxicated or in possession because it makes them feel uncomfortable," she said. "The message is primarily for the student."

Staff was asked to return with a policy that addressed board members' concerns about an in-school suspension policy, a time period where students would lose sports and music privileges and how to let parents know if the police have been called on their kids for a sales offense.

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A model walks down the runway at Santa Monica Place as locals and tourists view new designs available at stores there during 'Fashion's Night Out' on Thursday.

SURVEY
FROM PAGE 1

of the questions felt odd.

"You were supposed to give you opinion to changes to SMO over the years, and they asked about noise barriers," she said. "Well, there are no noise barriers. They talked about flight path changes to avoid sensitive areas. Everything is sensitive."

Josephs and others who have long fought to curb activities at the airport, particularly flight school operations, said that the survey felt slanted in favor of the airport, and finding out which local politicians were more or less supportive of operations there.

But therein lies the rub. No one knows who is behind the mysterious calls.

Some residents have reported that the caller identified themselves from Insight Research. Others said that their caller IDs said that the call came from Luce Research, a company based in Colorado.

Both could be true, said Lou Davis, vice president of sales and marketing with the firm Market Street Research.

"The firm that's contracted might not be the firm that's calling," Davis said. "It's probably the name of the call center, while Insight could be the name of the actual firm contracted."

The Daily Press reached out to Luce Research but did not receive a response.

Jonathan Brown, who works with FM3 Research in Santa Monica, said that Luce Research is a company that acts as a call center, although occasionally does its own projects.

In either case, it makes it more difficult to track the sponsor of a survey when two such firms are used. That's on top of the strict confidentiality rules to which many firms adhere, Davis said.

According to estimates from research firms, a survey to approximately 400 people that lasts between 8 to 10 minutes could cost between $14,000 and $20,000, depending on the number of open ended questions asked.

Though this survey lasted longer, it's unclear at this point how many residents received phone calls.

If the survey is politically motivated, the expenditure hasn't yet appeared on the reporting documents covering Jan. 1 through June 30 for political action committees in Santa Monica nor at the Los Angeles County level.

The next filing period is in January.

In a column by Bill Bauer printed in the Santa Monica Daily Press, City Council member Bob Holbrook hypothesized that perhaps a group in favor of keeping the Santa Monica Airport open was behind the calls.

If so, both Friends of the Santa Monica Airport, a local group, and Airline Owners and Pilots Association, a national group, say they are not responsible for the calls.

City Hall also says that officials have no idea where the calls are coming from, calling it "a mystery."

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SD Blackout separates the ready from the ill-prepared

BY GILLIAN FLACCUS & JULIE WATSON
Associated Press

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. Steve Tustison faced a parenting headache that called for serious improvisation: Stuck in traffic during a massive blackout with his three sons, he was penniless, light was fading and the boys were hungry.

The 47-year-old father finally convinced the owner of a nearby liquor store to have pity on them and hand over a tin of Spam and a box of Ritz crackers so they could eat dinner. He supplemented it with canned olives and pickles stowed on his sailboat.

There were no catastrophes caused by the widespread outage that knocked out power in a region with a population of nearly 6 million spanning both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border. But for individuals and institutions alike it was a defining moment that separated the Boy Scouts of the world from the rest of us.

Tustison said he fell into the latter category.

"I think we weren't prepared at all, not really, and it made me start thinking, you know I need contingencies — stores and supplies just in case," said Tustison, after sleeping with his family on his sailboat instead of inside their dark, scorching-hot home. "You never know what's going to happen with the power plant here and the unrest, the inevitability of something bad happening — because it's gonna."

He wasn't the only one that learned a valuable lesson. Government agencies on Friday were examining the good and bad of what happened when the lights went out on such a large geographical area — which recalled a more severe blackout that darkened a large swath of the Northeast and Midwest in 2003 and affected more than 50 million people.

Two reactors at the San Onofre nuclear power plant, near where Tustison lives, went offline after losing electricity, but officials said there was no danger to the public or workers.

