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THE GET READY TO MEET THE CANDIDATES ISSUE

LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUNDUP

Lighthouse evens record with win

BY DANIEL ARCHULETA
Managing Editor

THOUSAND OAKS Lighthouse Christian football bounced back from a tough first game to defeat Hillcrest, 54-18, on Saturday.

With the win, Lighthouse is now 1-1 on the season. The big win on Saturday comes after a 41-0 blowout loss to Southlands Christian to open the season.

Next for Lighthouse, which plays eight-man football, is a road game against Lutheran of La Verne on Saturday at 1 p.m.

SAMOHI MAINTAINS RANK

For the second straight week, Santa Monica High School's football team is ranked ninth in the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Western Division poll, it was announced on Monday.

The Vikings started the season 2-0 with big wins over Leuzinger (42-6) and Palisades (42-20). The Vikings will travel to Villa Park in Orange County on Friday. Villa Park is 1-2 this year.

FORMER SAMOHI QB KATZ LEADS OSU

Oregon State quarterback Ryan Katz, who graduate from Samohi in 2008, led the Beavers to a 35-28 win over Louisville on Saturday in Corvallis.

The win catapulted the Beavers back into the Associated Press top 25 rankings. The Beavers are ranked 24th for the second time this season.

Katz threw for 142 yards in the win that evened the Beavers' record at 1-1.

"It was great, I had my first start here at Reser Stadium," Katz said during the post-game press conference. "The crowd really got loud, and it helps with our defense, especially on those third downs is where it helps a lot."

The challenges don't end for Katz, who will lead OSU against No. 3 Boise State on the road on Saturday.

"It's the moment you have been waiting for," Katz said. "We will go in and look at film. That is when we will learn about Boise State and try to study them, in order to find ways to make the plays against them."

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GOOD DOGS

Brandon Wise *brandonw@smdp.com*

People walk their dogs along the Santa Monica Beach path during the Best Friends Animal Society's 'Strut Your Mutt' fundraising walk on Sunday morning. The walk was created to benefit groups and programs that assist homeless pets.

Harman joins Waxman in push for SMO study

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

SMO The FAA should conduct an environmental review and hold public meetings about possible flight path changes at Santa Monica Airport, according to two members of Congress whose districts are affected by SMO.

In a letter from Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Santa Monica) and Jane Harman (D-Venice) sent on Monday to FAA Administrator J. Randolph Babbitt, both legislators took up the cause of activists in the Sunset Park and Ocean Park neighborhoods who in recent months complained a six-month test earlier this year of a new takeoff route for piston powered planes leaving SMO caused a spike in flight traffic over their homes.

"It is imperative that the FAA produce a complete and thorough [environmental impact study] and hold public meetings to explain the purpose and results of the recent flight-path test, hear from affected homeowners and assess the broader safety, noise and air quality impacts of air traffic in the midst of densely populated neighborhoods," the letter stated.

Waxman, whose district includes Santa Monica, had already expressed support last month for an SMO environmental study. Harman, though, had been silent on the issue until Monday. Some vocal members of her constituency had taken a different stance on the flight path test from many Santa Monica residents, arguing it reduced flight traffic over their Venice homes.

Zina Josephs, who leads the group Friends of Sunset Park, said it was a significant step that Harman had joined Waxman to call for an environmental review.

"We think the more congressional representatives that are contacting the FAA about this the better, so we were very gratified that both Rep. Waxman and Rep Harman joined together," she said.

A representative from Harman's office could not be reached for comment.

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Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010

Perfect score
Main Branch Library
7:30 p.m. — 8:30 p.m.
Celebrate the 16th anniversary of the Santa Monica's Sustainability City Plan all week. Tonight, the city will present its 2010 Sustainability Report Card, an update on the city's efforts. A reusable bag or food container will get you a special discount or gift at participating stores and restaurants. For more information, visit www.smgov.net/departments/ose.

Friendly fire
Annenberg Community Beach House
3:30 p.m. — 5 p.m.
Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon, coaches who taught pros Sinjin Smith and Randy Stoklos will be teaching a beach volleyball class for children ages 7-15. Remember to play your best, because you never know which special guests will drop in (Hint: They're pros). Pay $12 per class or $144 per session. For more information, go to beachhouse.smgov.net/classes.aspx

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6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2010

Food is cool
Downtown Santa Monica
10 a.m. — 12 p.m.
Celebrate the 16th anniversary of the Santa Monica's Sustainability City Plan all week. In addition to getting the freshest fruit and produce available at the weekly Farmers' Market, vendors will take part in a reusable bag giveaway, promote the "Cool Foods Pledge" and distribute a local, sustainable dining guide.

