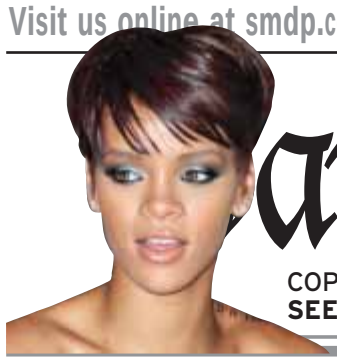

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THE **HANG IN THERE, CHIEF** ISSUE

Recovering through housing

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SANTA MONICA BLVD A trio of antique typewriters sit in a line atop a desk, showcased in exhibition yet still living out their created purpose, each holding a piece of paper from the platen, containing the thoughts of a 23-year-old woman.

"That one types in cursive," the woman said, pointing to the device the farthest from her.

A proud smile comes across her face as she then pulls open a drawer, revealing two very special typewriters, picking up a hard case that holds one from the 1920s, purchased from her fiancé who helped the young woman begin her growing collection.

From the books on the shelf to the typewriters on the desk to the black shawl draped over the window, these are the items that make the small room inside the former Village Motel feel more like home for Leslie Moreno, who this summer was one of eight local young adults suffering from mental illnesses to take up residence in the new Daniel's Village.

"I feel safe," Moreno, who suffers from depression and bipolar disorder, said. "Being able to have my things is important to me."

Daniel's Village, the latest project of nonprofit organization Step Up on Second, celebrated its grand opening on Friday, having the distinction of being the only permanent supportive housing program in the Los Angeles area for young adults — 18-28 years old — who experience the initial symptoms of mental illness.

The program was spawned from Daniel's Place, a drop-in center geared toward the same demographic that has served more than 400 clients since it was founded 11 years ago, offering support groups for clients and families and individual consultations.

Located at 2624 Santa Monica Blvd. in an old motel, the $2.4 million project involved

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AT HOME: **Leslie Moreno shows off her typewriter collection at Daniel's Village on Friday.**

Publisher of local weekly paper dies

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

DOWNTOWN Michael Rosenthal, the publisher and co-founder of the Santa Monica Mirror, died this week after a long battle with renal cell cancer.

The memorials began pouring in soon after the local businessman's death on Wednesday morning, friends — including childhood buddies — expressing their condolences on his Facebook page.

"So sad to lose this old friend," one woman wrote.

He turned 56 on July 30.

A resident of the Pacific Palisades, Rosenthal founded the local weekly newspaper in 1999 with Deborah Daly, who serves as the art director, and Peggy Clifford, who was the editor and today writes for the Santa Monica Dispatch.

"Michael loved the newspaper," Daly said. "He loved it."

She met Rosenthal 18 years ago at Instant Replay, a video security systems company that was founded by his father, Carl Rosenthal. The younger Rosenthal served as the president and Daly was responsible for sales.

The newspaper came out of Rosenthal's desire for creativity.

"He appreciated people who were creative," Daly said, noting that his first wife was a photographer and his current wife, Laurie Rosenthal, is a writer. "He loves the idea of being creative and this gave him that ability."

Ross Furukawa, the publisher of the Santa Monica Daily Press, called Rosenthal a "great leader, gentleman and friend."

"As a fellow local publisher, we had a unique view of the town that was always intriguing to discuss," he said.

Laurel Rosen, the president of the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce, described Rosenthal as a "man of integrity" who always kept his word and spoke honestly.

They became friends through a partnership in which the Mirror publishes the chamber's directories.

"Standing up for the community was important to him and his paper," she said. "It

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Sunday, Sept. 13, 2009

Taste of Santa Monica
Santa Monica Pier, 1 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Join the Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce and Cirque du Soleil's "KOOZA" for food and fun on the pier! This year's event will include over 50 food vendors, live music, a sunset happy hour, kids' attractions, prizes, deals on "KOOZA" tickets and much more. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for kids, and $65 for early admission all-you-can-eat-and-drink VIPs. Free for children 2 and under. Call (310) 393-9825, ext. 10 or go to www.tasteofsantamonica.com for more information.

Monday, Sept. 14, 2009

Scrabulous!
Fairview Branch Library
2101 Ocean Park Blvd., 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.
Have fun, meet new people, and challenge your mind while playing bridge or Scrabble. Call (310) 450-0443 for more information.

Movement for healthy living
Santa Monica Senior Center
1450 Ocean Ave., 1:00 p.m.
Learn how correcting the way you sit, stand and walk can help prevent injuries and keep you healthy. This interactive program will teach you how to interact with your body through a daily exercise routine that is both simple and quick. The program is free, but you must be 50 years of age or older to participate. Call (310) 458-8644 for more information.

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



AT EASE

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Relaxing in the shade, people enjoy free food and drinks at Meals On Wheels' 'Eat & Be Merry' open house event on Friday morning.

Flavor of the city tempts area foodies

Taste of Santa Monica features food, fun and community entertainment

BY MARISSA LYMAN
Special to the Daily Press

SM PIER The Santa Monica Chamber of Commerce has partnered with Cirque du Soleil's "KOOZA" to host its eighth annual Taste of Santa Monica food festival on the Santa Monica Pier on Sunday.

This year, guests will enjoy a longer live music performance, new sunset Happy Hour and also a chance to win and receive discounts on "KOOZA" tickets.

"Santa Monica obviously loves Cirque du Soleil," Laurel Rosen, CEO of the Chamber of Commerce said. "They're good partners to the community."

The aim of this year's event was to make the festival accessible and enjoyable for everyone, Rosen said, citing new ticket prices, extended hours, and an array of new attractions. Festivalgoers will get a chance to mingle with the "KOOZA" street team as they sample foods from the event's new and veteran restaurants.

"The restaurant is only blocks from the event, so we feel like our location is very special," Bob Lynn, owner of Santa Monica's La Grande Orange restaurant and a first-time participant in the Taste, said. His booth will be featuring burgers made in the fresh philosophy of the restaurant's clean cuisine. "We love being involved with anything to do with the community" Lynn said.

Hotel Shangri-la will also be a festival newcomer, showcasing the work of its executive chef, Dakota Weiss. Weiss will be preparing dishes such as octopus ceviche and blackberry panna cotta.

"She does such a great take on farm-to-table and fresh and organic produce and meat," Tehmina Adaya, the hotel's owner said.

Guests can also try their hand at contributing to their own culinary experience at the interactive conveyor belt in the international pizza tent, while kids can cook with the chefs and sculpt things out of water bottles in the kids' corner,

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Andy Warhol portraits stolen from L.A. home

RAQUEL MARIA DILLON
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A multimillion dollar collection of Andy Warhol portraits of Muhammad Ali and other sports superstars was stolen from a Los Angeles home, police said Friday.

The 11 color screenprints, each 40 inches square, were taken from businessman Richard Weisman's home sometime between Sept. 2 and 3, said Detective Mark Sommer of the Los Angeles Police Department's art theft detail.

Ten of the portraits featured famous athletes of the 1970s. The other was of Weisman. Some of the other sporting greats included golfer Jack Nicklaus, soccer star Pele and figure skater Dorothy Hamill.

A $1 million reward was being offered for information leading to the return of the artwork.

The editioned prints were on display in Weisman's dining room and his house was locked up. It wasn't clear exactly when the silk screen paintings were taken or how the thieves got into the home.

The theft was discovered by the family's longtime nanny who arrived at the home to find the large prints missing from the walls. She immediately went to a neighbor's to call police, Sommer said.

"This was a very clean crime," Sommer said. "(The home) wasn't ransacked."

It wasn't known exactly how much they were worth but Weisman tried to sell the collection in 2002 for $3 million.

Weisman's home contained other valuable artwork but the rest of his collection was untouched.

"For some reason they had an interest in this collection," Sommer said.

A neighbor saw a maroon van in the driveway of Weisman's home around the time of the robbery, and police are seeking more information about that, Sommer said.

Weisman declined to comment about details of the case when reached by The Associated Press on Friday.

Detective Don Hrycyk said the weeklong delay in announcing the theft was to allow detectives to confirm the reward and gather descriptions and photographs of the missing artworks.

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Two steps to help save our freedom

Editor:

Our federal government is out of control. Most federal representatives completely ignore our Constitution that they took a solemn oath to uphold. The feds are responsible, but the real blame is that we the people have allowed it to happen. And it will continue to get worse unless we stop it.

We can start by contacting our Senators and Congressman and demand that they make no changes to our health care. The current administration wants, over time, to take total control of our heath care.

Our dollar is no longer backed by gold or silver. It is fiat money made legal tender by the federal government. Furthermore, the unconstitutional Federal Reserve Bank, a private entity not responsible to anyone, determines how much money should be in circulation. We need to make a first true audit of this organization by urging Congress to pass H.R. 1207, the Federal Reserve Transparency Act of 2009.

If we can get enough people to contact Congress about these two items, we will be well on the way to reining in our runaway federal government.

Edward Milton Ventresca
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They'd rather text than eat

We all know people who act like they would rather text or check the Internet than eat. The airlines have noticed this, too. A new survey suggests that more business travelers would choose an airline with WiFi service over flights with meals, free movies, or even convenient arrival times. I understand that when it comes to airplane food, nobody ever asked for "seconds." But to choose the Internet over a snack? The survey didn't ask them if they'd rather have WiFi or a promise that their luggage wouldn't get lost, but I have a feeling that they would have gone with the Web. If their luggage gets lost, they'll probably just shrug and buy new stuff on the Internet.

It seems that 76 percent of the people interviewed would choose an airline based on the availability of in-flight Internet service. I tend to choose an airline based on which is the cheapest and then which is the most convenient.

Among others, Southwest Airlines, Delta and American either already have WiFi on their flights or they will soon. So those people who can't go for more than a few minutes without using their computers or "smart" phones, will be able to fly and check on the weather in Trinidad-Tobago, find out which football players got arrested today and learn who Jennifer Aniston went out with last night.

I'm not a computer addict, but some people are. It's no joke. In fact, the first American live-in treatment center for Internet addiction opened recently. There are many such centers in China, South Korea and Taiwan where Web addiction is taken more seriously. These are people who spend almost every waking hour playing video games, watching porn, or talking to their virtual friends rather than eating, sleeping, working, or spending time with their families. These folks have fallen on hard times, so it's appropriate that the treatment center is in Fall City, Washington.

Let's move away from the serious to the merely annoying. Like most people, I've had to put up with someone next to me who types away on his computer the whole flight. Intellectually, I understand that a flight is a good opportunity to get some work done, but I usually find it irritating. I almost always think that these people are showing off how important and busy they are. Of course, the corollary to this is the thought, "If you're so important, why are you with me in coach?"

But once in-flight WiFi becomes commonplace, we will have to put up with all kinds of new things. Do you really want to sit next to a teenager who is "Facebooking" for 2,000 miles? Can you imagine how important those missives will be? "OMG, we just passed another cloud."

