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THE DOWNWARD DOG ISSUE



Daniel Archuleta daniela@smdp.com

POSE: Santa Monica Yoga is one of a growing number of studios joining the Passport to Prana website, which offers discounts to interested students.

Passport to yoga bliss

BY JESSICA JUNG
Special to the Daily Press

SUNSET PARK Five minutes before I leave the office for the day, I'm busy wrapping things up and contemplating on whether or not I should go to the gym. My poor bottom deserves it after eight hours of sitting on it, but thinking about the treadmill and fluorescent lighting, I feel more numb — just like my unattended bottom.

Feeling like a zombie at that point, I come up with ideas on how to energize my body and mind, outside of the usual routine.

The answer to my needs — Passport to Prana, the ticket for a sweet little yoga escape and a change of environment and experience each visit. If the yoga enthusiast

in you has got you interested, get your mat ready and that essential downward-facing dog skill you've got.

For \$30, an access card can be purchased which allows one to visit 35 participating yoga studios in the Los Angeles area. Do the math; that's less than a dollar per class. Considering the average cost of a class can range from about \$12 to \$20, it's definitely a steal.

You'll probably add up a lot of carbon footprints trying to benefit from the different classes all over Los Angeles, so I would suggest organizing a carpool or mapping out the public transportation system. Luckily, there are four participating studios in Santa Monica and one in Venice, if you want to keep it local. There are also some studios in Culver City and Malibu included.

A couple months ago, Sarah Morquecho of Los Angeles dropped into Vital Juice and on her way out discovered Passport to Prana on the store's bulletin board.

"Since I am new to the world of yoga, the passport gives me the opportunity to try out and explore various styles of yoga that I wouldn't have tried out or been able to afford, if I was tied down to one studio," said the 25-year-old, who visited a hatha class in Mid-City and bikram class in Downtown Los Angeles.

After a long day at the office, Morquecho sees some benefits.

"I leave feeling relaxed and clear-headed," she said. "It melts away stress from a

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Employees give up benefits for health of fund

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

CITY HALL In another bow to the harsh economic realities that face Santa Monica, all nine employee bargaining units agreed to concessions that will save the general fund over \$1 million in the next two years.

For the first time, members of the police and fire departments will pay a portion of their pension costs, which equates to 1 percent of their pre-tax salaries in 2011-12, 2 percent the next year and 3 percent in the final year of the contract.

Other employee groups, lumped together in the "miscellaneous" category, have been paying into those benefits since 2007, and were asked to chip in for health care last year.

This year, those groups also gave up a percentage of their workers' compensation pay, reducing benefits to 100 percent of their salary for the first 30 days and 75 percent for the next, rather than full pay for the first two months of workers comp.

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E-cigarettes not welcome in district schools

BY ASHLEY ARCHIBALD
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMMUSD HDQTRS An old adage reads, "Where there's smoke, there's fire."

When it comes to an emerging trend in smoking, it's actually vapor that local educators in the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District are cracking down on.

The Board of Education added smokeless cigarettes, also known as e-cigarettes, to the list of prohibited products under its "tobacco-free schools" policy last week, joining sev-

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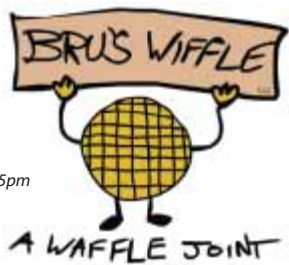
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The 30th anniversary of the Santa
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FamilyFarmed.org and launching the
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on Sept. 14-18. The festival will
have locally and sustainably pro-
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the good food movement.

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Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011

Celebrate life

Santa Monica Senior Center

1450 Ocean Ave., 11 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Senior and family arts festival

"Celebration of Life" welcomes
people of all ages to come and
focus on the intergenerational life
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Joely Fisher are scheduled to
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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

DOWNTOWN Nurses support Osborn

The California Nurses Association has endorsed veteran nonprofit leader Torie Osborn in her bid to fill the newly created 50th Assembly District, which includes Santa Monica.

"We need a fresh approach and bold ideas on how to fix California and rebuild our struggling middle class," said Malinda Markowitz, registered nurse and co-president of the association.

Founded in 1903, the California Nurses Association/National Nurses United is a premiere organization of registered nurses whom are all a part of one of the nation's fastest growing labor institution in the United States.

Over the past 15 years the association has grown by nearly 400 percent to more than 170,000.

"Torie Osborn has been at the forefront of many battles for progressive change in California and across the nation," Markowitz said. "She'll lead the charge on issues Californians care about, such as, protecting our environment, to creating good jobs, expanding access to better healthcare, improving our schools, fighting for social justice, helping reduce homelessness, and working to ensure equality for all Americans. That's why we are proud to endorse her for state Assembly."

Osborn is running against Santa Monica Mayor Richard Bloom and Assemblywoman Betsy Butler (D-53), who just recently entered the race.

SOPHIA ZHORNE

DOWNTOWN Back to the future

The National Trust for Historic Preservation has awarded the Santa Monica Conservancy with a \$7,500 grant from the Los Angeles County Preservation Fund.

The funds will help support a portion of the rehabilitation costs needed for Santa Monica's 1890s Shotgun House, a survivor from the early days of Ocean Park when many simple cottages were built for the visitors and new residents attracted by the city's beaches and coastal climate. The small board and batten structure was formerly located on private property at 2712 Second St. and was landmarked by City Hall in 1999, according to the conservancy.

The house will be moved out of storage to a City Hall-owned property at Norman Place and Second Street and be used as a preservation resource center and serve as the base of operations for the conservancy.

"We are delighted with this grant ...," said conservancy President Carol Lemlein.

Organizations or individuals interested in helping the project in any way, may contact the conservancy at (310) 496-3146 or e-mail info@smconservancy.org.

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WALK THIS WAY: People walk their dogs along Santa Monica Beach during the Best Friends Animal Society 'Strut Your Mutt' fundraising walk last year. These dogs were allowed on the beach for a special event, but there is a movement afoot to create a dog park on the beach.

Beach going to the dogs?

Local group renews effort to create dog beach in SM

BY KEVIN HERRERA
Editor in Chief

SM BEACH An organization dedicated to establishing a Santa Monica dog beach where canines can scamper in the sand without a leash is gearing up for another round of lobbying.

Unleash the Beach, founded by Georgia Umano, a Santa Monica resident and guardian of two dogs, will host its second fundraiser of the season this Saturday on Lincoln Boulevard with the goal of garnering more support, volunteers and cash for what is sure to be a difficult journey.

The group was heavily involved in the

effort in 2005, but after a bill to establish a pilot program failed to gain approval in the Legislature, Umano took some time off to focus on her private life.

"At one point we had several politicians on our side who we thought were really going to make it happen. They kind of lost interest," Umano said. "I had to move one with my life."

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

St. Monica Mariners on the rebound this week

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

MALIBU St. Monica's football team needs a little distance.

After a lopsided 61-0 loss to South Hills in the season's second week last Friday, the Mariners (1-1) and their first-year coach

could use a win right about now.

On Saturday, they'll get their chance at redemption against Malibu (0-2) on the road.

"We didn't show up," Head Coach Adam Guerra said of last week's loss. "We made way too many mistakes."

Guerra used this week's practices as a

way to put a little space between them and their poor showing. He doesn't plan on doing anything drastically different, in fact he said that he wants to stick with what he's been preaching all summer: "hit your blocks," "respect your assignments" and

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Bunch of crap

Editor:

After being forced to live with the ridiculous plastic bag ban for a couple of weeks, it's being added to the list of hundreds of other reasons why I've grown to hate living in Santa Monica.

I thought I had successfully stopped shopping in Santa Monica after the half-percent tax was shoved down our throats, but after a couple trips to CVS (out of necessity, didn't feel like driving to West Los Angeles in bumper to bumper traffic) and Bay Cities (the only place I still go, simply because it's the best deli and worth the aggravation getting there), I'm greeted with the prospect of having to buy a paper bag or walking out of the store like a hobo with the few items clutched in my arms. The paper bags were always free in the past, why do they cost a dime now? Is this some kind of sin tax for the non-Prius driving crowd? Since the "Great Bag Ban of 2011" has been enacted, I've noticed a significant increase of dog crap being left in my front yard – coincidence, I think not. I'll add that one to the list as well.

John Petoria

Santa Monica

Face to face

Editor:

"Parents, let your young children have the comfort of facing you, while in their strollers." This is from one of many studies that links outward facing children to a possible decline in vocal skills, apparently due to extra stress.

I wanted to share this with your readers. For more information, one can Google "children stroller stress."

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Walking like MADD

THE DODGERS HAVE 12 GAMES REMAINING

before the end of the season, which may be a relief for Dodger fans. At best the Dodgers will finish .500. Even worse, it appears they will still have Frank McCourt as their owner. (Please go to Facebook and search for "Don't Support McCourt.") But, as you will see, this is not a column about sports.

