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THE REMEMBERING SEPT. 11 VICTIMS ISSUE

Giant blue whales putting on a show along the coast

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM BAY Dozens of giant blue whales are putting on a show along the Southern California coast, and one Santa Monica resident was treated to a front row seat.

While paddle boarding north from Hermosa Beach last week, Mike Vaughan, a third-generation Santa Monican and an avid surfer, nearly collided with a roughly 60-80-foot blue whale as it was feeding on calorie-rich planktonic krill several miles off shore. Vaughan and a buddy, Gene "Tarzan" Smith, captured video footage of the encounter and say they have for the last two weeks seen several small pods, or schools of blue whales, off the coast of the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

"It's hard to explain how I was feeling," Vaughan said Thursday of the close encounter (video of the whales can be seen at peprinting.com, the website for Vaughan's locally-based printing business).

"It's hard to put into words. Pretty exhilarating. One half of me was like, 'Wow, this is exciting.' You get so close to them and they seem like such gentle giants. … Then one came towards me and before we hit, he went right under me, like he could see me. At that point I was super frightened. You kind of wonder if [paddling next to them] is the right thing to do."

Vaughan said he has not been injured by the whales, who seem preoccupied with feeding.

The whales are appearing in large numbers because of an abundance of krill in the Santa Monica Bay. Some have said they have seen as many as 25 giants at once. This is extraordinary, marine life experts say, considering that there are only 2,000 blue whales documented in the north Pacific Ocean.

Councilman Bob Holbrook called the Daily Press Thursday after he spotted a blue whale in the waters near Casa Del Mar. He said he saw a whale come up for air. When the whale exhaled, Holbrook said mist shot up several feet.

"It looked like a large sail was unfurling," he said. "It was just like a geyser."

Smaller gray whales are commonly spotted near these shores in the winter, as they migrate annually from the cold Bering and Chukchi

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Photo courtesy Bo Bridges Photography Inc.

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL: **Santa Monican Mike Vaughan paddle boards alongside a giant blue whale near Redondo Beach earlier this week. Vaughan said he has spotted blue whales nearly every day over the last two weeks while paddle boarding.**

New tastes to replace old at Main Street Farmers' Market

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

MAIN STREET If you're a fan of the gourmet tamale stand at the Main Street Farmers' Market, get them while you still can.

Thanks to an overhaul of the way City Hall selects vendors, the weekly Sunday market will have a different look come October, with a new roster of prepared food sellers.

The change means some longtime favorites, like Corn Maiden Foods, aren't long for Santa Monica.

"I am absolutely stunned," said Pascal Dropsy, president of the Harbor City-based company, which during six years at the market has acquired a loyal clientele with offerings like a goat cheese, sun dried tomato and basil tamale. "We are probably one of the two or three most popular booths. We have lines and lines of people every single Sunday."

Though popular, Corn Maiden didn't make the cut under the new selection guidelines, which favor local businesses and put a premium on demonstrating a commitment to sustainable practices.

Dropsy said his company should have scored well in the sustainability category. But with 64 applicants for the spaces, competition was stiff.

The new selection rules replaced an informal process for picking vendors that the City Council earlier this year decided to update after local restaurant owners, especially those with businesses near the busy Main Street market, argued they should get preference.

There are just 13 prepared food stalls at the Main Street market, and under the new rules six are reserved for local businesses.

The new selection rules apply to pre-

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OUT AND ABOUT IN SANTA MONICA AND SURROUNDS



Saturday, September 11, 2010

Surf's up
Santa Monica Bay Womens Club
1 p.m.
The first annual surf memorabilia auction begins today, featuring the Richard Delvy Music Career Collection and other surf music industry memorabilia. Big names include the Beach Boys, the Fat Boys and the Fifth Dimension. For more information, (626) 409-8787.

Blast into art
Flying Saucers Caffeine and Art
306 Pico Blvd., 8:30 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.
From the Luminous Landings group, artists Ryan MacLeod Morris, Jon Aeon and eight others will be exhibiting their work tonight at Flying Saucers. DJ Beat Invasion plans to rock the intergalactic reception with his funky beats. If you can't make it tonight, the exhibit goes on until the end of the month. For more information, call (310) 868-8361.

Single's night out
Paint: Lab
2912 Main St., 6 p.m. — 10 p.m.
What's more classy than meeting other singles on a Saturday night? Meeting them at a place with paint, wine and cheese. For $30 lab fee, which includes a canvas board, you can make art and love. Must be 21 and older to participate. For more information, go to www.paintlab.net.

On the road again
drkrm/gallery/west
729 Montana Ave., suite 2, 6 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Former fashion photographer Karen Baker will present Family Vacation, a collection of photos shot while on a road trip to Boise, Idaho. The opening reception tonight will exhibit until Sept. 26. For more information, go to www.drkrm.com.

Sunday, September 12, 2010

Last Comic Standing
O'Brien's
2941 Main St., 8:30 p.m.
Join Santa Monica resident Blake Dirickson during a 100 day comedy marathon, as he begins his journey at O'Brien's. Find out if he's actually funny on Sunday or the 99 other days after that. For more information, www.100daysstanding.com.

Speaking in Tongues
Aero Theatre
1328 Montana Ave., 3 p.m.
Watch award-winning documentary "Speaking in Tongues" at the Aero Theatre and stay after for a panel discussion benefiting Californians Together Directions. The film follows four kids in language immersion grade schools, where the teacher speaks a foreign language. For more information, (202) 550-2817.

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PUT YO HANDS IN THE AIR!

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Featured singer and choreographer Yuka Takara (left) leads City Hall employees in a dance and music-driven promotional video for City TV in front of City Hall on Thursday afternoon. City TV is Santa Monica's public access station, featuring City Council and school board meetings.

On stage for 100 days

Local tests his comedic chops with a stand-up marathon

BY MELISSA LEU
Special to the Daily Press

DOWNTOWN For a man who has only performed stand-up comedy four times in his life, Blake Dirickson sure is ambitious.

The scruffy, 31-year-old Santa Monica resident, whose hair borderlines on afro-size despite his Irish roots, will attempt to perform 100 consecutive days of stand-up comedy in venues mostly in and around the city.

"I just want to make a lot of people laugh. I'd like to make 300 million people laugh," said Dirickson, referring to the population of the U.S. "If there are some internationals, so be it."

Dirickson, who touts his international appeal through his one fan from Italy on Twitter, isn't settling for performing 100 days in a row. With the help of a production team made up of his fiancé and friends, he will also be filming the entire journey, every laugh, heckle and breakdown along the way.

"I think the pressure is on him, because now everyone is working. … But now, there are so many people who believe in him and so many people watching him, there's no backing out," said Liz Destro, Dirickson's fiancé.

Originally from Texas, Dirickson comes from a family of storytellers. He credits his funny genes to his Aunt Barbara, who was a theatre actress, and his Uncle Rick, who was an investment banker.

Although Dirickson always considered himself to be a class clown ("I think I've got some documentation in my high school yearbook to prove it," said Dirickson.), he got his first official taste of stand-up in 2004, when his newly acquired talent manager booked him at Brainwash Café, a restaurant and laundromat in San Francisco.

After a disastrous show that involved heavy drinking and getting booed off stage, his talent manager dropped him.

"He wasn't the type of manager that would stick with you. So that's one of the goals of the doc[umentary] … is finding some representation and seeing my act improve," Dirickson said. "Just the process is going to make a change in me."

Six years later, Dirickson has already cleaned up his act. He's quit drinking, par-

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League of Conservation Voters releases endorsements

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

CITYWIDE The Los Angeles County League of Conservation Voters has released its list of endorsements for Santa Monica's City Council election, backing four sitting council members and challenger Ted Winterer in November's race.

The group, which is the only environmental political action committee in L.A. County, has thrown its support behind incumbents Kevin McKeown and Pam O'Connor, in addition to Winterer, in the race for three four-year terms. Councilmembers Terry O'Day and Gleam Davis won the group's support in the race for two two-year terms.

"It was a pretty rigorous process, so I'm pleased to have come out on the positive end of it," Davis said.

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Schwarzenegger-Shriver daughter writes first book

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES Katherine Schwarzenegger is following in the footsteps of her high-achieving parents, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and Maria Shriver, sister of Mayor Bobby Shriver.

The 20-year-old college student has written a book coming out next week that's aimed at helping girls gain confidence in their bodies and themselves. It's titled "Rock What You've Got: Secrets to Loving Your Inner and Outer Beauty" (Hyperion).

Schwarzenegger says part of the motivation for the book was overhearing her preteen cousins talk about their desire to be thin and "sexy." She's also faced her own battle with self-esteem as a teenager in the public eye.

The book is the first for Katherine Schwarzenegger, a junior at the USC Annenberg School for Communication & Journalism.

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Sexist sentiments

Editor:

I was surprised (horrified, really) that the Daily Press would print such an ill-informed and misogynistic column as "Witnessing a double standard," Hiding in the Open, Sept. 7.

This Tea Party-Glenn-Beck-esque assertion that the pendulum has swung is complete nonsense. Can Mr. Alsabery not see the difference between women in high heels and skirts expecting a man to pick up a heavy box, and a man demanding that women get them coffee or make copies. Well here's a summary: the men picking up the boxes is just plain common sense; women tend to be weaker and they are wearing skirts and heels, probably to meet the expectations of them set by men, whereas in Mr. Alsabery's response, he's clearly revealing his belief that women are just meant to make copies and fetch coffee. They're all really secretaries, right? Ridiculous.

And I especially enjoyed the anti-affirmative-action-type logic now being applied to women. Sure they only make 70 cents on the dollar but don't let the facts get in the way. Clearly women are being given all the good jobs while the men sit at home, right? Come on.

If we believe his facts about SAT scores and college admissions, what that tells me is that women are working hard and are now being given the same opportunities as men, and this explains the increase in numbers. The men who aren't getting in to college are probably guys like Mr. Alsabery who thinks he's entitled to the advantages he enjoyed over years and years of male dominance over women.

Yeah, ask any woman if they feel like they are getting a free ride these days.

People are entitled to their opinions, but this column is inflammatory, offensive sophistry. Again, I'm really surprised (and a little offended) that you ran it.