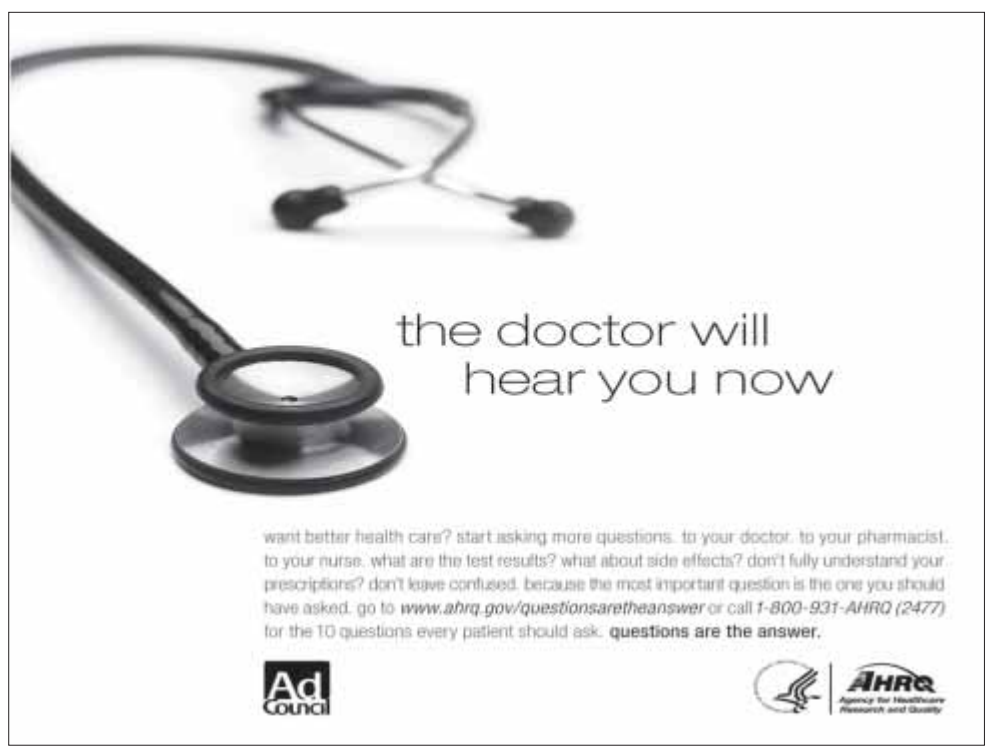
And what will the airlines' policy be on porn? Is there even a way they could ban it? I don't see how. So forget worrying about what movies the airline will show in front of your kids. Now you'll have to worry about what the guy next to them is viewing on his computer screen. I don't think an airplane is an appropriate place to watch something like, "Julie and Julia ... and Jack."

Then there are those who need to check their stocks every few minutes. That's not a good idea for an in-flight activity, either. If the stock shoots way up and your neighbor shouts in celebration, aren't you going to feel a bit jealous that you didn't have that stock? On the other hand, if someone's stock tanks during the flight and they yell in despair, he or she might become a danger to other passengers.

Admit it. If someone next to you is using their computer for the entire flight, it's probably impossible not to glance over there every once in a while to see what's on their screen. In the past, it's been nothing special. Usually, it's business stuff like charts or graphs. Now things may be quite different.

For all I know, the person next to me might be having "Internet sex." I'm only human so I'm likely to try to casually look over at my neighbor's screen as he or she is smirking and typing and then smirking lasciviously again. Then I'll be shocked as I read something like: "There is a really annoying guy who keeps peeking at what I'm typing."

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The Q Line

Rockets red glare

This past week, Q-line asked:

The Santa Monica Pier celebrated its centennial this week with a fireworks display that some studies indicate may be harmful to the water quality of Santa Monica Bay. Do you think that the fireworks will hurt the bay or do you believe that it is harmless fun?

Here are your responses:

"IT HAS ALREADY BEEN PROVEN THAT the fireworks will be harmful to the ocean water and the wildlife therein. It will also create more garbage in the ocean water to wash up on shore. I'd like to wrap the Santa Monica City Council and all the perpetrators of this mess in green ribbon and dump them in the middle of it. Of course the bums will all gather and enjoy it rather than just staring into space or squatting in our parks watching the grass grow."

"I WANT TO THANK SOMEBODY FOR the wonderful fireworks."

"OUR SILLY COUNCIL DIDN'T WANT A DOG beach area because of kooks afraid of puppy poop contaminating the ocean. Now it's a few firecrackers upsetting them. This is a stupid argument since one whale can poop a ton a day. What about the thousands of children peeing while playing in the water? Most ships and boats still dump trash and waste. If there's a worry we can use our life guard boats and volunteer boats to scoop up the floating fireworks with nets."

"OUR CITY COUNCIL SQUANDERS MILLIONS on silly parties and then cries 'We're broke' and raises city fees on everything."

"THEY SHOULDN'T DO FIREWORKS FOR the Pier. They should only do them on the Fourth of July. Then again, Santa Monica doesn't do fireworks on the Fourth of July, they do them when it's convenient."

"IT'S THE 100TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY. Why can't Santa Monica celebrate its Pier without anyone being critical as to whether or not it will harm the water quality of the ocean? That's just moronic and stupid. What can happen? It's obviously going to be extinguished in the ocean. People should have a good time. The only thing that's really bad is the price gouging for the parking for all of the citizens of Los Angeles who want to come watch this. It's unfair. It's a multicultural area. Everyone and their families show up and they want to enjoy this. I don't understand City Hall being all retarded as far as making the parking prices higher for people to enjoy it."

"I THINK IT'S WONDERFUL THAT WE have the fireworks, and I agree that it doesn't do any harm. It will be absolutely lovely and magical."

"I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THE FIREWORKS will harm the bay, because the bay is so bad as it is they can't do any harm, especially if it's a one-time thing. I do believe though whoever scheduled the fireworks is a knucklehead because it's a school night. A lot of people who would want to go are not going to be able to go. Next time something like this happens, if it's around Labor Day, it should be the Sunday night before Labor Day. This way everybody can go and they won't have to rush home. Who knows how many accidents might happen tonight with people rushing home to go back to school tomorrow."

THE FIREWORKS ARE HARMLESS FUN. Still, the hordes of people they will attract are not always intent on harmless fun. The Santa Monica Police Department will earn their keep on that day. Also, I trust my sailing friends will keep their sailing ships a safe distance from the pier as they view and enjoy the fireworks show from the sea."

"I WOULD IMAGINE THAT THE FIREWORKS will hurt the bay to a certain extent. It's also troubling that the city would spend $120,000 on this fireworks display. You would think that Joan Baez, Robert Redford and a 100-foot birthday cake would be enough to draw people to this wonderful event. Perhaps they could have invested a much smaller amount of money into enivronmentally-friendly fireworks that are only very brief at the end of the program. Perhaps a one-minute fireworks display that spelled out the words "One Hundred" in the air. Then they could have written in the press release that since Santa Monica is an environmentally friendly city, they were capping the program with environmentally friendly fireworks. And then they could have distributed the rest of the money to our schools."

"SANTA MONICA SHOULD NOT BE WASTING their money on a fireworks show that will be harmful, not only to the water quality, but certainly to the air quality. A few years ago, the city claimed it was too expensive to collect data to address air pollution from jets coming and going from Santa Monica Airport. Now this gross expenditure of $120,000 for an environmentally harmful display of sparkly and noisy fireworks is a slap in the face to those who regularly have jet fumes in their living rooms. Something is rotten in the city of Santa Monica."

"I CERTAINLY DO NOT VIEW THE FIREWORKS as harmless fun. Thanks to the Daily Press, I've only today learned that the cost for this will be about $120,000. Absolutely outrageous in this economic climate to be wasting money so frivolously on what is essentially a less than 30-minute spectacular that will end up floating in the bay. Whoever OK'd this should be fired, and the city should stop wasting money so frivolously."

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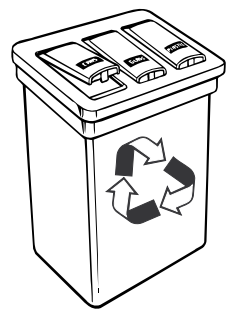
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Chef Rocco goes online for a little public input

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Twitter and Facebook are helping Rocco DiSpirito write his new cookbook.

The media savvy chef is turning to the social networks to help decide which dishes he should include in his new book, devoted to healthy versions of popular dishes. He's asking fans directly for their opinions, like in this recent query: "How important is pulled pork and chocolate chip cookies to you for inclusion in my healthy food makeover cookbook?"

Tweets and posts with suggestions came flowing back (with a strong pro-pork sentiment on Facebook).

It may sound like a publicity gimmick for the interactive age, but DiSpirito says the experiment in culinary cyber-populism will make his cookbook more relevant and will hopefully inspire more people to pick up a spatula.

"If your job is to make someone who wants to cook at home feel like they really can, then you owe it to them to figure out what they want," DiSpirito said in a telephone interview.

The cookbook, which is due March 2 and lacks a final title, consists of healthier versions of what DiSpirito calls America's favorite "downfall dishes," those beloved but often unwholesome foods like burgers, enchiladas, mac and cheese and fried chicken. DiSpirito's self-imposed creative challenge was to shave off calories or carbs from classic dishes without making them taste like cardboard.

His re-tinkered burger patty, for instance, includes lean beef mixed with turkey. His "unfried" chicken is de-skinned, poached, coated with low-fat breading, then flash fried in grape seed oil.

DiSpirito is keeping control in the kitchen. But he thought it natural to crowdsource for a cookbook that includes the phrase "most popular dishes," even if it plays against the stereotype of the chef as a culinary autocrat.

Collaborative cookbooks are nothing new, though most are compilations of recipes from multiple sources like the old community cookbooks or the Brass sisters' recent collections of heirloom recipes.

Pam Fradkin, who tracks trends as a customer service representative for the online cookbook store Jessica's Biscuit at ecookbooks.com, said modern takes on "comfort foods" are big right now. The use of social media during the cookbook's creation is new, she said.

"This is different," Fradkin said. "The social media allows for very immediate gratification of what you want now, not necessarily of what you've wanted for the past 10 years."

DiSpirito has a highbrow pedigree that includes an education at the Culinary Institute of America and a successful stint heading the three-star Union Pacific restaurant in New York City. But he's always been open to mixing it up with the masses.

He gained widespread recognition in 2003 with the reality TV show "The Restaurant." The series, which lasted for two seasons, chronicled the rise and fall of his second restaurant. He's hardly been a stranger to TV since then — he even did a samba routine on "Dancing with the Stars."

It's no surprise that DiSpirito has embraced the possibilities of social media.

There are a bunch of celebrity chefs who tweet or post, among them Bobby Flay, Jamie Oliver, Giada De Laurentiis and Rick Bayless. Some, like Bayless, actually respond to tweeters seeking cooking tips. But many celebrity chef updates consist of little more than where they travel, when their TV shows are airing and what they ate for breakfast.

DiSpirito is taking advantage of the give-and-take nature of Twitter and Facebook. Who knew people were looking for a healthy remake of stodgy, old beef Wellington? DiSpirito certainly didn't — until fans told him.

DiSpirito is among the many professionals concerned that Americans love their food shows and celebrity chefs but don't regularly cook and invite people over for meals.

Diners go sky high in Paris

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PARIS For five days in Paris, those with a few extra hundred euros (dollars) in their pockets can enjoy the best of French cuisine while seated high in the sky.

From Friday to Tuesday, a French lifestyle and gourmet food magazine is sponsoring lunches and dinners prepared by elite chefs. For 924 (US$1,350) a person, guests can eat perched above the Tuileries Gardens with a stellar view of the city.

So how do the diners get to eat in the sky?

A metal table seating 22 people is secured to a platform and suspended by metal cords from a glass roof that is connected to a crane. The crane slowly lifts the table some 50 meters (about 150 feet) into the air. The guests are strapped into large, cushioned black chairs not unlike those of a roller coaster. Two chandeliers and large lights hang from the glass roof.

"I have worked in this park for 28 years, and I have never seen anything like this," said Lansana Goudiaby, 52, who works for a cleaning company helping out at the event. "It's wonderful."

The event is not only about luxury dining — 100 (US$146) for every customer goes to France's Federation of Rare Diseases, which funds research.

"This event shows the human dimension of French chefs, and we are very thankful for their generosity," said the federation's president, Marie-Christine Louppe.