At three games out of first (as of Thursday), the Angels still have a chance, albeit slim. But I'm still reminded that a little more than 2 years ago the Angels lost a promising pitcher in a senseless DUI crash. (Notice I use the word crash rather than accident because if a person drinks and drives, what follows is no accident.) Normally I try to provide a little levity in these pieces, but DUI crashes aren't exactly gold mines of humor.

And yet, as recently as 30 years ago, we viewed drunken behavior differently. Foster Brooks, a popular comedian, performed an act as a drunken airline pilot. It was funny then but wouldn't be now.

As the host of his hit TV show in the 1970s, Dean Martin also used to affect being drunk. Of late, those closest to Dean swear it was all an act.

Though some might contend that we've gotten too politically correct, I'd say it's more that we've learned that alcoholism is a destructive illness (which kind of diminishes the humor).

I suppose there's some dark humor in DUI crashes. Certainly not ha-ha funny but a grim, ironic reality that often, while innocent victims get killed or injured, the drunk driver, who's loose from being looped, often walks away unscathed. Fortunately, these days, they also walk right into jail. (And not allowed behind the wheel anymore. Or one would hope.)

This brings me back to Nick Adenhardt, the young pitcher in the Angels organization. On April 9, 2009, Adenhardt pitched the best game of his young major league career. He threw six scoreless innings and got his first win.

Nick had been so confident that he'd finally arrived as a major league pitcher, he had his father, Jim, fly out from Maryland to see the game. Tragically, only hours after the joy from the game, Jim got a late night phone call at the hotel that his 22-year-old son was dead.

The driver of the other car, Andrew Thomas Gallo, 21, was driving on a suspended license (for a previous DUI). Driving at twice the legal alcohol limit, Gallo essentially murdered Nick and two young friends, and left a

fourth victim with life threatening injuries.

Of little consolation, last September Gallo was convicted of three counts of second-degree murder and sentenced to 51 years to life in jail. (He won't be eligible for parole for 49 years.)

Mary Elizabeth Yoder can also attest to the horror of DUI crashes. At 11, she was with her family driving home from church. They were in the family VW near Nappanee, Ind., in the heart of Amish country.

The Yoder's car was struck by a drunk driver who killed Mary Elizabeth's father and left her mother seriously injured. The driver, however, was only given a sentence of five years. This personal nightmare happened 30 years ago next Friday. To see Mary Elizabeth's emotional and riveting confrontation with the driver 27 years after the crash, go to You Tube and type "Mary's Story Grief Support."

It took Mary Elizabeth decades to find forgiveness in her heart. But, remarkably, she did. She also started the Arnold C. Yoder Survivors Foundation. TheACY is a 501C3 charity designed to help others, especially children, when someone close has died, to discover their own journey through grief, forgiveness and healing.

Fortunately for all of us, there are people like Mary Elizabeth and organizations like MADD, Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Since 1980, MADD has been valiantly trying to stop drunk driving, support victims and prevent underage drinking. All you have to do is talk to any MADD volunteer, most of whom have lost loved ones in DUI crashes, to appreciate their selfless sincerity. At the risk of sounding hokey (though that's never stopped me before) the strength of these people is inspiring.

WALK like MADD is MADD's signature event that raises funds and, simply put, saves lives. In the greater Los Angeles area it will take place at the Queen Mary on Sept. 24, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. On that Saturday, in 40 cities around the country, tens of thousands of people will participate in 5K walks to celebrate a brighter future without drunk driving. What a hopeful thought. Years ago I might have joked, "I'll drink to that." This year I wrote a column instead.

To learn about the Arnold C. Yoder Survivors Foundation go to: www.TheACY.org. To participate and/or donate to Walk Like MADD, go to www.walklikemadd.org.

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Your column here

Janet Bridgers

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Passing the coastal protection torch

LOVE HIM OR HATE HIM, PETER Douglas, executive director of the California Coastal Commission for 26 years, was a charismatic leader. With his retirement, Californians see the end of involvement of the original activists behind the Coastal Initiative (Prop. 20).

Last week the commission voted unanimously to appoint Dr. Charles Lester as the new executive director. Lester has great credentials — a Ph.D. in jurisprudence and social policy from UC Berkeley is among his several degrees. What his mettle will prove to be remains to be seen. As a coastal activist, I join fellow activists in wishing him the best and thanking him for having the courage to take the job on. That is a test in itself.

“Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more.” Peter said many times. “The coast is never saved. It’s always being saved.”

Lester enters at a difficult time. Although Californians still overwhelmingly poll in favor of coastal protection, the process of fighting for the coast has become more difficult and more expensive. The commission meets in a different city each month — from one end of California to the other. If one is lucky, one’s issue comes up at a meeting held within a couple of hours driving time. Otherwise, it becomes economically prohibitive to pay the expenses of having more than one or two local activists go and appear before the commission to make a presentation that may carry weight. An odd provision of the Coastal Act allows applicants to control the location of hearings. It is therefore most egregious when a local agency, for example, as happened with the City of Port Hueneme, acts to move hearings to Eureka so its own citizens had little opportunity to be heard.

Raising the money and enthusiasm for these fights would be easier if coastal activists generally still believed in the commission’s ability to fully consider the position of average Joes and Josephines on coastal issues. Many coastal activists I talk to feel the commission has morphed into a bureaucracy that places little value on interacting with the common man (or woman), and instead now places more value on its relationship with other agencies, i.e. cities and counties, or developers.

So who will show up to defend Dr. Lester and the commission when the next attack

against it occurs? There will be some diehards, but like all mortals, they do eventually die. New blood is needed.

For that reason, it is important to instill in the many people who rely on beach access for recreation and personal restoration that beach access is not free. Like our many personal freedoms guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, it depends on vigilance and the willingness and ability of some to stand up against challenges, big and small. Whether it’s a famous music mogul who wants to renege on coastal access provision that was the basis for approval of his beach house expansion permit, an oil company that wants to institute slant drilling, or a developer who wants to turn biologically sensitive coastal property into condominiums or a golf course, there must be those who are willing and able to stand before the commission and defend the rights of ordinary Californians and wildlife. It takes time, energy and funding to be a coastal activist.

And like everything else in this economy, raising funds for coastal protection is now tougher. Those who can afford to fund these efforts are helping to preserve nothing less than the geographical soul of California. Those who can’t afford to donate would do well to remember to check the coastal protection stance of would-be assemblypersons and state senators and “Vote the Coast!” They might also consider volunteering with coastal groups.

Otherwise, at some point in the future, the pronouncement will be made that the Prop. 20 phenomenon has now faded into myth, a California expression of Camelot that existed for one brief shining moment.

For those interested in better understanding the importance of Prop. 20 and the Coastal Act — one of the strongest pieces of environmental legislation in the world — our recent exclusive video interview with Peter Douglas can be accessed on our website, www.earthalert.org.

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The Q-Line

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More crime, trafficking victims apply for visas

AMY TAXIN

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The number of crime and trafficking victims applying for special visas to stay in the country has increased, thanks to federal officials' outreach to local law enforcement, immigration authorities said Thursday.

More than 13,000 crime victims have applied for the visas so far this fiscal year, up at least 28 percent from a year earlier, according to statistics provided by U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services. About 860 trafficking victims have applied, a 51 percent increase.

Many victims say they learned about the visas — known as "T-" and "U-visas" — from local law enforcement, said Lynn Boudreau, assistant director of the agency's

Vermont Service Center, which processes victims' applications.

That leads immigration officials to believe outreach efforts may be paying off, Boudreau told reporters in Los Angeles on a nationwide tour to educate law enforcement about the visas.

Immigration officials have held training sessions for law enforcement in 30 cities this year to make officers aware of the trafficking visa and explain their role in immigrants' applications for a crime victim visa.

To apply for a visa, crime victims must obtain paperwork from law enforcement certifying they have been cooperative with an investigation. Community advocates say sometimes officials are reluctant to provide this paperwork, fearing they are granting victims a visa.

FDA not cool with 'corn sugar' label

THOMAS WATKINS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES The Food and Drug Administration has cautioned the corn industry over its ongoing use of the term "corn sugar" to describe high fructose corn syrup, asking them to stop using the proposed new name before it has received regulatory approval, The Associated Press has learned.

The Corn Refiners Association wants to use "corn sugar" as an alternative name for the widely used liquid sweetener currently labeled as high fructose corn syrup on most sodas and packaged foods. They're attempting an image makeover after some scientists linked the product to obesity, diabetes and other health problems; some food companies now tout products that don't contain the ingredient.

Though it could take another year before the FDA rules on the request made last September to change the name, the Corn Refiners Association has for months been using "corn sugar" on television commercials and at least two websites: cornsugar.com and sweetsurprise.com.

A series of high-profile television, online and print advertisements tell consumers that "sugar is sugar" and that corn sugar is natural and safe, provided it's consumed in moderation.