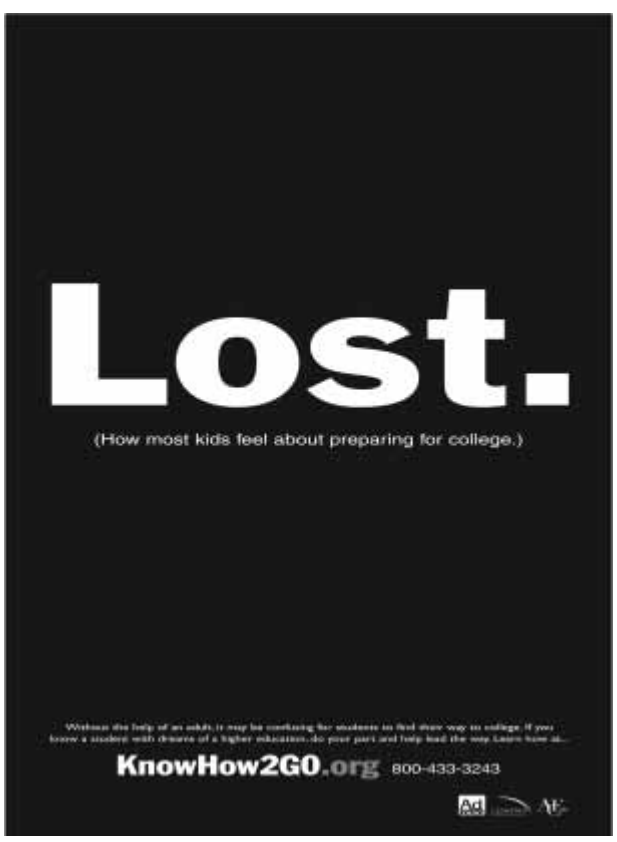
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Canceling California vacation

Editor:

Thank you City Council for canceling the contract and not honoring the low bid from Cavco Homes in Arizona ("Council rejects $3M Arizona deal," Aug. 12). Your decision has enabled my husband and I and several friends to cancel our planned California vacation. Instead we are donating the money to Saint Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix. They serve the poor here in the Valley of the Sun, most of whom are Hispanic. Next year we all may go on vacation, who knows. One thing is sure though, it won't be in California!

Trish Williams
Litchfield Park, Ariz.



On the Beat

NRO Scott Pace — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Knowing when to get involved

Q: I KNOW I SHOULD REPORT CRIMES IF I see them, but I'm afraid to get involved. What is our civic duty to report crime?

A: What is civic duty? Civic duty is defined as the responsibilities of a citizen. Two good examples would be jury duty and voting. Another civic duty in regards to law enforcement would be reporting a crime. While I understand in this day and age we all have many obligations and it seems like a hassle to report something you are not certain is a crime or be forced to go to court. But what is the right thing to do? As a community we all need to look out for each other and if you see a crime, hear of a crime, or suspect someone is up to no good, you should step forward and call the police. I'm not saying you should get involved by attempting to apprehend a criminal, but you should call the police and be a good witness. The police department definitely doesn't want you to get hurt and your safety is our first concern. If it's an emergency and someone appears to be getting hurt or property is getting stolen or damaged, call 911 and report it. If it isn't an emergency or a crime in progress than please call the non-emergency police dispatch number at (310) 458-8491. Please provide the dispatcher with the following information:

• What does the person(s) look like? Try to get as much of the following without putting yourself in harm's way: Race, age, height, weight, hair color, eye color, facial hair, tattoos, and description of clothing. Are they carrying anything like bags or a tool(s)?

• Where are they? Please provide the best possible location as to where the crime occurred. An address is best, if not, the cross streets. Was it in an alley?

• What is happening or just happened? Did they break into a house or car? What did they take or damage? What does the victim, house, or car look like that they just broke into?

• Are there any weapons?

• Are they on foot or in a vehicle? Please provide the best possible vehicle description: Make, model, color, two door or four door, window tint, special rims, stickers, damage, and vehicle license plate.

• Did they leave the scene? Which direction did they go and how long ago?

All of that may seem like a lot, but remember, the police dispatchers need to relay all of the information to the responding police officers. The better picture you can paint, the better the response of the police, so please be patient with all of the questions that are going to come your way.

Please wait at a safe location for the officer to arrive on scene. If it's a misdemeanor crime and it's not committed in the officer's presence, the police will need to speak to a witness. If for some reason you can't wait for the police, provide the dispatcher with your phone number and address.

By failing to report crime and do our civic duty, we all suffer the consequences. Eventually the unacceptable becomes acceptable.

PUTTING A STOP TO BICYCLE THEFTS

Santa Monica and the surrounding areas are seeing too many bicycle thefts, and want to assist you in preventing this crime. A little preparation will go a long way in making it more difficult for a would-be bike thief. Please follow these tips so you can help reduce the chance of being a victim.

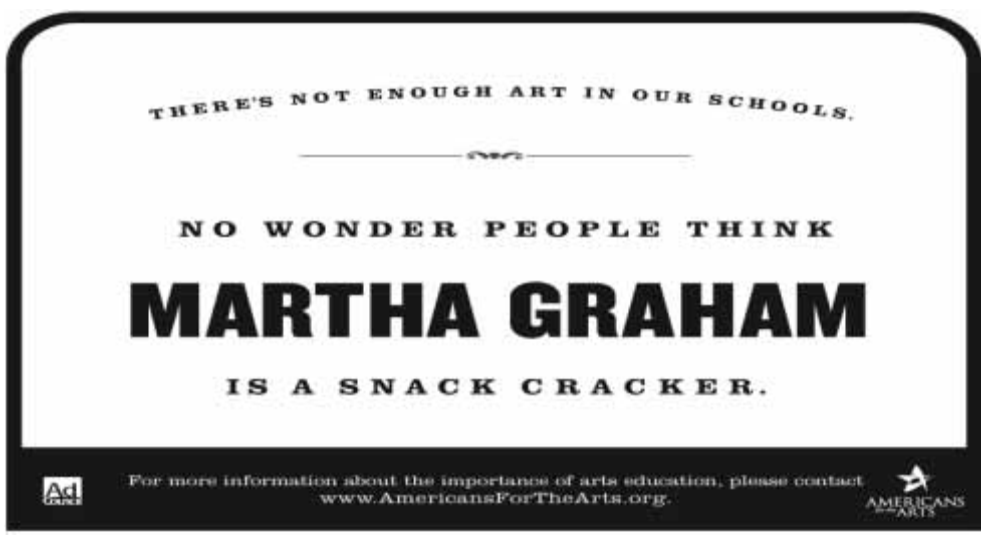
First and foremost, be sure to get it registered/licensed so if your bicycle is stolen, the information regarding your bicycle is available to the police department so they can better identify and return it to you, should it be located. The state bicycle license is $3 and is good for three years. You can obtain one by going to the city of Santa Monica permit office at City Hall or get the information via the following weblink: www01.smgov.net/finance/licenses/bikelic.htm

Second, get a quality lock to secure your bicycle. Too many times we have taken stolen bicycle reports to find out the lock being used was of poor quality and/or an easy material to break. Small chains and "cable" type locks are easy to cut and are usually the target of thieves. Although we cannot guarantee them, we recommend a better high quality lock such as the "U-type" lock. This type of lock should be secured around your bicycle, a tire and the rack you are securing it to.

Third, if you see anyone acting suspicious in and around the area where bicycles are kept, please call our dispatch at (310) 458-8491 with a description of the suspicious person, (clothing, appearance, hair, height, weight, etc.) and what they are doing that caused you to notice their behavior.

There is no way to guarantee that a bicycle will not be stolen, however, these tactics will help lessen the possibility of it happening to you.

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Fighting a war we can't win

THE ENEMY IS OUT THERE. THEY ARE ready to attack us with no warning. They're almost impossible to find. We are in danger from them 24 hours a day. They may come from foreign lands, or from America. No matter how much we increase our security measures against them, some of them manage to get through. I'm talking, of course, about germs.

Some of the current germaphobia seems silly. On the other hand (the clean one), germs are real, and people are fighting them like never before. We're told to wash our hands for longer than we used to think was necessary. The suggestion is that we sing all of, "Happy Birthday" while we wash. For me, it spoils the connotation of "Happy Birthday."

Public bathrooms are helping us fight germs more and more. The faucets turn on and off automatically and toilets flush without our touching that unbelievably dangerous flusher. In some bathrooms, toilet seat covers magically change themselves when you enter the stall. There is the automatic paper towel dispenser or the hand blower. Either way, I almost always have trouble finding the "electronic eye," so I can't figure out how to turn it on and usually end up waving my arms all over the place trying to start it up. So then I wipe my hands on my dirty pants and when I'm ready to leave, I open the bathroom door using the germy doorknob. It doesn't seem to make sense, does it?

When I was in Chicago's O'Hare International Airport recently, there was a repeated announcement telling us the proper way to sneeze. I was disappointed that there was no similar announcement describing the proper way to hiccup. Another thing at the airport is that we often see people wearing masks to protect them from cooties or whatever.

Those little bottles of antibacterial stuff are everywhere. Some people even carry them in their purses. I hate to break it to those folks, but unless they vacuum their purses a few times a day while singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," those purses that they reach into for their hand cleaner are filled with germs.

I was watching one of those morning "news" shows the other day, and they were doing a piece about germs. Specifically, they dealt with how to help your child avoid germs. When my kids were little, the pediatrician said it wasn't so bad if children got somebody else's germs. The feeling was that it would help the child build up immunity to germs and diseases. Maybe this approach has changed. I just know that on this particular TV show, parents were warned about the evils of germy lunchboxes, backpacks, and yes, library books. When I was a kid, only those books dealing with human reproduction were considered "dirty library books."

WHEN MY KIDS WERE LITTLE, THE PEDIATRICIAN SAID IT WASN'T SO BAD IF CHILDREN GOT SOMEBODY ELSE'S GERMS.

Many of these "advances" in fighting the germ menace started during the swine flu panic. In fact, I think the one positive thing from the swine flu was that people learned how to avoid sneezing on each other. However, germ-evasiveness has gotten a little out of hand. People avoid shaking hands and touching each other. Fewer and fewer people kiss or hug hello. It all seems to be part of the loss of human contact that we are experiencing in this generation.