The outage also grounded outgoing planes at San Diego's International Airport, where about 70 flights were cancelled and between 50 to 100 people stayed overnight. Most everything was up and running Friday as power was restored to all of San Diego County.

"These are the kinds of incidents that we drill on all the time," airport spokeswoman Diana Lucero said. "You can never be fully prepared, but we felt that we were prepared as much as possible under the circumstances."

Police departments on both sides of the border were able to maintain their emergency call centers backed up by generators, which also kept hospitals going. Authorities in San Diego went door-to-door to ensure people on life support were doing OK. Officers fanned out to guide traffic without working stoplights and there were no major accidents reported, nor looting or other unrest.

In Tijuana, people formed long lines outside convenience stores, trying to buy ice or take advantage of half-price beer. Cars lined up at the few gas stations that used generators to stay open.

Beaches in San Diego were closed Friday because the outage caused more than 2 million gallons of sewage to spill into the water. Some residents were asked to boil their tap water. And restaurants were dumping thousands of dollars in food that they feared may have spoiled.

Darren Gorski, who buys supplies for San Diego's The Fish Market, spent the night checking on the temperature of the seafood stored in five insulated refrigerators. It remained at a cool 37 degrees, saving the company an estimated $50,000, he said.

But he threw out 40 cases of dairy products such as milk, half-and-half, cream and pasteurized eggs, costing thousands of dollars. The restaurant serves more than 1,000 people daily.

"It's a small thing compared to the liability," he said. "Hopefully everybody else does that too. We're here to protect our own industry. We don't want anybody getting sick."

Southwest Airline spokeswoman Cheryl Black said the airline's employees spent the first hour after the outage scrambling to try to communicate, after being left with no working radios or cellphones.

"All of the sudden we didn't have any technology," Black said Friday after spending the morning working on getting the airline's computer system back online.

They managed to get it up and running before the first flights took off at 8 a.m., she said.

Andy Jones, 63, said she held a flashlight in her mouth while packing in the early morning dark for her vacation in Mexico. She also brushed her teeth with bottled water before heading to the airport.

"You're going to be ready for Mexico, that's for sure," joked her friend, Donna Anderson, a 58-year-old retired school teacher traveling with her.

While going cold turkey on technology made life difficult for many, others like Tustison relished the chance of spending a candlelit evening quieted by the downed iPhones and laptops.

After averting the dinner crisis, Tustison and his three sons, 15, 12 and 9, sat on their sailboat in a darkened harbor and listened to the news on an antique, battery-powered transistor radio while playing chess and checkers.

"It was so peaceful and quiet," he said. "It was amazing. I've lived here my whole life and I've never seen anything like that, never. That's about as common as hail around here."

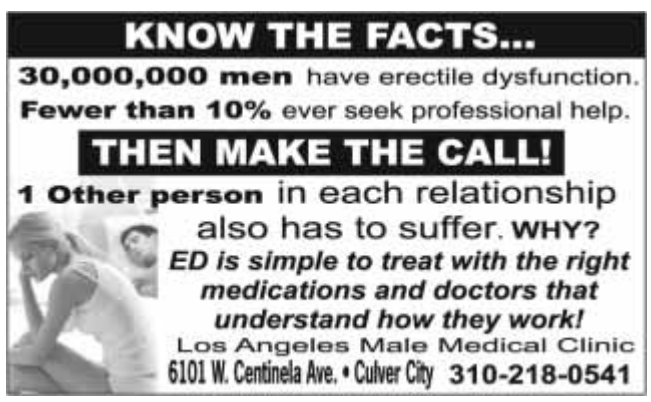
He enjoyed seeing his sons who normally would spend their evening playing video games sit in the stillness.

"I wish it could be like that all the time," he said.