Thursday, Sept. 23, 2010

Author talks
Main Branch Library
7 p.m. — 8 p.m.
Actor and translator Eugene Alper will discuss Russian writer Anton Chekhov in honor of the famous writer's 150th birthday. Alper, who earned a Master's in theater from the St. Petersburg Institute of Theater, Music and Cinema, published translations of the memoirs of Checkov's personal physician and his brother.

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.

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A CLOSER LOOK: **Residents participate in a brainstorming session Sunday during a City Hall-sponsored community workshop to gather input from residents about two proposed open spaces for the Civic Center. The projects aim to connect the Civic Center to Ocean Avenue.**

Palisades Garden Walk designs unveiled

BY SAMANTHA SCHAEFER
Special to the Daily Press

CIVIC CENTER Whether it be a stroll under a twinkling canopy of lights, a picnic in an intimate botanical garden, or a hilltop view of the Pacific Ocean, residents of Santa Monica could soon have it all in the Civic Center.

Three conceptual designs for the Palisades Garden Walk and Town Square were presented at a public workshop Sunday after months of planning and discourse with community members.

The meeting was meant to provoke discussion about the pros and cons of each public park design and for the community to contribute their own ideas, rather than to vote on a particular scheme.

James Corner Field Operations, the New-York based firm chosen to design the park, will use the data collected from the meeting in combination with another round of surveys to hone in on a plan that best fits community need for the new heart of Santa Monica.

Part of the Civic Center Specific Plan adopted by the City Council in 2005, the Palisades Garden Walk will connect City Hall to Ocean Avenue, bounded on either side by the Santa Monica Freeway and the

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Pugh + Scarpa announce split

BY NICK TABOREK
Daily Press Staff Writer

BERGAMOT STATION After a 22-year partnership, the founders of noted Santa Monica architecture firm Pugh + Scarpa, which this year won the prestigious AIA Firm Award, have decided to go their separate ways.

Headed by Gwynne Pugh, who also sits on City Hall's Planning Commission, and Lawrence Scarpa, the firm, formed in 1991, was responsible for a number of significant projects in Santa Monica. Pugh + Scarpa was involved with the master design of the Bergamot Arts Center and won national recognition for Colorado Court, an affordable housing project for Santa Monica Community Corp. at 502 Colorado Ave. that incorporates solar panels and other sustainable features. Recently, the firm designed improvements at Santa Monica's City Hall-owned Downtown parking structures, including the structures attached to Santa Monica Place mall.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

CITYWIDE

Sustainability around town

City Hall is celebrating the 16th anniversary of its Sustainability City Plan all week with a series of free events taking place in various locations. From Sept. 20-25, participating restaurants and retailers will also be offering discounts and freebies for shoppers using reusable bags or food containers.

The "Buy Local. Be Sustainable" campaign supports the city's sustainability efforts by encouraging residents to buy local and sustainable products in order to support the community and raise awareness about the issue.

In 1994, the City Council passed the sustainable plan in hopes of reducing beach pollution and solid waste and water use by 328 million gallons annually. Currently, the plan is guided by eight principles, including resource conservation, transportation and housing.

The city will unveil the 2010 Community Sustainability Report Card tonight at the Main Branch Library at 7:30 p.m.

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Politeness on the bus

Editor:

As a frequent rider of the Big Blue Bus I too have seen firsthand the rude and selfish attitudes of some of the passengers ("Bus behavior too much," SMDP Editorials, page 4, Sept. 17). But, thankfully, the ratio of kind persons to idiots is wide. And the drivers are to be complimented for their compassion for disabled persons.

I am one of those disabled persons. I use a wheelchair so every time I ride the bus, passengers already seated near the front of the bus must move so the driver can move the seats back to make room for my chair.

I became disabled in January. And the first time I did ride the bus with my wheelchair was in June of this year. At that time I was a bit nervous about riding the bus, but the driver was so kind and the other passengers seemed to cooperate very well about moving. I did not hear anyone complain.

Since then I have ridden the BBB many times and with the exception of one sour driver, my experience has been memorable. So much so that I have often used the on-board compliment cards to send to the office.