In a July 12 letter obtained by the AP, Barbara Schneeman, an FDA director, wrote to the Corn Refiners Association to say she was concerned with the trade group using the terms high fructose corn syrup and "corn sugar" interchangeably.

"We request that you re-examine your websites and modify statements that use the term 'corn sugar' as a synonym for (high fructose corn syrup)," Schneeman wrote.

As of Thursday, two months after the letter was sent, none of that wording had been changed.

Audrae Erickson, spokeswoman for the Corn Refiners Association, said in an email to the AP that the group is currently reviewing its materials and will make changes if necessary.

"We do not believe that anyone could be confused or believe that the statements regarding 'corn sugar' on the websites refer to anything other than high fructose corn syrup," Erickson wrote.

The FDA has no regulatory control over

the corn association's advertising because it is not selling a product but promoting an industry. The federal agency can prosecute companies that incorrectly label ingredients and Schneeman wrote that the FDA may launch enforcement action against food companies listing high fructose corn syrup as "corn sugar."

Beet and cane sugar producers have filed a lawsuit over claims that corn sugar is the same, saying they amount to false advertising. A federal judge is reviewing a motion to dismiss the case.

Scientists are split over whether high fructose corn syrup is any more damaging than regular sugar. The American Medical Association has said there's not enough evidence to restrict its use of high fructose corn syrup, though it wants more research.

In general, experts agree, consumers should be eating less sugar, whatever its origin.

Internal documents obtained by the AP indicate high-level skepticism over the planned name change, partly because regulators already have a substance on their books called "corn sugar," which is used as another name for dextrose.

Michael Taylor, the FDA's deputy commissioner for foods, wrote in an internal email that a previous attempt by the corn industry to change the name of high fructose corn syrup to just "corn syrup" was misleading, could have robbed consumers of important information and would invite ridicule.

"It would be affirmatively misleading to change the name of the ingredient after all this time, especially in light of the controversy surrounding it," Taylor told colleagues in an email dated March 15, 2010. "If we allow it, we will rightly be mocked both on the substance of the outcome and the process through which it was achieved."

The proposed "corn syrup" name was subsequently dropped when corn makers filed a formal petition seeking "corn sugar" as the new name.

Taylor heads the FDA's food section and oversees food labeling to ensure products contain clear nutritional information.

FDA spokesman Doug Karas said Taylor's comments should be looked at in the context of the proposed name change to "corn syrup" and nothing should be inferred about what the FDA's decision may be regarding the ongoing review to change the name of high fructose corn syrup to "corn sugar."

CRIME WATCH

BY DAILY PRESS STAFF

Better watch where you step

Crime Watch is a weekly series culled from reports provided by the Santa Monica Police Department. These are arrests only. All parties are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11, AT 12:48 A.M.,

Santa Monica police officers responded to the 2500 block of Lincoln Boulevard – ARCO – regarding a strong-arm robbery that just occurred. When officers arrived, they found the suspect at the cashier's window and detained him without incident. Officers made contact with the alleged victim who told them that he had accidentally stepped on the suspect's shoe. The suspect grew angry and told the victim that if he did not buy him cigarettes he would beat him up, police said. The victim bought the cigarettes and gave them to the suspect, who then demanded money. In fear for his safety, the victim gave up his cash as well. The victim left the scene and called police. The victim identified the suspect, who was placed under arrest and transported to the Santa Monica Jail where he was booked for robbery and a probation violation. He was identified as Daniel Desouza, 21, of Santa Monica. His bail was set at \$50,000.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 11, AT 4:24 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1800 block of Wilshire Boulevard – Rite-Aid – regarding a report of a burglary. When officers arrived, they made contact with store security who said a man walked into the store and broke into a locked display containing shaving supplies. The suspect allegedly stole 18 packs of Gillette razor cartridges valued at \$256. He fled the store when the alarm went off, police said. Security chased the suspect as he ran west on Wilshire Boulevard. As they approached 15th Street, security was able to take the property back as the suspect continued to run southbound on Euclid Street and out of sight. Officers located the suspect short thereafter and he was identified by store security. He was placed under arrest for burglary and a probation violation. He was identified as Dontae Hines, 28, a transient. No bail was set.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, AT 12:30 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 1500 block of Lincoln Boulevard – Denny's – regarding a man who was allegedly loitering. When officers arrived, they contacted the restaurant manager, who told them that the female suspect entered the restaurant, ordered food and over the last four hours, had been sitting in a booth slowly eating her meal while also making a large mess around her. The manager asked the woman to pay her bill and leave, and she allegedly ignored him. Officers asked the woman if she would pay, but she told them that she had no way of doing so. The manager was desirous of prosecution and officers placed the suspect under arrest for defrauding an innkeeper. She was identified as Ziada Asmelash, 37, a transient. Her bail was at \$500.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10, AT 8:41 A.M.,

Officers responded to the 1400 block of 14th Street regarding a report of a burglary that just occurred. When officers arrived, they made contact with the victim who said he and two of his employees found a man inside of a construction site vandalizing a window. The suspect ran out of the building and was followed by the construction workers. The workers realized that the building's copper wiring had been stripped and several stainless steel appliances had been stolen. Officers searched the area and located the suspect in the 100 block of Colorado Avenue. He was positively identified and placed under arrest. The suspect later admitted to entering the building several times to take the building's copper wiring, police said. He denied taking the appliances. The suspect was booked for commercial burglary and a probation violation. He was identified as Robert Phillips, 38, a transient.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7, AT 9:59 P.M.,

Officers responded to the area of Bay Street and Ocean Front Walk regarding a report of a man threatening to kill people as they walked by. When officers arrived, they detained the suspect and during a search found a glass pipe commonly used to smoke methamphetamine. The suspect was placed under arrest. During the booking search, officers found meth in the suspect's possession. The suspect was identified as Michael Rykard, 51, of Los Angeles. His bail was set at \$10,000.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 7, AT 5:45 P.M.,

Officers working undercover with the Crime Impact Team were in the area of Lincoln and Ocean Park boulevards when they saw two women standing along the corner waiving at motorists. Officers have received reports of prostitution in the area and believed the women were trying to solicit. An undercover officer approached the two women, who allegedly agreed to have sex with the officer in exchange for cash. The women jumped into the officer's car and they drove off. A short time later, police conducted a traffic stop and the two women were placed under arrest. One suspect was identified as a 17-year-old juvenile who was cited for loitering with the intent to solicit and was released to her mother. The second suspect, identified as Shantal Robinson, 21, a transient, was booked for prostitution. Her bail was set at \$20,000.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 6, AT 7:53 P.M.,

Officers responded to the 2300 block of Pico Boulevard – Rite-Aid – regarding a report of an assault in progress. When officers arrived, they met with the victim, a security guard at Rite-Aid, who told officers he was working when he saw a man aggressively panhandling just outside of the store. He went outside and asked the man to leave. The suspect grew angry and removed a large knife from his pocket and allegedly threatened to kill the victim. The suspect fled with the victim following behind at a safe distance. He called 911 and officers detained the suspect without incident. The suspect was booked for assault with a deadly weapon and a probation violation. He was identified as Anastacio Pena, 43, a transient. His bail was set at \$30,000.

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She kept the Unleash the Beach website up and within the last year she noticed more people writing in wanting to help.

"I thought, if that's the case, let's give it another try and see what happens," said Umano, who held Unleash's first fundraiser in July at a cafe on Pier Avenue.

Saturday's fundraiser is scheduled for 7 p.m. at The Talking Stick Coffee Lounge, 1411 Lincoln Blvd. in Venice.

A California code prohibits unleashed dogs on state beaches without an order from a California State Parks superintendent. Officials with the agency, which owns Santa Monica State Beach, have opposed any efforts by City Hall, which manages the beach, to ease rules and allow dogs on the sand.

Supporters of creating a pilot program will have to get city officials on their side first, and then use that momentum to influence State Parks, something which seems unlikely given the concerns expressed by Craig Sap, acting superintendent of the park agency's Angeles District, and environmentalists.

Dogs, they say, can disrupt the experience of beach-goers, destroy sensitive habitat and bite people, exposing City Hall to lawsuits.

"Everyone can say that their dog is a great dog, and most are, but you can't truly control a dog if it's off leash," Sap said. "Then you have the issue of use and people being on the beach, specifically kids, who may not want to interact with dogs while they are enjoying the beach."

And if that wasn't enough, there are those who worry that dog feces left on the beach will negatively impact water quality.

"We are already struggling at our local beaches to meet water quality standards. Adding another pollution source is not the right thing to do," said Mark Gold, president of environmental watchdog Heal the Bay and chair of Santa Monica's Task Force on the Environment.

Gold, whose family includes three dogs, said Heal the Bay is open to supporting a dog beach but only one that is completely fenced-off and not located in the inter-tidal zone.