The 12 chefs taking part represent the city's best dining establishments, and will prepare a total of 550 meals. Meurice Hotel head chef Yannick Alleno, for example, said he planned a meal of white salmon, veal with truffles and cake.

Lunchtime customers on Friday dined under a brilliant blue sky, while evening guests sat under the stars though perhaps while wearing more than sweater as nighttime temperatures were expected to drop to a nippy 11 degrees Celsius (52 degrees Fahrenheit).

The al fresco attraction was launched at a time when the French capital is trying to hold onto tourists.



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No wars over this oil

Despite the popularity of adding EVOO (extra virgin olive oil) to a frying pan every time a burner is ignited on some popular cooking show, olive oil is not always the best choice for cooking.

Yes, olive oil does boast major health benefits such as the antioxidant oleocanthol, an anti-inflammatory. Olive oil is also rich in monounsaturated fatty acids, which have been shown to decrease total and LDL cholesterol (the "bad" kind), while increasing HDL, "good" cholesterol, thereby exhibiting protective effects in the body, relatively speaking. Too much of any type of fat is not necessarily healthy, though.

You do need some fat in your diet to help with the absorption of fat soluble vitamins. You also need essential fatty acids such as those from the omega-6 linoleic acid and the omega-3 linolenic acid to make things like hormones and strong cell membranes, as well as to promote or reduce blood clotting and inflammatory pathways.

The key is to get enough "good" fats to facilitate the right pathways while not putting your health at risk. At least 3 percent of your calories should come from the essential fatty acids in order to prevent essential fatty acid deficiencies including delayed growth, impaired reproduction, skin lesions, kidney and liver disease and neurological and vision problems. We also know the repercussions of ingesting too much fat: heart disease, stroke, diabetes, cancers and, at the forefront, obesity.

So the goal is to consume the right fats from the best sources while employing optimal preparation techniques. Using the example of the Mediterranean diet, approximately 25-35 percent of your calories should come from fat, mostly unsaturated fats like those in fish, nuts, seeds, whole grains and vegetable oils.

Now, getting back to the point, which oils are best and when should they be added to the diet?

The best oils for overall health are flax and fish oil although neither one should ever be heated. These oils are highest in omega-3 fats, a class of essential fatty acids which we need to increase in the diet. Flax oil has a nutty flavor and works well in salad dressings or pesto. Fish oils often have added lemon flavor making them an ideal addition to salad dressings, dips and cold sauces. I add both types of oils to fruit-based protein shakes.

Canola oil is a good choice for most recipes because it's higher in omega-3 fats than most other cooking oils although its omega-3 content has nothing on fish and flax oils. Canola oil has a higher smoke point than olive oil and is therefore more appropriate for medium to high heat sautéing and baking. The smoke point is literally the point when the oil starts to smoke. All oils have varying smoke points making them less than ideal for certain cooking methods. Olive oil is best cold or at low to medium temperatures for short cooking durations. The longer oil is heated, the more potential for carcinogens to form. For olive oil, some of the beneficial anti-inflammatory agents are also lost.

To choose the best oil, start by selecting "organic" oils. Toxins and pesticides are easily stored in fat. Not just in your oils but in your body as well. Use small amounts of organic oils on fresh vegetables to facilitate nutrient absorption and meet essential fatty acid needs.

Next you need to decipher these terms: expeller-pressed, cold-pressed or solvent-extracted. Solvent-pressed is a processing method that involves harsh chemicals and high heat resulting in bland-tasting, low-nutrient oils. Expeller-pressed is a chemical-free process where the oil is forced out of the nut or seed mechanically. Some friction is involved. So the oil may be heated. When cold-pressed is used, the oils are still expeller-pressed but under cooler, controlled temperatures. Buy cold-pressed when available.

Sometimes oils need to be refined in order to make them safer for high heat cooking as with high-heat canola or safflower oil. Look for naturally refined oils using natural agents like citric acid.

For a complete oil buying guide, see this chart adapted from Spectrum Organics.

Please visit Elizabeth's Web site for more helpful information: www.thekitchenvixen.com.

Oil rundown

High heat oils are ideal for sautéing, frying and high heat baking or roasting.

- Avocado 510F
- Almond 495F
- Apricot Kernel 495F
- Canola (Super High Heat) 460F
- Safflower (Super High Heat) 460F
- Sunflower 460F
- Palm Fruit 450F
- Safflower, High Oleic 445F
- Sesame 445F

Medium-high heat oils are ideal for sautéing at medium-high heat or for baking because they have a neutral flavor.

- Canola 425F
- Grapeseed 425F
- Walnut 400F
- Safflower, High Oleic 390F
- Coconut 365F
- Soy 360F

Medium heat oils have fuller flavors. Work well in sauces, dressings or sautéing at medium heat where the oil's flavor is an integral part of the dish.

- Sesame 350F
- Peanut 350F
- Toasted Sesame 350F
- Olive 325F
- Corn 320F

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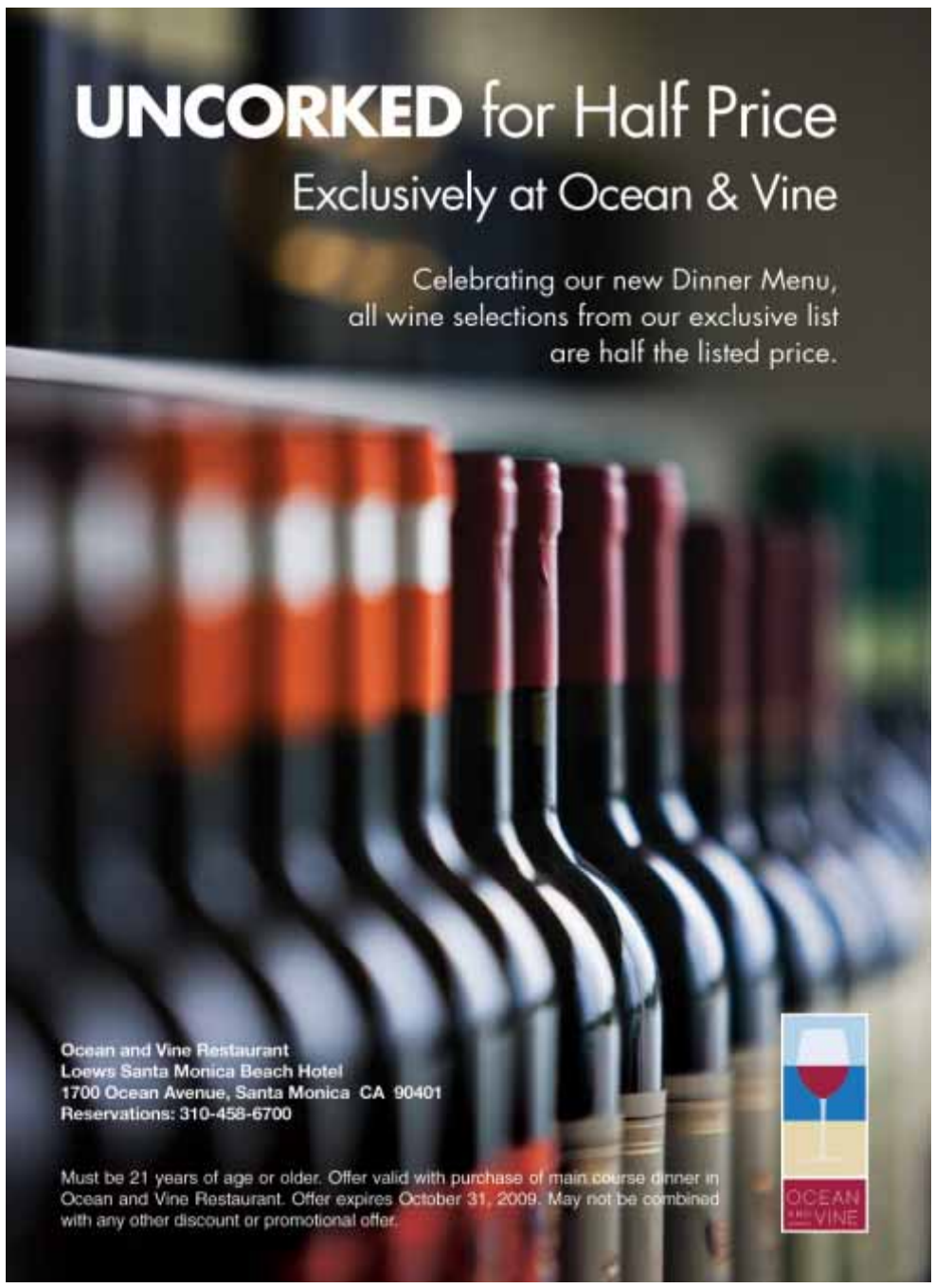
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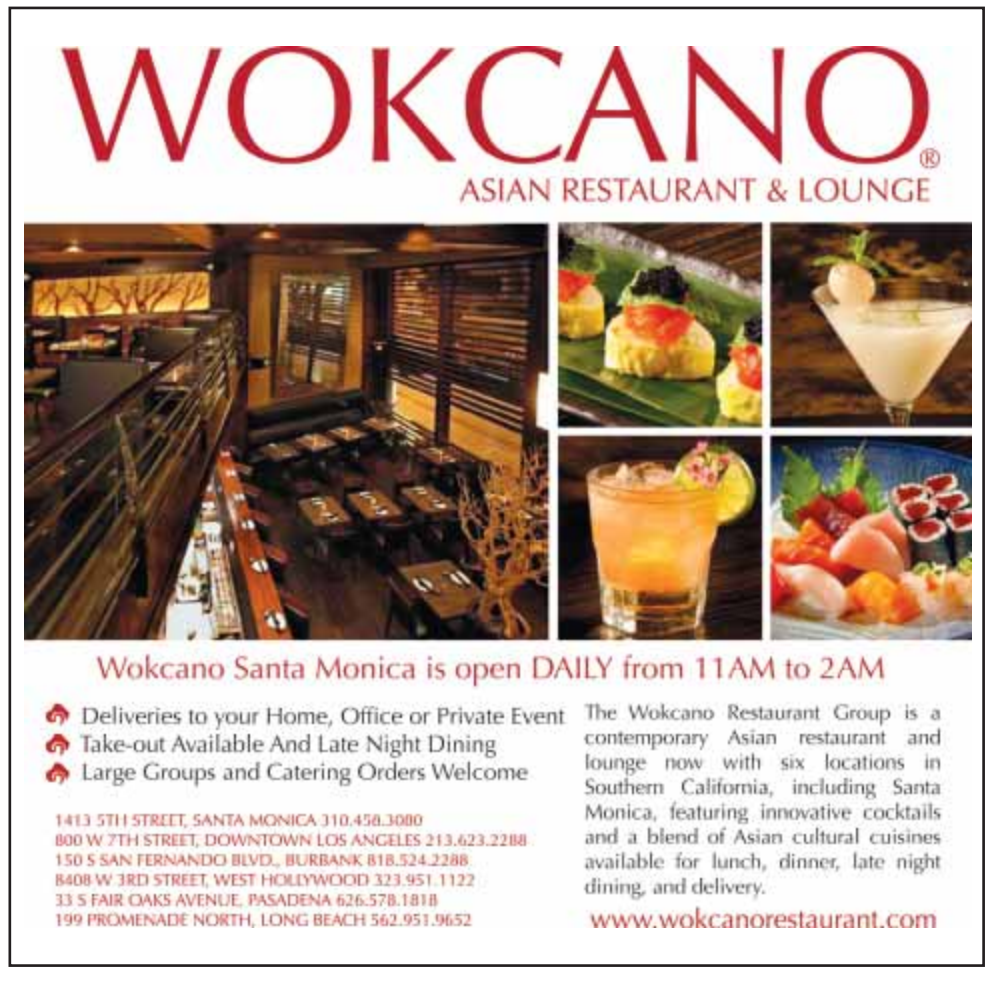
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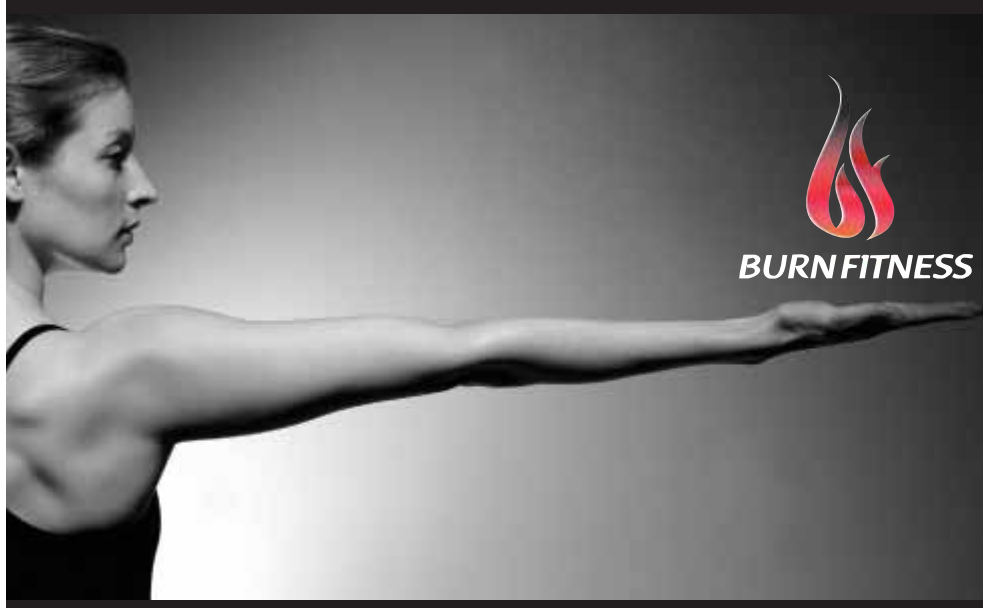
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Lawmakers debates standards for energy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO California lawmakers on Friday disagreed over the best way to boost the amount of renewable energy used in the state as time was slipping away in the final hours of this year's regular legislative session.