But I too have noticed that many times when an elderly person or a person who is having difficulty walking will get on and no one will offer his or her seat for the person, no matter how difficult the person is struggling. I think this is sad. I have noticed that foreign visitors will always give up their seats. It seems that compassion is more prevalent in other countries. Too bad and too sad that here this idea is lost for some people.

Lew Shermonski
Santa Monica

Don't trust anyone under 40

Editor:

Let me guess. The writer of the Sept. 17 editorial entitled, "Hands off money, Santa Monica College" is under 40 years of age. Otherwise, the writer would have aging parents and would know how important exercise classes are to older adults.

Emeritus College has offered great exercise classes that enhance the well-being of hundreds of Santa Monica senior citizens. Times are tough, and the college is working hard to retain the program, but Emeritus needs help in order to continue these pain-reducing, mobility-improving courses that promote mental and physical health and camaraderie.

Should City Hall consider giving some assistance to Emeritus College seniors who are eager to maintain and improve their health, City Hall should be encouraged and commended for respecting and caring about the needs of older Santa Monicans.

Shirl Grayson
Santa Monica

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Overpopulation the elephant in the room

IT'S HARD TO COME UP WITH A LOOMING environmental problem not ultimately rooted in human population expansion, be it a local issue like traffic congestion, litter and air and drinking water pollution or more global concerns like ocean fish depletion, deforestation, species extinction and global climate change.

We humans currently number 6.9 billion and continue to swell the planet by nearly 80 million more each year. Almost half of us are under the age of 25, and, if present trends continue, we will double in number before 2060.

The United States does not earn a pass when it comes to population pressures on the environment, in part because our per capita resource consumption and waste production dwarf that of much of the rest of the world. Furthermore, the Central Intelligence Agency tracks birth rates, and although the current U. S. birth rate (13.8 births per 1,000 people per year) is roughly one-third that of several African countries, 69 other countries have lower birth rates.

The U.S. population has continued to rise by roughly 3 million each year over the last two decades with the latest total estimate topping 307 million. By the end of this century, there could well be 570 million of us, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

Given these harrowing projections and the monumental environmental dilemmas we're already facing, you'd think that candidly stated strategies to stabilize the population, at home and abroad, would be a priority at every level of government. Not so.

For starters, consider that neither the Democratic nor Republican Party platforms of 2008 even mention population growth. The closest the Democratic platform comes is through explicit support for access to comprehensive family planning services (including sex education, contraception, and safe abortion) as strategies to help reduce the number of unintended pregnancies. The Republican platform heavily stresses the need for immigration reform but without any reference to population control.

While it may be fashionable for politicians to acknowledge that our environment is in serious trouble, and indeed many do work diligently to pass legislation to improve environmental protections, it's nearly impossible to imagine any one of them saying to the public that there are — or will soon be — too many of us.

What ever happened to zero population growth?

Baby Boomers may recall when, during the 1960s and '70s, the nonprofit organization Zero Population Growth (aka ZPG) enjoyed a formidable presence on college campuses and in the popular media. Though since renamed Population Connection, it remains the largest grassroots population organization in the U.S. To understand why population per se isn't a front page issue anymore despite mounting pressures on the environment, I approached the five-year president of Population Connection, John Seager.

Seager points out the challenge in keeping the public interested in population numbers because the headline would read the same every day, i.e. that global population had jumped by about 220,000 the day before. However, in the late '60s and early '70s, a confluence of events pushed population into the American public's consciousness for the first time. Among them were Paul R. Ehrlich's best-selling book "The Population Bomb," which predicted mass human starvation, the advent of birth control pills, the Supreme Court's 1965 establishment of a constitutional right to use contraceptives, and the unprecedented wave of female Baby Boomers going on to college and choosing to have smaller families.

Yet Seager asserts that population stories are still very much in today's headlines, but in the guise of seemingly unrelated issues like California's chronic water shortage, political squabbling over drilling in Alaska's Arctic Refuge, the AIDS epidemic in Africa, and this year's unprecedented flooding in Pakistan which has killed tens of thousands.

Tackling the problem of population head-on is also particularly sensitive at this time in American society because the nation is so divided on abortion rights and immigration, the two flash points that invariably surface whenever population issues come to the fore. According to Seager, unplanned births and immigration contribute about equally to U.S. population growth.

Given the political climate, Seager sees as less important whether politicians speak openly about population growth than whether they support the three measures scientifically proven to curb it: family planning (synonymous with access to modern, artificial means of birth control), comprehensive sex education as opposed to abstinence-only programs, and access to safe and legal abortion.