People e-mail or tweet instead of actually talking to their friend or loved one. We see movies at home instead of venturing out in public where we might actually see other people. Men and women meet each other online, and sometimes even have their first few dates electronically instead of actually seeing each other in the flesh.

I'm certainly not hopeful that this trend will reverse itself. Ironically, germ-avoidance will continue to spread swiftly and pervasively like a virus. Plastic on grocery basket handles and washing toys until the paint rubs off are only signs of the beginning. Don't be surprised if some time in the near future, there is an invention that will prevent people from ever getting a germ from someone else. It will protect us from head to toe. It will be hailed as the most important miracle cure since penicillin. And I will call it the "The Full Body Condom" (Patent Pending).

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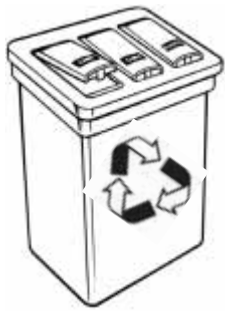
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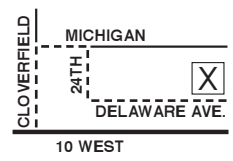


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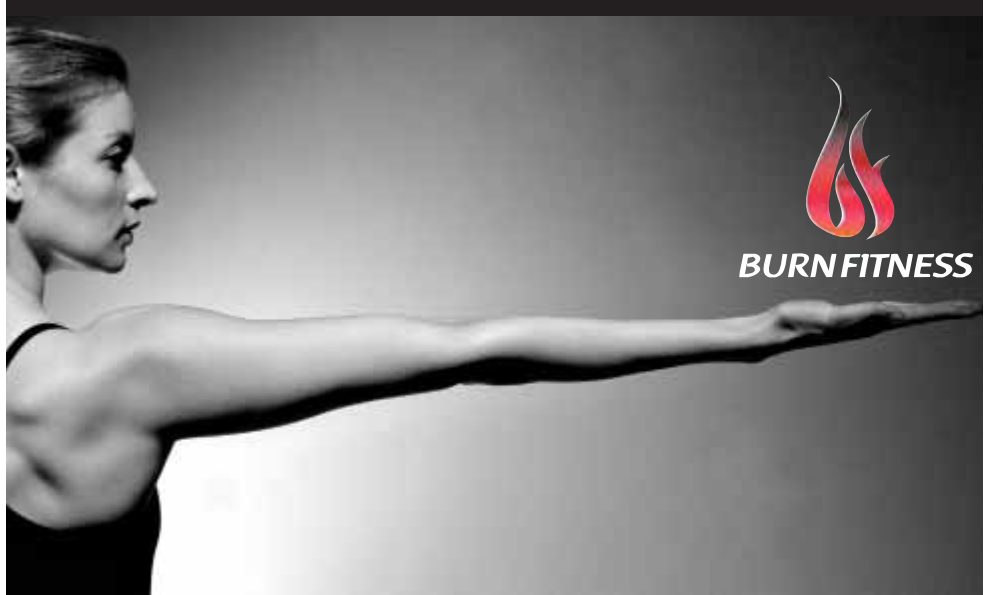
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Flavorful food, friendly service make for a good combination

CONTINUING MY ADVENTURES ON THE third floor of the new Santa Monica Place, I had lunch at La Sandía Mexican Kitchen and Tequila Bar (which means "watermelon" in Spanish). This restaurant is part of a chain owned by Richard Sandoval that includes about 10 restaurants located from the east coast to the west coast, from Denver to Scottsdale; it's truly international as there are also three in Mexico, one in Dubai and one in Qatar. He also owns another restaurant in Santa Monica Place: Zengo.

Although I don't care for the noisy little front patio, once you step inside into the open, Mexican-style courtyard with lots of space and attractive features you will find yourself in a beautiful restaurant. As you would expect from someone with restaurants so widely disbursed, the wait staff is extremely well trained, and part of the training must be to be friendly and warm to customers.

Altogether, there are about 40 items to choose from on the menu, including just about anything that you would expect to see in a Mexican restaurant. But the preparation is superior here. The flavors seem more characteristic of the product, not drowned by sauces, and not deadened by too much tortilla wrap. The smoked shredded beef in the barbacoa enchilada is lean, yet moist and flavorful. The chile relleno is battered just right.

So while the menu's offerings are the expected Mexican dishes such as chile relleno, carnitas, enchiladas, tacos and guacamole, the recipes' preparation is more creative. Just about every table ordered the "prepared tableside" guacamole. Although not really prepared tableside, it's prepared in the kitchen and mixed at the table, in very attractive stone pots, with hot sauce on the side for those interested. The only guacamole I've had that's as good was at the Hamlet Gardens in Westwood, but since it's closed, this is now it.

Juliana Roman, the general manager, is right there watching over things, and it seems to be a very smooth operation, well worth a visit. But check your credit card balance before you go. By the time you have a tequila drink to enter into the mood, an $8 entrée, an $18 main course, and a couple of beers to wash it all down, you can run up a $40 bill pretty quickly. But then you can order any one (or two) of seven listed desserts at only $3 each and come away thinking that you've gotten quite a bargain. The desserts are authentic and delicious. In fact, that may be one good way to take advantage of this place: a couple of drinks, an order of guacamole, and a dessert. What a bargain!

If You Go
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A salad of substance for late summer

J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

The goal here was a flavor-jammed salad that was simple, speedy and so good you don't even need a dressing.

So I started out by marinating thinly sliced beef in a power-packed marinade of teriyaki sauce, hoisin, cider vinegar, sugar and hot sauce. I liked eye round roast for the beef, but feel free to use any steak or other cut that will handle being thinly sliced and briefly grilled.

The beef can sit in the marinade for as little or as long as you like. Once you pull it out, it goes on and off the grill in about 2 minutes. Throw it over some chopped romaine and sprinkle with crumbled blue cheese and you pretty much need nothing else.

But if you want to add some crunch, some purchased croutons would be a nice addition.

Editor's note: Food Editor J.M. Hirsch is author of the new cookbook "High Flavor, Low Labor: Reinventing Weeknight Cooking." He can be e-mailed at jhirsch@ap.org.

Teriyaki sirloin salad

Start to finish: 45 minutes (20 minutes active)
Servings: 4

1/2 cup prepared teriyaki sauce or marinade
1/2 cup hoisin sauce
2 tablespoons cider vinegar
1 tablespoon sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons hot sauce
1 1/2 pounds eye round roast, trimmed of fat and cut into 1/4-inch slices
2 large hearts of romaine, roughly chopped
1/2 cup crumbled blue cheese
1 cup halved cherry or grape tomatoes

In a medium bowl, whisk together the teriyaki, hoisin, vinegar, sugar and hot sauce. Add the steak, turning to coat well, then cover and refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, arrange the lettuce on 4 serving plates.

Heat the grill to high. Coat the grates with cooking spray.

Use tongs to transfer the steak, leaving as much of the marinade clinging to it as possible, to the grill. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes per side.

Divide the steak between the serving plates, heaping it over the lettuce. Sprinkle with blue cheese. Divide the tomato halves between the salads.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 303 calories; 90 calories from fat; 10 g fat (5 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 82 mg cholesterol; 8 g carbohydrate; 43 g protein; 1 g fiber; 644 mg sodium.

Paring salsa and sauvignon from the ground up

BY MICHELLE LOCKE
For The Associated Press

ST. HELENA, Calif. Eric Titus is proud of the grapes his family grows in the Napa Valley. The salsa they produce isn't too shabby, either.

And both come from the same patch of land.

That's because Titus has elevated a common viticultural practice to a culinary one. For tucked beneath the grape vines on the family's property are tomatillo plants, a cover crop that improves soil and helps keep the vines from growing unchecked.

It also produces an abundance of bright green and purple fruits that resemble small tomatoes with a mildly sour, astringent flavor that works wonders in salsa.

Planting cover crops in vineyards is a widely practiced farming technique. Eating cover crops is a bit more unusual.

Usually, the crops, often cereals, are tilled back into the soil once they've served their purpose, says Jennifer Kopp Putnam, executive director of the Napa Valley Grapegrowers.

Growing crops between grapevines won't work as a large-scale effort, notes Titus. For one thing, it's too much trouble to navigate around one crop while tending to the other.

But at Titus, the two-crop system works. The family plants conventional cover crops during the winter, which are tilled under. But in summer, the tomatillos flourish in the loamy soil favored by cabernet sauvignon. The tomatillos compete with the vines, controlling growth, and ripen before harvest so they're out of the way before the picking crews move in.

The tradition began about 25 years ago when Francisco Perez, now ranch foreman, cut up some of the tomatillos he liked to use to make salsa and spread them around the vineyard. Spring rains determine how big the crop will be and managers never know which rows will take off in a given year.

Though cover crops are an old concept, they've only really been embraced in the Napa Valley for about the last 15 years or so, Putnam says.

The objective is to find balance in the vineyard — just the right amount of water availability or sun — and the tactic is constantly evolving with new ideas on when and what to plant.

Some still like the idea of meticulously manicured vineyards.

"Some of the more old guard guys just think you've got a messy weed out in your vineyard," says Titus, who runs Titus Vineyards with his winemaker brother, Phil. "For me, it's more about getting that vigor control and having the benefit of something you can consume as well and have fun with."

The final destination for Titus tomatillos is a session on the grill under Perez' careful supervision. The pale green globes blister and burst with flavor before being mixed with roasted peppers, a little garlic and some vinegar.

"Everybody likes it," Perez says.

What does it pair with?

"A cold beer," Titus says with a laugh.

Michael Symon: Three-beef patty and English muffin

BY J.M. HIRSCH
AP Food Editor

Michael Symon is a man who likes to think beyond the traditional sesame seed burger bun.

In February, the Food Network Iron Chef blew away the competition at the South Beach Wine and Food Festival's annual Burger Bash challenge with a beef patty topped with his own pastrami, Swiss cheese and coleslaw — all layered on a brioche bun.