Bag searches, checkpoints in NYC amid threat report

BY COLLEEN LONG
Associated Press

NEW YORK Security worker Eric Martinez wore a pin depicting the twin towers on his lapel as he headed to work in lower Manhattan on Friday, unfazed by a report of a credible but unconfirmed terror threat before the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

He worked downtown then and lived through it. He still works there — and didn't hesitate to take the subway.

"It's the only way you can get to work. If something's going to happen it's going to happen. You just have to deal with it," he said. "This is the time we live in. If you're going to be afraid, you're just going to stay home."

Once again, New Yorkers dealt with an ominous-sounding report of a possible threat against the city by taking it in stride. To them, the inconveniences of snarled traffic, bridge checkpoints and train station bag searches have become routine.

U.S. officials said Thursday that they were chasing a credible but unconfirmed al-Qaida threat to use a car bomb on bridges or tunnels in New York or Washington.

D.C. commuters grappled with similar complications and tried to take them in stride.

Cheryl Francis, of Chantilly, Va., commutes over a bridge into Washington every day and didn't plan to change her habits. She was at work in the capital city on Sept. 11, 2001, and believes the country is more aware and alert now.

"It's almost like sleeping with one eye open," she said.

In New York, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said already-heightened security was beefed up even more.

Police were increasing security at bridges and tunnels, setting up vehicle checkpoints, doing bomb sweeps of parking garages and towing more illegally parked cars, Kelly said.

The measures were nothing New Yorkers — or the well-prepared law enforcement agencies — haven't seen before, Bloomberg said Friday.

"Keep in mind, we have threats all the time," he said on his weekly radio appearance on WOR. "On the Internet, every day, there are threats of people, particularly around big sporting events and religious holidays, and around commemorations of things like 9/11. And each time the NYPD, with the FBI, we increase our security, which obviously we have done for this."

On Friday morning, the mayor rode the subway down to City Hall to try to assure commuters the city was prepared.

"We don't want al-Qaida or any other organization ... to take away the freedoms without firing a shot," he said after getting off the train near the Brooklyn Bridge. Bloomberg urged New Yorkers to just "go back to work. And leave it to the professionals."

Police planned a show of force at Grand Central Terminal, Pennsylvania Station and the Times Square subway station because of a previously planned counterterror drill with rail agencies.

Authorities stopped vehicles at the 59th Street bridge, which connects Manhattan to Queens, causing a major backup. The Brooklyn Bridge was down to one lane, and checkpoints were up near Times Square and in other Midtown locations.

At Penn Station, transit police in helmets and bulletproof vests and carrying assault rifles watched the crowds.

Officials were swabbing passengers' bags near an escalator to the train platforms, and police searched the bags of passengers at the entrance to a subway station. National Guard troops in camouflaged fatigues moved among the throng, eyeing packages.

Roseanne Lee, 64, said her taxi was stopped twice at police checkpoints on its way from the Upper East Side to Penn Station. Police looked in the windows of the cab but did not question her or the driver, she said. At one checkpoint, police were searching a moving van, she said.

The delays made the fare higher, "but I don't care," Lee said. "It's better to be safe. You can't stop doing what you're doing because of these threats. You just have to be careful."

Gail Murray, an administrative assistant who works in Manhattan, took the threat in stride as she listened to Long Island Rail Road announcements aboard a train heading to Penn Station.

"I thought, 'Here we go again,'" she said. "That's all just part of living in New York City."

Police tours were extended, effectively increasing the strength of the patrol force, and the department prepared to respond to an increase in calls of suspicious packages. They also added more police vehicles with license plate readers.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the World Trade Center site, was also at a heightened state of alert. Spokesman Steve Coleman said there would be increased vehicle checks and increased bag checks at the authority's airports, bus and rail terminals.

City officials said there much would be done behind the scenes, in places that New Yorkers wouldn't even notice.

Bloomberg and Kelly stressed the most important thing to do was to go on with life as usual.

Many New Yorkers were doing just that. Dressed in jeans and a Teamsters T-shirt, Michael Murphy of Seaford, didn't have terror threats on his mind as he headed to work at the armory at 26th and Lexington Avenue, where he was helping to stage shows for Fashion Week.