As evidence that political alliances for or against these measures have shifted substantially over time, Seager points to the fact that Republican President Richard Nixon ardently lobbied for and signed into law Title X, the federal program dedicated to providing family planning services nationwide. What's more, George Bush, Sr., as a young congressman, was such an outspoken supporter of Planned Parenthood that among House colleagues he earned the nickname "Rubbers." Only later, while positioning himself for the White House, did he reverse positions on abortion to the extent that he embraced a constitutional amendment to ban abortion.

While President Obama's stance on controversies affecting population is evident from his campaigning as a pro-choice candidate and subsequent policy implementations (e.g. increased federal funding for domestic and international family planning services; shift away from abstinence-only sex education programs for teens; and rescinding the last-minute Bush Administration policy which allowed pharmacists nationwide to refuse to fill prescriptions for contraceptives), Obama has also refrained from openly pointing to population as the root environmental problem.

The sheer number of humans is undeniably the behemoth elephant in the room when it comes to the daunting environmental issues of our time. One has to question how far we can get in creating an environmentally sustainable future for our children when we all silently agree to acknowledge, not the elephant, but only its manifestations like smog, water shortages and climate change.

This situation is akin to the elephant hunter who targets just the tail, tusk or trunk and wonders why it doesn't keel over. And the problem with this particular beast is that, come mid century, it will be double in size and likely many times more difficult to fell.

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We have almost no limits on free speech, wisely so I think, as the best way to ensure that we do not become a fascist dictatorship.

I think it is crucial that all people have the right to say what is on their mind and to be able to tear apart an idea and see if there is truth in it. Truth of course is a slippery thing.

You wouldn't think so. By its definition it should be an easily discernible fact. Truth should be something that we can objectively identify, quantify and test for constancy. In many ways that is the goal of defining something as "the truth." However, our perceptions can be deceived. We all view the world with a set of prior experiences. Those experiences color and alter what we are seeing.

It's like when you are sunglass shopping. You try on several pairs of glasses, the yellow lenses, the Blublockers, the red-hued lenses and the smoky ones. Each set of glasses alters what you are seeing. At first you are very aware of the difference between your naked eyes' view of the world, and the change that occurs when you have a set of glasses on.

But over time, usually a very short period of time, your brain adjusts to the colorized view of the world. It begins to compensate for the filter and brings the colors back into line with what you know to be the "true" colors.

This was my experience with observing one of the proselytizers on the Third Street Promenade. I am fascinated by this one guy. It doesn't hurt that he's really cute, but it's his shtick that got me.

His name is Louis, and his organization is TruthDefenders.com. He shows up with his shroud covered mannequin, Lazarus, and several poster boards with various statements against multiple religions. There's a screen, upon which he projects various PowerPoint presentations on why the Qu'ran is wrong, why evolution is a joke, etc. He has an open microphone and wants people to come make statements or ask him questions and then he, very politely, tells them how wrong they are, how right he is and how they are ignorant of the truth. All of this, by the way, is apparently videotaped. I'm not sure why.

I have not engaged with Louis, yet. I have spent six weeks just watching him and the small band of merry men who accompany him. There are a few regulars who appear to do battle with him on the topics of the day, one of whom brings his own video camera to tape Louis' responses.

DOING BATTLE WITH SOMEONE OVER INTERPRETATIONS OF THE BIBLE, THE QU'RAN OR ANY OTHER RELIGIOUS TEXT IS ABOUT AS EXCITING TO ME AS TRYING TO MOW THE GRASS AT DODGERS STADIUM WITH A TOENAIL CLIPPER.

Doing battle with someone over interpretations of the Bible, the Qu'ran or any other religious text is about as exciting to me as trying to mow the grass at Dodgers Stadium with a toenail clipper.

But what got me, and what I couldn't see at first, was that he isn't actually defending anything. He's attacking Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, Bahai, all other world views that don't align with his narrow view of what the Bible stands for.

To be fair, I haven't approached him to discuss any article of faith because I don't want to engage him on what Jesus says, or what the Qu'ran means. I don't believe you can argue against someone's faith. I intend to engage him on why he must be so denigrating to other religions. For example, one of the pictures he puts up is the Qu'ran as a roll of toilet paper. Another is of a Qu'ran being burned.

He has the right to do what he wants, and say what he pleases, but I'm curious if his goal is to be informative or inflammatory — but I think I know the answer.