And now he gives AP's 20 Burgers of Summer series his Lola burger, a supermoist burger made from three grinds of beef and topped with pickled red onions, cheddar cheese and a spicy ketchup — all nestled in a toasted English muffin.

Beyond finding the right bun for the burger, Symon also spent three years perfecting the right ratio of the different cuts of meat — brisket, cheek and sirloin — as well as settling on a cooking method. Today, the burger is one of his signature dishes at his Cleveland restaurant, Lola.

The Lola Burger

If you have trouble finding beef cheek, substitute an equal amount of ground sirloin.

Start to finish: 20 minutes
Servings: 4
1/2 pound ground beef brisket
1/2 pound ground beef cheek
1/2 pound ground sirloin
Kosher salt and cracked black pepper, to taste
4 thin slices cheddar cheese
4 English muffins, toasted
1 English cucumber, thinly sliced
Pickled red onion (see recipe above)
4 eggs, cooked over-easy
8 slices bacon, cooked until crispy
Spicy ketchup (see recipe above)

In a medium bowl, combine the brisket, beef cheek and sirloin. Divide the meat into quarters and form into patties. Season with salt and pepper.

Heat a grill to medium-high.

Place the burgers on the grill and cook for 3 minutes per side for medium-rare. After flipping, top each burger with a slice of cheese.

Place each burger on a muffin half and top with cucumber slices, pickled red onions, an egg, 2 slices of bacon and spicy ketchup.

Nutrition information per serving (values are rounded to the nearest whole number): 864 calories; 423 calories from fat (49 percent of total calories); 47 g fat (18 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 370 mg cholesterol; 52 g carbohydrate; 60 g protein; 4 g fiber; 1,365 mg sodium.

Pickled red onions

Start to finish: 5 minutes (plus 48 hours brining)
Makes 1/2 cup pickles
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup white vinegar
1/4 cup sugar
1 teaspoon whole coriander seeds
1 teaspoon black peppercorns
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
1 clove garlic
1 large red onion, thinly sliced

In a small saucepan over high heat, combine the water, vinegar, sugar, coriander, peppercorns, red pepper flakes and garlic. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer for 15 minutes. Arrange the sliced onions in a medium bowl. Pour the liquid through a mesh strainer and into the bowl of onions, discarding the solids in the strainer.

Cover and refrigerate for at least 48 hours or (for best results) up to 2 weeks.

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The Q Line

Weird weather

This past week, Q-line asked:
We've been wondering lately why this summer has been so mild.
Here are your responses:

"I THINK THE WEATHER HAS BEEN VERY strange, because we live near the water. And as a former resident at Carmel, Calif., this kind of weather makes me kind of want to puke. Maybe its death's destruction of the ozone layer, because of all the nuclear power that we're building around the world, including India and China."

"I THINK THAT THE WEATHER IS GREAT. I don't think the weather is that strange. When I first came to California back in 1976, I was here in the summer time. And there was no sun for about two weeks. All the lifeguards told me at the beach that the sun doesn't come out until October, November, when the Santa Ana winds blow. When I first moved to California, I was working in Santa Monica, and it was always cloudy until I got to Barrington. Barrington was the dividing line. The west was cloudy and the east was sunny. And that's why I moved to Santa Monica, because the weather is cooler and [there is] much fresher air. We don't need the Santa Ana's. We don't need the hot sun. We're also saving money on electricity. If you have air conditioning, you do not need it, so that's wonderful. And maybe the reason for it, because of the volcanoes we've been having. I know we've been having some in Indonesia. They had the one in Iceland. Whatever it is, the weather is great and it always continues in the summer time."

"THE STRANGE WEATHER HERE THIS summer and pretty much all over the country is due in large part to global warming. And the destruction of the global rainforests. Look what happened to the islands in the south Pacific after years of tree destruction. They were obliterated as a race. World overpopulation is destroying the planet and us."

"THIS COOL WEATHER IS BETTER, BUT AS long as it's not so cold that the girls won't wear shorts and mini skirts, we're all right."

"I CAN ONLY COMMENT ON THE WEATHER that glooms over the Santa Monica Bay area. My knowledge dates back to nearly 100 years. When I was in elementary school back in the 1930s, I prayed for the weather phenomenon, known as a heat wave and torrential rain, due to the school closing on days affording me a break from the torture of learning reading, writing and arithmetic. My prayers were often answered, and I would thank the rain and sun gods. I still pray to the rain god for rain to wash the sidewalks and green the lawn. But the response to me is overcast, dank weather, inundated with deadly automotive carbon monoxide fumes, also known as smog. Could it be these red, hot exhaust fumes that rise to the atmosphere on a never-ending daily basis from automobiles be affecting our seasonal weather patterns? I personally believe so."

"MOST OF THE WORLD IS MUCH HOTTER because of global warming, but some coasts like ours have been much cooler. I think the heat boils water and causes coastal clouds. And also, the North and South Poles' ice has been breaking off into the oceans, creating gigantic ice cubes that cool the seas. After they melt in a few years, we will also become much hotter."

"THE STRANGE WEATHER WE'RE HAVING is the fault of the Obama-Pelosi policy that has put this country in peril. And also, the Democrats who are ruining this country. And also God's wrath on America. I don't know why it is we go through these things. I remember about three or four years ago the same thing. It's a cycle. And, I don't know whether or not it has anything to do with global warming, but it's a cycle. It's been like that probably for eons."

"I THINK THAT THE RUSSIANS ARE DOING something and they are seeding our clouds or something to make it so cloudy. And they are taking the sun away."

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VENDORS
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pared food vendors at all four of Santa Monica's markets but will have the biggest impact at the Main Street market, which has the most prepared food sellers. The Pico market has seven prepared food booths and the Downtown Wednesday and Saturday markets have two booths and one booth, respectively.

Among the new comers to the Main Street market will be Finn McCool's Irish Pub, Lula Cocina Mexicana, Manchego and Euphoria Loves Rawvolution, which all have permanent locations on Main Street.

"It's a great opportunity for locals to basically show what they have," said Ash Amir, who owns Manchego, a Spanish and Mediterranean restaurant.

Jodi Low, who manages the Main Street market for City Hall, said in some ways the new system is a big change.

"We're sad to see vendors go that have been dedicated for so long to making the markets what they are today. At the same time, the vendors that are coming in are aligned with what City Council has said is best for the city," she said.

> **"THE CUSTOMER IS GOING TO END UP PAYING THE PRICE."**
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> **Pascal Dropsy,**
> President of Corn Maiden Foods

For Corn Maiden Foods, the shift is a blow to business. The company participates in 18 other markets in Southern California, but Santa Monica's Main Street market, Dropsy said, is by far the most profitable one.

"It's just really too bad that politics has to get involved with something that is working well," he said. "The customer is going to end up paying the price."

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COMEDY
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tying and is usually in bed by midnight. He's also run three marathons, which he believes will help prepare him for the next three-and-a-half months.

"There's really no reason why I can't do this. It's not courageous … . It's just something that I feel is going to help me in the end," Dirickson said.

Dirickson, who came up with the idea during a run about six months ago, believes in the unofficial comedian's rule — that after 100 days, he will have cycled through enough material to leave him with a comedic set consisting of only his best jokes.

"I'm at a point in my life where I have to... I'm engaged now. I'm trying to start a family, so I need to broaden my horizons. I need to get the most out of being me. And a good way of doing that [is stand-up]... I'm kind of forcing my hand," Dirickson said.

After a few months of pestering by Dirickson, Destro, who works both as a lawyer and an independent producer, organized a production team to work on the film.

"Literally, everybody that I pitch it to is like, 'I'm on board,' and signed up right away. It's cool, but there's no money," Destro said. "I pitch people for actual money and they're like, 'No, I don't like that.'"

Kelly Slattery, executive producer at Therapy, a production company, and Patrick Keane, a producer and stand-up comedian, are among the first to have signed up.

Dirickson is also working with Russell Bailey, co-producer and stand-up coach for the project, to work out the kinks in his material.

"I think I'm in the shrub stage now. It's kind of like my hair. I need a haircut really bad," Dirickson said. "There's all this stuff on my head right now, and I'm going to get it cut before the first show."

During the project, Dirickson will still be working full-time independently selling Internet, radio, and TV advertising, along with writing scripts on the side.

"There isn't going to be [personal time]. Luckily, Blake and I have been dating for a really long time, where we are at a place where I think we can handle it," Destro said, who anticipates an emotional rollercoaster for the next 100 days.

Besides finding a manager and launching his comedic career, Dirickson expects the project will help him become a better "talker" and potentially earn money. But, he worries that the stress might make him act a little crazy.

"My worst case scenario is me sitting [at the end] alone eating pizza... I think everything after that will be a bonus," Dirickson said. "[My goal is] maintaining those friendships and obviously that love that I have with Liz. You know, the ring on her finger, that part."

Dirickson's kicks off his 100 days at O'Brien's at 2941 Main St. at 8:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.100days-standing.com.

