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THE BACK IN THE SADDLE AGAIN ISSUE



Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

SAFEGUARD: **Environmentalists and fishermen are working to create marine protection zones in the Santa Monica Bay to restore habitats.**

Creating levels of protection for bay

BY MARISSA LYMAN
Special to the Daily Press

SM BAY The Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission has unanimously approved an effort to protect high-quality rocky habitats in the Santa Monica Bay such as Point Dume and the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

The vote came last week as stakeholders in the California Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) moved forward in determining what areas along Southern California's coast will receive protection much like state and federal parks.

After a unanimous vote by the commission on Aug. 20 to support the MLPA, members of the initiative broke into three groups on Sept. 9 and 10 to draft maps of the proposed protected areas.

"I am very excited to see what they come up with," Shelley Luce, executive director of the commission, said, citing that the groups include representatives from fisheries to recreation organizations. "These stakeholders are experts in different areas. … It's a really interesting cross section."

Luce and her staff first began work on the resolution in June, developing a position based on both scientific process and public input.

"It was very challenging for my staff and me to understand all of the positions of all of the different board members and to help them to focus on the aspects that are going to impact their own agency or city or business," Luce said.

Mike Gin, mayor of the city of Redondo Beach and a vice chair of the commission, was especially concerned about what protecting the area around Rocky Point would mean for the city's economy.

"Our primary concern with the resolution itself was that there really wasn't much emphasis or mention of the economic impact [of] the MLPA," Matthew Kilroy, city of Redondo Beach council member for District 5 said. Kilroy represented the mayor at the commission meeting.

After discussion with the commission, the wording of the resolution was changed so that in the future stakeholders will be able to look at not only the biological, but also the socio-economic impact of the MPAs, Kilroy said.

"I don't think it really had everything we wanted to regards to language, but overall … we look at it as a very positive thing," Kilroy said, adding that they are still anxious to see what the completed proposals will mean for the Rocky Point area.

"I'm very proud that they took the time to thoroughly discuss their concerns that they felt comfortable voting in favor of the MLPA," Luce said.

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Brownley, Pavley not big on gifts

BY MELODY HANATANI
Daily Press Staff Writer

SACRAMENTO A $151 hotel room in Lodi, $81 dinner, $10 chocolate computer and a $2 flashlight — these are just some of the gifts that state Assemblywoman Julia Brownley and Sen. Fran Pavley have received in the past year.

That's according to an online database compiled by the Sacramento Bee earlier this month, detailing the gifts that state officials, their staff and family received from January 2008 to June 2009, which altogether amount to 12,000 items totaling approximately $833,000.

The California Fair Political Practices Commission requires that state officials publicly disclose any gifts valued at more than $50. Gifts from a single source may not exceed $420 in a calendar year.

There are a several exceptions concerning public reporting and gift limits, including items that are returned, donated to a nonprofit organization, or received from family members.

Officials who break the rules could face an administrative fine of up to $5,000 per violation, Roman Porter, the executive director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, said.

Topping the list of officials who have received the most gifts — excluding travel — is Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger with $21,377, followed by former state Assemblyman Fabian Nunez, who reported $14,626 and current Speaker of the Assembly, Karen Bass, who got about $13,671.

The gifts received for the two local representatives is minimal by comparison — Pavley reported $2,112 and Brownley $839.

Both elected officials have few big ticket items. For Pavley, the largest gifts came from the Northern California Carpenters Regional Council in December 2008 for $159 worth of food and drinks, followed by the Consumer Attorneys of California, which paid for a $151 hotel room at Wine & Roses in Lodi. She also received a dinner at the Citizen Hotel in April from the

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Santa Monica Rent Control staff and code compliance officers teach building owners and tenants the basic standards for maintenance of residential rental properties in this free presentation. Call (310)458-8751 for more information.

Moving on after divorce
212 Main St., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
This six week proactive workshop and support group combines the best of life coaching and therapy in a safe, confidential environment. Cost is $300 for six weeks. Call (310)439-8964 for more information.

Leading ladies
Annenberg Community Beach House
415 Pacific Coast Highway, 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Author Judith Freeman covers pulp fiction writer Raymond Chandler's colorful life in a reading of "The Long Embrace: Raymond Chandler and the Woman He Loved." After his wife Cissy died in 1954, Chandler wrote one of his most famous novels, "The Long Goodbye." Admission is free.
For more information call (310) 458-4904.

Get connected
The Yard
119 Broadway, 6:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Try your luck at high-speed networking. Make new business contacts while enjoying complimentary snacks. Cash bar. For more information, contact Marissa at (212) 227-6556.

It's free
Santa Monica Playhouse
1211 Fourth St., 4 p.m. — 6 p.m., 7 p.m. — 9 p.m.
Spend two hours with renowned actors from Italy's Blue in the Face Theatre Co. and Santa Monica's Actors' Repertory Theatre! The Santa Monica Playhouse Italian/American Festival presents a series of free public theatre and cultural exchange workshops, including "Mano a Mano," a movement and mime workshop and "Passo Passo," the exploration of music and traditions, both suitable for ages 10 to adult; and "Cosi Cosi," a journey into the worlds of personal and global relationships, for ages 18 and up. Participation is open to interested thespians and community members. Italian proficiency is not required. Participation in all workshops is free. However, enrollment must be completed before the day of the workshop. No one will be admitted without prior approval.

Wednesday, September 16

Overcoming mental illness
Santa Monica Public Library Main Branch
601 Santa Monica Blvd., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Tom Wootton, author of the new book "Bipolar in Order," will be giving a presentation about living an extraordinary life with bipolar disorder and depression, offering his perspective on the treatment of mental conditions. This talk is free and open to the public. Call (310)889-7200 for more information.

Calling all book worms
Montana Avenue Branch Library
1704 Montana Ave., 7 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Join this free book group for a discussion of Bliss Broyard's "One Drop." Call (310)829-7081 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.

Fire displaces local family

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

SUNSET PARK A local family received a rude awakening on Saturday morning when a fire broke out in the bathroom of their apartment unit.

The Santa Monica Fire Department responded to the fire at about 3:14 a.m. at 2315 14th St., battling a blaze that injured one person and caused extensive smoke damage throughout the unit.

The unit was occupied by a family of four adults, one of whom suffered second degree burns to their leg. The burn victim was treated at the scene and transported to Saint John's Health Center. The remaining three tenants received temporary accommodations at a local motel, courtesy of the Santa Monica Chapter of the American Red Cross, which also provided them with debit cards for food and other necessities.

The fire was contained in the bathroom but the unit was deemed uninhabitable because of water and smoke damage. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

It's the second apartment blaze in two weeks.

Five people were displaced in an early morning fire on Aug. 29 at 1943 20th St., destroying one unit and damaging three others located in a detached structure that's part of a two-story courtyard style apartment complex in the Pico Neighborhood. The cause of the fire was believed to be electrical in nature. One firefighter suffered minor burns to his knee in that blaze.

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Cossette, father of the Grammy Awards, dies

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

EASTSIDE Pierre Cossette, who founded the modern Grammy Awards and produced the globally televised music awards ceremony for 35 years, died of congestive heart failure at a Montreal hospital. He was 85.

The Canadian producer's death was

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ANYTHING FOR THE KIDS

Photos by Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

Kids and staff compete in a whipped cream eating contest (above) and jump around in giant playpen at the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Monica's annual Day for Kids event on Saturday, Sept. 12.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Try people pollution, not pigeons

Editor:

Oh Poseidon! Perfidious pigeons pooping in the Pacific! The nerve! Who will be next? Are those dammed fish and sea gulls getting away with it too?