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The Q Line

Paying to play

A recent development deal between City Hall and Agensys, a cancer research company, calls for community benefits that include a sculpture garden and public cafe.

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proposed Olympic Avenue.

The $25 million budget will cover the construction of the six-acre park and an accompanying one-acre Town Square at the base of City Hall.

The plans, presented by architect James Corner, were created based on feedback from community surveys given at a previous workshop in July. The goal is to create a new destination in the center of the city with a strong connection to bordering areas with a variety of uses during the night and day.

"We all want as many users as possible to be able to get in and enjoy the park and use it to connect to other parts of the city through the park, on foot or on bike as part of their daily routines," Alison Kendall, an eight-year resident of Santa Monica said.

Each scheme prioritizes different aspects of the Santa Monica landscape and needs of the community and is an interpretation of local nature — the washes, palisades and rich vegetation that once characterized the region.

The Arroyo Wash focuses on fluidity and a connection with the surrounding areas, trellis lighting and large open spaces. The Arroyo Ravine is a Mediterranean take on the area with a ravine and accompanying plateau to emphasize the local views. The final proposal, the Arroyo Dune creates intimate mini-gardens throughout the space for specific programming and is reminiscent of a botanical garden with 80 percent of the area shaded by a canopy of trees.

Key elements of the surrounding area are incorporated into each design, including local landmarks such as Morty, a Moreton Bay Fig tree, and the restaurant Chez Jay, along with the relocation of The Three Amigos fig trees from the southern edge of the space.

"People expressed a lot of concerns about personal safety. ... One of the things that will prevent that is ... by having the park have lots of people," Kenneth Strumpell, a Santa Monica resident. "What I like about the (Arroyo Wash) is that it's so open on the edges, there are a lot of ways for people to get in and kind of energize the park."

Space for civic engagement and a variety of activities, sustainability, and a spot for viewing the surrounding landscape were also prioritized in the plans.

Cynthia Rose, a Santa Monica resident and member of the bike advocacy group Santa Monica Spoke, attended the meeting to ensure the city prioritized the needs of cyclists

"[Bicycle infrastructure is] an easy add at the beginning and its something that if you have to backtrack to do it properly will only cause problems and cost more money," Rose said, adding that so far she thinks the city is working harder to meet the needs of cyclists in the planning process.

Included in the design is the potential for a I-10 Freeway cap at the McClure Tunnel, as well as a pedestrian walkway to Palisades Park to further connect the areas.

"Regardless of the concept that we go with, the idea of linkages is very important," Planning Commissioner Jason Parry said during a design critique with the Parks and Recreation and Planning commissions.

The firm will have a follow up community meeting in November about design direction and will have more concrete plans for the space ready in January.

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The Santa Monica City Council also has expressed its support for an environmental review of the experimental flight path. The FAA has yet to say whether it will seek to make the test route permanent.

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Pugh left the firm Sept. 1 to start a new venture, Gwynne Pugh Urban Studio. He said he plans to practice traditional architecture as well as continue his work as a design consultant for public entities such as San Diego's Centre City Development Corp. and the city of Long Beach.

Pugh declined to discuss the reason for his departure. Scarpa could not be reached on Monday, but earlier told the Architectural Record the split "has not been a nasty divorce," attributing it to "artistic differences."

"I don't see it as a hiccup or a left-hand-turn, or anything like that. It's just part of the natural evolution of where I'm going with the firm," Scarpa said.

Scarpa plans to continue leading the firm along with Angela Brooks, a principal in the firm since 1999. The firm will change its name to Brooks + Scarpa next year.

In an interview, Pugh said he became more interested in consulting with public entities during the city of Santa Monica's general plan update process, which concluded in June with the adoption of the Land Use and Circulation Element (LUCE), a framework that will guide Santa Monica's development for the next 20 years.

> **"MOST ARCHITECTS DON'T GET SUFFICIENTLY INVOLVED IN THEIR ENVIRONMENT."**
>
> Gwynne Pugh,
> Architect and Planning Commissioner

"Over the last [several] years I've been really intrigued by the public process that we've gone through in Santa Monica and have really felt that the process of architecture needs to be really expanded," he said. "Most architects don't get sufficiently involved in their environment."

Joan Ling, executive director of Community Corp., said both Pugh and Scarpa "do their work because they love design and they care about the environment. It's not about just producing something for the client."