"Even though 90 percent of dog owners are responsible, there's that 10 percent who are not," he said. "Anybody who has been to a dog park knows one owner out of 10 is not cleaning up after their pet."

Supporters say a dog beach would promote exercise for dogs and their owners and

provide a space for dog owners to meet, share information and form community bonds. They say dogs would be able to socialize and therefore be less aggressive, and the beaches would make it less likely that owners would let their pets loose in other areas, like secluded sands in Malibu.

Most of the 1,100 miles of beaches along the California coast are officially closed to dogs, however, beach-goers can legally bring their dogs to over 60 beaches up and down the coastline, according to a report by the California Research Bureau entitled "Dogs on the Beach: A Review of Regulations and Issues Affecting Dog Beaches in California."

The report was commissioned in 2006 by then Assemblyman Ted Lieu and found nearly 20 off-leash dog beaches in California, including four in San Francisco and three in San Diego, but just one in Los Angeles County, located in Long Beach.

Despite concerns, officials there say the "dog zone," created in 2003 by City Hall, which has ownership over the beach, as part of a pilot program, has been a success. Over 40,000 dogs visit the beach each year but there have been "maybe five reports of dog bites a year and those come from owners trying to break up dogs mixing it up," said Jane Grobaty, a spokesperson for Long Beach's Recreation and Parks Department.

The 2.9-acre stretch of unfenced beach along the water's edge became permanent in 2004. Over the years, frequent water testing has recorded no change in water quality, Grobaty said.

"Overall, it's been pretty positive," she said. "The biggest complaint we get has to do with people who let their dogs loose before reaching the Dog Zone."

To address liability, city official enacted "hold harmless" language for injuries or damage caused by dogs.

In Huntington Beach, a dog beach was created in 1998, primarily through the efforts of a local dog advocate. The ordinance establishing the beach requires owners to have their dogs on a leash no longer than 6 feet. Dog owners do let their dogs roam free once in the wet sand and water.

The Preservation Society of Huntington Dog Beach, a non profit, partners with the city to maintain it. The society has clean-up crews and installed 60 dog bag dispensers for owners to pick up poop.

T.J. Daly is the current president of the society and calls the dog beach "a happy place."

"People love it, but then again you always have a small group trying to shut it down all

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eral other state and federal agencies in banning the product.

The change means that students aged 18 or above and anybody else that uses district facilities are prohibited from “smoking” electronic cigarettes on school grounds.

A recent California law banned the sale of e-cigarettes to minors, but nothing prevented them from being used on school sites either by 18-year-old students nor adults that use the campuses for other things, like sports.

E-cigarettes are battery-powered devices formed of a cartridge that contains a nicotine solution and an atomizer which heats the solution until it forms a steam.

Users inhale the steam like smoke, and get a rush of nicotine similar to smoking a cigarette.

The things even look like cigarettes, to the point that some manufacturers put a red LED light at the end of them to simulate burning.

By expanding the policy to include the e-cigs and other “nicotine delivery devices,” board members protected future money from competitive state grants called Tobacco-Use Prevention Education, or TUPE.

The district spent \$26,000 in TUPE money in the 2009-10 school year, but the money dried up in recent years when the economy sunk down, said Chief Financial Officer Jan Maez.

That funding came from a 1988 initiative called Proposition 99 that added a tax on tobacco products that was used to fund research into the effects of tobacco and then educate students about them, said Greg Wolfe, spokesperson for the California Department of Education.

While laws to keep schools tobacco-free have been on the books for decades, the department has had to expand what fits under that definition.

“We don’t want youth exposed to nicotine or tobacco use,” Wolfe said.

So far, e-cigarettes don’t seem to have found a huge following amongst young people, according to a random sampling of Santa Monica High School students.

“Kids are still experimenting with real cigarettes,” said Joe Colajezzi, a senior at Samohi. “(Electronic cigarettes) are for adults because they recognize they have a problem and know it is a safe alternative that makes them feel like they are smoking.”

Colajezzi tried an e-cigarette recently, and wasn’t impressed.

“My dad was sitting on it, and I noticed it,” he said. “I asked him why you don’t just smoke a real cigarette?”

For one, the e-cigarettes have been sold as healthier because they don’t involve burning, which introduces thousands of extra chemicals including carbon monoxide, which contributes to strokes and heart attacks.

People have long-accepted the health impacts of normal cigarettes, both on the smoker and the people around them, but the jury is still out on e-cigarettes.

The Federal Drug Administration, which first tried to regulate the product in 2008, found that the cartridges that carry the nicotine solution have cancer-causing and toxic chemicals in them, including diethylene glycol, an ingredient used in anti-freeze.

That could have an impact on bystanders downwind of the exhaled vapor, according to the FDA.

To date, there isn’t much solid information about the impacts of e-cigarettes, but some feel it has to be better than the alternative.

Dr. David Baron, of Primary Caring in Santa Monica, approves of e-cigarettes as a healthful alternative for those that already smoke to the point that he acts as an unpaid medical advisor to one of the e-cigarette companies, Smokestik.

He still fully supports the school ban because “appearances matter.”

“It’s not because I think that it’s going to harm them, but

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the time,” he said.

Daly said dog bites are few and far between. It’s nothing different than in a neighborhood or in someone’s backyard.

“Dog bites can happen anywhere,” he said. “The beaches give dogs a chance to exercise so they will live longer and it’s one of the best places for them to learn social skills.”

The society is hosting a dog surfing contest on Sept. 25.

“It’s one of our busiest days of the year down there. It attracts a lot of people, which is good for the city,” Daly said.

According to the state report, the society carries a group insurance policy that covers every person on the dog beach for liability and medical expenses. City officials provide the same basic maintenance for the dog beach that they do for other city beaches.

There has been no evidence of higher bacteria levels or other water quality problems relative to other city beaches, according to the report.

Supporters say the report shows that concerns about dog beaches are overblown and are begging Santa Monica City Hall to consider a pilot program.

“We’re willing to be extremely flexible,” Umano said. “We want to show people that they don’t have to be afraid. They will see it’s going to be fine.”

Santa Monica poses a few problems. The southern side of the beach attracts many visitors, particularly on weekends, while the north side is known to be a nesting spot for the western snowy plover, a sparrow-sized, light-colored shorebird that is listed as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act.

A pilot program could include a small section of sand — perhaps the size of a few volleyball courts — with limited hours and restricted to weekdays, Umano said.

“We really want to have the City Council mandate to staff to find a way to make it happen,” she added.

The council in 2005 supported including the city in a pilot program, but the issue has not come up since.

Mayor Richard Bloom said his dog Jackson is supportive, but he would have to do some more research before giving his endorsement.

“We had some concerns in the past and we need to pay close attention to those,” he said. “This is certainly worth discussion.”

For more information on Unleash the Beach, go to www.unleashthebeach.org. For the state report on dog beaches, go to www.library.ca.gov/crb.

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"avoid mental errors."

Last week's loss stung, but Guerra didn't feel like his team was physically dominated despite what the final score may indicate. The biggest problem, he said, was the team's lack of discipline, something that he's trying to instill in his new program.

"This is a good week to bounce back," he said. "Malibu is a sound team, but not complicated. It gives us a chance to not be complicated ourselves."

"We want to see who's fundamentals are better."

Part of Guerra's coaching tool box is hammering the football at the strength of the defense. Tasked with that order will be senior running back Sean Martinez, who shined during the week one win over Animo and actually ran effectively against South Hills, gaining just over 70 yards.

The one thing that Guerra said he'd like to see from his Mariners is strong play from the tight end position. Chris Corbally and Blaze Hilario give quarterback Lukas Dretzka a nice safety valve if wide receivers are bottled up.

"We think that our guys have the ability to make things happen at that position," he said. "It gives us another threat."

After watching film of Malibu, Guerra couldn't help but draw comparisons between the two schools' offenses.

Like the Mariners, Malibu tends to set up with two running backs. He described the Sharks' offense as pretty basic without many exotic formations or wrinkles.

"They aren't running any spread option or anything like that," Guerra said. "It's going to be a good game, we'll see who blinks first."

When not rushing the ball, Malibu will look to quarterback Dylan Miller who is somewhat of a dual-threat passer. Guerra said that one of the things that does worry him is Miller's ability to scramble.

"He's the kind of guy who can run enough if you fall asleep on him," Guerra said of Miller. "We'll have to stay at home, making sure he doesn't take off."

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Performance bonuses were reduced for managers from 10 percent of their salaries to 5 percent, while those for architects, planners, engineers and administrative analysts were ceded entirely for a base salary increase of 3.8 percent.

Savings should equal \$245,770 in the first year and \$890,935 in the next.

The employee pay-ins negotiated into the new contracts don't cover the entire cost of the benefits, but the contributions will take pressure off of City Hall in the coming years, said Assistant City Manager Elaine Polachek.