Santa Monica, as a government, often seems almost automatically to take the most violent path when presented with a "problem" involving more helpless life forms – hundreds of trees, squirrels, pigeons. Who's next?

It is pretty apparent that trying birth control would be both more humane and extraordinarily cheaper than netting – whether or not the pigeons actually present any problem. This is animal cruelty.

Some day, some investigative reporter is going to connect all the dots and blow the whistle on the governing of our environment in Santa Monica. Perhaps people pollution and over development is just too profitable.

Cosmo Bua
Santa Monica

Contributing factors

Editor:

In our 2006 Santa Monica Pier study we (Heal the Bay) concluded that the old stormdrain and its nuisance flows were most likely the predominant source of fecal bacteria to the beach. As a result of this study and their own investigation, the city of Santa Monica replaced the stormdrain under the pier and the dry weather runoff diversion to the Santa Monica Urban Runoff Reuse Facility right before Memorial Day, 2009. Heal the Bay commends City Hall for completing this critical project in record time in order to protect human health.

Since the installation of the new storm drain, water quality has improved at the pier in stops and starts. Modifications have been made to the pumps and hopefully, with continued preventative maintenance, this project will become an even greater success (current grade is B).

In the conclusion of our report, we identified roosting birds, leaky overhead pipes, and hosing off hard surfaces on top of the pier as possible secondary sources of fecal bacteria contamination to the beach, but the overarching focus of the report was on the need to fix the broken-down, leaky stormdrain.

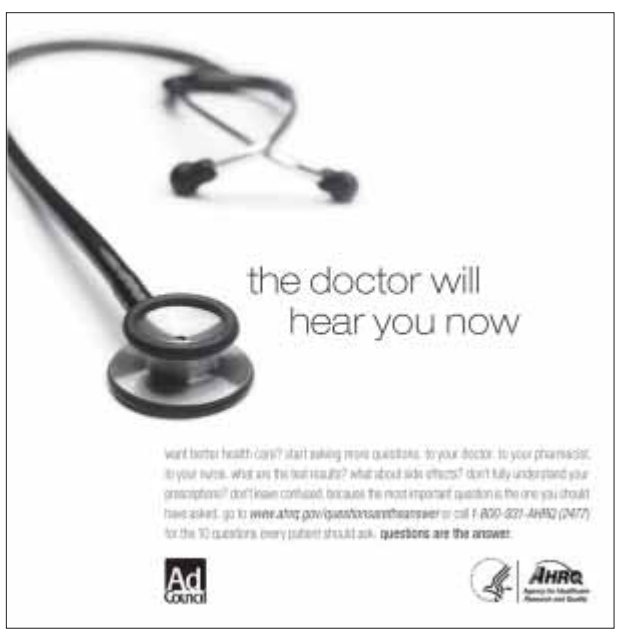
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Heal the Bay

Is that all?

Editor:

Congratulations to Santa Monica on the pier's 100th birthday. But wasn't there a plan in the works to celebrate the birthday with a "Boatox" makeover? The pier was going to be extended to its original length, and boat docks were to be added. Those plans were so exciting. What happened?

Paul Bergman
Santa Monica





Back to Nature

Reese Halter — Send comments to editor@smdp.com

Foxtail pines intrigue anti-aging scientists

OF THE 110 OR SO PINE SPECIES, THREE cousins classified as foxtail pines live for thousands of years and hold many answers to anti-aging.

Great Basin bristlecone pine (Pinus longaeva), Rocky Mountain bristlecone pine (P. aristata) and foxtail pine (P. balfouriana) all live in the high mountains of western United States and have done so for the past 40 million years.

Great Basin bristlecone can live at least 4,862 years and its tree rings of living, dead standing trees and fallen pieces of wood have enabled scientists a continuous glimpse at climate in east central California since the end of the Pleistocene some 11,000 years ago. It's unlike any other of the 80,000 species of trees on Earth.

The three species are grouped together because they have needles bunched together in groups of five and branches resembling a fox's tail. And these species are very long-lived with foxtail reaching 2,110 years while Rocky Mountain bristlecone have been recorded at 2,435 years.

Tree scientists believe bristlecones and foxtails can live so long because of the harsh environment they call home. High mountain tops are very cold and dry, and very little is able to grow under these conditions. In addition, a scant amount of undergrowth with rocky soils prevents fire from creating a disturbance. In fact, it is so dry with about 10 inches of precipitation a year that wood-rotting fungi grows too slowly to debilitate these magnificent trees.

Unlike any other pines these three cousins have needle bundles that can all give rise to new buds, using them to grow new branches to replace those that die.

Winds of 120 mph blast ice crystals and rock dust wearing out bark and grotesquely shaping treetops. Tree roots, trunks, and branches have evolved in semi-independent sections so that when damage occurs the entire tree is not harmed.

Life at the top of the mountain is fraught with unimaginable hardships. The growing season lasts about two months. Needles are coated with thick layers of wax protecting moisture loss, and ice and dust damage. Like everything else about these trees, needles are designed for the long haul living for 45 years before being discarded.

Large, one third- to three-quarters of an inch long, seeds have oval wings twice the length of seeds. Cones mature after 26 months and seeds fall from the cone and "helicopter" to the ground.

Clark's nutcracker, a gray, black and white relative of jays, harvest seeds and remember where most but not all caches are located.

These pines are all intolerant of shade, yet despite the fierce environmental conditions seeds manage to germinate and if they can survive the first 20 decades, they will have reached the sapling stage. I've measure a 3-foot tall Great Basin bristlecone that was 650 years old.

In order to be considered mature, a Great Basin bristlecone must celebrate its 1,000th birthday. It will be gnarled having porcupine girdles and frost scars along its trunk. A few structural roots will be exposed by hundreds of years of soil erosion and evidence of fine roots exhausted from mining the soil for nutrients, finally suffering mineral famine, are visible to the trained eye.

Unlike any other known living thing these trees and the ancient cliff cedars (Thuja occidentalis) of the Niagara Escarpment show no sign of the degenerative aging process. Many of them live more than two miles above the Earth yet they exhibit no mutations as they stoically enter their 48th century of life despite being bombarded by extreme levels of cosmic radiation. Gerontologists are awed that there are no signs of any chromosomal changes, including shortening of their tips as they age. They have classified Great Basin bristlecone pine as an organism of "negligible senescence."

TREAT YOUR FAMILY TO A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE, VISIT HEAVENS GATE AND THE GREAT BASIN BRISTLECONE PINES OF SCHULMAN GROVE, WHITE MOUNTAINS, CALIFORNIA AND TOUCH THE WHITE DOLOMITE SEDIMENTARY ROCKS, FORMERLY THE WARM SEA OF 600 MILLION YEARS AGO, THAT HOLD SOME OF THE ANSWERS TO IMMORTALITY.

Great Basin bristlecone pines eventually die because they outgrow the very soil and rock that supports them. They are the undisputed longest living non-clonal tree species on Earth.

The only perceived threat to these ancient trees appears to be global warming as the temperatures in the 20th century across the western U.S. have risen between 2 and 5 degrees. In addition, in California the time it takes for snow on the ground to melt has decreased 16 days between 1951 and 1996. These extreme cold temperature trees are on the edge — unable to migrate beyond the mountain tops.