The Senate and Assembly were expected to vote on two companion bills that would require utilities to get one- third of their power from renewable energy sources by 2020. If passed and signed into law, it would be the most aggressive such standard in the nation.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger favors raising the state's renewable mandate to 33 percent and bringing in more energy through wind, solar and geothermal sources, but he has yet to take a stance on the bills.

Republicans oppose the legislation and particularly object to a provision that would limit the amount of power utilities could buy from alternative sources outside California. They say the restriction could increase costs for utilities and consumers.

The bills by Sen. Joe Simitian, D-Palo Alto, and Assemblyman Paul Krekorian, D-Burbank, would allow utilities to import renewable energy generated outside the state as long as the power comes from a plant that connects to California's electricity grid.

Utilities also could buy a limited number of credits from alternative energy producers outside California as a way to promote the development of clean power, even though it would not reach California markets.

Consumer advocates and environmental groups sought the limit on out-of-state power. They say generating most of the renewable energy in California will promote job growth.

"Consumers are going to pay more for renewable energy, so we want them to get the jobs," said Mindy Spatt, a spokeswoman for The Utility Reform Network, a consumer advocacy group.

California already has one of the most aggressive standards among the 31 states that require utilities to generate a certain amount of their power from renewable sources, according to the Arlington, Va.-based Pew Center on Global Climate Change.

The state's investor-owned utilities are obligated by law to generate at least 20 percent of their power from renewable sources by next year, although most are expected to miss the deadline.

The California Public Utilities Commission also has said the state's utilities will need to build additional transmission lines and other infrastructure to move more renewable energy. Construction could cost $115 billion over 10 years.

Earlier this week, lawmakers amended the package to give utilities more time to meet the standard if the network of transmission lines was insufficient or circumstances outside their control prevented them from complying.

The group Environment California calls the amendment a loophole for utilities.

LAPD officers on leave in Rihanna leak probe

THOMAS WATKINS
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LOS ANGELES Two police officers have been placed on leave as part of a probe into who leaked a photo of pop singer Rihanna's battered face after she was assaulted by her former boyfriend Chris Brown, the officers' attorneys said Friday.

Rebecca Reyes and Blanca Lopez were "assigned to home" with pay, pending the outcome of criminal and administrative investigations into how celebrity Web site TMZ.com obtained the graphic photograph, which showed Rihanna's face and mouth with multiple bruises.

Reyes' attorney Ira Salzman confirmed his client was assigned to the Los Angeles Police Department's division that handled Rihanna's beating but said she had not sold the picture.

"My client did nothing criminal or anything for financial gain," he said. "Her record is quite exemplary."

Lopez' attorney Robert Rico said his client, who's been with the department about 18 months, had nothing to do with the photo's leak. He said Lopez and Reyes had been roommates and that Lopez was assigned to a different part of the city and was not involved in Rihanna's domestic violence case.

As well as being investigated for the potentially criminal act of profiting from the leaking of a confidential photo, the officers face a board of rights hearing that could lead to a recommendation for their termination from the department.

Brown, 20, was sentenced last month to five years' probation, six months of community labor and a year of domestic violence counseling for the February attack, in which he was accused of hitting, choking and biting Rihanna in a rented sports car. TMZ published the photo less than two weeks later and the LAPD immediately launched an internal investigation.

Reyes has been on leave since June 25 and Lopez was placed on leave Sept. 2, their attorneys said.

"Rihanna has nothing but praise for the LAPD," said the singer's attorney, Donald Etra. "Throughout the course of the case they have treated her with courtesy and respect."

The union that represents LAPD officers declined to comment on the matter.

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World's oldest person dies at 115 in L.A.

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES Although she liked her bacon crispy and her chicken fried, she never drank, smoked or fooled around, Gertrude Baines once said, describing a life that lasted an astonishing 115 years and earned her the title of oldest person on the planet.

It was a title Baines quietly relinquished Friday when she died in her sleep at Western Convalescent Hospital, her home since she gave up living alone at age 107 after breaking a hip.

She likely suffered a heart attack, said her longtime physician, Dr. Charles Witt, although an autopsy was scheduled to determine the exact cause of death.

"I saw her two days ago, and she was just doing fine," Witt told The Associated Press on Friday. "She was in excellent shape. She was mentally alert. She smiled frequently."

Baines was born in Shellman, Ga., on April 6, 1894, when Grover Cleveland was in the White House, radio communication was just being developed and television was still more than a half-century from becoming a ubiquitous household presence.

She was 4 years old when the Spanish-American War broke out and 9 when the first World Series was played. She had already reached middle age by the time the U.S. entered World War II in 1941.

Throughout it all, Baines said last year, it was a life she thoroughly enjoyed.

"I'm glad I'm here. I don't care if I live a hundred more," she said with a hearty laugh after casting her vote for Barack Obama for president. "I enjoy nothing but eating and sleeping."

Her vote for Obama, she added, had helped fulfill a lifelong dream of seeing a black man elected president.

"We all the same, only our skin is dark and theirs is white," said Baines, who was black.

The centenarian, who worked as a maid at Ohio State University dormitories until her retirement, had outlived all of her family members. Her only daughter died of typhoid at age 18.

In her final years, she passed her days watching her favorite TV program, "The Jerry Springer Show," and consuming her favorite foods: bacon, fried chicken and ice cream. She complained often, however, that the bacon served to her was too soft.

"Two days ago, when I saw her, she was talking about the fact that the bacon wasn't crisp enough, that it was soggy," Witt said.

She became the world's oldest person in January when Maria de Jesus died in Portugal at 115.

The title brought with it a spotlight of attention, and Baines was asked frequently about the secret to a long life. She shrugged off such questions, telling people to ask God instead.

"She told me that she owes her longevity to the Lord, that she never did drink, she never did smoke and she never did fool around," Witt said at a party marking her 115th birthday.

At the party, Baines sat quietly, paying little attention as nursing home staffers and residents sang "Happy Birthday" and presented congratulatory notices from Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and others. But she laughed when told the Los Angeles Dodgers had given her a cooler filled with hot dogs.

Suspect told cops slain wife had perfect teeth

THOMAS WATKINS
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES A reality show contestant suspected of killing his model wife and disfiguring her so she couldn't be identified included details in a missing persons report that investigators find telling — and chilling — as they continue to probe the bizarre crime.

Ryan Jenkins filed the report at a West Hollywood sheriff's station on Saturday, Aug. 15, explaining to a deputy that his wife, Jasmine Fiore, had disappeared the day before while running errands.

When asked to describe Fiore, Jenkins said she had "perfect teeth" and had just gone to get her nails done.

The description probably sounded innocuous at the time. But police think the reality television contestant had pulled out Fiore's teeth with pliers and severed her fingertips hours earlier.

"In his own mind perhaps, he was doing a little checklist of things that could identify her," Buena Park police Sgt. Bill Kohanek said. "Since he knew they were no longer on her body, he was probably confident she would never be discovered."

The details come from a missing person's report obtained by The Associated Press that Jenkins filed as police in Buena Park were trying to identify a toothless, fingerless woman's body found earlier that day stuffed in a suitcase inside a trash bin.

Jenkins said Fiore had been wearing a pink tank top, black flip flops and white pants. In a short narrative, he said Fiore sent him several text messages after he last saw her, including one saying she was in Santa Monica and that "I need to grab some stuff and get my nails done."

In reality, Fiore was already dead and Jenkins had sent the text messages to himself from her phone, Buena Park police Sgt. Bill Kohanek said.

Police expect to wrap up their probe in the next two weeks but believe Jenkins killed Fiore in a jealous rage then dismembered her and fled to his native Canada, where he killed himself in a motel room.

He also told authorities Fiore had previously been fingerprinted, but did not provide details of when or why. Investigators ultimately identified Fiore by tracking the serial numbers on her breast implants.

Jenkins, who appeared on VH1's "Megan Wants a Millionaire," filed the missing person's report at 8:55 p.m., hours after his wife's body was found in a trash container at a Buena Park apartment complex, about 30 miles away.



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Daniel's Village opens its doors

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converting eight old units into dormitory-style rooms, each coming with its own bathroom and kitchenette. Several original pieces of the motel remain, including the old "Village Motel" and office signs, the latter of which hangs outside the resident manager's unit.

The tenants are required to meet certain criteria in order to qualify for housing, being both homeless and suffering from a mental illness.

The idea for a permanent supportive housing program to supplement the services at Daniel's Place was originally conceived about four years ago but faced several roadblocks on its way to completion, including opposition from neighbors in Sunset Park where it was originally proposed to be located near John Adams Middle School and its new neighbors because of the proximity to McKinley Elementary School.

The organization takes a housing first approach when it comes to treating its clients, finding that homelessness is often one of the biggest obstacles to recovery.

"We're really providing a solution to homelessness in the city," Tod Lipka, the CEO of Step Up on Second, said. "It's all about people moving in and people having a home for the first time in their adult life."

It was earlier this year when Moreno realized that she needed help, having essentially isolating herself in a bedroom for three months.

An independent person, she said it was difficult to take the first step toward recovery.

It started at a bus stop in Santa Monica.

Moreno sat at the stop crying when a stranger asked if she could do anything to help. What she received was a referral to see Ed Edelman, the Santa Monica "homeless czar."

That led to a series of referrals that brought Moreno to Daniel's Place in May.

Today Moreno has resumed taking courses at the California Healing Arts College, hoping to become a massage therapist.