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SURF REPORT

Surf Conditions **Water Temp:** 64°

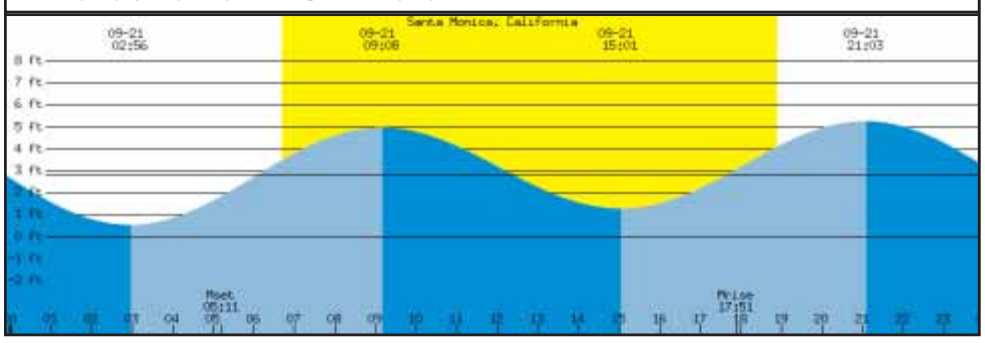
Swell Forecast

Should also see some light NW ground swell, and minor NW wind swell, enough to give west facing breaks some waist to chest high sets.

Long Range Synopsis

Should see continued NW wind swell, but the NW ground swell should fade.

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 11, 2010**

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QUICK STATS (for the last 30 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 - 42 / ns
- Number of (C,D,F) grades for dry/wet weather -- 2 / ns

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

LOCATION	DRY	WET
Will Rogers State Beach at Bel Air Bay Club drain near fence.	A+	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Pulga Canyon storm drain.	A	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Temescal Canyon drain.	D	ns
Will Rogers State Beach at Santa Monica Canyon drain (Chautauqua).	A+	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Montana Ave. drain.	A	ns
Santa Monica Beach at Wilshire Blvd. drain.	A+	ns
Santa Monica Municipal Pier.	B	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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Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 2hrs 13min
12:40pm, 6:15pm

Salt (PG-13) 1hr 39min
4:40pm, 9:50pm

Other Guys (PG-13) 1hr 47min
2:00pm, 7:15pm

Kids Are All Right (R) 1hr 44min
3:45pm, 9:20pm

Tillman Story (R) 1hr 34min
12:30pm, 2:50pm, 5:15pm, 7:35pm, 10:00pm

I'm Still Here: The Lost Year of Joaquin Phoenix (NR)
1:40pm, 4:15pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

*** SWERVE (NR)**
12:15pm, 1:00pm

AMC 7 Santa Monica
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Alpha and Omega 3D (NR)
11:40am, 2:00pm, 4:15pm, 6:30pm, 9:00pm

Inception (PG-13) 2hrs 28min
11:30am, 2:45pm, 6:00pm, 9:15pm

Going the Distance (R) 1hr 37min
11:15am, 1:45pm, 4:20pm, 7:00pm, 9:30pm

Resident Evil: Afterlife 3D (NR)
11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:30pm, 7:30pm, 9:00pm, 10:00pm

American (R)
11:35am, 2:05pm, 4:35pm, 7:05pm, 9:35pm

Alpha and Omega (NR)
11:00am, 1:20pm, 3:30pm, 5:45pm, 8:00pm

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1:00pm, 3:15pm, 5:30pm, 7:45pm, 10:00pm

Bran Nue Dae (NR) 1hr 28min
1:10pm, 3:25pm, 5:40pm, 8:00pm, 10:15pm

Soul Kitchen (NR) 1hr 33min
1:55pm, 7:10pm

Concert (Le concert) (PG-13) 2hrs 00min
4:25pm, 9:40pm

El Superstar (NR) 1hr 45min
1:00pm, 3:20pm, 5:30pm, 7:40pm, 10:15pm

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Town (NR) 2hr 5min
12:00pm, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 4:00pm, 6:00pm, 7:00pm, 9:10pm, 10:00pm

Machete (NR) 1hr 45min
11:20am, 2:00pm, 4:35pm, 7:05pm, 9:40pm

Easy A (NR)1hr 33min
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Devil (NR) 1hr 20min
12:45pm, 3:05pm, 5:25pm, 7:40pm, 9:55pm