The voracious mountain pine beetles have sped-up their life cycle due to rising temperatures and droughts, and begun to lay waste to the high elevation Rocky Mountain whitebark pines; it may just be a matter of time before foxtail and bristlecone pines face their wrath.

The introduced lethal European fungus, white pine blister rust, has also benefited from warmer temperatures as it too has begun to creep up into the New Mexican Sangre de Cristo Range and kill the Rocky Mountain bristlecone pines.

Treat your family to a once in a lifetime experience, visit heavens gate and the Great Basin bristlecone pines of Schulman Grove, White Mountains, California and touch the white dolomite sedimentary rocks, formerly the warm sea of 600 million years ago, that hold some of the answers to immortality.

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What's the Point?

David Pisarra
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Knowing where you stand

GOOD FENCES MAKE GOOD NEIGHBORS is a time worn phrase. Taken literally, it doesn't make much sense. Why would something that keeps people apart make them good neighbors? It's counterintuitive. You'd think that no fences would make good neighbors. But that's not the case.

If we take the phrase as a metaphor, it makes much more sense. It's all about borders and boundaries. And in relationships, no matter whether it is a business partnership, a romantic relationship, an international border, or literally, neighbors, defined roles and limitations in the relationship provide security to each side.

Take my law partnership for an example. We're two semi-normal men with healthy egos, and a willingness to be combative at times if we feel that our interests are not being respected. Our partnership has lasted 15 years now. We've done it because we each have different roles to play, and we acknowledge the differences between us, and use those differences for our mutual gain.

I am a gregarious, frequently loud man. I'll talk to just about anyone. My partner is more reserved, shy even. So when it comes to doing marketing and meeting people, that's my job. You'll find me at a party, or a mixer, and I chat up people with great enjoyment.

My partner, he's the guy who remembers that the rent needs to be paid, and keeps the phones on. He likes the paper side of the business.

I like to be in the courtroom, arguing to a judge about why my client is not the way that the other counsel is portraying him. Or why the law should be read in a way that is more advantageous to my client.

This is all about balance — each side knowing where they stand, and feeling safe. I have a client who has a "bad fence" problem with their neighbors. It's been brewing for years. One side of the fence is "that neighbor" who is always watching what the other side is doing. They keep tabs on everyone in the neighborhood, and stick their nose in to issues that are not their concern.

The war between them has escalated to calling the police often, filing complaints with City Hall, unapproved hedge removals and claims of vandalism. It's all a matter of not minding one's own business. I watch this and see how important it is to maintain boundaries in a relationship.

When I look to my own neighbors, we have an 8-foot high fence, and about once a month, I'm in the back watering and from the other side I hear, "Hey Dave, how's it going?" And once a year I am invited to their Christmas bash. We have a very cordial relationship, but they do what they want on their side, and I do what I want on mine.

My other neighbors and I have even less interaction, but it remains a cordial relationship. Occasionally she has people over and it gets loud for a night. But I have more parties than she does, so I don't complain to her, and she doesn't complain to me.

Communicating clear wants in relationships is not easy. It involves knowing what you want out of a relationship, and sometimes people have trouble distinguishing that. I just completed mediation training, and the story of two kids who are fighting over an orange was told about five times.

The story goes like this, two kids are arguing over who gets the last orange. Mom comes in and has one kid cut the orange, and the other one pick. It's a classic solution. The problem is that one kid wanted the orange peel to make cookies with, and one kid wanted the orange fruit for his soccer practice.

Had they each been clear in the interests and wants, they each could have had 100 percent of their wants met.

I have a case right now where the parties decided to have a child together, and mom wanted to have all the legal cards, and dad would have the ability to say he was dad, but had none of the responsibilities. Problem is that dad wanted to be an active father, and mom doesn't want dad that involved.

The case will be resolved, and one side will be upset with the result, but it's only because they weren't clear on their roles. Had they been clearer, they might have avoided the hours of agony and arguing, and the expense of lawyers, but more importantly, they might each have spent more time with their child being happy.

Keeping those fences well tended will make everyone a lot happier.

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The Q Line

Paying to park

The City Council has agreed to increase the fees for parking at Downtown structures. The maximum daily rate will increase from $7 to $9. A monthly pass will go from $82.50 to $121.

So this week's Q-Line question asks:

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Mommie Brain

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Sharing helps parents in finding silver lining

I DIDN'T SET OUT FOR THIS COLUMN TO BE about serious things. I wanted to write about fun toys, cute silly days and adorable things my son says. But this column is about what is going on in our lives as a family. And our lives this year have been challenging.

I had a miscarriage in January. A lot of people don't talk about miscarriage, but I go and announce mine in the paper. There was another one in June and then only weeks later my father-in-law died, all of which found their way to be read about here.

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WHETHER IT IS A BABY WHO WON'T SLEEP OR A BABY WHOSE FIRST HOME IS THE N.I.C.U., THESE ARE OUR CONNECTORS.

The summer was coming to an end I was all ready to write a snappy column about watching my son play on the beach as we head into fall. At the most serious level I wanted to write about how well he is doing in catching up from his developmental delay, how he is kicking its ass.

But then, last week, there was another miscarriage. And I can't write about being a mom without writing about this struggle to become a mom again. So here I am, being your Mommie Brain downer.

And it got me thinking and questioning, why do I have this need to write about it, to share it?

Simply, I think I share too much, which makes having my own column appropriate. When there is an issue or a challenge in my life and I am asked, "How are you?" I am not really capable of saying, "fine," when I am not. I wish perhaps I were a little more mysterious, that I kept things to myself, more private. Women who have secrets always seemed interesting. But I'm a "what you see is what you get and what you don't see I'm going to tell you" kind of gal.

Maybe it is a mom thing. What moms talk about is intimate to begin with, birth stories, nursing, our babies' bodily functions. That opens the door to the truly intimate, the gains and strides our kids make, the delays they are challenged with, the miracle that is our body when it makes a baby and the quandary that same body is when it fails in doing what you want it to do.

Moms, we start out sharing and picking each other's brains to see how to get our kids to eat veggies, but soon we stumble into our stories. Whether it is a baby who won't sleep or a baby whose first home is the N.I.C.U., these are our connectors. I used to feel connected to other women who had lost their fathers like I had. Now when I see other moms dealing with IEPs, therapy or miscarriages, I pounce to chat. I pass along doctors that I respect, specialists. I try to counsel when there is an issue with which I seem to have dealt with ease or listen closely when I am the one struggling. I talked to one woman the other day in the lobby at my son's speech therapy and before we even introduced ourselves by name she knew I was currently miscarrying and I knew about her losing her twins at 14 weeks. Our anonymity with each other lead to instant intimacy.

Perhaps we share to not feel so alone in all of this. We talk to give away some of our burden, and take a little from someone else in the meantime. Sharing our stories helps us process the information. I know it does for me.

But there are some things that even I find hard to share, but since I am talking about it, here I go.

I have been pregnant so often this year that I constantly think everybody is looking at my belly, wondering. When you tell me you are pregnant, I am genuinely, truly happy for you and still genuinely, truly stung by jealousy.

I had already started picking names. Each time I tell myself not to, but the draw is too grand, the desire too animal.

I am so very tired. I wish I could say I truly believe I will have my own baby again, but my belief has waned.

I am halted when I see my husband crushed by his grief over his father. I wish I could have continued to grow a new life in the midst of so much loss as opposed to having just added to it.