"Like they said last night, we have the greatest police department in the world," said Murray, 49. "I'm confident they'll do the job."

In Washington, one rail rider was more frightened.

Maria Rothman tried to take an early morning Amtrak train to Philadelphia, hoping it would be a less inviting target, although she wound up missing it.

"I embrace as a concept you got to go ahead and live your life," she said, "except that it's hard."

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At Flight 93 memorial, sense of loss, grace

BY KEVIN BEGOS
Associated Press

SHANKSVILLE, Pa. Some of the writing in the guestbook is elegant script, some a labored scrawl. The notes are from Maine, Michigan, South Carolina, Idaho, Florida and many states in between. All of them were written in the last 24 hours.

In this quiet, remote part of western Pennsylvania, people from all over the country came pay their respects to the passengers and crew of United Flight 93, which crashed into a desolate field nearly 10 years ago.

Family members of those who died on Flight 93 shed tears Friday, but they also celebrated the spirit of the crash site's guestbook — a rare feeling that people from vastly different walks of life had come together.

"I don't focus on what happened. You can't change that," said Lorne Lyles, whose wife, CeeCee Ross Lyles, had been working as a United Airlines flight attendant for only nine months on that September morning in 2001.

"Coming here is more of a celebratory thing. She's been memorialized," Lyles said. "Just to see the outpouring from all over the world is touching. You really do have some caring people in the world."

That's not how things usually go at his job as a police officer near Tampa, Fla.

"I don't see too many caring people," Lyles said. "But this memorial is truly dear to my heart. That's what I'm more focused on."

He paused, and looked around the small room that has served as a temporary gathering place for visitors. The room has some of the tributes that have been left behind in honor of the passengers and crew who forced the four terrorists to crash the plane before it could hit a target in Washington, likely the Capitol or the White House.

There's a birdhouse with a hand-painted condolence. A note written in Japanese. A patch from the C-5 Nightriders Special Operations group. An inscribed softball. A note from the Chicago Bomb Squad said that the passengers and crew, by confronting the terrorists, had lived up to the squad's motto: "Here I am. Send me."

"To see the other side of humanity — that's just truly a blessing," Lyles said in a calm voice.

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar spoke at the site Friday, a day ahead of the planned dedication of the first phase of the Flight 93 National Memorial. He noted that for all the progress on the memorial, there's still work to be done.

Public and private donors have contributed $52 million, but $10 million more is needed to build a true visitors center and to finish landscaping, Salazar said.

Texas zoo: Tiger's killing of mate called surprising

BY JUAN CARLOS LLORCA
Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas The killing of a rare Malayan tiger by his mate caught handlers at the El Paso Zoo completely by surprise because there were no warning signs and the pair were seen playing together only hours earlier, the zoo director said Friday.

Seri, the 3-year-old female who was sent to El Paso from the San Diego Zoo about 15 months ago, seemed to have bonded with 6-year-old Wzui during the two-and-a-half months they were together, said Steve Marshal, the director of the El Paso Zoo. The tigers had tried mating, and hours before Thursday's attack were seen frolicking and "being affectionate," he said.

"We did not see any indication this was coming. It took us completely by surprise, the staff is shocked," Marshal said.

A zoo visitor witnessed the attack, but Marshal declined to publicly identify the witness. He said Seri killed Wzui by chomping down on the side of his neck and choking him.

"We arrived too late," Marshall added.

Tara Harris, the conservation director at the Minnesota Zoo, said attacks such as Thursday's almost never happen.

"Tigers do fight with one another, that's not rare. But it is very rare that one would kill another, specially a female killing a male. It is an anomaly," Harris said Friday by phone.

Wzui, who was born at the Henry Doorly Zoo in Omaha, Neb., and arrived in El Paso nine months ago from the Tulsa Zoo, in Oklahoma, will be cremated after a necropsy is performed. Seri will be examined for injuries before being returned to her display area, which will likely be in about two days, Marshal said.