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Visit with a pal, Capricorn

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Trust your intuition, and you won't go wrong. Understand that someone feels ill at ease with you. Opportunities come in from out of left field. Complications turn into adventures with the correct outlook. You could be amazed by what life can and will produce. Tonight: Go along for the ride.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Zero in on possibilities that you have resisted up till now. Investigate what someone keeps throwing into your face. A meeting might be a great avenue for self-expression. Express yourself in a way that others can understand your position. Tonight: Where the fun is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Take a stand while you are clear of a situation or a problem. Funnel your energy into your work as only you can. Knowing your limits could be significant. Enthusiasm between you and a boss could make a big difference. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Keep reaching out for others. If you need an expert or an offbeat opinion, go for it. The more diverse the feedback, the stronger a project can become. Do remain open. Tonight: Follow the music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Keep reaching out for those at a distance. You might feel that you cannot win for losing. Really, that might not be true. You cannot succeed without an agreement with a partner or partners. Keep that in mind when making necessary decisions. Tonight: Dinner for two ... and a talk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others defer with ease and come to a clear understanding. Your sense of direction is poignant and direct. You laugh, and another person responds. Question the possibilities more openly. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Keep an easy, mellow pace, and you will discover that the end results are more than worth it. You cannot always have situations go the way you desire. Realize what the possibilities might be if you just relax. Tonight: Clear out an errand or two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Build on existing knowledge, adding that flair your sign is uniquely known for. How you handle a changeable situation has a lot to do with your mood. Distance yourself from automatic reactions. Tonight: Fun and games.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Getting going presents its share of challenges. To be honest, you might want to curl up and just be. Something must be handled and will energize you -- of that you can be sure. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Keep communication rolling. You have drive and direction. The unexpected occurs. Your daily life and direction put pressure on the possibilities. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Be aware of your limits. Then decide if the result of a situation is self-imposed. Your tolerance level is changing. Also, you are willing to do whatever you must to open doors. Use care with spending. Tonight: Do some shopping on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Use your high energy to achieve your desired results rather than cause a result that might not be as supportive. Drum up your self-discipline, focus and verbal skills, then you'll accomplish a lot. Tonight: All smiles.

Happy birthday

This year, you benefit from substantial changes. Tune in to your instincts when you feel off. You often juggle different concerns, not knowing which choice to make. Not making a judgment is often the same as making one. Don't play games with yourself. Conversations, especially with siblings and neighbors, could be pointed and difficult. If you are single, you head in a new direction and meet some very intriguing people. Be a bit less judgmental than in the past. If you are attached, you open the door to a new type of interaction by being a little less covert and more forthright. PISCES can be challenging.

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



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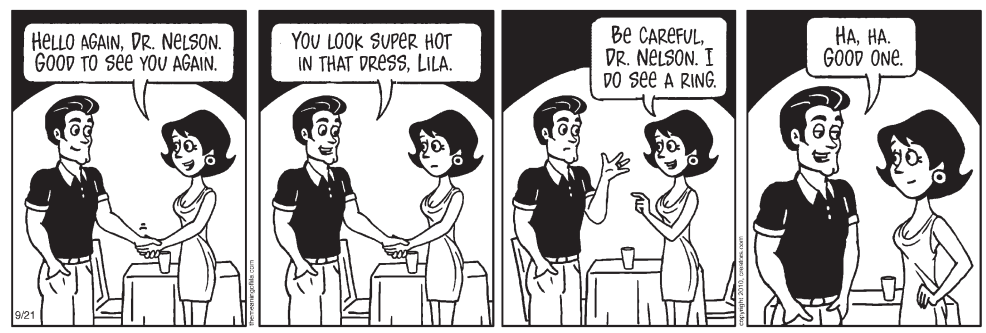
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Sudoku

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

Difficulty Level ★★

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	1						9	
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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

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



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ACROSS

1 Car quartet
6 Head out
11 Stood up
12 TV's DeGeneres
13 Serenity
15 Print measures
16 Crude home
17 Ocean between Eur. and Amer.
18 Hunting dogs
20 Take to court
21 B&O and Reading: Abbr.
22 Towel embroidery
23 Dutch city, with "The"
26 Tricks
27 To be, to Balzac
28 Nearest star
29 Pub order
30 Venice boat
34 TV's Rather
35 Comedy first baseman
36 Steno need
37 Mood
40 Poet Nash
41 Use a foil
42 Film units
43 Take the wheel