Grief has moved into our home. But I know deeply in my soul that it has not taken up permanent residence. So I do not shun it. It will leave eventually. I know this.

But, and perhaps this is the most personal of all, and forgive me as I over share, I am happy. Truly. Despite this year.

I love my husband.

I love my son.

I may have too strong a need for you all to know about each and every detail of our lives, but the stifling anxiety that had plagued me from my son's birth trauma has lifted because he is so clearly not damaged from it as I feared he would be.

So at the end of the road if it is still just the three of us, then how lucky are we?

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AP Insight: Bullying laws give scant protection

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ATLANTA Recent student suicides have parents and advocates complaining that anti-bullying laws enacted in nearly every state are not being enforced and do not go far enough to identify and rid schools of chronic tormentors.

Forty-four states expressly ban bullying, a legislative legacy of a rash of school shootings in the late '90s, yet few if any of those measures have identified children who excessively pick on their peers, an Associated Press review has found. And few offer any method for ensuring the policies are enforced, according to data compiled by the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The issue came to a head in April when 11-year-old Jaheem Herrera committed suicide at his Atlanta-area home after his parents say he was repeatedly tormented in school. District officials denied it, and an independent review found bullying wasn't a factor, a conclusion his family rejects.

Regardless, Georgia's law, among the toughest in the nation, still would not have applied: It only applies to students in grades six to 12. Herrera was a fifth-grader.

Georgia's law has one of the largest gaps between what it requires of districts and the tools it gives them for meeting those requirements. The state doesn't collect data specifically on bullying occurrences, despite legislation that promises to strip state funding from schools failing to take action after three instances involving a bully.

After Herrera's death, other parents came forward to say their children had been bullied and that school officials did nothing with the complaints, rendering the state's law useless.

"There is a systematic problem," said Mike Wilson, who said his 12-year-old daughter was bullied for two years in the same school district where Herrera died. "The lower level employees, the teachers, the principals, are trying to keep this information suppressed at the lowest possible level."

Only six states — Montana, Hawaii, Wisconsin, Massachusetts, North Dakota and South Dakota — and the District of Columbia lack specific laws targeting school bullying, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Most states require school districts to adopt open-ended policies to prohibit bullying and harassment.

While some direct state education officials to form model policies that school districts should mimic, they offer little to assure the policies are enforced; only a handful of states require specific data gathering meant to assure bullying is being monitored, for instance.

"The states themselves can't micromanage a school district — but they can say to a school district, 'Look, you have to have consequences,'" said Brenda High, whose Web site, Bully Police USA, tracks anti-bullying laws across the nation, and who advocates for strict repercussions for bullies. The Washington state-based advocate's son, Jared, was 13 when he committed suicide in 1998 after complaining of bullying.

"It needs to be written into the law that bullying has the same consequences as assault," she said. "The records and such need to be kept so that if the child is a chronic bully, they — after so many instances — will end up in an alternative school."

Alaska and Georgia have particularly specific statutes. Alaska's Department of Education and Early Development must compile annual data on bullying complaints and report it to the Legislature.

Georgia's 10-year-old law goes a step further. It specifies that three instances of bullying is grounds for transfer to an alternative school, away from the victim. School systems not in compliance forfeit state funding, according to the law.

Despite that record-keeping provision, the Georgia Department of Education cannot say whether any child has been transferred as a result of bullying because the department only tracks the number for broader offenses, including fighting and threats, spokesman Dana Tofig said.

"If the district is not enforcing its own bullying policy, and that's been happening repeatedly, the law says they can lose their state funding," Tofig said.

No school has lost funding under the law, according to the department.

Some school districts say they keep track of complaints, especially those involving a single child being bullied more than once, and that they address those cases. Without a legal obligation to report such data to state officials, however, it's unclear how any such statistics are used.

In 2007, nearly a third of students ages 12 to 18 reported having been bullied during the school year, according to data on more than 55 million students compiled annually by the National Center for Education Statistics. That's up from as few as 1 in 10 students in the '90s, though bullying experts point out the rising numbers may reflect more reports of bullying, not necessarily more incidents.

Many children reported teasing, spreading rumors and threats, all harder to spot and manage, school leaders say.

"One of the questions is how do you quantify bullying? It could even be as simple as a rolling of the eyes," said Dale Davis, a spokesman for schools in DeKalb County, Ga., where Herrera committed suicide.

District officials have said since soon after the boy's death that there was no evidence that Herrera was bullied, and that outside factors including the death of a close relative influenced him to take his life.

Herrera's death in mid-April came barely two weeks after Sirdeaner Walker found her son Carl hanged in her Springfield, Mass., home. The 11-year-old had complained of teasing almost immediately after arriving at his new charter school, she said.

Parents in Illinois likewise pointed to bullies after three suicides there in February: a 10-year-old boy hanged himself in a restroom stall in a suburban Chicago school, an 11-year-old boy was found dead in Chatham, south of Springfield, and a father found his 11-year-old daughter hanged in a closet of their Chicago home.

Dr. Diahann Meekins Moore, associate director for psychiatric services at the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services, cautioned that it's unclear whether bullying could be considered a primary cause in those deaths or in any suicide.

All the same, every suicide with a hint of bullying, every school rampage involving a shooter who claims to have been bullied renews the debate over whether anyone can curb what most consider a harsh and inevitable part of childhood, and if so, who bears that responsibility.

"A lot of this has to be handled in the home," said Peter Daboul, chair of the board of trustees at New Leadership, the Massachusetts school where her son was a 6th grader.

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$30M bail set for Calif. kidnap suspect

JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press Writer

PLACERVILLE, Calif. A judge on Monday set bail at $30 million for a Northern California man accused of kidnapping a girl and holding her captive for 18 years.

In setting the high amount, El Dorado County Superior Court Judge Douglas Phimister cited the serious nature of the charges, injuries to the girl and the fact that Phillip Garrido was on parole at the time of the alleged abduction.

Garrido, 58, and his wife, Nancy Garrido, 54, have pleaded not guilty to 29 charges of kidnapping, rape and false imprisonment charges and have been held without bail in an El Dorado County jail.

The couple are accused of kidnapping 11-year-old Jaycee Dugard from her home in 1991 then holding her captive in a backyard jumble of tents and sheds for nearly two decades. Authorities say Phillip Garrido fathered two daughters with Dugard.

Nancy Garrido continues to be held without bail, something her attorney did not object to during Monday's hearing. Phillip Garrido is unlikely to be released because of his parole violations, even if he could raise the money.

He appeared in court with a bandage on his nose and a newly grown gray beard. He and his wife both appeared solemn during the 10-minute hearing, during which the judge granted a request by Phillip Garrido's attorney Susan Gellman for a psychiatric evaluation of her client.

Nancy Garrido's attorney Gilbert Maines reserved the right to request one.

Gellman told the judge several law enforcement agencies have sought to interview her client about other cases they are pursuing.

"He does not consent to be questioned for any purposes," Gellman said.

The judge said Gellman would notified of any interview efforts.

Outside court, District Attorney Vern Pierson told a throng of media from around the world that investigators were continuing to pursue other leads in the case.

"As of today there are no additional charges ... that's not to say there won't be," he said.

He said Dugard and her children were doing exceptionally well under the circumstances after being reunited with Dugard's mother shortly after the Garridos were arrested Aug. 27.

"Basic human decency mandates honoring the family's request for privacy," he said.