There are still days that are worse than others, but Moreno is thankful regardless that she took that first step, the first step out of the room she was holed up in for three months, and the first step toward recovery.

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Lawmakers race to ink water, energy deals

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SACRAMENTO With their legislative session winding down, California lawmakers on Friday were racing to secure deals on some of their most pressing priorities, including water reform, prison spending and renewable energy mandates.

The most contentious of those — and the one with the most far-reaching consequences — is how to rebuild California's decades-old water storage and delivery system while protecting the environment.

With piles of task force reports and months of committee hearings behind them, lawmakers still had not crafted a water package with bipartisan support by early evening.

The Democratic leaders of the Assembly and Senate offered a package that would include $12 billion in bonds, half of which they said would go toward reservoirs, underground water storage and restoring the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, the heart of California's water-delivery system.

Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg rebuffed criticism that Democrats were trying to jam through half-baked legislation on one of the state's most pressing issues at the last minute.

"Given the contentious nature of water in California, will buying more time make it easier or harder to get something this important done?" the Sacramento Democrat said.

According to a draft of the water bills obtained by The Associated Press, the bonds would be divided over two elections — one next year and one in 2014. About $3 billion would be dedicated to increasing water storage, but the money would be awarded by a commission based on a competition between potential projects.

GOP lawmakers say that's a loophole that would prevent additional dams from being built. They worry the commission would favor underground storage.

Republicans also oppose splitting the bonds over two election cycles, saying voters should have a chance to vote on a single package intended to solve the state's water problems for years to come. They also criticized a Democratic proposal to create a new bureaucracy that would oversee how farmers could use the water they receive from the delta.

Sen. Dave Cogdill called the Democratic package unacceptable.

"Obviously, the game-playing continues," the Modesto Republican said.

Taste to feature both new and returning vendors

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sponsored by Y-Water. For those guests 21 and over, the Taste will have wine booths, sponsored by Albertsons, and a beer garden, courtesy of Budweiser.

If in need of a break from food and drink, guests are also invited to check out the Red Bull Lounges, featuring actual soapboxes that will be competing in next weekends' Red Bull Soapbox Race Challenge in Downtown Los Angeles.

"We've really tried to make it a great family fun day that's all inclusive for the community," Rosen said.

Upon admission, attendees will also have the opportunity to donate to one of the four non-profits supported by PeBL, the Chamber's Professionals Emerging as Business Leaders program.

The festival is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., but all-you-can-eat-and-drink VIP ticket holders will be admitted at 12:30 p.m. The new sunset happy hour will run from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., accompanied by an extended live music performance. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for kids 10 years and under, and free for children under 2 years of age. VIP tickets are $65. Please visit www.tasteofsantamonica.com or call (310) 393-9825, ext. 10 for tickets and other information.

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Rosenthal founded the Mirror in 1999

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was sometimes controversial but was done with a big heart."

Rosenthal is survived by his wife, Laurie, and son Dylan.

A memorial is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 13, at Mount Sinai, 5950 Forest Lawn Drive in Los Angeles.

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BY RANDY WILLIAMS

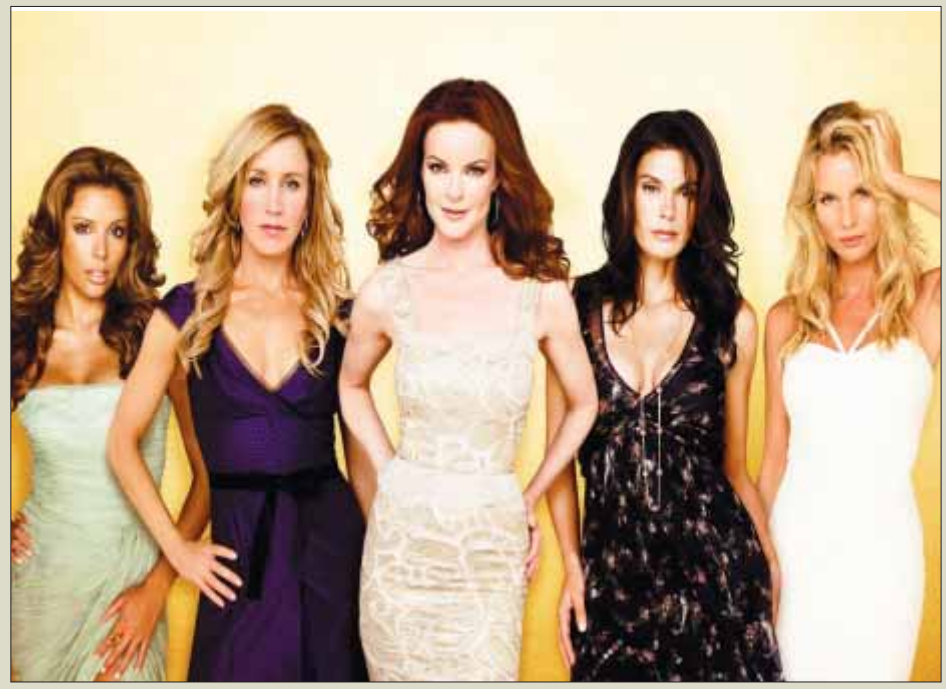


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'Desperate Housewives'

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The deception and backstabbing on Wisteria Lane continues practically unabated. The ladies living there (Teri Hatcher, Felicity Huffman, Eva Longoria Parker, Dana Delaney, Marcia Cross and Nicollette Sheridan) provide the residents of Fairview much to talk about. The program's award-winning subversively humorous take on suburban life comes spread out over seven discs. A closet-full of extra material includes a recap of seasons 1-4, bloopers and deleted scenes. (ABC/Disney)

'Rudo y Cursi'

Written and directed by Carlos Cuaron, who co-wrote "Y Tu Mama Tambien," this is the tale of ambition and sibling rivalry using the sport of soccer as a backdrop. Rudo (Diego Luna) is wildly committed to being a star goalie, yet is susceptible to the gambling bug. Cursi (Gael Garcia Bernal) doesn't take his skills for the sport as seriously as his brother largely because his bigger goal is to become a successful singer. The actors, friends since childhood, make a compelling duo, but a real scene stealer is Argentinean actor Guillermo Francella, who plays their manager, Batuta. Francella's charming yet manipulative ways eventually undermines the brothers' shot at lasting glory. Filmmaker and cast commentary included. (Sony)

'TCM Greatest Classic Films Collection: Murder Mysteries'

Here is the latest installation from the Turner Classic Movies series on some of the greatest pictures presented by genre. This package includes the murder mysteries: "The Postman Always Rings Twice," "The Big Sleep," "Dial M for Murder" and "The Maltese Falcon." They showcase the talents of such Hollywood stars as Humphrey Bogart, Lauren Bacall, Grace Kelly, Ray Milland, Lana Turner and John Garfield. (Warner Bros)

'My Cousin Vinny' (Blu-ray)

Marisa Tomei won an Academy Award for her funny turn as the girlfriend of a New York lawyer (Joe Pesci) helping him in a murder case presented before a formidable judge (Fred Gwynne). Commentary by director Jonathan Lynn ("The Whole Nine Yards," "The Distinguished Gentleman") is included. (Fox)

'NFL: History of the San Diego Chargers'

From their early days in the fledgling American Football League to the exciting squads of the 21st century, all the great games, star players and classic moments of one of the National Football League's most exciting franchises scores on a new double-disc DVD set. The first disc recaps the dominant teams of the 1960s led by innovative coach Sid Gillman with superstars Lance Alworth, Ron Mix, Paul Lowe and Ernie Ladd. That is followed by the memorable moments of the team from the 1970s and 1980s that featured Hall of Famers Dan Fouts and his favorite targets Charlie Joiner and Kellen Winslow. The Chargers' Super Bowl season of 1994 is presented as well as a look at contemporary players like Philip Rivers, Shawne Merriman and LaDanian Tomlinson. New and vintage interviews, sounds of the game as well as a locker full of extra segments comprise a compelling package celebrating 50 years of the Chargers. (Warner Bros/NFL Films)

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BOOKREVIEW

BY DANE ROBERT SWANSON



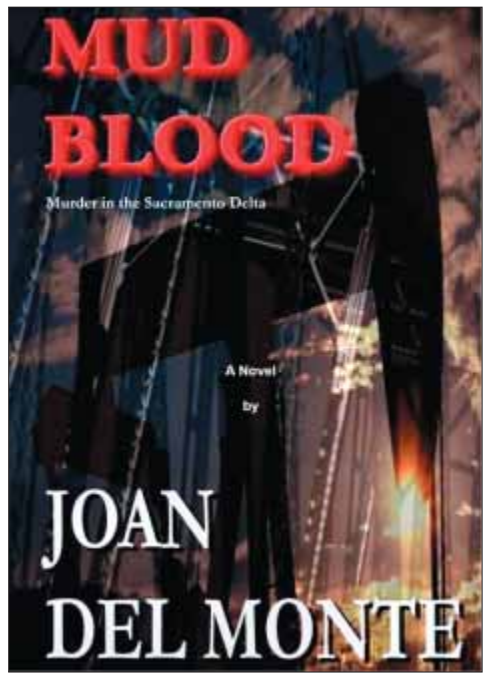
'Mud Blood – Murder in the Sacramento Delta'

By Joan Del Monte | iUniverse

PUBLISHER IUNIVERSE PRESENTS US WITH a novel by Joan Del Monte in the mystery and detective line.

The formula is there. We have an amateur detective, in this case a female writer, a side kick, the private investigator from whom she is taking an adult school class and a body, along with the murderer who is not revealed until the end.

It is told in the first person from the first chapter on. The only place it is not seen through the eyes of the female writer is the prologue which sets the scene. This is the only place where the point of view is third person. I am sure the reason for the prologue is the author wanted us to have some information that the main character was not alive to know. The story could have been told without this information but it does provide some interesting background to the tension between the inhabitants in the Delta region of Sacramento. This area is where the story of the novel the writer is trying to complete is placed.



This book is an example of a mystery wrapped in a novel. "Mud Blood" concerns a writer who must finish writing a book before a deadline. Her agent is pushing her to finish it using the notes she has. But her co-author has the outline and, hopefully, the answer as to who done it. The co-author has disappeared and must be traced. As each person is interviewed who knew this lawyer, Fenton, you get a clearer picture of a not so likeable guy. She could postulate the killer and get it ready for publication as her agent suggests. But Fenton must be found to sign off the book before it goes to publication. It is not something our heroine can do by herself.

She is faced with a decision. Either finish the book or lose the commission. She has kept the diagrams of the plot up to this point. The way she is developed you know she is not going to even consider that option. She is a strong character.

Each chapter is headed by a location. The major action takes place in the Los Angeles area such as the Crenshaw District, Pacific Cliffs, Malibu and Venice. There are some chapters that take place in the Sacramento Delta. Del Monte's Research can be seen in the details. She seems to enjoy research.

In her previous novel, "Plonk Goes the Weasel", she uses Venice and Beverly Hills as some of her place settings as she does in this book. She lives in Venice so she is following the dictate given at most writers' conferences to write what you know.

The narrative just pulls you along. She handles her characters well. You have a satisfying conclusion.

I hope you are having as much fun reading these reviews as I do writing them. Lots of reading time goes into each review before I chose books worthy of being presented in the Santa Monica Daily Press. Please keep those e-mails coming to smdp_review@yahoo.com.

Video game sales continue to slump

BARBARA ORTUTAY
AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK Video games sales declined in August for the sixth straight month, following what analysts called a disappointing showing from the latest "Madden" game.

Nonetheless, game makers are eyeing a stronger September, boosted by the much-hyped launch of "The Beatles: Rock Band" as well as "Guitar Hero 5."