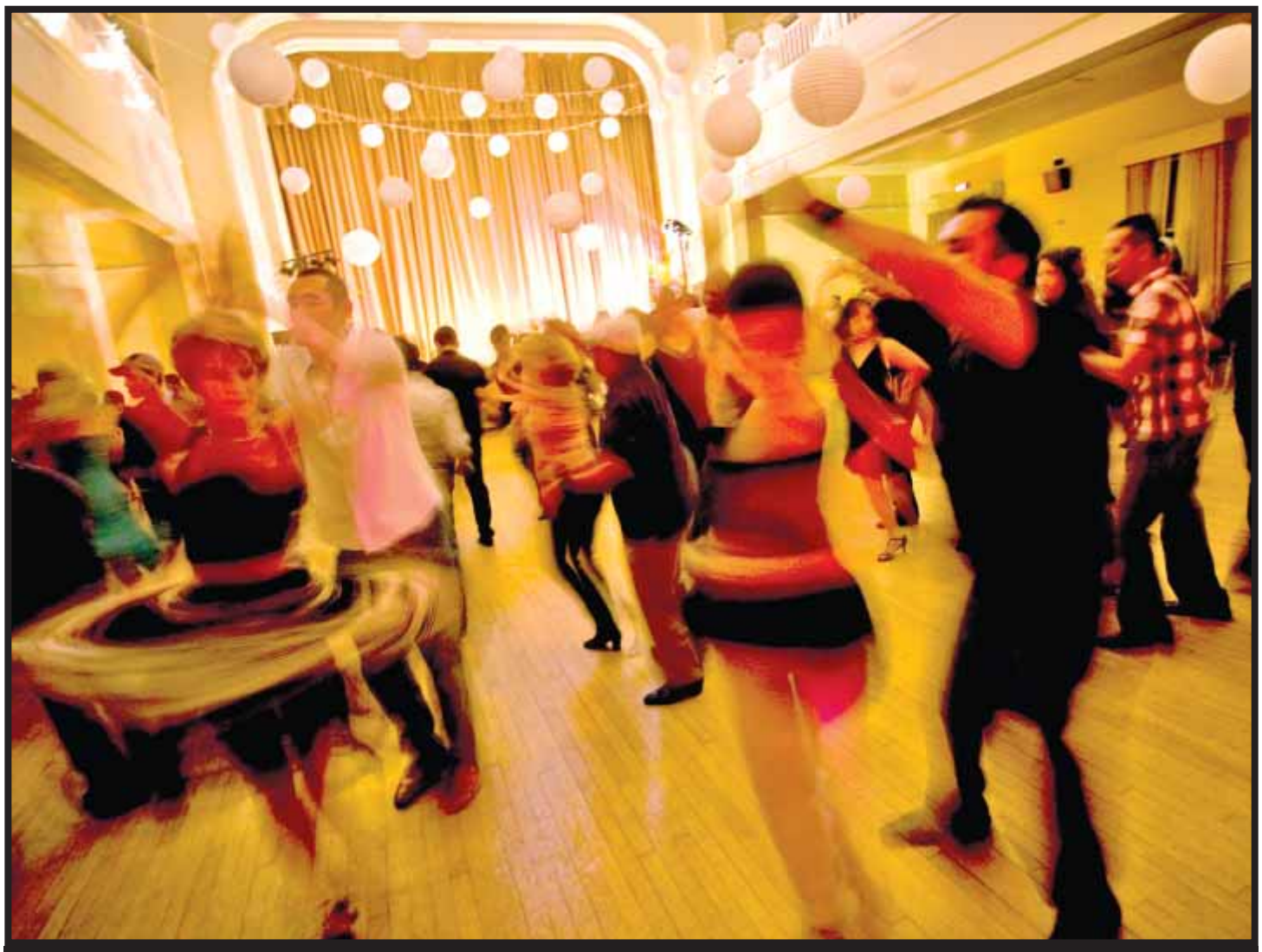
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ELECTION
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Also last week, the board of trustees of the Santa Monica Community College District unanimously endorsed Measure Y, the ballot initiative that would increase the local sales tax a half percent to 10.25 percent. The board also announced its support for an advisory measure that will appear on the ballot urging the City Council to pledge $6 million of the estimated $12 million the tax increase would raise annually for educational programs.

In a resolution expressing its support for the measure, the board hinted it may see an opportunity to receive a piece of the pie should it win voter approval.

"Without Measure Y, vital services, such as 911 services, paramedics and police, school and community college funding face serious cuts," the resolution stated.

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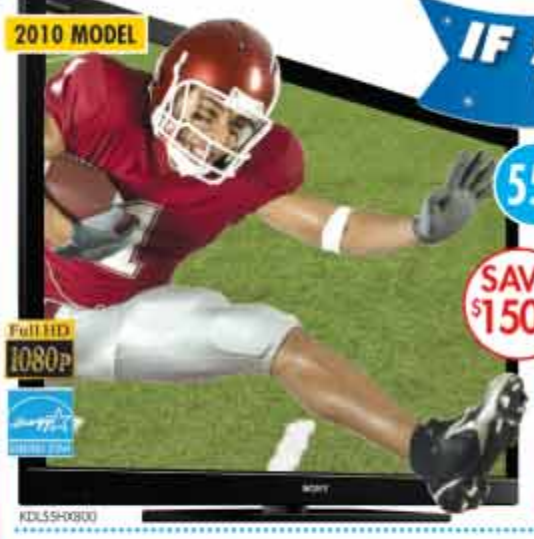
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SIDE BY SIDE: **Marine biologists believe the large number of blue whales in So Cal is the result of an abundant food supply.**

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seas to Mexican lagoons to give birth.

But blue whales have only been seen regularly in the past five years. And, before last week, just one or two could be found at a time.

Experts believe a large amount of krill — tiny, shrimp-like creatures and, ironically, some of the smallest animals on the planet — are prospering in the area because of wind-generated upwelling that forces cooler water to the surface. Krill thrive in cool water, and blue whales need to eat about 4,000 pounds of krill a day to sustain their 100-ton girth.

To feed, the whales open their enormous mouths, take a huge gulp, and then sift out the water through broom-like plates hanging from their upper jaw in place of teeth. Then, they swallow the remaining crustaceans. Pleated grooves on their throats allow them to take larger mouthfuls.

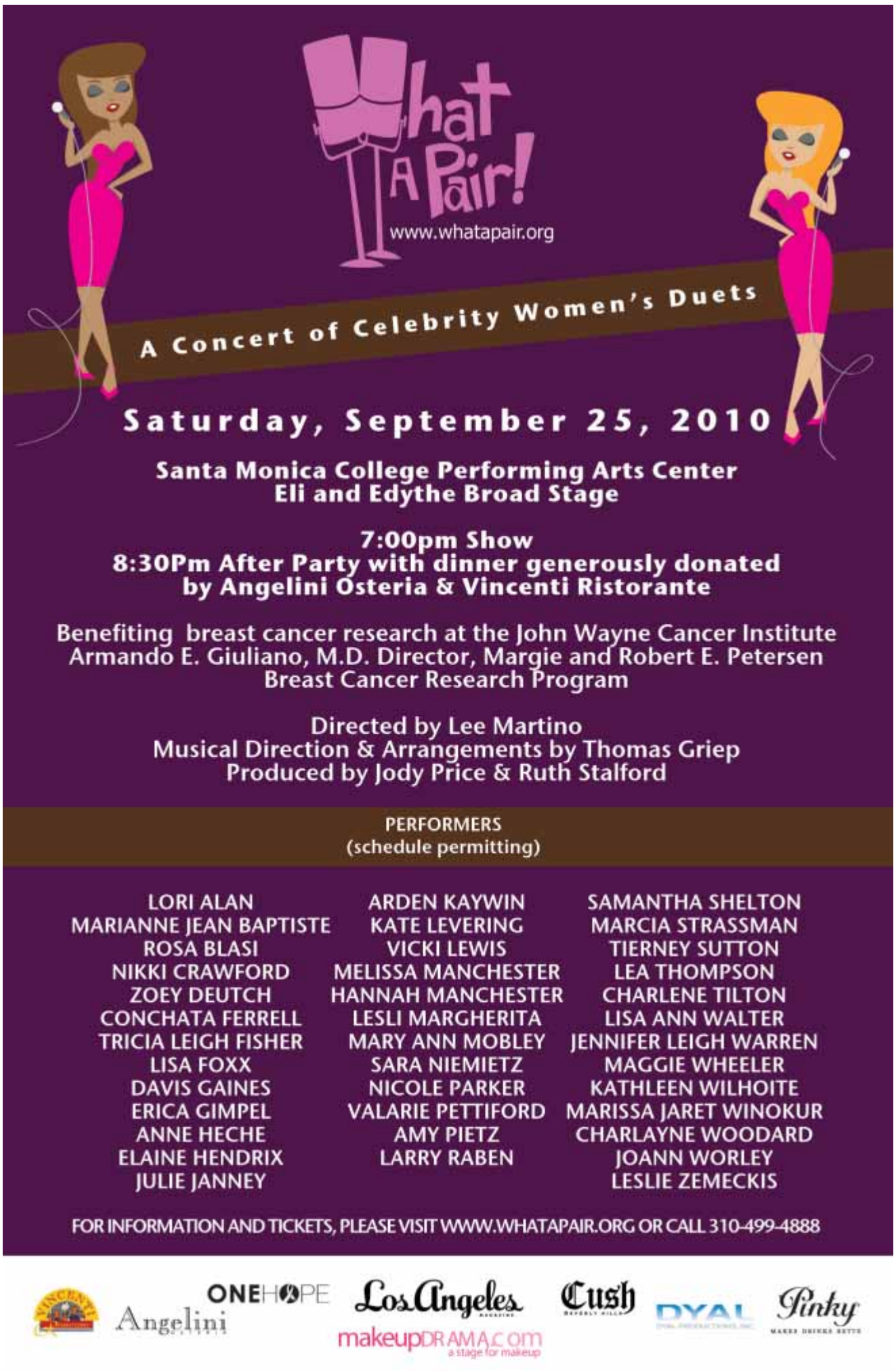
Vaughan said he has seen plenty of krill, which look like large, dark patches in the water. He has also seen and smelled the blue whale's excrement, which he said looks like fluorescent red handle bars from a bicycle.

"It's all over the place and it reeks," Vaughan said.

But the smell hasn't kept Vaughan, who is training for the Battle of the Paddle competition in Dana Point, away from the whales.

"I've never seen anything like this," Vaughan said. "It's amazing."

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Suit alleges Calif schools charging illegal fees

BY JACOB ADELMAN
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LOS ANGELES The American Civil Liberties Union said in a lawsuit filed Friday that California's cash-strapped school districts have been charging student fees that violate the state constitutional guarantee to a free public education.

The civil liberties organization is seeking class-action status for the suit, which accuses dozens of school districts statewide of charging for textbooks, uniforms and extracurricular activities.

Mark Rosenbaum, chief council of the ACLU of Southern California, said at a press conference announcing the lawsuit that an investigation by his group found some 50 districts that mention allegedly illegal fees on their websites, but that there are likely more that do so.

"There does not exist in California a true system of free public schools," he said. "Instead what we have are pay-to-learn schools."

Matt Connelly, a spokesman for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who is named as the lawsuit's defendant, said the administration will "carefully review the lawsuit to see if the fees in question violate California's constitutional guarantee to a free K-12 education."