Malayan tigers are rare — Wzui's death left just 57 in North America — and zoo officials said they have been told that the Tiger Special Species Survival Plan, which assigns the tigers to zoos for mating, has made finding a new suitable mate for Seri a priority. The program pairs the animals in a way that best keeps their species' limited gene pool stable.

"That is our mission ... her genetic material is extremely important," Marshall said. He said it doesn't appear Seri is pregnant.

When Wzui arrived at the zoo the keepers started a slow process of introduction for both animals. "It went great. It didn't take very long for them to like each other," said Marshall.

He said the zoo will revise its protocols for the introduction and cohabitation of tigers. Some zoos keep the tigers together all the time, while others only pair them during mating season. Seri and Wzui were living together in the same area. Marshal said there are pros and cons to each approach, and that the zoo hasn't decided which approach it will take once a new mate for Seri arrives.

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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 Rameer Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	D	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	C	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero).	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach.	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	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
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Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
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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.	B	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of D&W jetty).	A+	ns
Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
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Lawmakers approve bill boosting NFL stadium in LA

BY DON THOMPSON
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, California — California's state Senate on Friday sent Gov. Jerry Brown bipartisan legislation intended to speed up construction of a possible NFL stadium in downtown Los Angeles, shrugging off concerns that it could draw a team from elsewhere in California.

The bill, SB292, fast-tracks the environmental appeals process so Anschutz Entertainment Group can build its proposed $1.2 billion stadium near Staples Center more quickly. Supporters say the project will not start unless the city can lure a professional football team.

Sen. Alex Padilla, a Los Angeles Democrat, said his bill would help create 23,000 construction and full-time jobs, in part because the stadium project would be accompanied by renovation of the city's convention center.

"The sheer scale and magnitude of this project will be felt statewide," Padilla said.

Lawmakers of both political parties took turns lauding the potential for creating jobs in a state with a 12 percent unemployment rate, second-highest in the nation behind Nevada. The bill passed on a 32-7 vote.

"We're in a crisis situation when we're talking about jobs," said Sen. Tony Strickland, R-Thousand Oaks. "To me, this is a no-brainer."

Padilla said the developers have promised to build "the most environmentally friendly sports stadium in the country." That includes compensating for greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles traveling to the stadium.

In exchange, the proposed stadium would get an expedited environmental review process that supporters say would prevent the project from getting tied up by lawsuits. Challenges would have to be filed in the court of appeal and resolved within 175 days after the environmental impact report is released.

"It is pro-business without harming environmental regulations," said Sen. Ted Lieu, D-Torrance.

Two Democrats who represent the home cities of the San Diego Chargers and Oakland Raiders spoke against a bill they fear could lure their teams to Los Angeles.

"That would be a job shift, not a creation of jobs," said Sen. Loni Hancock, D-Berkeley, who represents nearby Oakland.

Sen. Christine Kehoe, D-San Diego, also objected that the bill benefits just one developer and one project.

Padilla threw up his hands in an NFL referee's touchdown signal as the bill cleared the Senate. He exchanged hugs with Assembly Speaker John Perez of Los Angeles and Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg of Sacramento, Democratic leaders who had strongly supported the measure.

The Los Angeles area, the nation's second largest television market, has been without an NFL team since the Raiders returned to Oakland and the Rams left Anaheim for St. Louis in 1995.

"After eight months of conversations, negotiations and compromise with elected officials, today we reach another milestone for the development of Farmers Field," Timothy J. Leiweke, AEG's president and chief executive officer, said in a statement. The vote, he said, "sends a very, very strong message to the NFL that Farmers Field will happen."

He said the development will let his company focus its efforts on bringing a team to Los Angeles. The company hopes to break ground on the project in June.

"This will be an economic and environmental showpiece, not just for Southern California but for our state and our nation," he said.

Brown spokesman Evan Westrup said the governor had not taken a position on the bill.