Although the video game industry held out longer than many other sectors in the recession, it began recording double-digit declines in March when compared with the same period in 2008. Besides the economic turmoil that has led consumers to sharply cut back spending, 2009 so far has also suffered from a lack of blockbuster games.

On Thursday, market researcher NPD Group reported a 16 percent August decline — to $908.7 million — in overall U.S. retail sales of hardware, software and accessories.

Sales of game software fell 15 percent to $470.3 million. Hardware sales dropped by a quarter to $297.6 million. Accessories — such as extra controllers and musical instruments to play "Rock Band" and "Guitar Hero" — increased 2 percent to $140.8 million.

Electronic Arts Inc.'s "Madden NFL 10," as anticipated, was the month's top-selling game, with nearly 1.9 million units sold across five gaming systems.

But analysts had expected even stronger sales. In a research note to investors, Ben Schachter of Broadpoint AmTech said EA likely anticipated "a down year for 'Madden,' but ... this is likely worse than the company's internal expectations."

EA did not immediately respond to an e-mail message Friday.

Price cuts in mid-August lifted sales of Sony Corp.'s PlayStation 3 by 72 percent over July. The console sold 210,000 units in August, trailing Microsoft Corp.'s Xbox 360, which also saw a price cut late in the month, by only about 5,400 units.

The handheld DS from Nintendo Co. was the month's best-selling gaming system with 552,900 units sold, and the company's Wii console came in second with 277,400.

"Sony's price cut should help that platform for the remainder of the year, but Nintendo still needs to cut if the industry is to recover," Schachter said.

Looking to this month, Wedbush Morgan analyst Michael Pachter said he's "got a feeling that sales won't let us down." Besides the new "Rock Band" and "Guitar Hero" games, Pachter also cited "Need for Speed: Shift" and "Halo ODST" as games likely to boost this month's sales.

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A visit with Mr. Green

A RECLUSIVE OLD MAN WANDERS FROM room to room in a cluttered, old-fashioned apartment that hasn't been attended to since his wife passed away. The furniture is from another era and the walls and bookcases are filled with tchotchkes accumulated over a long lifetime. Old spice bottles and seasonings stand in rows on the shelves in the kitchen, but the refrigerator is empty. Almost visible are the sour, stale smells that permeate such old apartments, clinging to the walls and curtains: an amalgam of moth balls, dirty socks, hundreds of meals of chicken soup and brisket and cabbage, and the fading scents of lavender and rose water.

This is the sanctuary and emotional prison of Mr. Green, a creation of playwright Jeff Baron, whose play "Visiting Mr. Green" is currently dazzling audiences at the Colony Theatre in Burbank. Mr. Green (a perfectly pitched Jack Axelrod) lives on the Upper West Side of Manhattan, but he almost never ventures out, never has visitors, doesn't socialize with his neighbors and has disconnected his phone.

"Why should I pay to get calls that are always wrong numbers?" he complains.

Suddenly, Mr. Green's solitary existence is invaded by a young man who has been sent to "help" him. Actually, he hasn't been "sent," he has been "sentenced." The young man, Ross, (Antonie Knoppers) had nearly hit Mr. Green with his car, even though Mr. Green had stepped into traffic without looking, and so Ross has been sentenced to six months of community service. His assignment is to visit Mr. Green once a week and see to any small jobs or errands that might need to be done.

Mr. Green, indignant at the thought that he might need help, is immediately hostile, and Ross, who isn't particularly delighted to be there, counters hostility with sudden anger. But the young man persists and eventually breaks through the wall that Mr. Green has built around himself. Finally, unlikely as it might seem, the two become friends.

Though their shared confidences are serious and moving, their shared conversation is hilarious. To Ross' rhetorical, "How are you?" Mr. Green whines, "What's the good of complaining?" When Ross asks why Mr. Green has 23 Manhattan phone books, Mr. Green responds, "They come for free!" And when Ross boils some water for tea, Mr. Green comments reprovingly, "You planning to use two teabags?" to which Ross, in mock horror, responds, "What was I thinking!"

Part of the softening up process comes when Mr. Green learns that Ross is Jewish. But he is dismayed when he discovers that Ross knows very little about their shared religion and he becomes even more disconcerted when Ross chides him about some of his beliefs and practices, which Ross considers not only counter-productive but bigoted.

"To be Jewish like you — who needs it?!" Mr. Green responds explosively. "There are rules. There are laws!"

Despite the lightness of the repartee, some serious subjects are explored, secrets shared, and sympathies exchanged. In the end, Ross has made his peace with his own perceived shortcomings while Mr. Green has been guided and helped back to a life of the living.

"Visiting Mr. Green" is a thoroughly absorbing play, beautifully acted by the two principals, and thoughtfully directed by David Rose. Seemingly frivolous at first, the play develops into a provocative and engaging encounter between two intelligent men: well written, funny, and meaningful. Further, it is tastefully staged by some of the best stage designers currently plying their trades in Los Angeles: David Potts on scenery, A. Jeffrey Schoenberg for costumes, Jeremy Pivnick on lighting and Cricket S. Myers on sound.

"Visiting Mr. Green" will continue at the Colony Theatre, 555 North Third St., in Burbank, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. through Sept. 27.

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Heckling not normally a part of political landscape

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Some 150 years ago, a congressman from South Carolina, angered by a speech on slavery, entered the Senate chamber and beat a senator from Massachusetts into unconsciousness with a metal-topped wooden cane.

Years earlier on the House floor, a representative from Vermont attacked a colleague from Connecticut — also with a cane — only to be attacked himself with a pair of fireplace tongs.

And then there was the 1838 pistol duel in which William Graves of Kentucky shot and killed fellow congressman Jonathan Cilley of Maine over words spoken on the House floor. (He wasn't even expelled.)

Given those breaches of congressional protocol, it would seem that a mere shout of "You lie!" from a 21st-century South Carolina congressman would be small potatoes. Especially when compared with a global tradition of brawls, scuffles, hurled insults (sometimes fruit, too) and other mayhem in legislatures around the world.

Yet there's little if any historical precedent for a U.S. congressman individually challenging a president during a speech to Congress — let alone accusing him of lying — which is just one reason why some longtime political observers were stunned by Rep. Joe Wilson's outburst.

Presidents didn't even address Congress between 1800, when John Adams held the job, and 1913, says Fred Beuttler, deputy historian at the House of Representatives, who calls the Wilson incident "highly unusual, if not unique."

"Occasionally, members of the opposing party have been known to boo and jeer as expressions of dissent on a specific point," says Beuttler, citing instances during the Bill Clinton and George W. Bush administrations. But before Wednesday, he says, "expressions of individual opposition of members to a president's speech had not been recorded."

Some have compared Wilson's outburst to those that occur routinely in Britain's House of Commons, when the prime minister is answering questions. But one political analyst says this is vastly different, because the prime minister isn't the head of state.

"Our president is the head of government and also the head of state, the combination of the country and the government," says Steven Cohen, professor of public administration at Columbia University. "We expect a certain amount of deference to the president, in the same way as we would for the queen. Here, we combine the two roles."

To another political analyst, it's the nature of the accusation — an elected official calling the president a liar — that is not only a serious breach (accusations of lying are forbidden under House rules) but also extremely rare in politics.

"Accusing someone of lying is impugning their integrity," says Kathleen Hall Jamieson, an expert on political communication at the Annenberg Public Policy Center at the University of Pennsylvania. "It was done in print a lot in the 19th century. But it is not routinely done in political discourse."

Congress is a place of deliberation, Jamieson adds: "If you call someone a liar, you've ended the deliberations. This is such a strong norm that it's been in the House rules since Jefferson."

In Britain, too, despite its lively parliament sessions, lawmakers can be suspended for accusing others of lying. One, Tam Dalyell, was thrown out for doing just that to former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, whom he called "a bounder, a liar, a deceiver, a cheat and a crook."

A British lawmaker was rebuked in 1986 for referring to President Ronald Reagan as Thatcher's "cretinous friend."

Winston Churchill was more subtle about the charge of lying, once describing a statement by another lawmaker as a "terminological inexactitude," now a commonly accepted euphemism for a lie.

Churchill was much subtler than the Labour lawmaker who accused Thatcher of acting "with the sensitivity of a sex-starved boa-constrictor." Or the members threatened with suspension for using terms including "hooligan," "cad," "jackass," "Pecksniffian cant," "coward," "git," "guttersnipe," "stool pigeon" and "traitor." Or Prime Minister John Major, who called Tony Blair, then the opposition leader, a "dimwit."

And royalty hasn't been exempt: The late Willie Hamilton, a Labour MP, was ordered to retract his description of Prince Charles as "that young twerp."

In Asia, it can get physical — all-out brawls are almost an annual event in Taiwan's raucous legislature, where in May 2007, lawmakers exchanged punches, climbed on each other's shoulders and jostled violently during a debate over electoral reform.

In Seoul, hundreds of lawmakers screamed and wrestled in South Korea's parliament in July, scuffling and shouting, grabbing each other by the neck and trying to bring opponents to the floor. Last year, lawmakers used sledgehammers to pound their way into a parliamentary committee room.

In Hong Kong, meanwhile, maverick lawmaker Raymond Wong, nicknamed "Mad Dog," hurled a bunch of bananas across the legislative chamber to protest an old-age allowance scheme.

And in Israel, parliament speeches are often drowned out by shouting legislators leaping out of their seats, pointing fingers and running about the chamber or being ordered out by the speaker. In 2001, Ethics Committee chairwoman Colette Avital circulated a list of 68 insults she wanted banned, including: blood-drinker, boor, fascist, filth, eye-gouger, Jew-hater, Nazi, Philistine, terrorist, traitor and poodle.

Such colorful drama is less familiar to Americans these days, at least since an 1858 debate over allowing Kansas as a state.

"A brawl ensued on the House floor with 50 or more representatives rushing towards one another and wrestling and punching each other as the Speaker, James Orr of South Carolina, pleaded for order," says Beuttler, though he notes the fight ended in laughter as one congressman pulled the wig off another, "which set the whole House of Representatives roaring with laughter."

Recent years have been much less colorful — until this week, and Wilson's remark, the fallout from which continues to saturate the airwaves and the blogosphere.

Many have blamed a culture of talk radio, the Internet and cable TV, where everyone has a point of a view and a platform.

"If we become accustomed to hearing people call a politician a liar everywhere else — for example, in town halls — suddenly it seems more natural in a place where it's never been acceptable," says Jamieson.

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Volunteers mark 9/11 with acts of kindness

SUZANNE MA
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK The selfless spirit that helped mend a stricken nation eight years ago was renewed. Volunteers marked 9/11 Friday by tilling gardens, writing letters to soldiers, setting out flags — and, at ground zero, by joining the somber ritual of reading the names of the lost.

President Barack Obama, who observed his first Sept. 11 as president by declaring it a national day of service, laid a wreath Friday at the Pentagon and, with wife Michelle, helped paint the living room of a Habitat for Humanity house in Washington.

"We honor all those who gave their lives so that others might live, and all the survivors who battled burns and wounds and helped each other rebuild their lives," Obama said. He said the day was meant also as a tribute to the "service of a new generation."

Memorials in New York, at the Pentagon and at the crash site of United Airlines Flight 93 in Pennsylvania all took place under gray skies. A chilly rain fell in lower Manhattan, and those reading names at the World Trade Center site spoke under tents.

"We miss you. Life will never be the same without you," said Vladimir Boyarsky, whose son, Gennady Boyarsky, was killed. "This is not the rain. This is the tears."

In the hours after the attack and for weeks afterward, volunteers responded to New York City's needs, sending emergency workers to help with the recovery, cards to victims' families, and boxes of supplies.