He declined to comment on rumors that Dugard, now 29, has agreed to appear on The Oprah Winfrey Show.

Before Monday's hearing, deputy district attorney Trish Kelliher filed a declaration seeking higher bail for both suspects, citing the serious nature of the crimes and saying they should be considered flight risks.

She also said in her court filing that a stun gun was used to subdue the victim when she was kidnapped from a South Lake Tahoe street in 1991.

Both defendants are due back in court for an Oct. 29 hearing.

UC Irvine shooting may have been custody dispute

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVINE, Calif. Police are investigating whether a custody battle prompted a University of California, Irvine student to kill the mother of his 4-year-old son on campus.

Brian Benedict, a 35-year-old physics graduate student, was arrested at about 7 p.m. Sunday following the first on-campus killing in the history of the Orange County school.

He remained jailed on $1 million bail. City police Lt. John Hare said he did not know whether Benedict had an attorney.

Benedict and his ex-wife, Rebecca Benedict, 30, shared custody of their 4-year-old son, but he had been distraught following their breakup and had attempted suicide, court records show. He had been ordered to pay twice as much child support as he had expected and might have been forced to leave school, according to the records.

Rebecca Benedict went to the campus on Sunday evening to pick up the boy from his father's apartment in a graduate student housing complex when the couple got into an argument, Hare said.

She left the building and was in the parking lot when Benedict, who had followed her, fired several shots with a handgun and struck her at least once, Hare said.

She was pronounced dead at a hospital. Witnesses detained Benedict until police arrived, Hare said.

The boy was nearby, but it was unclear whether he saw the shooting, Hare said. He said the child was turned over to other family members.

The Benedicts were married on April 1, 2004, and separated on Sept. 30, 2006, court records show. Rebecca Benedict filed for divorce on Jan. 16.

The couple had agreed that Brian Benedict would pay $450 per month in child support, but a judge on Thursday ordered him to pay $920 per month, according to records cited by the Orange County Register.

Benedict, who quit a six-figure job as an aerospace cost analyst to attend graduate school, earned $26,889 as a student researcher, according to his 2008 federal tax form.

Orange County Superior Court Judge Nancy A. Pollard set the child support figure based on his earlier, higher income.

"The court finds that the care and maintenance of the child is more important than the care and maintenance of the father's schooling," according to a summary of the ruling.

Earlier this month, Brian Benedict had asked campus safety officials questions about child custody, UC Irvine Assistant Police Chief Jeff Hutchison said.

"It was a less than 10-minute conversation, and there was nothing unusual in his demeanor," Hutchison said.

Showerheads may harbor bacteria dangerous to some

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WASHINGTON In what may be the scariest shower news since Alfred Hitchcock's "Psycho," a study says showerheads can harbor tiny bacteria that come spraying into your face when you wash.

People with normal immune systems have little to fear, but these microbes could be a concern for folks with cystic fibrosis or AIDS, people who are undergoing cancer treatment or those who have had a recent organ transplant.

Researchers at the University of Colorado tested 45 showers in five states as part of a larger study of the microbiology of air and water in homes, schools and public buildings. They report their shower findings in Tuesday's edition of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

In general, is it dangerous to take showers? "Probably not, if your immune system is not compromised in some way," lead author Norman R. Pace says. "But it's like anything else — there is a risk associated with it."

The researchers offer suggestions for the wary, such as getting all-metal showerheads, which microbes have a harder time clinging to.

Still, showerheads are full of nooks and crannies, making them hard to clean, the researchers note, and the microbes come back even after treatment with bleach.

People who have filtered showerheads could replace the filter weekly, added co-author Laura K. Baumgartner. And, she said, baths don't splash microbes into the air as much as showers, which blast them into easily inhaled aerosol form.

It doesn't seem as frightening as the famous murder-in-the-shower scene in Hitchcock's classic 1960 movie. But it's something to be reckoned with all the same.

The bugs in question are Mycobacterium avium, which have been linked to lung disease in some people.

Indeed, studies by the National Jewish Hospital in Denver suggest increases in pulmonary infections in the United States in recent decades from species like M. avium may be linked to people taking more showers and fewer baths, according to Pace.

Symptoms of infection can include tiredness, a persistent, dry cough, shortness of breath, weakness and "generally feeling bad," he said.

Showerheads were sampled at houses, apartment buildings and public places in New York, Illinois, Colorado, Tennessee and North Dakota.

The researchers sampled water flowing from the showerheads, then removed them, swabbed the interiors of the devices and separately sampled water flowing from the pipes without the showerheads.

Obama warns Wall Street not to block tighter regs

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Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK Lecturing Wall Street on its own turf, President Barack Obama warned financial leaders not to use the recovering economy to race back into "reckless behavior" that could cause a new meltdown. He declared that a bailout-weary public will not break their fall again.

Obama insisted Monday that there is an urgent need for tighter financial regulation, and he cautioned his audience not to try to block it. He spoke on the first anniversary of the collapse of the Lehman Brothers investment bank, the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history and a stark reminder of the financial crisis that spread into a deep recession despite huge federal bailouts of major companies.

"It is neither right nor responsible after you've recovered with the help of your government to shirk your obligation to the goal of wider recovery, a more stable system, and a more broadly shared prosperity," Obama said in a stern bid to boost his regulation proposals.

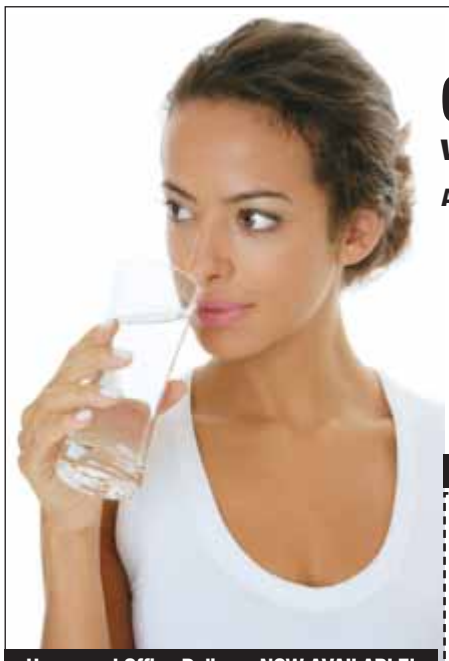
The president's speech reflected public sentiment that taxpayers were immeasurably harmed from last year's financial collapse — and that, barring change, it could happen again. As investment giants return to profit, millions of Americans are still coping with unemployment, home foreclosures and retirement portfolios that got washed away in the storm.

For symbolic emphasis, Obama spoke from venerable Federal Hall on Wall Street.

"Unfortunately, there are some in the financial industry who are misreading this moment," Obama told a quiet audience of leaders from the investment sector.

"So I want them to hear my words," Obama said. "We will not go back to the days of reckless behavior and unchecked excess that was at the heart of this crisis. ... Those on Wall Street cannot resume taking risks without regard for consequences."

Afterward, he joined former President Bill Clinton for lunch at a New York restaurant. The White House announced Obama would address the annual meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative Sept. 22 while in New York for the United Nations General Assembly meeting.


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Woman dies from possible overdose

Police believe a 46-year-old woman found Sunday evening in a van parked on Nebraska Avenue died from a drug overdose, possibly heroin.

Police said the woman, whose identity was not released as of Monday afternoon, was found by a male friend around 9:40 p.m. Sunday with some type of opiate. The death is still under investigation.