California Department of Education spokeswoman Tina Jung declined to directly comment on the claims since her agency is not cited in the suit, but said that the department sympathizes with school districts that feel the need to impose fees.

The suit says one plaintiff, identified only as Jane Doe, was not able to afford a history book that students were required to purchase and had to borrow one from the school instead.

Since she did not own the book, the student had to use Post-it notes to mark important passages, while her classmates were able to write in the text itself, which put her at an academic disadvantage, Rosenbaum said.

The suit said Jane Doe was also repeatedly humiliated in front of her classmates by teachers who publicly mentioned test fees and other coursework-related payments that she owed.

The suit also says another student, identified as Jason Roe, lost points toward his Spanish grade because he bought a less expensive binder than his teacher had specified.

Later, a different teacher who lent him a textbook that he could not afford teased him by asking for a "receipt" in a voice loud enough for other students to hear, Roe's mother said in an interview.

"It's the humiliation, the embarrassment," said Roe's mother, whose actual name, like that of her son, was withheld because she feared retaliation by teachers and school administrators

"I try as hard as I can to shelter my children from as many of the financial burdens as we can," she said. "We don't like it to be something they worry about at their age."

The lawsuit cites a 1984 California Supreme Court ruling in saying that such financial obligations on public school students violates the state constitution.

It seeks an injunction directing the state government to publicize and enforce regulations prohibiting districts from imposing unconstitutional fees for courses for academic credit.

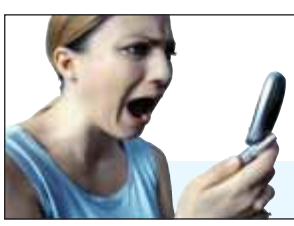
Rosenbaum said his organization would send letters to the school districts named in the suit later Friday telling them about the legal action in hopes of dissuading them from imposing illegal fees during the school year that is now just beginning.

San Diego's school district rescinded fees last month after the ACLU wrote district officials a letter saying they were illegal.

"Every other state in the union recognizes that the hope of a democracy relies upon the promotion and perpetuation of free public schools," Rosenbaum said. "The construction that the state has apparently taken and that these districts have taken is that free has to mean something other than free."







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9/11 politicized by mosque, Quran controversies

BY BETH FOUHY
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK For almost a decade, the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks was marked by somber reflection and a call to unity, devoid of politics. Not this time.

This year's commemoration of the attacks that killed nearly 3,000 people in New York, Washington and Shanksville, Pa., promises to be the most political and contentious ever because of a proposed Islamic center and mosque near ground zero and a Florida pastor's plan to burn the Quran — and the debate those issues have engendered over religious freedom.

As in other years, official ceremonies are planned at the three locations the terrorists struck. President Barack Obama will attend a commemoration at the Pentagon, while Vice President Joe Biden will go to ground zero. First lady Michelle Obama and former first lady Laura Bush will travel to Shanksville to observe the ninth anniversary there.

Obama told a White House news conference that Sept. 11 would be "an excellent time" for the country to reflect on the fact that there are millions of Muslims who are American citizens, that they also are fighting in U.S. uniforms in Afghanistan, and "we don't differentiate between 'them' and 'us.' It's just 'us.'"

He said a plan by Terry Jones, the pastor of a small, independent church in Gainesville, Fla., to mark 9/11 by burning copies of the Quran must be taken seriously because it could cause "profound damage" to U.S. troops and interests around the world.

"You don't play games with that," Obama said, adding that as commander in chief he had an obligation to respond.

Obama said he hopes Jones "prays on it and refrains from doing it."

Jones has been under pressure from the White House and Defense Secretary Robert Gates to cancel the event. He said Thursday he had called it off if he could meet Saturday with Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, who is leading an effort to build the Islamic center and mosque near ground zero. Rauf said in a statement Friday he has no plans to meet with Jones, although he is open to seeing anyone "seriously committed to pursuing peace."

Luke Jones, the pastor's 29-year-old son, went a step further and told reporters Friday afternoon: "There will be no Quran burning tomorrow." He said he could not say whether the event would be revived after that.

A few minutes earlier, Terry Jones said he held out hope he could meet with Rauf. "We have not heard from the imam, but we are still very, very hopeful that we will meet with him," Terry Jones said. He said he will to fly to New York to meet with the imam, but his precise travel plans were not known.

In Afghanistan, 11 people were injured Friday in scattered protests of Jones' plan. Only a few thousand people attended those rallies and no large-scale demonstrations were reported elsewhere. In Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country, cleric Rusli Hasbi told 1,000 worshippers at Friday prayers that whether or not he burns the Quran, Jones had already "hurt the heart of the Muslim world."

Biden will attend the largest of the three 9/11 commemorations — the New York ceremony at a park near ground zero, where 2,752 people were killed when Muslim extremists flew planes into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in 2001. Houses of worship in the city toll bells at 8:46 a.m., when the first plane struck the north tower, and three more times to mark the moment the second plane hit the south tower and to observe the times each tower fell.

But this time, along with the formal ceremonies, activists for and against the proposed Islamic center are planning their own events to capture the emotion of the day for political purposes.

Also Saturday, former Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin was expected to observe the anniversary in Alaska with Fox News TV host Glenn Beck. The two conservative celebrities hosted a tea party rally last month at the Lincoln Memorial.

Nowhere do emotions run higher than in New York, where the proposed Islamic center just two blocks north of ground zero has inflamed passions before the commemoration.

The mosque site was locked and vacant Friday. Police officers guarding the block said the building would be closed through Saturday and worshippers who normally attend services there had been directed to a different prayer room about 10 blocks away.

Activists are organizing a pair of rallies — one against the planned Islamic center, one supporting it — to follow New York's official ceremony at a park southeast of the trade center site.

The anti-mosque rally has bitterly divided family members of those who died in the attacks, with some planning to attend the rally and speak, while others denounce it as unnecessary and wrong.

Sally Regenhard, who lost her firefighter son, Christian Regenhard, in the attacks, said she would attend the city ceremony in the morning where the names of the dead are read aloud, as she has done each year since the attacks. Then, she planned to head over to the anti-mosque rally.

"The purpose is to speak out and express our feelings that this mosque, the location of it, is a grievous offense to the sensitivity of 9/11 families," Regenhard said. "There's nothing political about people who want to speak out against something they think is so wrong, so hurtful and so devastating."

But Donna Marsh O'Connor, whose pregnant daughter, Vanessa, was killed in the attacks, supports the mosque. She said she strongly opposes the planned rally and the political motivations behind it.

"It's more of the same hate mongering and fear mongering that's been going on for years," O'Connor said. "People have a right to free speech. But if they're talking about sensitivities to 9/11 families, why are they rallying and doing events on a day we should spend thinking about those we lost?

The rally is being hosted by Pamela Geller, a conservative blogger who has actively opposed the planned Islamic center since its inception.

John Bolton, who served as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations under President George W. Bush, was expected to send a videotaped message of support to the rally, as was conservative blogger Andrew Breitbart. Anti-Islam Dutch politician Geert Wilders, who advocates banning the Quran and taxing Muslim women who wear head scarves, plans to address the crowd in person, as do a handful of Republican congressional candidates who have made opposition to the mosque a centerpiece of their campaigns.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Geller said the rally would be "respectful" and was not intended to provoke violence or other inappropriate behavior on what has typically been a somber, mournful anniversary.

"It's a rally of remembrance for tens of thousands who lost loved ones that day," Geller said. "It's not a political event, it's a human rights event."

Former 9/11 Commission chairman Lee Hamilton said the U.S. relationship with the Islamic world "is one of the really great foreign policy challenges of the next decades."

"We're not going to solve it in a year or two or five or even 10 years. The kind of debates we're having today in New York City and Florida and other places reflects that. How do we get right, how do we line up this relationship better than we do," Hamilton said.

New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said officers would guard the mosque site around the clock into next week.

During weekend demonstrations, "we'll have a significant number of officers on hand to ensure they're peaceful events," Kelly said.

One task will be to keep opposing sides separated, he said.

"We don't want any physical confrontation," Kelly said, adding that police weren't anticipating serious trouble.





New rules would mean fewer hours for sleepy pilots

BY JOAN LOWY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON Work hours would be shortened for pilots who fly at night while some pilots who fly during the day could spend more time in the cockpit under a government proposal to help prevent dangerous fatigue.

The Federal Aviation Administration plan, which the agency has spent 15 months drafting, is an attempt to overhaul pilot work rules to reflect current scientific understanding of how fatigue impacts human performance and prevent errors that cause accidents. The rules were last updated over two decades ago and most date back to the 1940s.

The proposal released Friday would bar airlines from scheduling pilots to be on duty — a combination of being at work ready to fly or in the cockpit flying — longer than 13 hours in a 24-hour period, three hours less than current regulations. At night, that limit could slide to as few as nine hours. However, airlines would be allowed to schedule pilots who start their work day between 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. for as much as 10 hours of actual flying time — two more hours than currently allowed.

Airlines would also have to allow pilots nine hours of rest between work days, an increase of an hour. Pilots have complained that the current eight-hour rest period, which begins as soon as they leave the plane, often means only a few hours sleep.

The proposed work rules would apply to all airlines, including cargo carriers and charter airlines. Cargo carriers — especially package delivery services — do much of their flying at night. Charter airlines fly 95 percent of U.S. troops and 40 percent of military cargo around the world. Charter carriers had urged FAA to maintain current exemptions to pilot work rules for their industries. But FAA Administrator Randy Babbitt said at a news conference that troops are as deserving of well-rested pilots as any other airline passenger.

The increase in flying times for some pilots — an idea promoted by airlines — immediately drew opposition.

"Completely unsupported by scientific evaluation," said pilot Jeff Skiles, the first officer on the US Airways plane that ditched into the Hudson River off New York City after a bird strike last year. The handling of that emergency by Skiles and the flight's captain, Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger, has won praise as a sterling example of professionalism.

"The insidious problem of pilot fatigue cannot be fought by increasing the amount of time pilots fly in the cockpit," said Skiles, who has been lobbying for stronger safety regulations.

To Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood, the proposal represents "a significant improvement in air travel safety." He acknowledged that it took FAA and his department longer to craft the proposal than he would have liked, but he said they are going further than any previous administration to address a long-recognized safety problem.