"We're very pleased that our employees have shown an understanding of changing times," Polachek said. "They understand that they are well-compensated and well-tended to by management in the city, and I think they understand they have a good contract in these times."

All nine of the employee bargaining units were brought in at the same time, and given one-, two- or three-year contracts to stagger future negotiations.

Each got a 2 percent cost of living increase for the first year, and all but the division managers, who have a one-year contract, were promised a 3 percent cost of living increase for the second year of the contract.

The process consumed the life of Donna Peters, assistant director of human resources, for the past six months.

"The majority of our bargaining groups this year knew what the financial position was, and wanted to avoid some of the things that are happening in cities around us," Peters said. "They came in with a little more reasonableness, knowing there was not a lot of room to move."

Talks began March 28 and one, the Municipal Employees Association, took so long to get passed by its membership that its contract had to be presented in a separate agenda item to the City Council because it missed the deadline for the original staff report.

By the end of the talks, both City Hall and the nine bargaining groups came to mutually satisfactory compromises.

"It's a fair contract that both sides are happy with," said Matthew Rice, spokesman for the Santa Monica Police Officers Association. "It's a good example of collective bargaining going successfully."

The contracts fall in line with state and national trends, with public employee groups paying ever-larger amounts into their medical and pension costs as general funds flounder under the weight of personnel costs.

In Santa Monica, for instance, a police officer was worth 77 extra cents in benefits for every dollar that they got paid in salary prior to negotiations.

Costs were only slated to rise after the



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ACTION: Santa Monica firefighters respond to a fire on the Third Street Promenade last month.

California Public Employees Retirement System posted huge losses in February, fully 24 percent of its total investments.

City Council member Bobby Shriver referred to the rising cost as the "800-pound gorilla in the room" during special study sessions about the City Hall budget.

While local funds could not sustain that level of spending, the packages offered by City Hall and accepted by municipal groups are richer than many being fought out in surrounding cities.

Glendale, for instance, asked its employees to not only cover their share of the costs of pensions, but some of City Hall's costs as well.

Police in Beverly Hills, previously the best-paid in Southern California, are also having a hard time in their negotiations, Rice said.

Santa Monica, which is less dependent on property taxes than other cities, weathered the recession better and had to ask less of its employees, Peters said.

"We know how lucky we are to work for a city with the financial status we have," Rice said.

The next step is a tentative agreement with all employees except police and firefighters to create a two-tiered system.

If accepted, new employees hired after July 2012 would get reduced benefits equating to 2 percent of their salary after they hit 55 years old after 20 years of service rather than the current 2.5 percent.

That's easier to get agreement on because it doesn't affect any employees that would be voting on the measure, Peters said.

"They're more likely to agree on something that affects future employees," Peters said.

The two-tier system will likely go before City Council for acceptance in October.

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rette could be a useful tool to health.

The addictive element in tobacco, nicotine, isn't inherently harmful, Baron said.

If it can be delivered to smokers without carcinogenic tobacco, as is already done with nicotine patches and gums, but in a form that satisfies other elements of the smoking addiction, all the better.

"If there was a study that compared it to gum or the patch, I think it would show that it's superior because it meets so many of the needs of the smoker," Baron said. "It gives them something to hold, place in the lips, breathe in and out, and nicotine."

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because it simulates a toxic behavior," Baron said. "On the chance that it leads a non-smoker to smoke, that would be a darn shame. We don't want that."

Baron is also against the inclusion of flavors to e-cigarettes that could attract kids to smoke.

"They should be sternly criticized and frowned upon as targeting young buyers. That's very legitimate," Baron said. "Clearly if you are targeting that audience to use e-cigarettes if they aren't already smoking, that's definitely worthy of criticism and a reason to ban these things."

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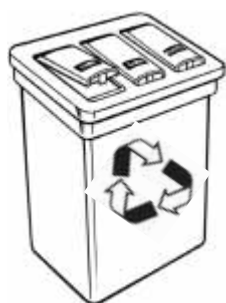
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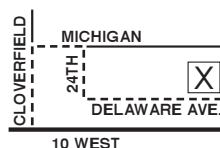
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JUST LIKE THAT: Students practice poses during Mike Pottenger's class at Santa Monica Yoga on Thursday. A new website, passportprana.com, offers discounts on classes.

YOGA

FROM PAGE 1

long day's work and helps me unwind, [because] the combination of experienced yogis, a soothing environment, self-reflection through meditation, and exercise/breathing techniques."

Vinyasa instructor, Alex Richmond, at the Hub-LA in West Los Angeles — one of the 35 participating studios — recommends the card for someone who is exploring the yoga world of Los Angeles or is new to the city.

"I think it's good for people, if it's in a city that they've never been to and they're trying out different classes," said the 23-year-old yoga instructor. "Even if it's the city they already know, it's good to get a good scope of different studios."

Passport to Prana cards are not only available in Los Angeles, but in 14 major cities across the country and eight cities in Canada, which might be of interest if you're on a business trip or visiting one of the cities for some time. If Richmond ever plans a trip to New York City, he would consider.

"If I went to New York for an extended period of time, I would be interested, just so

I can see what they have going on over there," he said.

Richmond, who believes yoga should be affordable, gives his advice for future cardholders that are soon to explore different studios in Los Angeles.

"Don't get caught up if you don't have a good experience in the class and be open to try any classes and different styles that fit you best, because there's so many out there," he said.

You can check out the full list on their website www.passportprana.com and get more information on how it works. For this year's cycle, the card expires Nov. 30, 2011. For the 2012 year, a new list of participating studios and expiration date will be announced.

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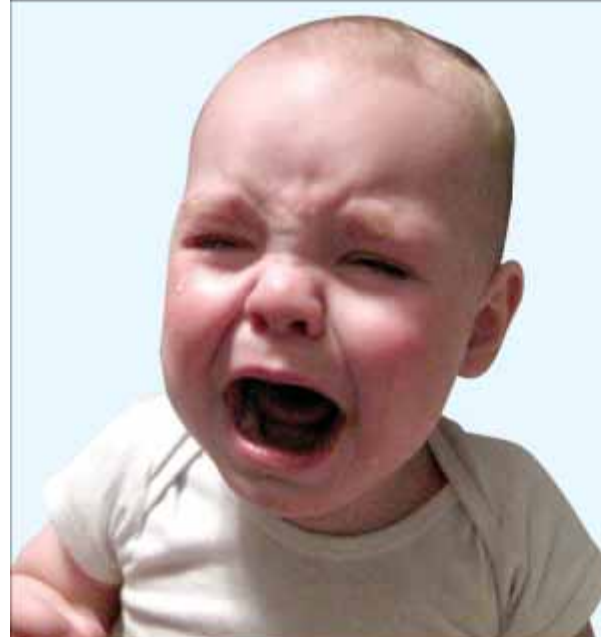
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Higher Netflix prices chasing subscribers

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SAN FRANCISCO Netflix's decision to raise prices by as much as 60 percent is turning into a horror show.

The customer backlash against the higher rates, kicking in this month, has been much harsher than Netflix Inc. anticipated. That prompted management to predict Thursday that the company —the largest U.S. video subscription service— will end September with 600,000 fewer U.S. customers than it had in June.

It will mark just the second time in 12 years that Netflix has lost subscribers from one quarter to the next. The last downturn occurred during 2007 when Netflix lost a mere 55,000 from March through June.

The current hemorrhaging exacerbated fears that Netflix is losing the magic touch that increased its stock 10-fold in the three years leading up to the company's July 12 announcement about its higher prices.

Since then, Netflix has turned into Wall Street's equivalent of a box-office flop. Its shares plunged \$39.46, or about 19 percent, to close at \$169.25 on Thursday, leaving Netflix's stock price more than 40 percent below where it stood before the company unveiled the higher prices. The cost to shareholders so far: more than \$6 billion in paper losses.

It could get uglier if the worst-case scenarios play out. Netflix suffered another setback earlier this month when Starz Entertainment ended talks to renew the licensing rights to a key part of Netflix's video library for streaming over the Internet. The fallout from that decision will hit in March when Netflix will no longer be able to stream the popular mix of recently released movies and TV shows that it got from Starz, raising the specter of another onslaught of customer defections.

"Netflix isn't looking like it's as good a deal because their prices are getting higher and their content isn't getting any better," said Wedbush Securities analyst Michael Pachter, who thinks the company's shares could fall as low as \$110. "It's like they have taken the beef away from the buffet."

The customer exodus still hasn't convinced Netflix to reverse its course and lower its prices as it did in 2007 when it was engaged in a cut-throat battle with Blockbuster Inc. In announcing its lowered subscriber forecasts Thursday, Netflix emphasized it consider its new prices to be "the right long-term strategic choice."

The new pricing structure was driven by Netflix's desire to build up its service that streams video over high-speed Internet connections, even at the risk of hurting the DVD-by-mail rentals that used to be its main business. Netflix management believes the convenience of Internet video is the main reason that it has added 17 million U.S. subscribers during the past three years, establishing the company as a major player in the entertainment industry.