Police said the woman was living in the van, which was parked in the 3200 block of Nebraska Avenue, an area surrounded by old warehouses.

– DAILY PRESS

Final MPA proposals will not be ready until December

FROM BAY PAGE 1

Once the maps are completed, the groups will hand them over to the Blue Ribbon Task Force — committee of seven pre-selected public leaders — for consideration at the end of October. In December, the task force will present a final proposal adapted from these maps to the State Fish and Game Commission. This plan will determine to what degree certain areas will be protected.

Marine Protected Areas or MPAs, can vary in terms of types of protection. For the South Coast region, a whole range of levels are being considered. These include reserves, which mean no fish or types of marine life can be removed, to conservation areas, which restrict certain species and time frames. Classifying an area as a park would call for the most minimal restrictions.

"It is literally all about whether or not you can fish or commercially take fish or other marine resources out of a given area," Mark Gold, president of Heal the Bay and a vice chair of the commission, said.

Gold went on to add that it is highly unlikely that an MPA would ever restrict fishing off of the Santa Monica Pier.

MPAs are concerned primarily with rocky reef areas that support kelp forests and fish populations, not sandy areas like the piers and beaches, Luce added.

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> Mark Gold
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"We've protected some incredible places on land through the national and state parks system … but we really haven't done the same thing for our precious coastal places," Gold said. "That's what MLPA is all about."

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Cossette turned Grammys around

FROM COSSETTE PAGE 3

announced last week in Santa Monica by the Recording Academy.

"It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our dear friend and father of the Grammy Awards, Pierre Cossette," Academy president and CEO Neil Portnow said.

Cossette, a native of Valleyfield, Quebec, was an accomplished television and theater producer who managed some of American pop music's most influential early bands. But he is best known for guiding the Grammy Awards from its early days as a stuffy, unsuccessful production to the industry institution it has become.

In its early years, the Grammy show was an hourlong compilation of recorded performances, and it was not a commercial success. When the production rights became available in 1971, Cossette already had a successful career in the music business as a producer and manager.

He had the ambitious idea to turn the show into a grand musical showcase full of live performances, but he had difficulty selling networks on his vision. Executives were particularly skeptical that there was an audience for a performance-based TV show. But Cossette — nicknamed "Showbiz" — persevered.

The Grammy Museum, which opened in December 2008, is called the Pierre Cossette Center and contains a corner exhibit dedicated to him.

In an interview before the 2009 Grammy Awards, Cossette said the acknowledgment served as validation of his life's work.

"I was thrilled," he said. "I could only think back to when we first started it, in ballrooms and dance halls and hotel rooms, and (then it) finally growing up to this monster thing. And all the trials, tribulations of getting there. Booking the places then having to cancel because either the Academy or the record industry wouldn't support it. My part of it, proving them wrong, was exciting for me."

Cossette produced the Grammy Awards until 2005, when his son took over the job for Cossette Productions.

Before working on the Grammys, Cossette served as personal manager for Ann-Margret, Vic Damone, Dick Shawn, and Rowan & Martin. He is credited with pioneering the Las Vegas lounge act format. Soon, Cossette struck out on his own by founding Dunhill Records, where the roster included the Mamas and the Papas, Steppenwolf, Johnny Rivers and Three Dog Night.

He later sold the label and became a TV producer. He got his start with Johnny Mann's "Stand Up and Cheer," and expanded his roster to include "The Glen Campbell Show," Sammy Davis's "Sammy and Company," "Salute," "ShaNaNa," and "The Andy Williams Show."

State officials say not influenced by gifts

FROM GIFTS PAGE 1

California Correctional Peace Officers Association, valued at $150.

The big gifts are even fewer for Brownley, who received $150 worth of free parking at LAX in January and an $89 dinner at Mason's courtesy of the California Tribal Business Alliance.

Brownley said that LAX makes parking available for elected officials which she chooses to utilize.

> **"I HAVE NEVER BEEN INFLUENCED BY ANY OF THE SMALL GIFTS THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO ME OR MY STAFF."**
>
> **Fran Pavley**
> State Senator

"I don't accept gifts like tickets to basketball games and football games," Brownley said. "Obviously I am conscientious about reporting every gift, but the gifts that I do accept are usually very minimal, $10 or less."

Some of the gifts were extended to staff members, including a $14 lunch at Griselda's Ventures for Brownley's office paid by the Personal Care Products Council in April. Other gifts total in the single figure range, including $2 for turkey jerky and $6 for oranges, both of which went to Brownley.

Pavley also reported smaller gifts that fall below the disclosure threshold, including $8 for snacks, $14 for dinner at Claim Jumper, and a $31 rice gift box.

"Brownley and Pavley's gifts were small, and they were actually very transparent and thorough on documenting even tiny gifts they received, like a $2 flashlight, contrary to other legislators like (Sen.) Rod Wright, who listed many more expensive gifts, like a $15,000+ junket, and tickets to a Yanni concert and (Los Angeles) Kings games, which don't really have much relevance to doing the job he was elected to do," Mark Reback, consumer advocate for Consumer Watchdog, said.

Wright's staff is listed as using the Yanni concert and hockey game tickets.

Both Brownley and Pavley said that their decisions in Sacramento are not swayed by the gifts.

"I would never accept a gift that would compromise me that way," Brownley said.

Pavley said that she is careful about accepting any kind of gift, whether it's a meal or magazine subscription.

She added that many of the reported expenses were from a trip of a large group of officials to better understand the state's water facilities. A member of her staff attended the trip.

"I have never been influenced by any of the small gifts that have been given to me or my staff," Pavley said. "My voting record speaks for itself."

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Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 72°

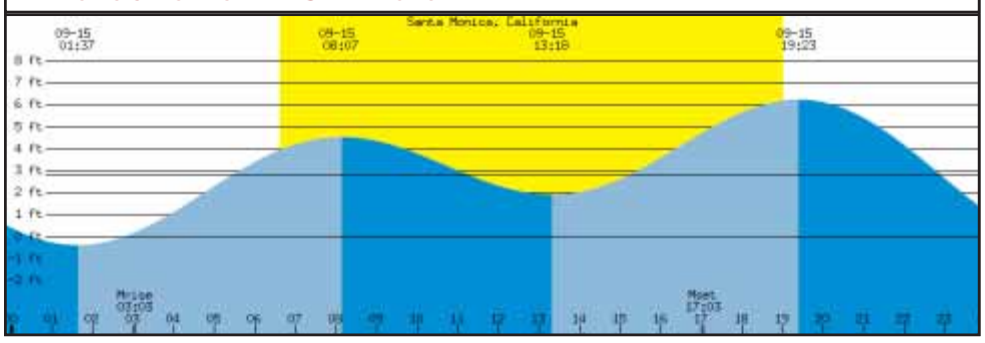
Swell Forecast

The size should back down as the NW fades. Most west facing breaks are looking at chest high waves max. South facing breaks are looking at waist to chest sets.

Long Range Synopsis

Looks smaller, about waist high most everywhere.

Tide Forecast for Today in Santa Monica



BEACH REPORT CARD

NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Grades for this report are based on monitoring data from the previous four weeks up to the ending date of **September 8, 2009**

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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

The Beach Report Card is made possible by simplehuman, The Goldhirsh Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, Ford

Heal the Bay reminds you not to swim or surf within 100 yards of any flowing storm drain or for 3 days after a rainstorm. After a rain, indicator bacteria counts at beaches throughout California usually far exceed health criteria in the state's Beach Closure and Health Warning Protocol.