"Each act was a link in a continuous chain that stopped us from falling into cynicism and despair," said New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg.

Across the country, Americans marked the anniversary with service projects.

Volunteers in Boston stuffed packages for military personnel overseas. In Tennessee and West Virginia, they distributed donated food for the needy. Community volunteers in Maine worked on a garden and picnic area for families transitioning out of homelessness.

In Chicago, they tilled community gardens, cooked lunch for residents of a shelter and packed food for mothers and babies. And on the lawn of the Ohio Statehouse, volunteers arranged nearly 3,000 small American flags, in a pattern reminiscent of the trade center's twin towers. At the top was an open space in the shape of a pentagon.

"It's different than just seeing numbers on a paper, when you actually see the flags. It's a visual impact of those lives," said Nikki Marlette, 62, of the Los Angeles suburb of Palos Verdes Estates.

Hurricane season has been uneventful thus far

JENNIFER KAY
Associated Press Writer

MIAMI It may be tempting the weather gods just to point this out, but this has been a dud of a hurricane season so far.

Only two hurricanes have formed in the Atlantic over the past three months, and neither hit the U.S. — a somewhat unusual lull.

"I'm glad that I didn't have to go out and get anything — yet," said Lissette Galiana, who was shopping at a Wal-Mart in suburban Miami on Friday, around what is usually the very peak of the Atlantic hurricane season. "There's always a chance."

Forecasters attribute the calm to a weak El Nino, the periodic warming of the central Pacific Ocean. It is producing strong upper-level winds out of the west that are shearing off the tops of thunderstorm clouds that can develop into hurricanes.

Of course, the season has nearly 2Ω months to go, and forecasters and emergency planners are warning people not to let their guard down, noting that powerful hurricanes have hit in the fall, including Wilma, which cut an unusually large swath of damage across Florida in October 2005.

"It's less active, but there's still possibility of a hurricane strike," said Gerry Bell, a hurricane forecaster at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Climate Prediction Center in Washington.

NOAA's forecast just before the June 1 start of the Atlantic season called for nine to 14 named tropical storms, with four to seven of them becoming hurricanes.

No tropical storms took shape until Aug. 15, when Ana formed. Five more have developed since then, including Claudette, which hit the Florida Panhandle. Two of those tropical storms strengthened into Hurricanes Bill and Fred.

Bill never came ashore in the U.S. but churned up waves blamed for at least two deaths — one in Maine, the other in Florida. Fred, meanwhile, weakened to a tropical storm Friday while it was still far out over the Atlantic.

By mid-September of last year, there had been nine tropical storms, five of them hurricanes, including Ike, which plowed into Galveston Island, Texas, on Sept. 13, Gustav, which pounded Louisiana on Sept. 1, and Dolly, which slammed South Texas in late July.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina smashed New Orleans in late August, and Hurricane Rita, the 17th named storm of the season, howled ashore near the Texas-Louisiana line on Sept. 24.

But no hurricanes at all struck the U.S. in 2000, 2001 or 2006.



Oil losses lead stocks down after week of gains

TIM PARADIS
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK Investors pulled money out of stocks after a five-day rally left the market at its highest levels in nearly a year.

Even with the latest surge, stocks have little to show for the past decade. Eight years to the day after the 9/11 terror attacks, the Dow Jones industrial average finished within one-tenth of a point where it ended on Sept. 10, 2001, illustrating how hard markets have been hit by the recession.

Stocks slipped in quiet trading Friday after the recent string of gains and a drop in oil prices. Crude slid 3.7 percent, which hurt energy stocks like Exxon Mobil Corp. That overshadowed a rosier profit forecast from FedEx Corp. and a government report on improving sales at wholesalers.

Even with the losses, stocks still logged big gains for the week.

The forecast from FedEx is important because its delivery business is seen as an indicator of how healthy the economy is. FedEx cited stronger international shipments and cost-cutting for the improvement. Investors track demand at industrial companies because rising orders would be one of the first signals that the economy is strengthening.

Separately, the Commerce Department reported that sales at the wholesale level rose in July by the biggest amount in more than a year, even though inventories fell for a record 11th straight month.

The gains in industrial stocks came at the expense of areas that have been leaders in the market's six-month rally such as technology and financial shares.

"The market always overshoots on either side. I think we're at the point in the move where we need to see the fundamentals catch up to support these levels," said Sean Simko, head of fixed income management at SEI Investments in Oaks, Pa. "In the short-term, the market is going to take a little breather."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 22.07, or 0.2 percent, to 9,605.41. The index closed Thursday at its highest level since October. Because of the steep slide that began in the fall of 2007, stocks are still stuck at about the same level they were at eight years ago. On Sept. 10, 2001, the Dow ended at 9,605.51; that is nearly identical to Friday's close of 9,605.41.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 1.41, or 0.1 percent, to 1,042.73, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 3.12, or 0.2 percent, to 2,080.90.

About four stocks rose for every three that fell on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 1.3 billion shares, compared with 1.5 billion Thursday.

For the week, the Dow rose 1.7 percent, the S&P 500 index added 2.6 percent and the Nasdaq rose 3.1 percent.

Meanwhile, gold again rose above $1,000 to its highest level since February.

Frank Haines, chief investment officer at Christian Brothers Investment Services in New York, contends investors have been overlooking problems that remain in the economy such as bad debt.

"The stock rally we've had has been lead by some of the weakest companies out there," Haines said, pointing to financials and home builders.

The S&P 500 index is up 54.1 percent since hitting a 12-year low in March, although it is still down 33.4 percent from its peak in October 2007.

Rising commodity prices and signs of life in corporate dealmaking pushed stocks higher during the week, which was made shorter by the Labor Day holiday. Investors rising commodities prices as a signal that industrial activity could be picking up. Kraft Foods Inc.'s thus-far unsuccessful bid for rival Cadbury PLC this week was also seen as a sign of growing confidence among U.S. companies.

A rush of economic data next week could help investors determine whether the expected economic rebound is on track. Reports are due on retail sales, industrial production, housing and inflation. Analysts will be paying particular attention to reports on retailers because consumer spending accounts for about 70 percent of U.S. economic activity. Any rebound in the economy will have to be accompanied by a greater flow of money into cash registers.

Bond prices were mixed after spiking Thursday when a government debt auction produced strong demand. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note was flat at 3.35 percent from late Thursday.

Light, sweet crude fell $2.65 to settle at $69.29 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The slide in oil hurt some energy stocks, which supported the market for much of the week. Exxon Mobil fell 67 cents, or 1 percent, to $69.98.

FedEx jumped $4.66, or 6.4 percent, to $77.32 after raising its forecast.

Electronics retailer Best Buy Co. fell $1.29, or 3.1 percent, to $39.76 after an Oppenheimer analyst lowered his rating on the stock, noting it has been trading near the top of their 52-week range.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 1.31, or 0.2 percent, to 593.59.

Overseas, Britain's FTSE 100 rose 0.5 percent, Germany's DAX index gained 0.5 percent, and France's CAC-40 rose 0.8.

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 70°

Swell Forecast

We may see some forerunners sneak in from time to time from Sunday's swell, but that's not likely until the afternoon.

Long Range Synopsis

It looks like we'll be seeing NW swell from the WestPac system mentioned in the synopsis above.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



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QUICK STATS (for the last 28 days)

- Number of sewage spills -- 0
- Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill -- 0
- Number of wet days -- 0
- Number of A grades for dry/wet weather -- 41 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 5 / ns

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LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechusa and Las Alisos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Dan Blocker County Beach	A+	ns
Puerco State Beach at creek mouth	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerco Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	A	ns
Surfrider Beach at Malibu Colony fence	F	ns
Surfrider Beach (breach location)- daily	B	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east	F	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon	A+	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zero)	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs	A+	ns
Pena Creek at Las Tunas County Beach	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon	A+	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth	A	ns
Castlerock Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach	F	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain)	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua)	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier	C	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

ns -- no sample taken

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NCAA FOOTBALL

UCLA to be tested against Tennessee

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. Tennessee and UCLA had fairly easy season openers. Now it's time for a real test.

"It's going to show what kind of a team we are, and it's something we've been looking forward to the whole season," Bruins safety Rahim Moore said.

After finishing last season 5-7, Tennessee hired coach Lane Kiffin to return the program back to its winning ways, and his tenure time started with a bang. The Vols cruised to a 63-7 win over Football Bowl Subdivision newcomer Western Kentucky, and their 657 yards on offense were the most since Peyton Manning was in charge.

UCLA struggled briefly, allowing San Diego State two quick touchdowns. After ending the first quarter behind 14-3, the Bruins defense limited the Aztecs to just 130 yards in the final three quarters and won 33-14.

No one is confusing Western Kentucky or San Diego State for BCS-caliber opponents.

"It'll be a little different this week," Tennessee defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin said. "We'll get a good test. No doubt about it. This is a good football team."

For one thing, the Vols and the Bruins have a lot in common.

Tennessee's defense was as stifling as UCLA's last week, limiting the Hilltoppers to 83 yards. Both defenses are anchored by ball-hawk safeties in Moore, who had three interceptions in the opener, and Tennessee's Eric Berry, who is 15 yards away from setting the NCAA career interception return yardage record.

Neither team is very deep, and both are playing a number of young players to develop depth. The Vols played 11 true freshman last week, including top receiver Marsalis Teague, while the Bruins fielded eight and played a redshirt freshman quarterback, Kevin Prince.

"Here's a quarterback making his first start on the road," Lane Kiffin said. "We need our fans a lot, especially on third down. We need our stadium to be rocking to help us win this game."

When the teams take the field at Neyland Stadium on Saturday, their offensive schemes may look similar. Lane Kiffin studied under Bruins offensive coordinator Norm Chow when the pair were assistants at Southern California.

And both teams are on a mission to prove they've turned things around after a rough 2008 season.

Tennessee never found its footing after the season-opening 27-24 overtime loss to UCLA last season, finishing 5-7 and firing coach Phillip Fulmer.

The Vols didn't do much after grabbing four first-half interceptions off then-quarterback Kevin Craft and lost the game when Daniel Lincoln missed a 34-yard field goal in overtime.

"It does motivate us, seeing what did happen last year," Berry said. "That just shows us we can't take them lightly also. They showed us what type of team they were last year, and we just have to do what we need to do."

NCAA FOOTBALL

Kiffin, Chow reunite

BY BETH RUCKER
Associated Press Writer

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. The Tennessee defense noticed something when watching film on UCLA. The Bruins' offense looked strikingly similar to what the Volunteers face every week in practice

And for good reason.

Tennessee coach Lane Kiffin spent four years working with Bruins offensive coordinator Norm Chow when the two were at Southern California.

"Coach (Chow) was a very big part of my development as a coach," Kiffin said. "I got to see him call plays for four years, and see how he did it. Obviously he's had an unbelievable career and unbelievable success, and I've learned a tremendous amount from him."

Kiffin worked as an assistant during Chow's four years as offensive coordinator of the Trojans, first coaching tight ends, then working with wide receivers and eventually adding passing game coordinator responsibilities in 2004.

When Chow — who's developed quarterbacks such as Jim McMahon, Steve Young, Philip Rivers and Carson Palmer — left to take the same job with the NFL Tennessee Titans in 2005 it was Kiffin who replaced him.

After Chow left for the Titans, rumors swirled that he had been pushed out in favor of Kiffin and Steve Sarkisian, USC's assistant head coach who shared play-calling duties with Kiffin.

Kiffin said he still has a "very good" relationship with Chow, who didn't return calls from The Associated Press. The pair met in a 2008 NFL preseason game last season while Kiffin was coaching the Oakland Raiders. Chow's Titans won, 17-16.