Airline industry trade groups and pilot unions said they were reviewing the proposal. The public has 60 days to respond.

The impetus for the changes was the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407 near Buffalo, N.Y., in February 2009 that killed all 49 people aboard and a man on the ground. A National Transportation Safety Board investigation found that both pilots on the flight were probably suffering from fatigue, although that wasn't a direct cause of the accident.

"This action is long overdue," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., chairman of the aviation subcommittee, which has held eight hearings on aviation safety since the crash. "I don't think there is any doubt that pilot fatigue has played a significant role in fatal airline crashes in recent years."

He noted that neither Flight 3407 pilot "slept in a bed the night before" the accident.

The first officer, Rebecca Shaw, 24, had traveled all night from Seattle, where she lived, to Newark, N.J., where she was based, to report for work. Captain Marvin Renslow, 47, commuted from Tampa, Fla., three days earlier and spent two of three nights before the flight in a crew lounge where sleeping was discouraged.

First Medal of Honor for a living Afghan war vet

BY MICHAEL J. CRUMB
Associated Press Writer

DES MOINES, Iowa A 25-year-old soldier from Iowa who exposed himself to enemy gunfire to try to save two fellow soldiers will become the first living service member from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to receive the Medal of Honor, the White House announced Friday.

President Barack Obama phoned Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, on Thursday at the base in Italy where he's stationed to tell him he'd be receiving the nation's highest military honor, Giunta's father told The Associated Press. He will become the eighth service member to receive the Medal of Honor during operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. The seven previous medals were awarded posthumously.

"It's bittersweet for us," said Steven Giunta, of Hiawatha. "We're very proud of Sal. We can't mention that enough, but in this event, two other soldiers were killed and that weighs heavy on us. You get very happy and very proud and then you start dealing with the loss as well. You can't have one without the other."

Giunta was serving as a rifle team leader with Company B 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment when an insurgent ambush split his squad into two groups on Oct. 25, 2007, in the Korengal Valley in Afghanistan, the White House said in a news release.

Giunta went above and beyond the call of duty when he exposed himself to enemy fire to pull a fellow soldier back to cover. He engaged the enemy again when he saw two insurgents carrying away a wounded soldier, 22-year-old Sgt. Joshua C. Brennan, of McFarland, Wis. Giunta killed one insurgent and wounded the other before tending to Brennan, who died the next day.

"His courage and leadership while under extreme enemy fire were integral to his platoon's ability to defeat an enemy ambush and recover a fellow American soldier from enemy hands," the White House said.

Giunta, who enlisted in the Army shortly after graduating from Kennedy High School in Cedar Rapids, is now stationed in Italy with the Battle Company of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was in his second tour of duty in Afghanistan at the time of the ambush.

Giunta, who was previously awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart, among other medals, called his parents after hearing from the president, his father said.

"He was very honored to talk to the president but he's very reserved about it," Steven Giunta said. "It's not something he's comfortable with, the event or the Medal of Honor.

Steven Giunta said his son is humbled because he believes he was just doing what he was supposed to be doing.

"He mentions every other soldier would have done the same thing. It kind of rocks his world that he's being awarded the Medal of Honor for something each and every one of them would have done. He's very aware of that."

"What a privilege and honor it is and what the men have done over the years to receive it, the feat, the above and beyond portion of it, it's amazing to me," Steven Giunta said.

Giunta will be awarded his medal at a White House ceremony at a date yet to be determined.

The President will present the Medal of Honor posthumously to Staff Sgt. Robert Miller in a White House ceremony on Oct. 6.

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and so on. The list is endless. Indeed, it's time to stop and celebrate the fact
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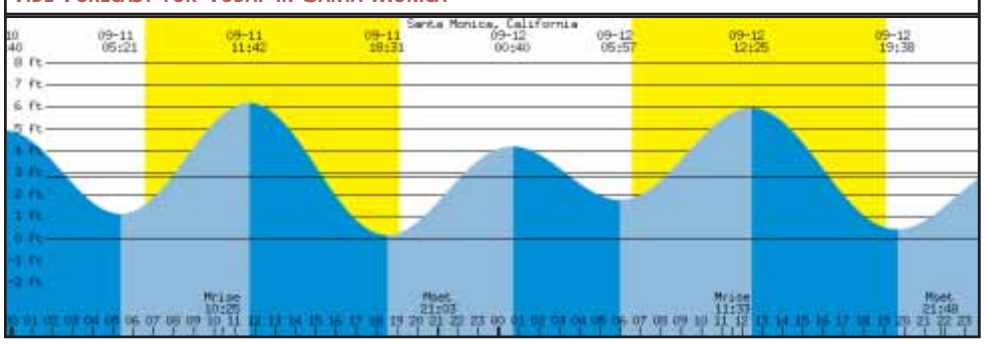
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Most south facing breaks are looking at waist high surf in the early AM, building to about chest max later in the day.

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Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cornilla Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechasa and Las Alisos creeks.	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach.	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach.	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don Blacker County Beach.	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd..	B	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (paint 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.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	D	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.	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
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
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Dungey taking motocross victory lap at San Diego

JOHN MARSHALL
AP Sports Writer

Ryan Dungey had one of the best Supercross debuts ever, winning six races to join Jeremy McGrath as the only rookies to win the season title.

Turned out to be his warmup lap.

Racing the knobs off his bike at every stop, Dungey has transformed himself from rising star to poster-on-the-wall icon with one of the best rookie motocross seasons ever.

"What we saw of Ryan Dungey wasn't a breakthrough year, but more like an establishing year," said Davey Coombs, vice president of the Lucas Oil Motocross Championships. "What he did raised the bar for all of his competition. He's made a statement that this is the speed you're going to have to go to win the championship."

Dungey heads into this weekend's AMA Motocross finale in Southern California with the series title already locked up, thanks to nine overall wins — in consecutive races, no less — and 17 moto victories.

The 20-year-old from Belle Plaine, Minn., has joined all-time greats Jeff Ward and Ricky Carmichael as the only rookies to win the 450 Class title as a rookie and is just 42 points shy of tying Carmichael's record point total.

Combined with his Supercross series win, Dungey is the first rookie to claim both titles in the sport's premier divisions and is just the third — with Ward and Carmichael — to win the 450 title after taking the 250 crown the year before.

He's now 4 for 4 in series wins since taking the 2009 Supercross Lites championship, his first career title.

"Since I was a little kid, that's where I wanted to be," Dungey said. "I wanted to be the best in the sport, but I didn't think I'd accomplish supercross and motocross championships in the same season. It kind of came quicker than I thought."

Dungey grew up around dirt bikes and left home when he was 16 to live and train in Northern California. He was a good rider, but not a sign-this-guy-right-away type.

What Dungey did have was a work ethic. Motocross great Roger DeCoster saw his inner drive and signed the unheralded rider to his team and so did Carmichael, who became a mentor.

Dungey made gradual progress through his first seasons and twisted the throttle even more once he got a taste of winning. Now, he's in the same category as some of the sport's all-time greats and is ready to keep going.

"To be right there with guys like Ricky Carmichael and Jeremy McGrath, that's where I wanted to be all my life and kind of what I worked for," Dungey said. "At this point, to keep pushing for more and to not settle is important."

Saturday's race may be little more than a victory lap for Dungey, but it's an important final race for the circuit.

Even though many of the riders live in the area, San Diego hasn't hosted a national motocross race in 28 years, since legendary Carlsbad Raceway hosted big events in the 1970s and 1980s.

That changes this weekend at Pala Raceway, a sparkling new and challenging motocross track built near motocross favorites Murrieta and Temecula, part of the Inland Empire between San Diego and Los Angeles.

"Southern California in general is a huge hotbed for not only motocross talent, but the American industry, sort of Anaheim on down," Coombs said. "To have a national again in San Diego County, where most of the riders call home, it's a great way to end the series."

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Aero Theatre
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Saturday, Sept. 11
Crooks in Clover (NR) 1hr 45min
Serie Noire (NR) 1hr 51min
7:30pm

Sunday, Sept. 12
Speaking in Tongues
3:00pm

AMC Loews Broadway 4
1441 Third Street Promenade

Piranha 3D (NR) 1hr 29min
4:05pm, 10:05pm

Dinner for Schmucks (PG-13) 1hr 50min
1:05pm, 7:15pm

Switch (PG-13) 1hr 40min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:45pm, 10:20pm

Nanny McPhee Returns (PG) 1hr 40min
11:15am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:50pm

Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
11:35am, 2:15pm, 4:50pm, 7:30pm, 10:10pm

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

Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:30pm, 3:45pm, 7:00pm, 10:10pm

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

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:30am, 3:00pm, 6:30pm, 9:55pm

Going the Distance (R) 1hr 37min
11:15am, 2:00pm, 4:45pm, 7:30pm, 10:15pm

Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (NR)
11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:30pm, 10:35pm

American (R)
11:35am, 2:15pm, 5:00pm, 7:45pm, 10:30pm

Laemmle's Monica Fourplex
1332 Second St.
(310) 394-9741

A Film Unfinished (NR) 1hr 45min
11:00am

Leonard Cohen's Songs From The Road (NR) 1hr 12 min
11:00am

Cairo Time (PG) 1hr 28min
1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

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

Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
11:10 am, 1:40pm, 4:20pm, 7:10pm, 9:50pm

Legendary (PG-13) 1hr 47min
11:20am, 1:50pm, 4:30pm, 7:20pm, 10:00pm

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Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
12:00pm, 2:35pm, 5:10pm, 7:50pm, 10:25pm

Expendables (R) 1hr 43min
11:40am, 2:20pm, 5:05pm, 7:40pm, 10:20pm

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

Machete (NR)
11:30am, 2:15pm, 5:15pm, 8:00pm, 10:35pm

Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:00am, 1:30pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:40pm

Last Exorcism (PG-13) 1hr 40min
11:00am, 1:15pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 8:05pm, 10:30pm