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Warrior (PG-13) 2hrs 19min
10:45am, 1:50pm, 4:55pm, 8:00pm, 11:00pm

Debt (R) 1hr 53min
11:35am, 2:15pm, 5:05pm, 7:50pm, 10:40pm

Rise of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13) 1hr 44min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:45pm

Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min
11:55am, 3:30pm, 7:00pm, 10:25pm

Shark Night 3D (PG-13) 1hr 35min
2:20pm, 7:25pm, 10:00pm

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

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11:45am, 4:50pm

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Hedgehog (Le herisson) (NR) 1hr 40min
1:40pm, 4:40pm, 7:20pm, 9:50pm

Mozart's Sister (Nannerl, la Soeur de Mozart) (NR) 2hrs
11:00am

Sholem Aleichem: Laughing in the Darkness (NR) 1hr 33min
11:00am

Chasing Madoff! (NR) 1hr 31min
11:00am

Point Blank (A Bout Portant) (R) 1hr 24min
4:30pm, 9:45pm

Guard (R) 1hr 36min
1:30pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:40pm

Our Idiot Brother (R) 1hr 30min
1:50pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 9:55pm

Whistleblower (R) 1hr 52min
1:20pm, 7:00pm

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Captain America: The First Avenger (PG-13) 2hrs 05min
2:00pm, 7:40pm, 10:30pm

Bucky Larson: Born to Be a Star (R)
11:20am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Cowboys & Aliens (PG-13) 1hr 58min
11:15am, 4:50pm

Don't Be Afraid of the Dark (R) 1hr 40min
11:50am, 2:30pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:30pm

Colombiana (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:15am, 2:05pm, 5:00pm, 7:50pm, 10:30pm

Apollo 18 (PG-13) 1hr 26min
11:45am, 2:15pm, 4:35pm, 7:15pm, 9:45pm

Kevin Hart: Laugh At My Pain (NR) 1hr 28min
11:30am, 2:10pm, 5:05pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

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Focus on that one person, Leo

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to get together with a special friend or to follow through on long-coveted plans. A momentary misunderstanding can be corrected, but relax with what you hear. Tonight: Go for quiet.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Getting work completed takes time and caring. Sometimes you can get overwhelmed by everything that is going on. Check in on an older friend, loved one or relative. An offer appears that might be too good to say "no" to. Tonight: Let your hair down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your vision of possibilities will open up even more if you relax and get away from the tried-and-true. You'll gain deeper insight and a better perspective with a change of setting. Don't forget someone at a distance. Tonight: A must appearance.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Perhaps a discussion could be uncomfortable at first, even just the thought of it. Once you get going, you might find this interaction to be a lot easier than you'd anticipated. Make plans to visit a new place. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Use a conversation to draw someone in, whether it is a loved one who has been distant or a brand-new person in your life. Either way, you won't experience a loss. Someone communicates just how deeply he or she feels. Tonight: Be less gregarious. Focus on that one person.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You have much to accomplish, and you will. Your sense of being on overload could take over. You might want to rethink your obligations. Clear out a project or two. Make plans for later today. Tonight: Sort through all those invitations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Allow greater creativity and give-and-take. Your imagination seems to have no limits. Sort through a confusing communication. Ask questions. Confirm what you think you are hearing. Tonight: If you are tired, call it an early evening.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Put your attention on family and/or domestic matters. Some of you might want to spend a few hours napping or lounging. Once you get going late afternoon, find, plan and live fun. Tonight: Allow frivolity in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others respond to your inquiries. Though there could be a difficult moment or two, relax. When you clear the air, take off with a loved one to a favorite outdoor spot, to a movie, or anywhere you can let your mind ramble. Tonight: Consider calling it an early night.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Be aware of how much you have to offer. Often, you sell yourself short or you allow insecurity to break through. Do what you need to do in order to make yourself feel good about you today. For some, that could be shopping. For others, it's getting a massage. Tonight: Others certainly notice the change in you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to the max. You have been willing to put more than your fair share of effort into a project. Know when to say "enough." Tap into your imagination and make plans you have been thinking of. Tonight: You could go overboard.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ You might want to rest up and play it low-key right now. Your energy surges as the day greets the night. Suddenly, your personality takes over. Confirm plans. If your feelings are hurt, check in with that person. Odds are that he or she didn't mean to hurt you. Tonight: In your element. Make plans you like.