But while keeping an eye on the two offenses Saturday should be entertaining, Kiffin says there is another subplot to watch.

Monte Kiffin's defense vs. Chow's offense.

"It's kind of like a legend's matchup with Norm Chow versus Monte Kiffin," he said. "That's a big chess matchup of arguably the best defensive coordinator in the NFL history versus the best offensive coordinator in college history."

After joining the Tennessee staff in December, Lane Kiffin hired his father away from the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers to serve as Tennessee's defensive coordinator. Monte Kiffin spent 13 seasons with the Bucs, and his Tampa 2 scheme ranked among the best in the NFL most of that time.

Monte Kiffin got to know Chow when he would spend time with his son in California during the offseason. In 2007, Monte Kiffin's Tampa Bay defense helped hold off Chow's Titans offense in a 13-10 win.

"Norm's good. If he would miss the flight, it wouldn't hurt my feelings," he said.

All of that history gave UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel something to work with in preparing the Bruins (1-0) for Tennessee (1-0).

MOVIE TIMES

Aero Theatre
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Triple Feature

Phantasm (NR) 1hr 28min
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Phantasm II (NR) 1hr 37min
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The Hangover (R) 1hr 36min
4:30, 7:00, 9:45

Taking Woodstock (R) 1hr 50min
11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:15

Beyond a Reasonable Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 45min
11:40 a.m., 2:15, 4:50, 7:20, 10:00

Halloween II (2009) (R) 1hr 41min
11:50 a.m., 2:30, 5:00, 7:45, 10:20

Shorts (PG) 1hr 29min
11:30 a.m., 1:45

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

Ponyo (Gake no ue no Ponyo) (G) 1hr 40min
11:20am, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:30

The Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13) 1hr 48min
11:30am, 2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50

Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
10:45am, 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:20

Gamer (R) 1hr 35min
12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:00

9 (PG-13) 1hr 19min
10:55am, 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

September Issue (PG-13) 1hr 30min
11:50am, 2:15, 4:40, 7:00, 9:20

Whiteout (R) 1hr 46min
11:40am, 2:30, 5:00, 7:50, 10:30

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

Extract (R) 1hr 30min
1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:00, 10:15

(500) Days of Summer (PG-13) 1hr 35min
1:50, 4:30, 7:20, 9:45

The Hurt Locker (R) 2hr 10min
4:10, 9:50

In the Loop (NR) 1hr 46min
1:30, 7:10

Headless Woman (La mujer sin cabeza) (NR) 1hr 27min
1:00, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

The Cove (PG-13) 1hr 30min
11:00 a.m.

Yoo-Hoo, Mrs. Goldberg (NR) 1hr 90min
11:00 a.m.

Cloud 9 (Wolke Neun) (NR) 1hr 38min
11:00 a.m.

Irene in Time (PG-13) 1hr 34min
11:00 a.m.

Mann's Criterion Theatre
1313 Third St.
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The Final Destination 3D (R) 1hr 22min
12:10, 2:20, 4:30, 6:40, 9:10

Inglourious Basterds (R) 2hrs 32min
12:00, 1:30, 3:30, 5:00, 7:00, 8:30, 10:210

District 9 (R) 1hr 53min
1:00, 4:05, 7:00, 9:50

All About Steve (PG-13) 1hr 39min
11:40am, 2:00, 4:40, 7:10, 9:40

Sorority Row (R) 1hr 40min
11:50am, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All by Myself (PG-13) 1hr 53min
11:30am, 2:10, 4:50, 7:40, 10:20

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Make nice, Scorpio

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Make calls to friends, and decide who, what and where. Possibly, a sense of fatigue or having enough of everyone colors your actions. Friends have unusual suggestions; one catches your imagination. Someone might not be as playful as you might like. Tonight: Home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Don't let the thought of "no" interfere with any possibilities. Keep bucking the trend until you don't get a negative reaction. You will discover that someone is quite inspiring and caring. Tonight: Hang out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Stream out the door and enjoy your day. A domestic matter could hold you back. Don't allow that to happen. Accept an invitation involving the arts and/or water, which will allow your mind to wander. Tonight: Treat someone to dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You might not feel great early on. Indulge yourself, and by midafternoon you'll feel better. At that point, make plans. Do what you want with the people you want. Understand that someone might not be feeling up to snuff. Tonight: Make a dream a reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Take your time dealing with friends. What's bothering you might not be worth the angst. Just let go and relax. Late afternoon, some private time with someone you love is just what the doctor ordered. Tonight: Make it exclusive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Spring free as soon as you can. You might want to clear out any type of event that involves work-related associations. Once you decide to really begin your weekend, don't let anyone trip you up. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Take off ASAP. You are going to see a situation differently once you get more information. A mini-trip could be in the offing. Listen to news openly. Someone close could be quite irritating. Tonight: A must appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Close relating is clearly on the agenda -- in your mind! Head out the door and vanish if you can. You might find that another person didn't understand what your plans were, and there could be a slight upset. Tonight: Make nice.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Go along with a friend's or loved one's plans. You might need to cancel an event, but this person could be more important. At the end of the day, you'll feel much closer to that someone. Caring emanates. Tonight: Just let it happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Enjoying your Saturday might look like getting that nap and not feeling pressured. You of all signs take responsibility very seriously. Tonight: In the thick of a happening.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Make the most of the day. You might be unusually playful or fun-loving. Allow a child to play a stronger role in plans, or just let go and be a kid again. Nothing makes someone smile like joy and spontaneity. Tonight: Honor your energy levels.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Enjoy your home and family. Don't feel like you have to do anything that you don't want to. A friend could be quite challenging and force your hand. Later today, put on your dancing shoes, and you'll feel the desire to party. Tonight: Play away.

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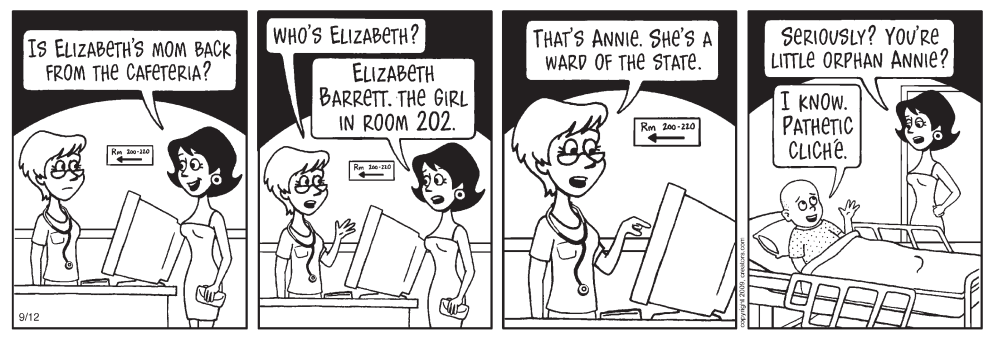
This year, you often feel tired and overwhelmed by everything that is dropped on your plate. Learn ways of letting go of fatigue and at the same time taking better care of your health and well-being. Let go of stress, and you won't be quite so tired. Discover an exercise or habit that helps you relax. November 2009 onward, you will feel much better than in the past. A cycle that began more than two years ago ends. If you are single, you could choose someone quite interesting in 2010; however, this person could be controlling. If you are attached, learn to respect your sweetie and his or her opinions. Both of you can be right. CANCER is a friend.

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

6	9	4	1	8	2	3	7	5
1	3	8	6	7	5	2	4	9
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9	1	2	7	5	8	6	3	4
8	5	3	2	6	4	9	1	7
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10 Nouveau —
12 Flared dress
13 Figure of speech
14 Spills the beans
15 Dr.'s field
16 Sulky state
18 Bill word
19 Expensive
21 Pinhead
22 Deterred
24 Bad kind of situation
25 Formed couples
29 Car scar
30 Duds
32 Squid's squirt
33 Cal. abbr.
34 Cal. abbr.
35 Play place
37 Corn
39 Radium discoverer
40 Door sign
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42 Circus sight

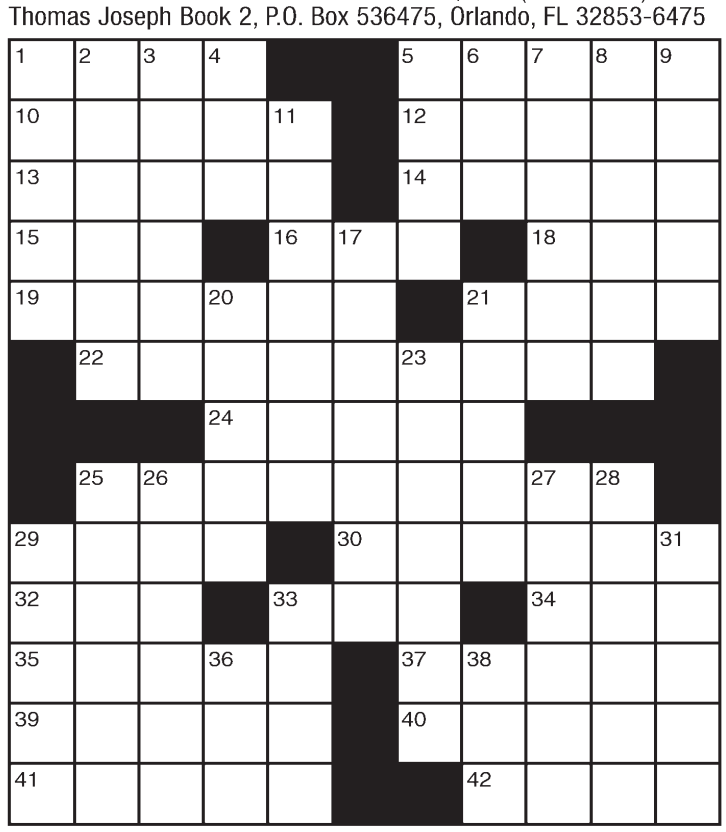
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1 Make wavy
2 Pony Express workers
3 Like lemon juice
4 Question of identity
5 Endure
6 Ring legend
7 In a way
8 Surround
9 Bowling button
11 Napoleon, for one
17 Glasses
20 "Hush!"
21 "— Enter"
23 Served a sentence
25 Confined
26 Turkey's capital
27 Limited
28 Like ice
29 Music holders
31 Chris of the court
33 Pros' charges
36 Game for two
38 Tiny worker

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Adventures With Lubricants: In January 2004, a National Park Service ranger arrested Marvin Buchanon for drug possession along the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina. Buchanon had been discovered sitting in a truck one evening, naked, covered with baby oil and with women's underwear at his feet. And four months later, Roger Chamberlain, 44, was arrested in Binghamton, N.Y., after having allegedly smeared 14 containers' worth of petroleum jelly on nearly every inch of the walls and furniture of a Motel 6 room (and who was found shortly afterward at another motel, his own body covered with the substance).

■ Breakthroughs in Eye Hair: The pharmaceutical company Allergan has introduced eyelash-thickener Latisse, a $120 per month prescription "medication" to help a woman overcome feelings of inadequacy if she suffers from scrawny lashes. Alternatively, eyelash transplants are now available in the U.S. and Britain, originally developed to restore lashes for burn victims, but, according to the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, now to market to women dissatisfied with their own (at about $6,000). And in May, Washington, D.C., resident Brian Peterkin-Vertanesian petitioned the Guinness Book to recognize "Wally," his 6 3/8-inch eyebrow hair as the world's longest, beating the current record by almost an inch.

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1983 The USSR vetoes a UN Security Council Resolution deploring the Soviet shooting down of a Korean civilian jetliner on September 1.

1990 The two German states and the Four Powers sign the Treaty on the Final Settlement With Respect to Germany in Moscow, paving the way for German re-unification.

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