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Just chill, Sag

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Make this day reflective of the importance of the person you are with. Good will and a great deal of stirring emotions arise for spending time together. A brainstorming situation opens a door. Step on through. Tonight: Dinner for two. Add some candles.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Others probably see you more clearly than in the past. An open exchange or conversation feels right. You might want to make time for several people in your life -- a child, a romantic tie and someone who forces you to look at the big picture. Tonight: You might want to mix people and invitations. As long as there are no hurt feelings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Whatever you focus on proves to be a genuine source of relaxation. You recharge with this pastime and are able to discuss what up till now was a volatile situation on the home front. Tonight: Respond to a close friend's or loved one's inquiry.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Your creativity surges, encouraging your interactions with children and a specific loved one. Single Moon Children might be extremely attracted to a bright, witty character that pops into their life, possibly today. Tonight: Make this the perfect Saturday night.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You easily could opt to stay close to home, where you might be more comfortable. Whether you are working on a beautifying project or expressing your caring to someone close, good feelings are exchanged. Tonight: Make it fun and easy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Communication naturally flows, whether you make the call or get the call. Good feelings allow some flex in making unusual but dynamic plans. Once a conversation stops, you could be hard-pressed to stop. Both of you want to share more. Tonight: Munchies out and a visit.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ You decide to make a purchase, whether it's a gift, an item for the house or an addition to your fall wardrobe. You will do or spend more than you anticipated. Use your intuition if you are feeling unsure of yourself -- and listen. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You finally wake up on the right side of the bed. You might be tempted to toss present plans away and to be more spontaneous. A problem with a neighbor or sibling, though intense, could be worked out with less judgments and more openness. Tonight: All smiles. You know you are lucky.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Take needed space if you wake up feeling slightly irritable. Not everyone can keep running without stopping. You are no exception. Pay bills. You also might want to make a call to clear out a problem. Tonight: Don't make mountains out of molehills.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Reach out for a specific friend who has been trying to get together. Sharing some time at the movies and a meal afterward allows those good feelings that have always existed to flow. Adjust to an unexpected request. Tonight: Follow your friends.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Others look to you for advice. You enjoy that acknowledgment but still might not be able to take some time away from a project. An older friend or relative lets you know that he or she needs you. Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Accept an invitation where you could meet friends at the movies or out of town. You do much more sharing than anticipated. When you move out of a certain setting, you let go of stress and rejuvenate. Tonight: Treat your mind to a new experience.

Happy birthday

This year, communicate what you think. Your message usually is heard and allows greater flex. Diplomacy might be nice, but not if your point is lost on the way. An innate ingenuity comes out during communication. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone very special. The intensity could scare both of you! If you are attached, the two of you start acting like new lovers again. SCORPIO makes you feel comfortable.

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

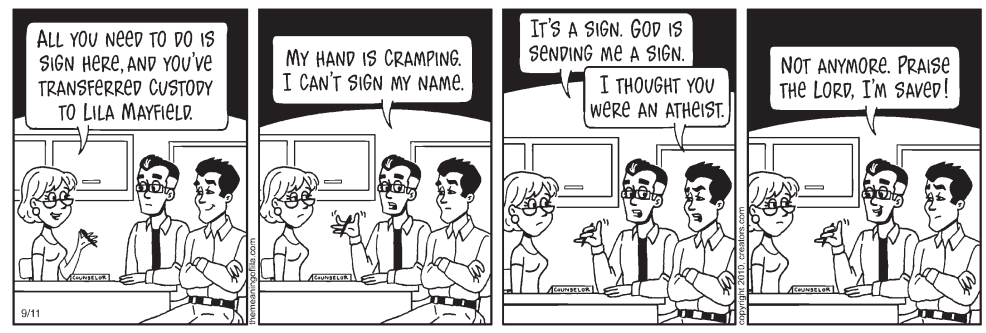
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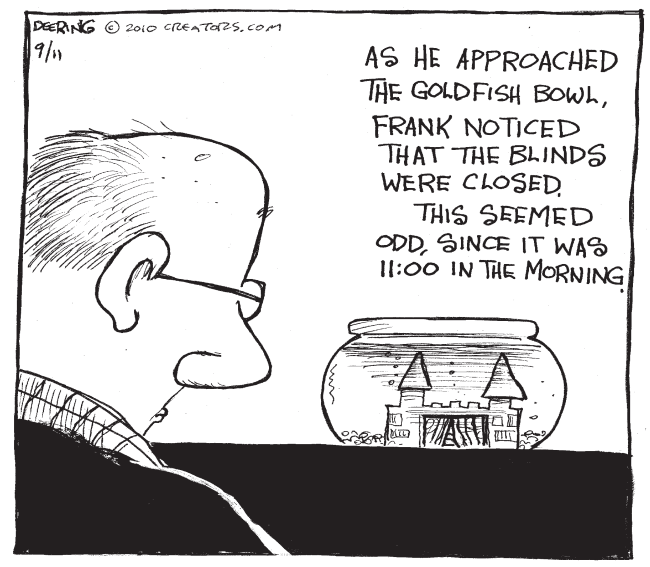
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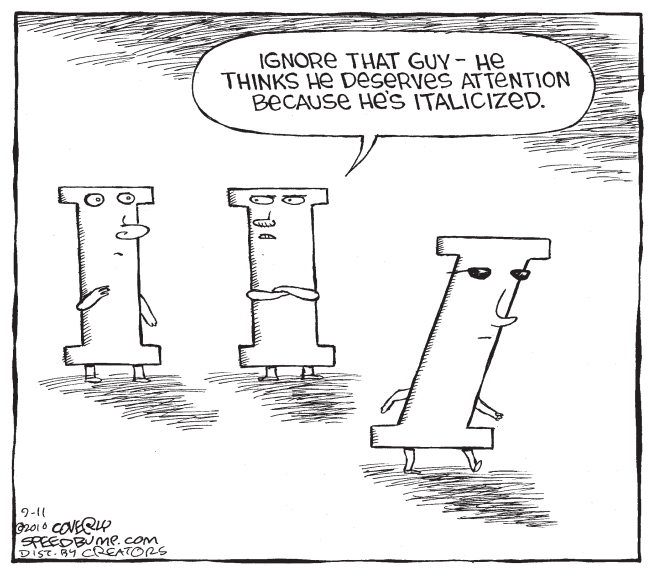
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Sudoku

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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1								6
	8				4		7	

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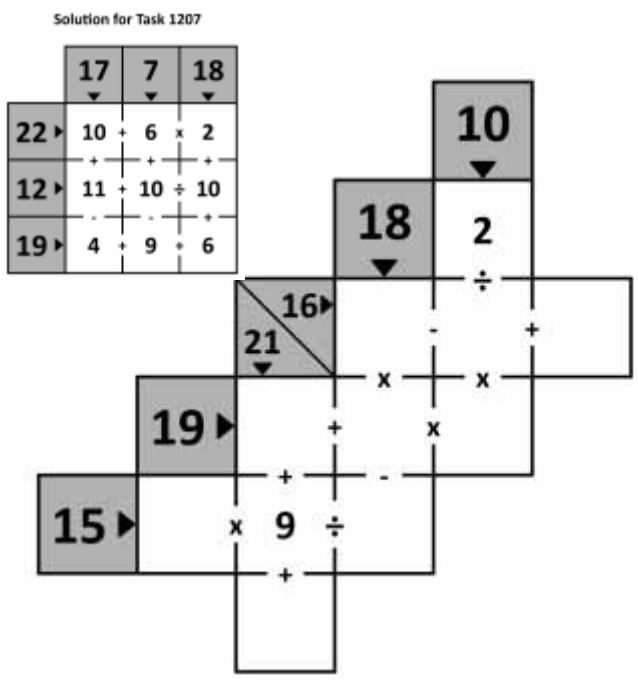
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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

1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 8, 9, 10

Solution for Task 1207





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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Parched
5 Labrador lander
10 Trig functions
12 Tea party guest
13 Nosh
14 Pocket beeper
15 Silly goose
16 "— a deal!"
18 Soup buy
19 "— in St. Louis"
21 Moving day sights
22 Supersonic engines
24 According to
25 Iceland's capital
29 Coop group
30 Kind of band
32 Put away
33 Jazz group: Abbr.
34 Diner treat
35 Stand
37 Wake up
39 Old gold coin
40 Reduced
41 Gushes forth
42 Co-star of Felicity and Eva

DOWN

1 Indian state
2 Frees of suds
3 Shortly
4 Yr. end
5 Tube tops
6 According to
7 Tiger or lion
8 Vast expanses
9 Shore fliers
11 Bank robber's disguise, at times
17 Office situation, of a sort
20 Serving aids
21 Enthusiasm
23 Dada pioneer
25 Show defiance
26 Lead on
27 Adulterated
28 Roll type
29 Flip call
31 "— say more?"
33 Takes in
36 Carpentry tool
38 Cereal bit

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Yesterday's answer

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15			■	16	17		■	18		
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Alcor Life Extension Foundation makes the news regularly, as family dysfunctions occur when someone buys a contract to have his head frozen upon death so that someday, if the science advances, he can be thawed and brought back to life. Typically, survivors with little faith in science prefer a more dignified disposal, as was the case with David Richardson, who had his brother Orville buried in February 2009 despite Orville's $53,500 Alcor contract. Most such disputes are raised and decided pre-death or contemporaneous with death, but Alcor appealed an original Iowa court decision in David's favor, and in May 2010, the Iowa Court of Appeals reversed, ordering Orville dug up. (Alcor promotion materials say that, for best results, the head should be frozen 15 minutes after the heart stops beating.)

■ Reporters (and News of the Weird!) relish playing "gotcha!" with people who convince authorities that they are injured too badly to continue working, setting themselves up for sometimes lucrative lifetime pensions, yet somehow seem to miraculously recover and subsequently engage in vigorous physical endeavors. New York City firefighter John Giuffrida, 42, retired on a disability pension of about $75,000 a year in 2003, based on asthma and other lung ailments from cleaning up the Sept. 11 ground zero, but two years later, he was a regular on the mixed-martial-arts circuit and is continuing to beat people up. (Giuffrida told a New York Post reporter that the two activities are "completely different." Strength and endurance fighting, he said, is not the same as "running into a building that is on fire with a smoke condition and toxins in the air."

TODAY IN HISTORY

1609 Henry Hudson discovers Manhattan Island and the indigenous people living there.

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