Happy birthday

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

This year, you will take the lead naturally. Others follow you instinctively. You need to follow through on what is important to you. When you feel confused, pull back and do nothing until a matter is resolved in your head. Don't make situations more confusing than need be. If you are single, you could meet someone quite different out of the blue. This friendship or relationship will help you see life through others' eyes. If you are attached, the two of you develop an even tighter bond by taking up a common hobby or interest. Go on romantic dates more often. PISCES can be quite challenging.



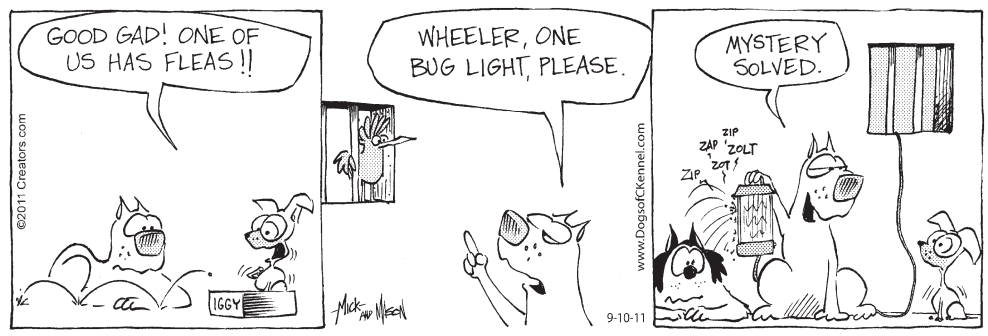
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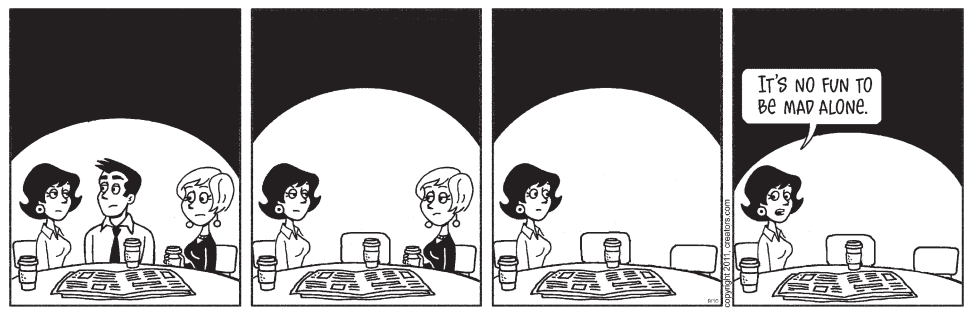
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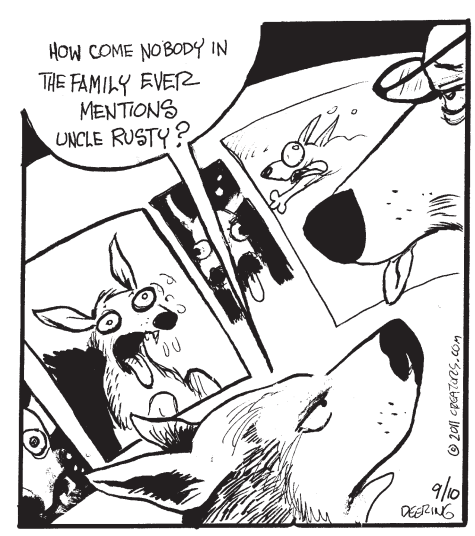
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★

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		7				3		
9	1						5	2
	2		9	8	7		6	

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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