As the streaming service took off, Hollywood studios and other video distributors such as Starz have been demanding higher fees for the licensing rights to their content — a trend that caused Netflix to dig deeper into its subscribers' wallets.

Even with fewer subscribers, Netflix expects to bring in \$10 million to \$25 million more from its customers than during the July-September period than it did April-June.

Netflix revenue won't keep rising, though, if more subscribers flee. Pachter thinks that could still happen because some

customers won't be billed at the higher rates until the end of the month.

Besides being more expensive, Netflix's new pricing structure is also more complicated for subscribers who want to stream and rent DVDs from the service.

Until Sept. 1, Netflix offered plans that bundled DVD rentals and unlimited video streaming for as little as \$10 per month. Those options are now sold separately, resulting in a cost of at least \$16 per month for people who want streaming and DVDs. Having both choices is appealing because Netflix's streaming library primarily consists of old TV shows and movies, leaving DVDs as the main way to see recently released films.

To hold down costs in a tough economy, millions of Netflix customers are either limiting their subscriptions to a streaming-only or DVD-only plan. Other customers are canceling their accounts to protest the new pricing scheme. Those canceling are following through on threats that were made on Facebook and Netflix's own blog after the higher prices were announced.

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Wedbush Securities Analyst

Despite the vitriolic reaction, Netflix CEO Reed Hastings still thought the company would be able to add subscribers. In late July, he issued a forecast that indicated Netflix would end September with 25 million U.S. subscribers, up from 24.6 million in June. That prediction was lowered Thursday to 24 million. The revision mostly reflects Netflix's expectation that it will have 800,000 fewer DVD-only subscribers than it previously thought.

Many of the people no longer renting DVDs from Netflix will get their discs elsewhere. That could be a boon for Redbox, which rents DVDs for \$1 per night through 33,330 kiosks in supermarkets and other retailers, and Blockbuster, which still has 1,500 U.S. stores after emerging from bankruptcy protection under the ownership of Dish Network Corp. Investors are betting Redbox will be the main beneficiary; the shares of Redbox owner Coinstar surged \$3.33, or more than 7 percent, to close at \$48.55 on Thursday. Dish Network's shares edged up 11 cents to \$25.82.

This could be an opportune time for would-be rivals to attack Netflix's streaming service too, BTIG Research analyst Richard Greenfield wrote in a Thursday blog post. Internet retailer Amazon.com Inc. launched a free streaming service for subscribers to its two-day shipping service earlier this year. Greenfield and other analysts believe Google Inc., already the owner of YouTube, is eager to expand its Internet video offerings to include more movies. One way Google could achieve that would be to buy Hulu.com, which has been put up by for sale by the television network owners that supply its video content.



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Corps estimates '11 flood damage at \$2B

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. The Army Corps of Engineers estimates it will cost more than \$2 billion to repair the damage to the nation's levees, dams and riverbanks caused by this year's excessive flooding, a sum that dwarfs \$150 million it currently has to make such repairs and that doesn't account for damage from Hurricane Irene or Tropical Storm Lee.

Floodwaters that raged down the nation's rivers this year have strained dams, eroded riverbanks, filled harbors with silt and ripped football field-sized holes in some earthen levees protecting farmland and small towns. The damage estimate, confirmed Thursday to The Associated Press by corps officials, promises to be more significant than with a typical flood in which high water recedes quickly.

The estimate does not factor in flood damage caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, and the corps does not have an estimate of the damage from those storms yet.

Along some stretches of the Missouri River, levees have been holding back floodwaters since June 1 as the corps lowered water levels from upstream dams that had filled to overflowing with record runoff from rain and winter snows. That water ultimately proved too much for many levees downstream in states such as Iowa and Missouri. Record high water levels also created havoc along the lower Mississippi from Missouri to Louisiana.

"I'm really nervous about it," Tom Waters, chairman of the Missouri Levee and Drainage District Association, said of the limited resources. "I think the corps is real nervous about it, too."

The Senate is considering a \$7 billion emergency disaster relief bill, but only \$1.3 billion of that would go to the corps. A competing House bill would allocate \$3.7 billion to overall disaster aid, \$226 million of it to the corps, although Congress could provide more money in future legislation.

Iowa Sen. Tom Harkin said he is working with senators in neighboring states to urge support for the emergency relief.

"I have seen firsthand some of the devastation along these rivers and local communities need financial assistance to recover," Harkin said.

Sensing it might not get all the money it needs, the corps is racing to repair the most essential damaged flood barriers before the spring runoff. Priority is being given to repairing damaged infrastructure that if left unfixed, would put lives at risk when the snows start melting and the 2012 flood season begins. Repairs only meant to safeguard property from future damage would get second billing.

"We are trying to rack and stack them and see which projects need to be done quickly and which ones can be delayed for some time," said Jud Kneuvean, emergency management chief for the corps' Kansas City district. "And honestly some of them can't be delayed. There is a high likelihood for failure. The consequences associated with failure are high."

Crews have been bulldozing earth back into place along the Mississippi River's damaged floodwalls, but repairs along much of the Missouri River will have to wait until the water level fully recedes, likely by October. A dry winter would allow repair work to con-

tinue, but ice and snow could force them to shut down temporarily.

"We've got to be ready to roll when the water recedes because time is our enemy," said Jud Kneuvean, emergency management chief for the corps' Kansas City district. "I will cross my fingers that it will be dry through the winter and spring."

In northwest Missouri's Holt County, more than 30 levee breaks inundated more than 230 square miles. Presiding commissioner Mark Sitherwood, whose own corn and soybean crops were ruined, said the levee damage will be in the millions.

"A lot of these little levee districts are sitting here with \$20,000 in the bank," Sitherwood said. "They don't have that kind of money and the county certainly doesn't have the kind of money it's going to take to fix this. So Congress is going to have to step up."



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Waters that overflowed their banks from coast to coast will make 2011 among the costliest years of flooding in U.S. history, yet will still fall far short of the damage caused by other large-scale events, such as Hurricane Katrina.

But the floods came in a year packed with disaster. In Missouri alone, historic flooding along the Mississippi River forced the intentional break of a levee that protected thousands of acres of prime farmland. In May, a monster tornado blamed for 162 deaths wiped away much of Joplin. Storms also devastated parts of the South, and Irene and Lee caused heavy flooding in parts of the Northeast.

"This year, as far as weather anomalies, has been unlike anything we've seen in a while," said corps spokeswoman Monique Farmer. "There is only so much money available to be spent on repairs from damages from all of the disasters that have taken place this year."

Kneuvean, who supervises a span of the Missouri River from Rulo, Neb., to St. Charles, Mo., has identified 53 repair projects, mostly levees, that need to be completed to restore the river to its pre-flood condition. He estimates it would cost \$35 million to complete the projects, which amounts to a quarter of the money the corps currently has for repairs.

The corps estimates it would cost \$460 million to repair the damage along the entire Missouri River, and rivers in the Pacific Northwest, including the Columbia, that overflowed their banks this spring.

Kneuvean said the potential funding shortfall could force branches of the corps that oversee different parts of the country to compete with each other for money.

"It's a tough spot to be in," Kneuvean said. "It's not a spot we wish we were in and it's one we wish we didn't have to put our stakeholders through."



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Clinton mum on averting UN showdown over Palestine

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Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton would not predict success Thursday for last-ditch talks with Israel and the Palestinians to avert what other diplomats have called a disastrous Palestinian plan to seek statehood recognition at the United Nations.

She warned the Palestinians that their effort is shortsighted and cannot succeed.

Two senior U.S. diplomats are making their second visit in a week to Israel and the West Bank. Other talks are going on in Europe as the U.S. and its allies try to head off the Palestinian plan for a showdown at next week's U.N. General Assembly session.

The U.S. supports a Palestinian state but says it must be created through negotiation, not by U.N. action.

"I cannot give you the odds on how successful our entire effort will be," Clinton told reporters following joint security meetings with Australian diplomatic and defense officials.

She said she would give no specifics on the latest talks, calling them sensitive, but she issued a warning to the Palestinians.

The difficult issues that have held up creation of a Palestinian state, including the borders and a future security relationship with Israel, "will not be resolved if some other route is taken at the United Nations."

U.S. officials in Washington said one proposed formula would include a statement from the international Quartet of Mideast mediators — the U.S., EU, Russia and U.N. — endorsing the 1967 boundaries that separated Israel and the Palestinians, which President Barack Obama has said should be the basis of an agreement. This, they said, might be accompanied by some sort of conciliatory speech by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to the U.N. next week.

In a direct challenge to the United States, the Palestinians said Thursday they will ask the U.N. Security Council next week to accept them as a full member of the United Nations, even though Washington has promised to veto the measure.