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Los Carrillo Beach, at Arroyo Seguit Creek mouth	A+	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Lechuza and Las Alitos creeks	A+	ns
Encinal Canyon at El Matador State Beach	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth	A+	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private)	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Ramirez Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Escondido Creek, just east of Escondido State Beach	A+	ns
Latigo Canyon Creek mouth	A+	ns
Solstice Canyon at Don 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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain	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's Neuheisel still undecided on QB choice

GREG BEACHAM
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES UCLA coach Rick Neuheisel still hasn't decided whether Kevin Craft or freshman Richard Brehaut will replace starting quarterback Kevin Prince this weekend against Kansas State.

Prince led the unbeaten Bruins to a 19-15 win at Tennessee last Saturday, but the freshman's jaw was broken on a late sack that resulted in a safety. Neuheisel says Prince apparently wasn't wearing his mouthpiece on the play.

With Prince out for at least three weeks, Neuheisel and offensive coordinator Norm Chow plan to decide late Monday whether they'll go with Craft, who started every game of UCLA's 4-8 season in 2008, or Brehaut, who graduated from high school early to join the Bruins last winter.

UCLA has a bye after Saturday's visit from the Wildcats.

NBA

Doctor clears Griffin to participate with Clippers

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOS ANGELES (AP) No. 1 NBA draft pick Blake Griffin has been cleared to work out with the Los Angeles Clippers after hurting his shoulder during the summer league.

The club said Monday that its team physician gave Griffin the OK with no limitations.

The rookie forward strained his right shoulder July 16 in Las Vegas, causing him to miss a minicamp for USA Basketball. He averaged 19.2 points and 10.8 rebounds in summer league play.

Williams wishes she could give line judge a hug

EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

NEW YORK After two days to think about it, Serena Williams wishes she could give the line judge she yelled at "a big ol' hug."

Williams teamed with sister Venus on Monday to win the U.S. Open doubles title with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Cara Black and Liezel Huber. At the post-match news conference, she discussed her outburst Saturday.

After being called for a foot fault toward the end of her match against Kim Clijsters, she directed a profanity-laced tirade at the line judge that led to a point penalty that ended the match.

Williams was fined $10,000 on Sunday and issued a written apology Monday, a day after coming out with a different, less-contrite statement.

In the news conference, she said the line judge was only doing her job.

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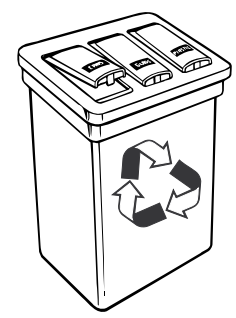


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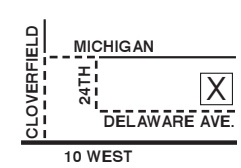


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Beyond a Reasonable Doubt (PG-13) 1hr 45min
2:15, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10

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

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2:00, 4:35, 7:10, 9:50

Julie and Julia (PG-13) 2hrs 3min
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Gamer (R) 1hr 35min
12:40, 2:55, 5:15, 7:40, 10:00

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

September Issue (PG-13) 1hr 30min
12:30, 2:40, 4:50, 7:00, 9:20

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4:10, 9:50

In the Loop (NR) 1hr 46min
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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

For more information, e-mail news@smdp.com

Time for a massage, Pisces

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Strap on your seat belt. The status quo could be subject to sudden change. Flow rather than hold on. You are entering a period in which innovative thinking is appreciated. Friends respect your thinking, even if they find you idealistic. Tonight: Plug in some fun. Give up being serious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You might want to see the unexpected as a unique opportunity. Digging in your heels could be a problem ultimately. Inspired thinking helps you evolve. Someone close shares some intense feelings. Tonight: Buy a special item on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Something you thought was a given turns out to be otherwise. You could be surprised by someone's unpredictability. Don't get too stuck in old thinking. Keep communication moving. Once more, you are reminded that sugar works better than vinegar. Tonight: Meet a pal for dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Be aware of the cost of a certain relationship or indulgence. Listen to what is being said quite subtly by someone you look up to. Re-evaluate if you are startled by someone's insight. See life from a different perspective. Tonight: Buy a token of affection for a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Manifest your strong determination to understand what is going on with finances and others' attitudes. You cannot hold on to the status quo; transform with the times. Others look to you for advice. Someone adores you. Tonight: Just be yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Listen to what is being said. Kick back and understand what is happening behind the scenes. Not all of the facts are being presented -- you can be sure of that. Don't take another's statement personally. It is not intended that way. Tonight: Vanish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Emphasize what you want as opposed to what others think. You might not be seeing someone as he or she really is. Events could force you to take a hard look. Tonight: Find a special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ A must appearance could indeed cause a lot of stress for a child or loved one. You might not be comfortable with an implicit demand coming in from out of left field. Juggle different forces, but eventually you will have to go one way or the other. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Look beyond the obvious. Stretch past your comfort zone and let go of rigid thinking, no matter what area of your life you are looking at. You could feel that a sudden change or realization forces your hand. Can you really continue down the same path? Tonight: Put on a great piece of music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating continues to be your strong suit. What you hear or something that happens could shake up the status quo. If you are wondering which way to go, don't -- let go and go with the new. You really won't have a choice soon. Tonight: Make togetherness your theme.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others continue to dominate the horizon. You will get your two cents in, but perhaps not on your timetable. Know when to step back in order to take two steps forward. Realize what is happening behind the scenes. Tonight: Sort through suggestions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You seem infused with innovative thinking. Your willingness to move forward sometimes stuns some people, and others might not be able to keep up with you. Tonight: How about a massage?

Happy birthday

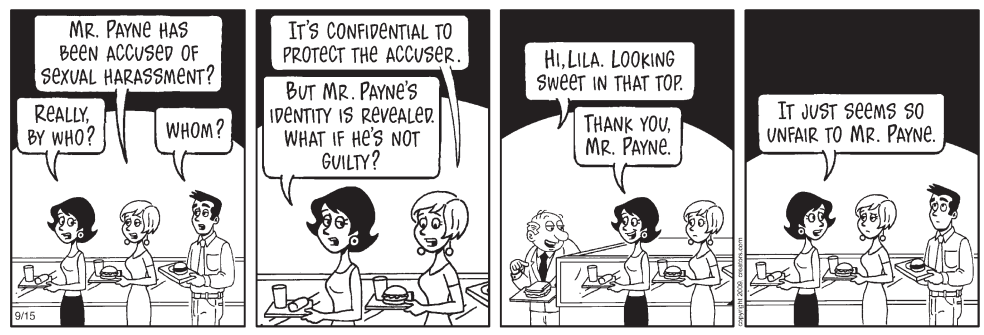
JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS
The stars show the kind of day you'll have:
★★★★★Dynamic ★★ So-So
★★★★ Positive ★ Difficult
★★★ Average

This year, you often learn that the premise you based an idea or project on no longer works. You are in a quickly changing universe, whether you like it or not. You are growing to a new level, and if you can incorporate change, you will do well. If you are single, you meet people with ease, though you might just choose the person who is unavailable emotionally. If you are attached, the two of you grow together when you go away as a couple. LEO reads you cold.