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

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Reach across
5 Is furious
10 Sea sight
12 Tickle
13 Furious
14 Pasta topping
15 Alley item
16 Do something
18 May honoree
19 Will topic
21 Tempt
22 Avoiding a dragnet
24 Overture
25 Sight from El Paso
29 Barbecue treat
30 Nod
32 Put away
33 European peak
34 King topper
35 Wall art
37 Accessory
39 "Common Sense" writer
40 Strata
41 Louver parts
42 Dandling site

DOWN

1 Take the wrong way?
2 Rector's charge
3 1972 Jack Lemmon film
4 Take in
5 Extreme diet
6 Ethan's "Gattaca" costar
7 Island dress
8 Chaperone
9 Message from the boss
11 Usher's job
17 Pivotal
20 "Seeya!"
21 Maine birds
23 Try to pick up
25 Ceremony
26 European area
27 Make numb
28 Concert extra
29 Highway exits
31 Grammar topic
33 Pub pints
36 Lowly worker
38 Cartoonist Browne

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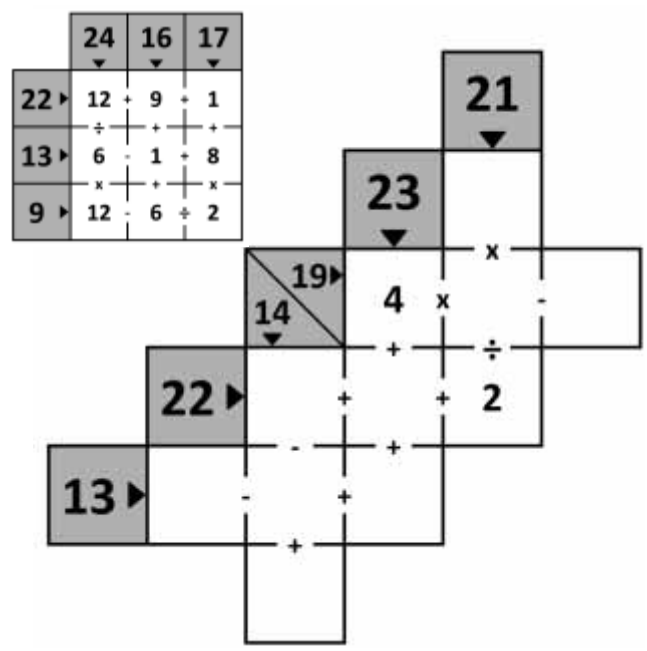
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ When News of the Weird wrote about the twin singers Lamb and Lynx Gaede ("Prussian Blue"), age 13, in 2005, they were singing Aryan-heritage songs at white-supremacist venues, under the guidance of their Hitler-admiring mother, April. Nowadays, the girls are off the road, according to a July report on The Daily, and have almost completely renounced their political fervor (to April's disappointment). Said Lamb, "I was just spouting a lot of knowledge that I had no idea what I was saying. My sister and I are pretty liberal now." Added Lynx, "Personally, I love diversity. I'm stoked that we have so many different cultures." Both girls have struggled with illnesses since their fame and credit a new treatment that they praise for easing their conditions: medical marijuana.

■ In April (2003), students at the all-women's Smith College (Northampton, Mass.) voted to replace all of the female pronouns in the student constitution with gender-neutral pronouns. Although males are not admitted to Smith, many students believe, apparently, that they need to prepare for the day when students who were admitted as females later come to identify themselves as transgendered. (According to Dean Maureen Mahoney, a student admitted as a female but who later comes out as a male would still be welcomed at Smith.)

TODAY IN HISTORY

1813 The United States defeats the British Fleet at the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

1823 Simón Bolívar is named President of Peru.

1846 Elias Howe is granted a patent for the sewing machine.

1858 George Mary Searle discovers the asteroid 55 Pandora.

1897 Lattimer massacre: A sheriff's posse kills 20 unarmed immigrant miners in Pennsylvania, United States.

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