In Ramallah, West Bank, Palestinian Foreign Minister Riad Malki told foreign

journalists Thursday that the Palestinians were not looking for a fight. But he said the American stance puts the U.S. in a "confrontational position" with the rest of the world, and suggested American credibility could be at stake.

In Washington, White House spokesman Jay Carney emphasized that negotiation with Israel was the only viable path to Palestinian statehood.

"The Palestinians will not and cannot achieve statehood through a declaration at the United Nations. It is a distraction, and in fact, it's counterproductive," he said, adding that "the only way to resolve the issues between the Palestinians and the Israelis, and to ultimately create a Palestinian state, is through direct negotiations."

The Palestinians seek an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with east Jerusalem as their capital. Israel cap-

tured the territories in the 1967 Mideast war.

Netanyahu rejects a complete pullout from the West Bank and says Israel must retain east Jerusalem, which it considers an inseparable part of its capital. Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005.

The Palestinians say they are turning to the U.N. in frustration after years of failed peace talks. While a U.N. vote will not change the situation on the ground, the Palestinians believe it will improve their position in future talks. In particular, they say Israel must accept the 1967 borders as the basis of a future agreement.

While largely symbolic, the Palestinians are guaranteed a victory in the chamber, which is dominated by developing nations sympathetic to their cause. The Palestinians say some 130 nations have already pledged to support them, and Malki predicted up to 170 countries would vote in favor.

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- ARB 11-230, 651 Strand Avenue: Residential
- ARB 11-244, 610 California Avenue: Residential
- ARB 11-300, 1655 Euclid Street: Light Industrial/Office
- ARB 11-326, 929 Idaho Avenue: Residential
- ARB 11-327, 1422 3rd Street Promenade: Retail
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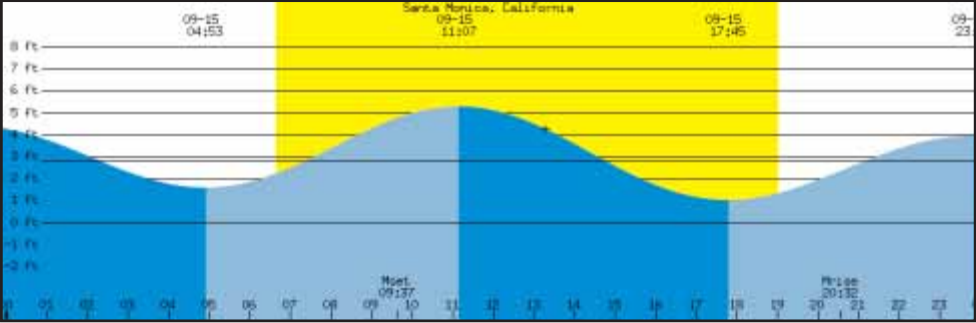
SWELL FORECAST

Today the NW swell should pick up a bit to chest max at west facing breaks. Direct south facing breaks are looking at waist max sets.

LONG RANGE SYNOPSIS

THE WEEKEND SHOULD SEE A BIT BETTER SIZE AT SOUTH FACING BREAKS, ABOUT WAIST+, MAYBE SOME CHEST HIGH WAVES FROM TIME TO TIME. WEST FACING BREAKS ARE LOOKING AT WAIST+ WAVES.

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 30 days up to the ending date of

September 6, 2011

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 days)	Number of sewage spills --	1
	Number of beach closures due to a sewage spill --	0
	Number of wet days --	0
	Number of A grades for dry/wet weather --	31 / 15
	Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather --	0 / 15

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LOCATION	DRY	WET	LOCATION	DRY	WET
Las Cañitas Beach, at Arroyo Sequit Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Bal Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A	ns
Nicholas Beach at San Nicholas Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A+	ns
El Pescador State Beach, between Luchessa and Las Aliso creeks.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Tennessee Canyon drain.	A+	ns
Escalante Canyon at El Morado State Beach.	A+	ns	Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chusatepec).	A+	ns
Broad Beach at Trancas Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Zuma Beach at Zuma Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A	ns
Walnut Creek, projection of Wildlife Rd. (private).	A+	ns	Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	A	ns
Paradise Cove Pier at Romeros Canyon Creek mouth.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Pico/Konter storm drain.	A	ns
Escandido Creek, just east of Escandido State Beach.	A+	ns	Santa Monica Beach at Strand St. (in front of the restaurant).	A+	ns
Lariga Canyon Creek mouth.	A	ns	Ocean Park Beach at Ashland Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Serfiche Canyon at Don Blocker County Beach.	F	ns	Venice City Beach, at the Ross Ave. storm drain.	A+	ns
Puerto State Beach at creek mouth.	A+	ns	Venice Beach at Brooks Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Marie Canyon storm drain at Puerto Beach, at 24572 Malibu Rd.	D	ns	Venice Beach at Windward Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Serfiche Beach at Malibu Colony fence.	A+	ns	Venice Fishing Pier - 50 yards south.	A+	ns
Serfiche Beach (beach location) - daily.	A	ns	Venice Beach - projection of Topical St.	A+	ns
Malibu Pier - 50 yards east.	C	ns	Marina del Rey, Mothers' Beach - lifeguard tower.	A	ns
Carbon Beach at Sweetwater Canyon.	C	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Bollina Creek mouth.	B	ns
Las Flores State Beach at Las Flores Creek (point zone).	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Culver Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Big Rock Beach at 19948 PCH stairs.	A	ns	North Westchester Storm Drain at Dockweiler State Beach.	A+	ns
Pine Creek at Las Tinas County Beach.	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at World Way (south of DAW jetty).	A+	ns
Tuna Canyon.	ns	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Imperial Hwy drain.	A	ns
Topanga State Beach at creek mouth.	A	ns	Dockweiler Beach - opposite Hyperion Treatment Plant.	A+	ns
Castroville Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	A+	ns	Dockweiler State Beach at Grand Ave. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Ynez Storm Drain at Castle Rock Beach.	B	ns			
Will Rogers State Beach at 17200 PCH (1/4 mile east of Sunset drain).	A+	ns			

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

McCoy and Shipley the sequel

BY JIM VERTUNO

AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN, Texas The names were the same and so were the results for Texas: a McCoy passing to a Shipley in a come-from-behind victory that looked oh-so-familiar.

The Longhorns' Colt McCoy-to-Jordan Shipley pass-catch combo dominated Big 12 defenses in 2008 and 2009, leading Texas to a 25-2 record over that span with a Big 12 title and an appearance in the BCS championship game.

Those two rewrote Texas and NCAA record books and the year after they left, Texas fell to 5-7 in 2010, its first losing season in 13 years.

Now their younger brothers are leading a Texas resurgence. Case McCoy and Jordan Shipley have emerged as two of the big play-makers for the No. 23 Longhorns (2-0).

Case McCoy, a sophomore, led the game-winning drive in last week's 17-16 win over BYU and has taken over for Garrett Gilbert at starting quarterback this week at UCLA. Shipley, a freshman, had two big catches on the drive and later threw a pass for a first down that helped Texas run out the clock.

Like their older brothers, the two are best friends.

And to make this story even more familiar, they're roommates too, just like their brothers were.

"We're probably a little bit closer," Jaxon Shipley said, noting he and Case have been friends since they were about 8, when they were playing sandlot games.

"We've been with each other for a long time and gone on family fishing trips. Colt and Jordan didn't really know each other as young as we did," he said.

Watching them play is like watching a familiar highlight reel.

Jaxon Shipley may be even faster and more elusive running through defenses than Jordan was. Case McCoy showed some of his brother's swashbuckling leadership in the rally against BYU.

"I need ya'll guys to trust me," Case McCoy told his teammates. "I'm going to take ya'll down to score and we're going to win this football game."

Case McCoy said he needed to break the tension that was building in the huddle.

"That's one thing I had to tell them was to calm down. We have been playing this game since we were in the seventh grade. Who cares if there is 100,000 people out there? Just play your game," he said.

Colt McCoy was a lightly-regarded small-town player when he earned the starting job at Texas in 2006 by beating out Jevan Snead in training camp. Snead transferred to Mississippi after that season and McCoy went on to win an NCAA-record 45 games as a starter.

Case McCoy spent his freshman season as Gilbert's backup and hardly played even as Texas struggled and Gilbert threw 17 interceptions. Gilbert again emerged as the starter after a training camp battle with McCoy, David Ash and Connor Wood, who has since transferred.

But Gilbert was just 2 of 8 for 8 yards with two interceptions in the second quarter when Texas pulled him and went with a rotation of McCoy and Ash for the rest of the game. Credit Case McCoy with the first second-half come-back win of his career. His brother had eight.

When Cody Johnson scored with just under 9 minutes to play and Texas took its first lead, Case McCoy turned toward the north end zone of the stadium and pumped his fists, just like his brother used to do.

"When we recruited Case, if you put him in Colt's number and you throw out names, they look a lot alike: Raised in a football family, very smart, accurate, easy ball to catch and he can make plays with his feet," Texas coach Mack Brown said.