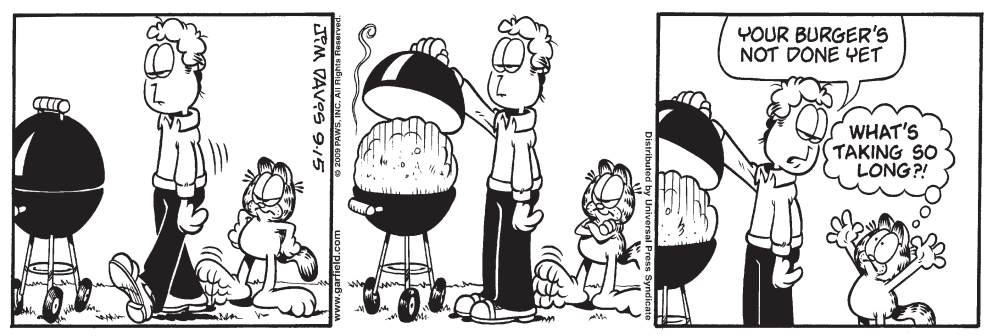
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There are many strategies to solving Sudoku. One way to begin is to examine each 3x3 grid and figure out which numbers are missing. Then, based on the other numbers in the row and column of each blank cell, find which of the missing numbers will work.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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Tent cities
6 Aids in crime
11 Concerning
12 "Chicago" heroine
13 Adam Sandler movie
15 Seventh Greek letter
16 Tipsy
17 Hoary
18 — to (should)
20 Catches
23 Quiver item
27 Use a sponge
28 "Field of Dreams" setting
29 Portents
31 Check writer
32 Girder material
34 Fitting
37 Candle count
38 Flower visitor
41 Adam Sandler movie
44 Guiding principle
45 Online messages
46 Pitches
47 Does some housework

DOWN

1 Lunch site
2 Touch on
3 "— Lisa"
4 Play on words
5 Record needle
6 Singer Franklin
7 Halloween cry
8 Trade show
9 Cash drawer
10 Canary snack
14 Slop slurper
18 Starts the bidding
19 Court event
20 Binary base
21 Brink
22 Clumsy galoot
24 Singer Orbison
25 Have debts
26 Kids' card game
30 Gets to one's feet
31 Irritated
33 Big head
34 Vault part
35 Andean land
36 Stratum
38 Lingerie items
39 Give off
40 Snaky swimmers
42 Hair goop
43 Outback runner

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ **Union Rules:** (1) One subway line in Boston is still forced to employ two drivers per train when the other Boston lines, and most all subway systems worldwide, use only one. A June Boston Globe analysis estimated that the second driver, doing virtually nothing useful, costs the government $30 million annually. (2) At any one time, the New York City school system is forced to keep about 1,600 teachers on full salary and benefits (costing about $100 million per year) even though they cannot be required to work. Six hundred are in a multiyear arbitration process for terminable misconduct or incompetence, and 1,000 are long-term layoffs from shuttered schools but whom principals continually pass over for transfer.

■ **The New Torture:** (1) In August, Glasgow hosted the sixth annual World Pipe Band Championship, with 200 bagpipe bands competing. (Professional piping often hits a sound level of 100 decibels and can go to 120, which is louder than a pneumatic drill.) (2) Two musician-beggars in the village of Moseley, England, were banned from performing in the area in August after a magistrate court heard complaints by desperate residents that the pair played only two songs (Oasis' "Wonderwall" and George Michael's "Faith") over and over and over.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1776 American Revolutionary War: British forces land at Kip's Bay during the New York Campaign.

1789 The United States Department of State is established (formerly known as Department of Foreign Affairs).

1812 The French army under Napoleon reaches the Kremlin in Moscow.

1812 War of 1812: A second supply train sent to relieve Fort Harrison is ambushed in the Attack at the Narrows.

1820 Constitutionalist revolution in Lisbon, Portugal; (see Portugal's crises of the Nineteenth Century.

1830 The Liverpool to Manchester railway opens.

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
BRIAN FOSTER, ET AL VS
JOSEPH M. HARTLEY, ET AL
CASE NO: 02CC16898 R

Under a writ of Execution issued on 12/03/08. Out of the SUPERIOR COURT, of the SANTA ANA DISTRICT, County of Orange, State of California, on a judgment entered on 07/18/03.

In favor of BRIAN FOSTER, an individual and against HARTLEY, JOSEPH M. and HARTLEY, MARY KATHLEEN showing a net balance of $ 1,044,749.50 actually due on said judgment. (Amount subject to revision)

I have levied upon all the right, title and interest of said judgment debtor(s) in the property in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, described as follows:

REAL PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF SANTA MONICA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA: LOT 21 IN BLOCK ``B`` OF TRACT 11821, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 240, PAGES 20 AND 21 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.

Commonly known as: 1517 GRANT STREET, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405

Public notice is hereby given that I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States all the right, title and interest of the debtor(s) in the above described property or so much as will be sufficient to satisfy said writ or warrant with interest and all costs on THURSDAY, 10/08/09, 10:00 AM at the following location.

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(X) This sale is subject to a minimum bid that must exceed $194,245.58 CCP 704.800(a); and a minimum bid of $855,000.00 CCP 704.800(b). (Subject to revision)

Prospective bidders should refer to sections 701.510 to 701.680, inclusive, of the Code of Civil Procedure for provisions governing the terms, conditions and effect of the sale and the liability of defaulting bidders.

Creditor's Attorney
ROBERT J. SHERMAN, ESQ.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAMES STATEMENT FILE NO. 20091185200 FIRST FILING. The following person(s) is (are) doing business as COMPUTECH CONSULTANTS, 68 E. BAY STATE ST, #1E, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801, COUNTY OF LA. The full name of registrant(s) is/are : GUSTAVO COLLAZO, 68 E. BAY STATE ST, #1E, ALHAMBRA, CA 91801 This Business is being conducted by, an individual. Signed: Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed herein.. /s/: GUSTAVO COLLAZO
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of LOS ANGELES County on 8/3/2009. NOTICE: THIS FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT EXPIRES FIVE YEARS FROM THE DATE IT WAS FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK. A NEW FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT MUST BE FILED PRIOR TO THAT DATE. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name statement in violation of the rights of another under federal, state, or common law (see Section 14411et seq.,Business and Professions Code). SANTA MONICA DAILY PRESS to publish 9/1/2009, 9/8/2009, 9/15/2009, 9/22/2009

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR
JANITORIAL SERVICES

The Los Angeles County Department of Beaches and Harbors is seeking a qualified and experienced janitorial service firm to clean offices and public buildings at various locations in Marina del Rey and one location in Redondo Beach. Selection of a contractor will be based on the qualifica-tions of the firms submitting Proposals as well as their prices for performing the work.

A Mandatory Proposers' Conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 29, 2009 at the Chace Park Community Building, 13650 Mindanao Way, Marina del Rey. The deadline for submitting proposals will be 2:00 p.m., October 15, 2009.

Firms submitting proposals must have a minimum of five years' experience providing janitorial services. The County may require additional minimum qualifications. The contract will be subject to the County's Living Wage Ordinance, County Code Chapter 2.201.

To receive a copy of the RFP, either telephone (310) 306-0495, send an e-mail with JANITORIAL SERVICES in the subject line to ttate@bh.lacounty.gov, visit http://lacounty.info/doing_business/main_db.htm, or write:

Department of Beaches and Harbors
Janitorial Services RFP/Attn: Contracts Unit
13837 Fiji Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292
Fax: (310) 821-8155

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