DOWN

1 VCR inserts
2 Singer Cara
3 Sunday entree
4 PC key
5 "Now, you listen!"
6 Some turns
7 Shade tree
8 Assumed names
9 Risky undertaking
10 Infinite
14 For all of us
19 Factual
22 Dog, in Dresden
23 Move toward
24 Not in custody
25 Hurled weapon
26 Tie-breaking elections
28 Manhattan area
30 Verdon and Stefani
31 Consider
32 Jousting need
33 European viper
38 Singer Tormé
39 Got together

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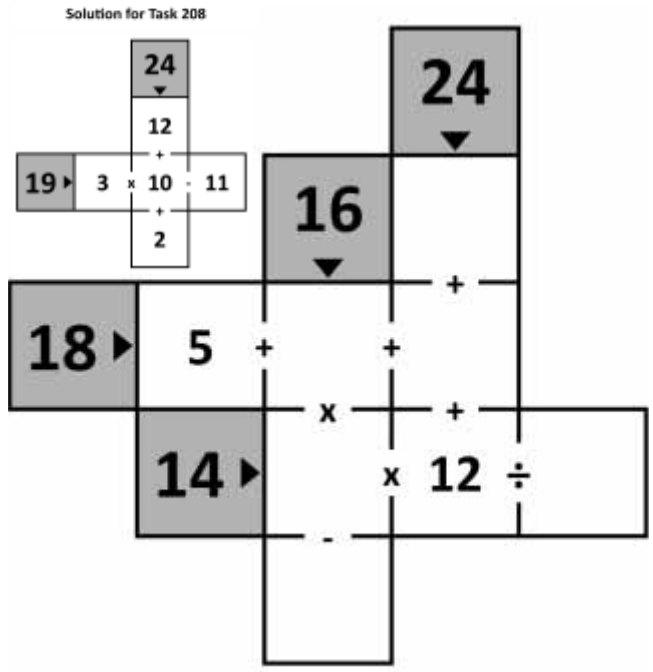
- Fill the grid with the set of given numbers (1 to 12) to satisfy the Equa demands (7 to 24) in the shaded boxes. The Equa demands represent the sum of the digits that you will insert into the empty squares.
- Each horizontal row has one Equa demand to satisfy; each vertical column also has one demand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

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

2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10

Solution for Task 208



DAILY LOTTERY

MEGA MILLIONS: 3 4 14 18 27 Meganumber: 13 Jackpot: $12M

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Fantasy 5: 12 15 20 30 35

DAILY 3: MIDDAY: 1 7 2 EVENING: 2 5 9

DAILY DERBY: 1st: 04 Big Ben 2nd: 07 Eureka 3rd: 01 Gold Rush RACE TIME: 1:47.39

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD
BY CHUCK SHEPARD

■ Justine Winter, 17, who was badly injured in a car crash in Flathead County, Mont., in March 2009, filed a lawsuit in July 2010 against the pregnant driver whom she had hit and killed (along with the woman's 13-year-old son). However, the local prosecutor has already charged Winter with two counts of homicide, based on text messages she had sent her estranged boyfriend minutes before the crash. "If I won (you)," she texted, "I would have you ... and I wouldn't crash my car." Also, "That's why I'm going to wreck my car. Because all I can do is f--- up. Because I am a terrible person, and I know it." Also, "Good bye ... my last words." That was then; nowadays, Winter says the woman she hit was driving negligently and that construction companies failed to maintain the roadway properly.

■ Craig Smallwood of Hawaii filed a federal lawsuit earlier this year against the makers of the online virtual-world game "Lineage II" for failing to warn him that he would become so addicted to playing it that he would be "unable to function independently in usual daily activities such as getting up, getting dressed, bathing or communicating with family and friends." (He claims to have spent 20,000 hours over five years playing.) In August, Judge Alan Kay declined to dismiss the lawsuit and set it for trial.

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1976 Seychelles joins the United Nations.

1981 Belize is granted full independence from the United Kingdom.

1981 Sandra Day O'Connor is unanimously approved by the U.S. Senate as the first female Supreme Court justice.

1984 Brunei joins the United Nations.

1989 Hurricane Hugo makes landfall in the U.S. state of South Carolina.

1991 Armenia is granted independence from Soviet Union.

1999 Chi-Chi earthquake occurs in central Taiwan, leaving about 2,400 people dead.

2001 Deep Space 1 flies within 2,200 km of Comet Borrelly.

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