Jaxon Shipley said Case McCoy was "feeling pretty good" after the win.

"He got his shot and he did well with that," Shipley said. "I think he was very confident that at some point he was going to get his chance ... We'll see what happens from here."

Case McCoy doesn't have the job all to himself yet. Ash, a talented freshman, rotated snaps against BYU and should figure prominently in the offense again at UCLA. Ash is considered a better runner than passer at this point but has the size and speed to run the option.

Jaxon Shipley could have enrolled in school in January and participated in spring drills, but chose instead to delay school and work out with his brother. The time bonding and learning from a big brother who now plays in the NFL with the Cincinnati Bengals was invaluable, Jaxon Shipley said.

"We felt like as a family, it was the best decision to work out with my brother and stay with him. There were a lot of things I could learn from him and it was much-needed time with him," Jaxon Shipley said. "Most of my game is probably from him. He's taught me so much about the game mentally."

When he was younger, Jaxon Shipley used to hang around practice, running off to slide down a big grass hill with his sisters.

"I remember those days. Watching my brother practice, I didn't have anything else to do," Jaxon Shipley said. "We'd take off running and dive down the hill headfirst."

Now Shipley's teammates brag about his maturity and knowledge of the position as a freshman. He's shown a willingness to risk taking a big hit to make a catch and Texas defensive backs talk about his "snake eyes," the ability to look a defender in the eye instead of at the ground and still running precise receiving routes.

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The Color of Money/Hoosiers 7: 30pm	Warrior (PG-13) 2hrs 19min 11:40am, 3:10pm, 6:30pm, 9:45pm	AMC Criterion 6 1313 Third St. (310) 395-1599
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Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 2 (PG-13) 2hrs 10 min 11:50am, 3:00pm	Help (PG-13) 2hrs 17min 11:55am, 3:25pm, 7:00pm, 10:20pm	Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG-13) 1hr 47min 11:15am, 1:55pm, 4:40pm, 7:30pm, 10:20pm
Stay Cool (PG-13) 1hr 34min 11:30am, 2:00pm, 4:30pm, 7:00pm, 9:45pm	Contagion (PG-13) 1hr 45min 11:00am, 1:45pm, 4:30pm, 7:15pm, 10:00pm	Colombiana (PG-13) 1hr 47min 11:40am, 5:15pm, 10:25pm
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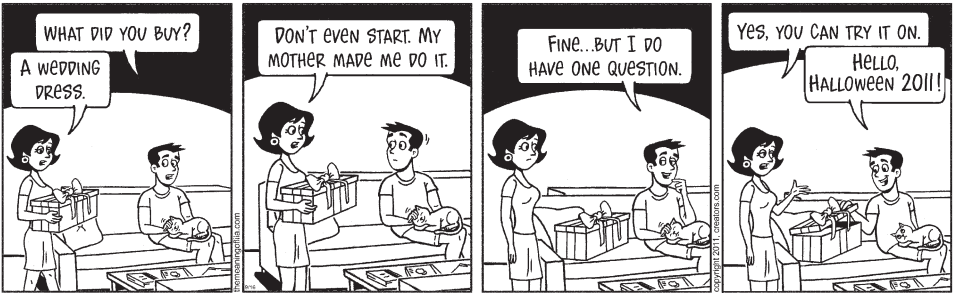
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Have a long-overdue chat, Taurus

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You could be bucking a profound change concerning your work or public image and/or a boss. You finally have better focus on a matter that took place in April. Take your time associating, and say little until you are on sure footing. Tonight: Share ideas that affect you fiscally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★★ You sense a major change coming. Soon you might be doing more than just sensing. What occurs could change your perspective in a major way. Fortunately, you can advance forward with ease, as optimism soars. Think positively. Tonight: Have a long-overdue chat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You need to remind yourself that you are choosing to take a back seat no matter what. You don't need to, as your sixth sense guides you. Count on luck. Conversations with a partner or several key associates could be enlightening. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ Emphasize what is important for you in a meeting. A partner could change his or her tune. What might be occurring is connected to this past April. Be willing to talk, identify and understand. Tonight: Where people are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You are always visible, whether you realize it or not. Taking a stand might not seem normal, though you do assume the lead naturally. Rethink and revamp your roles in your daily life. Recognize how fortunate you are. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You are far more precise than you realize. Follow your intuition -- you are unusually grounded at this point. Remain sensitive to a child or new friend. Absorb new insights, try applying his or her view, and speak of your thoughts later. Tonight: Take off ASAP.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Deal with others directly. Understand what is going on within a partnership. A change on the home front might ease some of the impending pressure. Soon you will be able to act on your long-term goals. Tonight: Start smiling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others come forward. You might be revamping a conversation or letter in your head. Don't write anything in an email or other form of communication until you are 100 percent sure. Share your ideas with a trustworthy associate. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Listen to news, then make a decision. If need be, revamp your finances or find someone who can help. What is happening is somehow connected to something that happened in April in either thought or action. Optimism keeps you smiling. Tonight: Be practical.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ You could change your stance out of the blue. Many of you have known what has needed to happen, but now you seriously must consider a change. An exchange helps enforce the present status of the bond. Tonight: Be as verbal as possible -- i.e., don't hold back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You could be inordinately challenged by a domestic issue. You wonder about the hows and whys. Know when enough is enough. Optimism is fine, but don't accept terms that you really find difficult. Tonight: Happiness surrounds the home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Speak your mind when a friend approaches you directly. Your words enrich a relationship and build confidence. A friend or meeting promotes soul-searching and a potential change or adjustment. Tonight: Hang out.

Happy birthday

This year, you smile more often because of an ability to see past the obvious and detach. You feel less like you have to be right or prove your point. Optimism surrounds growth and mental breakthroughs. You could travel, or perhaps go back to school. Some of you might choose to visualize in order to add to your potential at the workplace. If you are single, you'll meet someone through your circle of friends. This person could be a foreigner or just very different.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have:

- ★★★★★ Dynamic
- ★★★★ Positive
- ★★★ Average
- ★★ So-So
- ★ Difficult

Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★★★★

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GETTING STARTED

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

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

3	6	2	5	7	8	9	4	1
7	4	1	6	3	9	8	5	2
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4	2	6	1	9	5	3	7	8
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Procrastination is a problem when it comes to doing my disaster plan. As a business owner I have a lot to do. It's not like a disaster is going to happen tomorrow. Besides, we have that new business pitch. I've been waiting for this to happen for a while now. I'll get the disaster plan finished eventually. Nothing to worry about, it'll happen.

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ACROSS

- 1 Talent
- 5 Toppers
- 9 Affair
- 11 Helps, in a way
- 13 T-shirt choice
- 14 Sachet scent
- 15 Easter item
- 16 Kneecap
- 18 Play-ground sights
- 20 Hr. part
- 21 Kitchen fixture
- 22 Minimal change
- 23 Brewery output
- 24 Mauna —
- 25 Ox of myth
- 27 Zingers
- 29 Big head
- 30 Foxes
- 32 Learned
- 34 Swiss canton
- 35 Grand — National Park
- 36 Mr. Scratch
- 38 Paris sight

39 Stale

40 Worry

41 Greek vowels

DOWN

- 1 Strong winds
- 2 Sights
- 3 "I don't think so!"
- 4 Harbor boat
- 5 Ceases
- 6 Rose's love
- 7 "I feel exactly the same way!"

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- 10 Fix a road
- 12 Meager
- 17 Wonder
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- 22 NYSE entry
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1982 Sabra and Shatila massacre in Lebanon.

1987 The Montreal Protocol is signed to protect the ozone layer from depletion.

1990 The railroad between the People's Republic of China and Kazakhstan becomes complete at Dostyk, adding a sizable link to the concept of the Eurasian Land Bridge.

1991 The trial of the deposed Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega begins in the United States.

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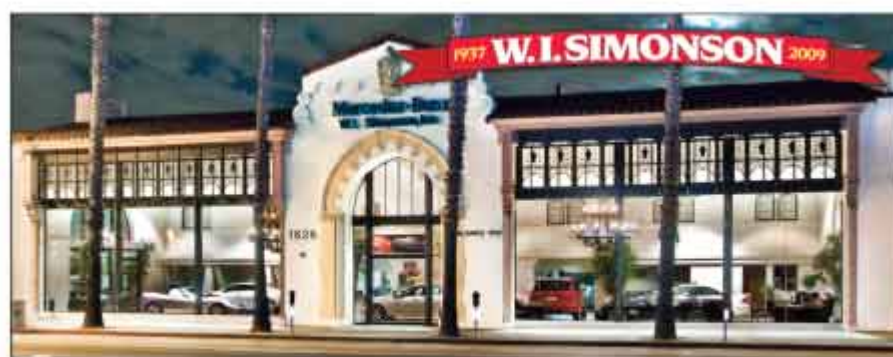
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